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Tundu Lissu, an opposition politician in **Tanzania** who was shot 16 times in 2017 but survived, returned from **exile** in **Belgium**, hoping to run for president. Mr Lissu has also been arrested several times for such things as “insulting” John **Magufuli**, the incumbent. Elections are scheduled for October.

Israel fired on gunmen from **Hizbullah**, the **Lebanese** armed **Islamist** **movement**. Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, said they were trying to “**infiltrate** our territory”.

Iran fired **missiles** at a **replica** **aircraft-carrier** in the Strait of **Hormuz**. The exercise was seen as a warning to America. Days earlier Iran accused an American fighter jet of coming too close to an Iranian passenger plane in Syrian airspace.

Five young women were sentenced to two years in prison by an Egyptian court for posting “**indecent**” videos on **TikTok**. They had let their fans see them dancing and telling jokes. The authorities are **cracking down** on popular social-media **influencers** who they say fail to uphold Egypt’s **conservative** values.

In **Bolivia** the electoral court postponed the country’s presidential election for a second time. It had been rescheduled to take place in early September, but because of COVID-19 the date was **pushed back** to October 18th. The **left-wing** opposition **rallied** its supporters to protest against the delay. It has accused Jeanine Anez, the **centre-right interim** president, of using the pandemic to cling to power.

Coronavirus briefs

**Vietnam** recorded its first infections since April. It has still reported no deaths.

North Korea admitted that the virus was in the country. It locked down the border city of **Kaesong**, and accused a **defector** who swam back across the border from South Korea of bringing the disease.

Australia had its worst day for deaths and new cases since the start of the pandemic.

Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil’s president, said he had recovered from COVID-19, after a fourth test came up negative.

Robert O’Brien, Donald Trump’s national security adviser, tested positive for the virus, the most senior member of the administration to do so.

Mr Trump in effect cancelled the bit of the **Republican** **convention** that was to be held in **Jacksonville** because of Florida’s surging infections.

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