

Quote of the day



“Since you have become chancellor, France has learned to know you and to love you. You have worked to keep Europe together ... I hope that the lesson you have left us with, to stand firm against strong headwinds and to make sure that everybody remains united and that things do not fall apart, that this will stay with us.”

FRENCH PRESIDENT **EMMANUEL MACRON** ON OUTGOING GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL BEFORE AWARDING HER FRANCE'S HIGHEST AWARD, THE GRAND CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOUR

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

10 times more funding needed: UN

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Developing countries need up to 10 times more funding to protect themselves from increasingly ferocious effects of climate change than the world has currently earmarked, the UN said yesterday.

While the COP26 meeting tries to wrestle down emissions and keep warming within the Paris deal target of 1.5 degrees Celsius, a new report from United Nations Environment Programme highlights the need to prepare countries for effects that are already starting to be felt.

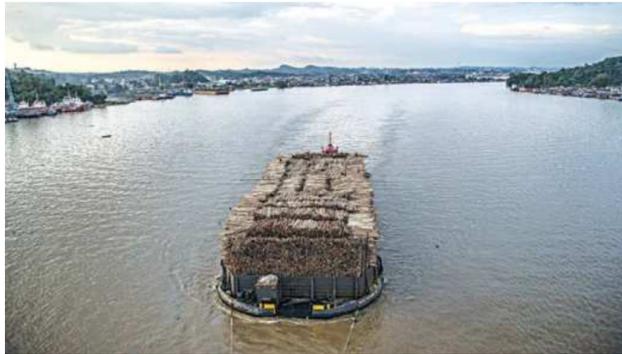
“Even if we were to turn off the tap on greenhouse gas emissions today, the impacts of climate change would be with us for many decades to come,” said Inger Andersen, Executive Director of UNEP.

COP26 SUMMIT

19 countries vow to end overseas fossil fuel finance
IEA says net zero, methane pledges push world near goal
Jakarta takes U-turn on deforestation pledge

“We need a step-change in adaptation ambition for funding and implementation to significantly reduce damages and losses from climate change. And we need it now.”

Slammed by storms, floods and droughts intensified by global warming,



A barge filled with logged timber pulled along the Mahakam river passes the town of Samarinda, East Kalimantan, Indonesia, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

the world's poorest nations have put at the heart of the COP26 climate negotiations calls for richer countries to honour a pledge to provide \$100 billion annually.

But only a part of that funding promise -- which is now not set to be met until next year at the earliest -- is set aside for adaptation measures that would help nations reduce the exposure of people and property to the growing threats of climate change.

The UNEP report found that developing countries alone will need to spend up to \$300 billion a year on such measures by 2030, and up to \$500 billion annually by 2050.

“Overall, estimated adaptation costs in developing countries are five to 10 times greater than current public adaptation finance flows, and the gap is widening,” UNEP said.

In 2019, wealthy countries provided \$79.6 billion in climate assistance to developing countries -- but two-thirds of that was for efforts to reduce emissions, with adaptation given lower priority.

With 1.1C of warming since the mid 19th Century, the world has seen a torrent of deadly weather disasters intensified by climate change in recent months, from asphalt-melting heat waves to flash floods and untamable wildfires.

Nineteen countries, including the

United States, yesterday vowed to end direct funding for all unabated overseas fossil fuel projects by 2022, though major coal, oil and gas funders China, Japan and South Korea were absent from the pledge.

G20 nations last month agreed to end financial support for new unabated coal plants abroad, but yesterday's commitment is the first of its kind to include oil and gas projects.

Unabated fossil fuel projects are those that do not deploy technology to absorb the carbon pollution they produce.

However, for the International Energy Agency, there were enough to be optimistic.

“New @IEA analysis shows that fully achieving all net zero pledges to date & the Global Methane Pledge by those who signed it would limit global warming to 1.8 C,” IEA chief Fatih Birol wrote on Twitter.

Meanwhile, Indonesia's environment minister Siti Nurbaya Bakar has dismissed as “inappropriate and unfair” a global plan to end deforestation by 2030, days after her country, home to a third of the world's rainforests, joined 127 other nations in making the deforestation pledge.

Her comments so soon after the pledge underline the challenges ahead over global deforestation goals, with just three countries - Indonesia, Brazil and the Democratic Republic of Congo - collectively accounting for 85% of the world's forests.

MORE NEWS

Iran nuclear talks to resume November 29

Iran agreed Wednesday to resume talks on November 29 with world powers on reviving a nuclear deal after a five-month gap, with the United States urging a quick resolution. The indirect negotiations in Vienna come amid mounting pressure on Iran, with Western nations warning that the clerical state's nuclear work is advancing to dangerous levels and Israel threatening to attack. EU envoy Enrique Mora, who led six rounds of talks earlier this year and recently flew to Tehran to seek progress, will again chair the November 29 meeting, the European Union announced.

Europe faces real threat of Covid resurgence: WHO

European countries must work harder to prevent the coronavirus spreading further as deaths and new cases surge, the World Health Organization's Europe head said yesterday. Current transmission rates in 53 European countries are of “grave concern” and new cases are nearing record levels, exacerbated by the more transmissible Delta variant of the virus, the WHO's Hans Kluge told a media briefing. The region saw a 6% increase in new cases last week of nearly 1.8 million new cases, compared to the week before. The number of deaths rose 12% in the same period. If the region follows its current trajectory, Kluge said, another 500,000 Covid-19 related deaths could occur in the region by February next year.



India must bolster its military capabilities: Modi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said the country must bolster its military capabilities in sync with the changing world and modes of war. Addressing the troops in Jammu and Kashmir's Nowshera bordering Pakistan, he said modern border infrastructure has been built to augment connectivity and troop deployment. Modi made the remarks while addressing the soldiers on the occasion of Diwali. He called for India enhancing its military capabilities in line with the changing world and modes of war.

