



# DDE Newsletter No. 39

## Articles ...

"Gaza made us men" Gaza-born Osama Abu El Hosna has become a hero in Austria, his adopted home.

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Junmaya is a farmer living in Rolpa, a remote and mountainous area of Nepal. Junmaya tells of her daily life farming in this isolated area and the impact climate change is having on her crops and her livelihood.

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'We train homeless people to renovate decommissioned buses to give rough sleepers a safe place to stay'

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'We rise by lifting others': outstanding women of Zimbabwe. [Read more](#)

## World at Lunch ...

Xinjiang: more than half a million forced to pick cotton, report suggests. Forced labour much more widespread than initially thought in China region that supplies a fifth of the world's cotton. [Read more ...](#)

He's the MP with the Downton Abbey lifestyle. But the shadow of slavery hangs over the gilded life of Richard Drax. The hard-line Tory Brexiter's family made a fortune from their Caribbean plantations where thousands died. Now he faces urgent calls for reparations. [Read more ...](#)

MacKenzie Scott: ex-wife of Jeff Bezos gives away \$4bn in four months. The 50-year-old, who was married to Amazon boss for 26 years, donates to Covid groups. [Read more ...](#)

Dangerous cladding: 'Fire patrols at our flats cost us £500,000'. Three years after the Grenfell fire, many buildings with dangerous cladding still have 24-hour fire safety patrols. [Read more ...](#)

'He ruined us': 10 years on, Tunisians curse man who sparked Arab spring. Thanks in part to Mohamed Bouazizi's self-immolation, Tunisians are freer than before, but many are miserable and disillusioned.

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Air pollution a cause in girl's death, coroner rules in landmark case. Coroner says failure to reduce pollution levels to legal limits was factor in death of Ella Kissi-Debrah, who had severe asthma. [Read more ...](#)

## Poem ...

'Do you know that I am with you?': Uighur poetry preserves culture under attack. [Read ...](#)

### Local news ...

New films show off city's green riches. [Read more ...](#)

Stunning new Passivhaus council homes unveiled in Exeter [Read more ...](#)

Exeter Online Farmers Market [Read more ...](#)

### Videos and podcasts ...

Owen Jones interview Noam Chomsky on Trump, Biden, the climate emergency, Palestine and capitalism [Watch ...](#)

Campaign Against the Arms Trade - 'People Not War' In this episode Siana Bangura is in conversation with Yemeni-Scouser writer, poet, and campaigner Amina Atiq. [Listen ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

Anti-war, Yemeni and humanitarian organisations from across the world are coming together to call an international day of action on January 25th 2021. [Read more ...](#)

Trade Bill - Last chance to give parliament a say on trade deals [Petition ...](#)

Update - British government finally announced that it would stop funding fossil fuel projects in the global south [Read more ...](#)

Arconic, the company that made the cladding, are trying to get out of appearing before the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. [Petition ...](#)

Plans to scrap parliament's International Development Committee (IDC), a crucial aid scrutiny body that holds government accountable for development spending, have been shelved. [Read more ...](#)

Early Day Motion to maintain development aid at 0.7% [Petition ...](#)

### Small Axe ...

In case you missed any of the Small Axe films, they are still available on BBC iPlayer: [Watch ...](#)

Guardian article about the series: [Read more ...](#)

Teaching resources from the programmes - short films suitable for 11-16 year olds: [Enjoy ...](#)

Podcasts taking the themes and dreams of the Small Axe film series to tell the everyday stories of Black Britons through generations and shine a light on those imagining a better future. [Listen ...](#)