

# HEAVY RAINS, LANDSLIDES IN KERALA 21 people killed

AGENCIES

At least 21 people were killed in flooding caused by heavy rains and landslides in hilly areas of southern Indian state of Kerala as rescue workers recovered more bodies from the debris yesterday.

Kerala's Revenue Minister K Rajan said rescue workers yesterday recovered 15 more bodies from the debris of the landslides that hit various places of Idukki and Kottayam districts on Saturday.

Idukki District Collector Sheeba George said three bodies were recovered from Kokkayar, a hilly region which was heavily hit by Saturday's landslides, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

"The search is on for five more missing persons," the collector said.

The Indian Air Force, Army, NDRE, police and the Fire Force along with the locals began rescue operations in the state yesterday morning.

The authorities issued a red alert in 6 districts while another 6 districts are on orange alert and two districts are under yellow alert, thereby indicating that all the 14 districts in the state are experiencing heavy rain.

The downpour have been lashing the state starting Friday evening leaving roads at several places flooded and normal traffic affected at a number of places. Meanwhile in areas where there are heavy rains, tourist centres have been asked to close down until further notice and boating services have also been suspended.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his condolences to the families of those killed in the deluge, reports NDTV.

Rahul Gandhi, who is an MP from Wayanad, tweeted: "My thoughts are with the people of Kerala. Please stay safe and follow all safety precautions."

The state Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has directed that camps have to be started by following Covid protocol.

## KILLING OF BRITISH MP UK to beef up lawmakers' security

AFP, Leigh-on-Sea

Britain's interior minister yesterday said MPs' security would be beefed up, after a lawmaker was stabbed to death as he held a public meeting with constituents, in the second such attack in five years.

Veteran Conservative MP David Amess, 69, was talking with voters at a church in the small town of Leigh-on-Sea, east of London, when he was killed on Friday.

The attack has spread fear among MPs, coming just over five years after the similar killing of Labour MP Jo Cox in the febrile run-up to the Brexit referendum.

Police have said they are investigating "a potential motivation linked to Islamist extremism".

Home Secretary Priti Patel has ordered a review of security measures for lawmakers and told Sky News that "we need to close any gaps" in security provision for MPs, whose work includes regular meetings with constituents, called "surgeries".

This includes MPs sharing information on their whereabouts with police. Close protection at surgeries was also "in consideration right now", she added.

The Sunday Telegraph reported that uniformed police were guarding some surgeries following the attack.



# No time to lose

1.5C is the climate goal, but how do we get there?

AFP, Paris

The science is painfully clear: to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius -- given that we're already at 1.1C -- means slashing carbon pollution in half by 2030, and to zero by mid-century.

But how to do that? What does this critical Paris Agreement target mean for our economies and our daily lives? What, in other words, do we have to change?

"Everything," said Henri Waisman, an expert on low-emissions development at French think tank IDDRI, and a lead author of the 2018 UN climate report that first spelled out pathways to a 1.5C world.

"And it has to be a root-&-stock change," he told AFP. "We have to transform the way we produce and consume energy, the way we make key industrial products, the way we move from one place to another, heat and feed ourselves."

WHERE TO START?

Faced with this overwhelming task, the temptation may be to attack the problem one sector at a time.

But we haven't left enough time for that, according to experts.

"If we want to get to levels consistent with the 1.5C pathway, we have to do everything at the same time, and right away," said Anne Olhoff, a researcher at the Technical University of Denmark and an author of the annual UN "emissions gap" report tracking our progress -- or lack thereof -- in reaching that goal.

Energy, agriculture, construction, transport, industry and forestry -- these are the six sectors to target if humanity is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by

2030 from nearly 60 to 25 billion tonnes of CO2 or its equivalent in other gases, experts agree.

ENERGY IS KEY

Energy production, which accounts for more than 70 percent of emissions, is widely seen at the best place to make rapid gains, especially electricity, which accounts for half of those emissions.

"If you have to choose one sector it's energy, not only because the emission reduction potential is the largest but also because there are quite a few easy wins," Olhoff told AFP.

"We have the technologies needed to make this happen, it's mainly a matter of political will."

The fossil fuel with the biggest target on its back is the dirtiest and most carbon intensive: coal.

"Coal-fired power plants, which account for about 40 percent of the total electricity today, need to be eliminated in two decades," said Matthew Gidden, team lead for mitigation pathways at research NGO Climate Analytics.

Rich countries need to take the lead, and should have all their carbon-belching coal plants shuttered by 2030, he said.

In the EU, that would mean three closures every two weeks over the next ten years. In the US, it would be mean one power plant closing every 14 days.

But China burns half the coal consumed worldwide, so unless Beijing follows suit the 1.5C goal quickly slips out of reach.

"If you were to shut off China's 1,082 coal-fired power plants at the rate needed to be in line with the Paris Agreement,

one plant would need to close every week," with the last one closing around 2040, said Gidden.

OTHER SECTORS

But making electricity carbon neutral is not enough -- every sector must purge its emissions.

In transport, the IEA has called for the last internal combustion engine to be sold no later than 2035.

In agriculture, the focus is on production methods that cast of nitrous oxide (N2O), the third most important greenhouse gas after CO2 and methane.

Halting emissions will also require producing and consuming a lot less beef, by far the most carbon intensive of all meats.

There's the need to renovate residential and commercial buildings, which generate as much emissions as transport, and to develop new manufacturing methods for carbon-heavy industries such as cement and steel.

Finally, we cannot afford the continuing destruction of the planet's tropical forests, which absorb and store vast quantities of CO2.

CHOICES, AND A CLEAR 'VISION'  
"It's a question of choices, there is no pathway where we don't make a choice," said Joeri Rogelj, director of research at Imperial College London's Grantham Institute.

