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Crowded Indian jails prompt virus threat

NEW DELHI, May 4 (AP) - The spread of the coronavirus in India's overcrowded prisons has prompted government to make inmates test negative for the disease before being allowed out on parole. There are growing concerns that the virus could spread rapidly in prisons, where sanitation is poor and conditions are cramped.

"It is extremely difficult," said P. V. Krishnaiah, the rural health and medical officer in the state of Telangana. "If the virus spreads in these facilities, it will be very difficult to control the situation."

The government has imposed a lockdown to contain the spread of the virus, but prison authorities have been slow to react.

**Europe**

**UK**

Army veteran's 100th birthday celebrated

PM speaks on brush with death

LONDON, May 4 (AP) - Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who has faced questions about his age and health, spoke on Thursday about his brush with death as he turned 56.

"My key message to you today is that our NHS is doing fantastic work and I want to say thank you and thank you very much to the millions of people who are doing a fantastic job," Johnson said.

The government has faced criticism for its response to the pandemic, but Johnson has praised the NHS and its workers.

**US**

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"Terrifying situation"

Zoran Milanovic, a disease expert at the University of Zagreb, said: "The situation is terrifying. We need to act fast to prevent the virus from spreading in prisons." Milanovic is part of a team working on a report that will be published later this month.

"Prisons are like a mini-society, with their own laws and regulations," Milanovic said. "If the virus spreads in prisons, it will be very difficult to control the situation."

**Asia**

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**Virus could spread in criminal justice systems**

New York, May 4 (AP) - The World Health Organization has warned that the coronavirus could spread rapidly in prisons if inmates are not tested for the disease before being allowed out on parole.

"If the virus spreads in these facilities, it will be very difficult to control the situation," said Peter Salama, the WHO's interim director for public health emergencies.

The WHO has called on governments to take action to prevent the virus from spreading in prisons, where conditions are poor and sanitation is limited.

**Latin America**

**Venezuela**

Latam (Say it fell off?)

A Venezuelan official said a new report reveals that the government is cutting the number of people it is feeding by half, leaving millions of people hungry.

"It is a desperate situation," said Antonio Ledezma, the mayor of Caracas. "The government is cutting the number of people it is feeding by half, leaving millions of people hungry."