

CLIMATE CHANGE US unveils Amazon deforestation pact

AFP, Bogota

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Thursday that the United States will soon launch an Amazon-wide regional pact to reduce deforestation, a bid to fight a key factor in climate change.

On a visit to Colombia weeks before a high-stakes UN climate summit in Glasgow, Blinken toured a greenhouse in Bogota's botanical gardens where he saw US-backed projects to encourage chocolate, tourism and other industries rather than logging.

"We can make major strides in dealing with the climate crisis," Blinken said.

Washington's top diplomat said the United States would finalize "in the coming days" a "new



regional partnership specifically focused on addressing commodity-driven deforestation."

The initiative will "provide actionable information to companies so that they can really reduce their reliance on deforestation," Blinken said. He said the pact would also include financial assistance to help manage protected indigenous areas and support the livelihoods of farmers.

Without giving further details, Blinken said he expected the partnership would help preserve 4,500 hectares of forest and prevent the emissions of 19 million metric tons of carbon dioxide.

Rainforests are crucial for the environment because they serve as huge carbon sinks, but greenhouse gas emissions from burning and industrial-scale agriculture in the Amazon account for higher total annual emissions than those of Italy or Spain.



A medical worker in protective suit collects a swab from a resident at a makeshift nucleic acid testing site inside a residential compound, following new cases of the Covid-19, in Zunyi, Guizhou province, China, yesterday. Beijing plans to test tens of thousands of people after four new Covid-19 cases were found in a suburban district yesterday, as a new outbreak prompts school closures and flight cancellations across the country.

PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar has spiralled into civil war after coup

Says outgoing UN envoy; junta re-arrests more than 100 released in amnesty

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Myanmar has spiralled into civil war following a military coup, the outgoing UN special envoy on Myanmar said on Thursday, warning that the chance to return to democracy is disappearing and signalling that further targeted sanctions could be helpful.

Christine Schraner Burgener, who is stepping down after more than three-and-a-half years in the role, told the UN General Assembly in June that there was a real risk of large-scale civil war after the military seized power on February 1, detaining Aung San Suu Kyi and other elected government leaders.

When asked on Thursday if there was now a civil war, she said: "In the international law terminology we use internal armed conflict and I would use this terminology now."

She said it was "very important" that governments and the United Nations do not signal any acceptance of the junta and that the will of the people - who voted a year ago to elect Suu Kyi's government - was protected.

The United Nations is faced with rival

claims on who will sit in Myanmar's seat at the world body. A decision by member states is due to be made by the end of the year on whether the junta and or current Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun, appointed by the elected government, should represent the country in New York, reports Reuters.

Schraner Burgener said the military had "no interest in compromise or in a dialogue" and that "the opportunity to help put Myanmar back on the path to democracy, democratic reform is narrowing and therefore I urge the member states to act." She also suggested that if more states also imposed targeted measures that could have an effect.

Meanwhile, Myanmar's junta has re-arrested more than 100 anti-coup protesters freed in a recent amnesty, according to a local monitoring group that tracks detentions and killings in the country. The Southeast Asian nation has been in chaos since the February coup, with more than 1,100 killed in a crackdown on dissent and over 8,000 arrested, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), reports AFP.

'I want to commit suicide, but can't leave my mother alone'

Afghan woman entrepreneur tells horrific tale of Taliban rule

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Since Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, Nargis Nayeel Sadat, 22, a business entrepreneur and women activist based in Kabul, is on the run along with her mother to save their lives after a Taliban court found her guilty.

Her fault was she helped Afghan women to become independent through small businesses.

Nargis was helping them to export dry fruits and saffron from Afghanistan to UK for the last five years through her organisation, the Kabul Business Development Club (KBDC).

That changed overnight when the Taliban returned to power in Kabul on August 15. Nargis lost everything -- her office, job, business, house and even her freedom.

The Taliban have offered a pledge of reconciliation, vowing no revenge against opponents and to respect women's rights -- but so far, almost none of them have been materialised.

The strict restrictions the Taliban have imposed on women have already destroyed hundreds of working women's lives and dreams. Despite the promises, under many pretences, women are being barred from jobs, education, and even moving outside alone, rekindling the fear that the promises were mere lip-services.

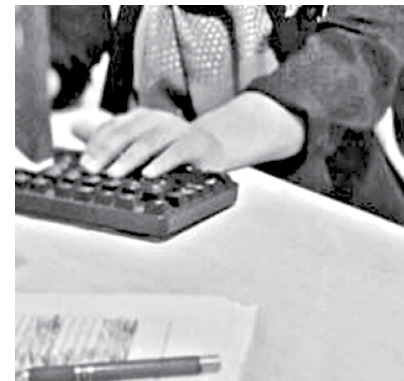
Recalling the nightmare that followed the same day of the Taliban takeover, she said the Taliban stormed into her office and destroyed everything.

Nargis claimed the charge against

her was framed by "a terrorist group" of the Haqqani network, who complained that she had helped the national security agencies of the previous regime to catch them [Haqqani insurgents] one and a half months ago.

"Now they are freed from jail and taking revenge against me," she said.