Choices made by individuals, but also on the role of nuclear power, bioenergies, or technologies not yet invented for sucking CO2 out of the air.

More than anything, we need "leadership with a vision," Rogelj said. "Governments are essential."

### MORE NEWS

#### Grand Mosque in Makkah drops social distancing

The Grand Mosque in the Muslim holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia operated at full capacity yesterday, with worshippers praying shoulder-to-shoulder for the first time since the coronavirus pandemic began. Workers removed floor markings that guide people to social distance in and around the Grand Mosque, which is built around the Kaaba, the black cubic structure towards which Muslims around the world pray. While social distancing measures were lifted, the authorities said visitors must be fully vaccinated against coronavirus and must continue to wear masks on mosque grounds.

#### Sri Lankan flotilla protests against Indian poaching

Sri Lanka's fishermen launched a flotilla of boats yesterday demanding that the government block Indian trawlers from poaching in the island's prawn-rich northern waters. Boats flying black flags and carrying opposition legislators travelled 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the northeastern fishing town of Mullaitivu to the island's northernmost tip, Point Pedro. "We have come in boats to protest bottom trawling by Indian fishermen," M. A. Sumanthiran, a legislator for the main Tamil opposition party, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), told reporters in Point Pedro. Bottom trawling involves dragging heavy nets across the sea floor to catch a large volume of fish. It causes severe damage to the marine ecosystem.

#### Iran to resume nuclear talks on Thursday: MP

Iran is to resume nuclear negotiations with world powers on October 21 that were suspended in June, an Iranian lawmaker said yesterday after a meeting with Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian. The minister said that "talks with the 4+1 Group will restart on Thursday in Brussels", Ahmad Alirezabeigui told the ultra-conservative news agency Fars. The lawmaker was referring to four UN Security Council permanent members -- Britain, China, France and Russia -- along with Germany. Iran and these five nations opened talks in Vienna in April with the European Union (EU) also attending while the United States has taken part in indirect negotiations.

#### China surprises US with hypersonic missile test

China tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile in August, showing a capability that caught US intelligence by surprise, the Financial Times reported, citing five unnamed sources. The report late on Saturday said the Chinese military launched a rocket carrying a hypersonic glide vehicle that flew through low-orbit space, circling the globe before cruising towards its target, which it missed by about two dozen miles. "The test showed that China had made astounding progress on hypersonic weapons and was far more advanced than US officials realised," the report said, citing people briefed on the intelligence.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



This handout photo released yesterday by the Sri Lanka Navy and taken on Saturday shows Russian Navy's Pacific Fleet submarines B-274 and B-603 docking for replenishments at the port in Colombo.

PHOTO: AFP

### SAUDI-LED COALITION AIRSTRIKES

# At least 165 more Yemen rebels killed near Marib

AFP, Riyadh

The Saudi-led military coalition supporting Yemen's government yesterday said it had killed at least 165 Huthi rebels in strikes south of Marib, as the battle for the strategic city rages.

The strikes "destroyed 10 military vehicles and killed more than 165" rebels in the past 24 hours in the Abdiya district, the coalition said in a statement cited by the official Saudi Press Agency.

The coalition has said it has killed around 1,000 Iran-backed rebels in strikes in the area in the past week, making daily announcements of at least dozens of rebel deaths.

The Huthis rarely comment on losses and the tolls could not be independently verified by AFP.

The Huthis began a major push to seize Marib, the internationally recognised government's last bastion in oil-rich northern Yemen, in February, and have renewed their offensive in recent weeks after a lull.

The Huthis said on Twitter that they



had taken control of several fronts around Marib, including Abdiya, which lies about 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of the city.

The Yemeni civil war began in 2014 when the Huthis seized the capital Sanaa, 120 kilometres (75 miles) west of Marib, prompting Saudi-led forces to intervene to prop up the government the following year.

Tens of thousands of people have died and millions have been displaced in what the UN calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The UN this week called for a halt to fighting in Abdiya, where it said the movement of aid to tens of thousands of people had been "extremely restricted".

### Quote of the day



Last week, various attacks were carried out, for example, Norway, Afghanistan, England, which caused many dead and wounded. I express my closeness to the families of the victims and I pray, please, abandon the path of violence, which is always a loss, a defeat for everyone. Let us remember that violence begets violence."

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**e-Tender Notice No. 04/2021-22**

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Package number & tender ID	Description of procurement package	Last date of tender security submission (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)	Tender opening (date & time)
1	620160	GD-DAE-7 ID: 620160	Procurement of Low Lift Pump (LLP) for Greater Mymensingh Region (Mymensingh and Dhaka Division)	11-Nov-2021 12:00	11-Nov-2021 16:00	11-Nov-2021 16:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no online/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-Tender System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to the date & time mentioned in the above table. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal e-GP help desk as well (e-mail: [helpdesk@procure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@procure.gov.bd)).

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**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

**OCTOBER 18**

**1922** - The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) was formed.

**1944** - Russia invaded Czechoslovakia.

**1977** - Three Palestinian hijackers were killed when German commandos stormed a Lufthansa aircraft at Mogadishu Airport. All 86 passengers, who had been held hostage for five days, were freed.

SOURCE: REUTERS

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Sl No.	Tender ID, Ref No. & Package No.	Name of works	Last selling date and time	Tender closing date & time
01.	Tender ID-618865 Ref: 46.207.007.09.01.2021-2022 Package No. WD_P_79_DDIP	Development of Delowar Hossain Playground (2nd Phase) (Additional works)	10/11/2021 17:00	11/11/2021 15:00

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