**The situation in the morning**

**The informer: a nasty bob**

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Dear reader, good morning,

today we are dealing with the late opening of a regional airport. The self-criticism of Wolfgang Schäuble. And a particularly unpleasant contemporary: the informer.

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**Berlin opens an airport - exclusively for Berlin and Brandenburg**

Two days ago I landed again in Berlin-Tegel. It was a strange feeling, a hint of the pain of parting. Because with all the disadvantages it had, I liked this airport. He was kind of cute. Tegel exuded the charm of the untimely. Long after he reached the airport retirement age, he had to wait nine years for his transfer.

Today the **breakdown airport BER** is finally opened. **But does he keep what many have promised him?**

Airport BER: Wide world - or a provincial airport?

Photo: Marcus Bredt / GMP

The **dream of** the new Berlin airport has always been connected: it could **finally connect the capital to the big wide world** . There were hardly any intercontinental flights from Tegel. BER should become **another German hub** , alongside Frankfurt and Munich. But nothing should come of it, my colleagues **Dinah Deckstein** , **Claus Hecking** and **Martin U. Müller** analyze . There is exactly one long-haul connection at the start - and, strictly speaking, it is none. The gate for the Airbus A380 was built for free anyway. Airbus has long since announced that it will cease production of the mega jet. **"BER will be an airport for Berlin and Brandenburg,"** believes Müller. " **Nothing more."**

* Berlin-Brandenburg Airport: [The would-be hub](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/unternehmen/flughafen-berlin-brandenburg-ber-die-drehscheibe-die-keine-ist-a-00738e3a-0736-48cc-9f99-c31bb90863e9)

**Climate rescue or freedom?**

My colleague Jonas Schaible and I met with the activist **Luisa Neubauer** and Bundestag President **Wolfgang Schäuble** to discuss the **climate crisis** : What is the Schäuble generation to blame? Is the Neubauer generation exaggerating it?

Wolfgang Schäuble

Photo: Michael Kappeler / DPA

Schäuble, you have to give him that, was extremely self-critical. **"We exaggerated capitalism,"** he admitted, for example.

What I found most exciting was what they said about the problem that democratic processes are often laborious and slow, and possibly too slow to stop climate change. **"If I am faced with the alternative of implementing something quickly or slowly, I tend to be slow,"** said Schäuble. **"Because the price for acting quickly is the loss of freedom."**

Luisa Neubauer

Photo: Christoph Soeder / dpa

Neubauer vehemently contradicted: **"The price for slow action is an escalating climate crisis. And nothing will rob us of more freedom than this crisis. The slower we are, the greater the destruction, the greater the restriction of freedom in the end."** The fatal thing is: **Both are right in a certain way.**

* Bundestag President meets climate activist: ["If Ms. Neubauer says yes now, it's nonsense"](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/luisa-neubauer-und-wolfgang-schaeuble-ueber-die-schuld-der-aelteren-generation-am-klimawandel-a-00000000-0002-0001-0000-000173621997)

**Who rides the tiger**

For two years, a man who the world actually knows as a sports ace and cricket world champion has been ruling **Islamabad** , a kind of Franz Beckenbauer of the subcontinent: **Imran Khan** . At some point the Oxford pupil had enough of Playboy life in London. He went into politics to rid Pakistanis of poverty and corruption. That was 24 years ago. Now the Khan has reached the top.

 Imran Khan

Photo: LIM HUEY TENG / REUTERS

My colleague Susanne Koelbl met **a tough prime minister** in Islamabad who is wrestling **with all kinds of demons at the same time** : with the **powerful army generals** who play their own dark game with him and keep the country firmly under control. With the **opposition** that has plotted against him since Khan threatened to put their leaders behind bars for pathological kleptocracy. In addition, the nuclear state with its 220 million inhabitants is actually **bankrupt** . And then there is the neighbor and **archenemy India** , a country for which Khan finds drastic words in the interview: "India has the most extreme, most racist government on the subcontinent and is a threat to its neighbors, even to China." It is "a fascist state, inspired by the Nazis in the twenties and thirties".

Ruling Pakistan is said to be like riding a tiger. Kahn has just had this experience. But he is determined to hold up even longer.

* Pakistan's Prime Minister Khan: ["India is a fascist state, inspired by the Nazis"](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/pakistans-premier-imran-khan-indien-ist-ein-faschistischer-staat-inspiriert-von-den-nazis-a-00000000-0002-0001-0000-000173743587)

**Loser of the day ...**

... are **all informers in Germany** . Today I mean above all that unpleasant contemporary who a few days ago was sitting diagonally behind **Armin Laschet** on a **plane from Cologne to Berlin** . (No, it wasn't Friedrich Merz). He secretly photographed Laschet, whose mask was only dangling from his left ear at the moment of the picture. He later sent the recording to the "Bild" newspaper.

Armin Laschet

Photo: Odd Andersen / AFP

How do you have to be in character to do something like that? **In the Rhineland there is a nice term for such types: nasty Möpp** . The fact that the "Bild" newspaper, which otherwise likes to complain sharply about informers, presented the photo on its front page, did not make matters any better.

**The latest news from the night**

* **Azerbaijan reports further territorial gains - exchange of dead agreed** : During negotiations in Switzerland, Armenia and Azerbaijan apparently got minimally closer in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. [Baku meanwhile claims the conquest of new areas in the conflict region](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/bergkarabach-aserbaidschan-meldet-nach-friedensgespraechen-weitere-gebietsgewinne-a-21023c1a-b7bc-4420-90dc-569c24f4e500)
* **Tens of thousands of Poles are demonstrating again against stricter abortion law** : In Warsaw, thousands again took to the streets against tightening abortion law. [Meanwhile, President Duda announced changes to the proposed law](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/ausland/polen-zehntausende-demonstrieren-erneut-gegen-strikteres-abtreibungsrecht-a-0fffb4bb-df01-4edc-b436-e5be6ebbe1f9)
* **Judge stops US plans to end TikTok in November:** Donald Trump wanted to ban the TikTok app from November 12th. But nothing will come of this for the time being: [A court in Pennsylvania has issued an injunction](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=de&prev=_t&sl=de&tl=en&u=https://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/apps/tiktok-richterin-stoppt-us-plaene-fuer-aus-von-app-im-november-a-8f6cfcdb-7744-4427-96b4-69716b4706c3)