A Taliban court convicted me in a framed case, fined 4 lakh Afghanis. A Taliban judge (Mullah) fined the



amount and ordered the seizure of our home."

"The Taliban court has given me only 20 days to pay the money but I don't even have 10 Afghanis now to buy bread. Some time we fast as we have nothing to eat," Nargis said.

But her ordeal didn't stop there. She claims the judge has given her a marriage proposal and promised that everything will be alright if she agrees.

"If I marry him, the court will release me from the charge," Nargis told The

Daily Star a couple of days ago.

Nargis said her troubles are also linked to the fact that she worked as a secretary and women rights counsellor in a consultant group of the then Ghani-led government.

Despite a general amnesty, she claims, the Taliban is now looking for people who helped the US-back government and worked for foreign embassies and NGOs.

Nargis claimed some of her other colleagues are facing harsher punishments.

"I have lost everything because of Taliban. In 2016 Taliban killed my father in an attack near the Torkham border when I was only a 9th grader. As I have no siblings, I had to start earning since then," Nargis told this correspondent from an undisclosed location.

"In last 20 years, I have seen success of many Afghan women," she said referring to the post-Taliban period.

"Women set up gyms, owned clothing brands, were doing jobs and started their own business enterprises. I grew up seeing their progress but after the Taliban takeover we were forced back to the square one. We find ourselves again confined within the four walls," Nargis lamented.

Nargis, who won two national awards in 2015 and 2016 by the National Empowerment for democracy (NED), sees no hope for the future.

"I want to commit suicide but I can't leave my mother alone," said a distraught Nargis.



A Palestinian demonstrator returns a tear gas canister fired by Israeli troops, during a protest against Israeli settlements, in Beit Dajan, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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**Invitation For Tender
 (Corrigendum Notice)**

It is to inform all concerned that the invitation for tender No-OTM-01/2021-2022 vide this office dated 04/10/2021 is hereby amended as follows:

Name of Work	Notice & Serial No	Description	Published in Tender	Amended
Full Time Rental AC Car (01 no-5 seated), AC Microbus (01 no-12 seated) and AC Microbus/Car (01 no-7 seated) including driver, Lot-1	Serial No-17	Tender Last Selling Date	21.10.2021 (12:00 hrs)	01.11.2021 (12:00 hrs)
	Serial No-18	Tender Closing Date & Time	25.10.2021 (12:00 hrs)	03.11.2021 (12:00 hrs)
Supply of 550 KVA standby Diesel Generator Set, Lot-2	Serial No-19	Tender Opening Date & Time	25.10.2021(On or After 2:30 PM)	03.11.2021 (On or After 2:30 PM)

All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged except those amended in the tender schedule. This corrigendum notice will be part and parcel of the tender.

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“বৃক্ষরোপণে প্রধানমন্ত্রীর জাতীয় পুরস্কার-২০২১”
 ও
“Bangabandhu Award for Wildlife Conservation-2022”

এতদ্বারা বাগেরহাট, খুলনা এবং পিরোজপুর জেলার জনসাধারণ, শিক্ষা/ধর্মীয় প্রতিষ্ঠান, সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি, স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থা, বৃক্ষ গবেষণা/সংরক্ষণ/উদ্ভাবনে সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান ও এনজিও প্রধানমন্ত্রীর অবদানের জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বৃক্ষরোপণে কৃতিত্বপূর্ণ অবদানের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত ১০(দশ)টি শ্রেণীতে বৃক্ষরোপণে প্রধানমন্ত্রীর জাতীয় পুরস্কার-২০২১ প্রদান করার জন্য আর্থিক/প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রধানমন্ত্রীর নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদন ফরম অত্র দপ্তর এবং বাগেরহাট, খুলনা ও পিরোজপুর জেলার সকল উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের দপ্তরসহ অত্র সামাজিক বন বিভাগের আওতাধীন সকল এসএফএনটিসি ও এসএফপিএসিতে পাওয়া যাবে। প্রতিটি শ্রেণীর জন্য পৃথক পৃথক আবেদন ফরম যথাযথভাবে পূরণপূর্বক সংশ্লিষ্ট উপজেলা নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা/সংশ্লিষ্ট ভারপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তার নিকট আপাতী ২৫/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে দাখিল করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। এছাড়া বন্যপ্রাণী সংরক্ষণে বিশেষ অবদানের স্বীকৃতিস্বরূপ জাতীয়ভাবে উৎসাহিত করার লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃতি ও বন্যপ্রাণী সংরক্ষণবান্দী সংস্থা ও ব্যক্তিকে “Bangabandhu Award for Wildlife Conservation-2022” প্রদান করা হবে। এই বিষয়ে নিম্নোক্ত ৩ (তিন)টি শ্রেণীতে একটি করে পুরস্কার প্রদানের জন্য অগ্রহীণী প্রার্থীদের নিকট হতে আবেদন/মোনেশন/প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। জাতীয় অন্যান্য বিষয়াদি অত্র দপ্তর ও উপরে উল্লিখিত দপ্তরসমূহে যোগাযোগপূর্বক জানা যাবে।

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