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Day 2 of the Northern Italy shutdown:

Two days ago, a Lombardian tested positive for COVID-19, and now the virus has been detected all over Northern Italy. Eleven towns are in quarantine, most about 40 minutes from Milan. Officially, 59 cases are confirmed, but my guess is there are 200-800 undiscovered ones. It is unknown how it got transmitted here, or how long ago.

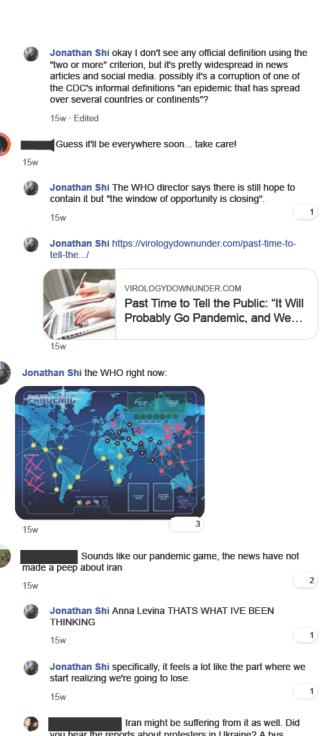
The first case in Milan was confirmed a few hours ago, but he'd already been hospitalized with it for 5 days, so for sure there are more. All schools (including my university) have stopped classes, and many companies told their employees not to come in.

I started stocking some emergency supplies back when a global pandemic started looking possible, so, I won't have to wander out too much. People here are going about their weekend normally as far as I can tell—the usual crowd socializing outside the bar downstairs—but at the grocery today the hand sanitizer sold out minutes after it was restocked.

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Iran might be suffering from it as well. Did you hear the reports about protesters in Ukraine? A bus containing Ukranian nationals rescued from Hubei and headed to a quarantine area was assailed with projectiles from locals who feared the virus.

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Jonathan Shi yeah, which, like, even if they did have the virus, way to make the situation worse for yourselves, from them being safely in quarantine to possibly running away from a destroyed bus.



Thank you for sharing!



It was inevitable. The growth in worldwide population has outpaced construction of sufficient infrastructure for multiple fields, not to mention how anthropogenic climate change has planted the seeds of rapid microbial evolutionary leaps. War is everywhere, from the atomic level up to astronomical bodies. Preparation shouldn't be a dirty word, though neither should it be an obsession.

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