Over 100 Yemen rebels killed near Marib: report

The Saudi-led military coalition in Yemen yesterday said it had killed 115 Huthi rebels in 24 hours in air raids near Marib, the final northern stronghold of pro-government forces. The coalition, which backs Yemen's internationally recognised government, has reported near-daily strikes over the past three weeks that it claims have now resulted in some 2,600 deaths among the Iran-backed Huthi rebels. The rebels were killed in raids in the Sirwah district, west of Marib city, and Al-Jawf province, north of it, SPA added.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS



A Hindu devotee lights an oil lamp while offering prayers during Diwali, the festival of lights, at a Hindu temple in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

PEGASUS SPYWARE

US blacklists Israel's vendor NSO Group

AFP, Washington

US authorities on Wednesday put the Israeli maker of the Pegasus spyware at the center of a scandal over surveillance of journalists and officials on a blacklist of restricted companies.

The company, NSO, was engulfed in controversy over reports that tens of thousands of human rights activists, journalists, politicians and business executives worldwide were listed as potential targets of its Pegasus software. Smartphones infected with Pegasus are essentially turned into pocket spying devices, allowing the user to read the target's messages, look through their photos, track their location and even turn on their camera without them knowing.

“These tools have... enabled foreign governments to conduct transnational repression, which is the practice of authoritarian governments targeting dissidents, journalists and activists outside of their sovereign borders to silence dissent,” the US Commerce Department said in a statement.

NSO fired back at the decision, saying its “technologies support US national security interests and policies by preventing terrorism and crime.”

Washington also targeted Israeli company Candiru, as well as Singapore-based Computer Security Initiative Consultancy PTE (COSEINC) and Russian firm Positive Technologies that were accused of trafficking in hacking tools.

The companies' addition to the so-called “entity list” means exports to them from US organizations are restricted -- and it is now far harder for American researchers to sell them information or technology.

Critics say the widespread availability of software like Pegasus now allows even cash-strapped authoritarian governments to effectively acquire their own highly invasive surveillance powers.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 19

1605 - Catholic ‘conspirator’ Guy Fawkes attempts to blow up King James I and the British Parliament. Plot discovered, Guy Fawkes caught, tortured and later executed along with seven others.

1941 - The Combined Japanese Fleet receive Top-Secret Order No. 1: In just over a month's time, Pearl Harbor is to be bombed, along with Malaysia, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines.

1956 - Britain and France land airborne forces at Port Said in Egypt, escalating the Suez Crisis.

SOURCE: WEBSITES

‘You are not alone’

EU Parliament delegation tells Taiwan on first official visit; US says China expanding nuke arsenal faster than anticipated

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The European Parliament's first official delegation to Taiwan yesterday said the diplomatically isolated island is not alone and called for bolder actions to strengthen EU-Taiwan ties as Taipei faces rising pressure from Beijing.

Taiwan, which does not have formal diplomatic ties with any European nations except tiny Vatican City, is keen to deepen relations with members of the European Union.

The visit comes at a time when China has ramped up military pressure, including repeated missions by Chinese warplanes near democratic Taiwan, which Beijing claims as its own and has not ruled out taking by force.

“We came here with a very simple, very clear message: You are not alone. Europe is standing with you,” Raphael Glucksmann, a French member of the European Parliament, told Taiwan

President Tsai Ing-wen in a meeting broadcast live on Facebook.

“Our visit should be considered as an important first step,” said Glucksmann, who is leading the delegation. “But next we need a



very concrete agenda of high-level meetings and high-level concrete steps together to build a much stronger EU-Taiwan partnership.”

The three-day visit, organised by a committee of the European Parliament on foreign interference in democratic processes, will include exchanges with Taiwanese officials on threats such

as disinformation and cyber attacks. Last month, the European Parliament adopted a non-binding resolution to deepen ties with Taiwan.

In another development, the United States said China is expanding its nuclear arsenal much more quickly than anticipated, but Beijing yesterday slammed the Pentagon report as overhyping the threat.

The People's Republic of China (PRC) could have 700 deliverable nuclear warheads by 2027, and could top 1,000 by 2030 -- an arsenal two-and-a-half times the size of what the Pentagon predicted only a year ago, according to the Pentagon report published Wednesday.

Like the US and Russia, the two leading nuclear powers, China is building a “nuclear triad,” with capabilities to deliver nuclear weapons from land-based ballistic missiles, from missiles launched from the air, and from submarines, it said.

China censors #MeToo claims against top politician

AFP, Beijing

China's online censors Thursday scrubbed out a tennis star's reported allegations that a powerful politician sexually assaulted her, the first time that the #MeToo movement has reached the highest echelons of the ruling Communist Party.

Peng Shuai, an ex-world number one doubles player, purportedly made the claim about former vice premier Zhang Gaoli in a post on the Twitter-like Weibo on Tuesday.

Peng reportedly alleged that Zhang, who is now in his seventies, had “forced” her into sex and they had an on-off relationship that lasted several years.

The post appeared to have been deleted



quickly and AFP was unable to verify the authenticity of the screenshots containing the allegation, or substantiate the claims made in them.

Weibo data indicated that Peng did post something on Tuesday and the post was viewed more than 100,000 times.

There was no further word from the 35-year-old Peng and also no public response from Zhang, a former member of China's powerful seven-member Politburo Standing Committee.

Chinese censors have since blocked all mention of the claims apparently made by Peng, a former Wimbledon and French Open doubles champion.

Institute of Modern Languages
University of Dhaka
Re-notification for Admission
Junior Certificate Course in Different Foreign Languages
Session: 2020-2021

The admission to the Junior Certificate Courses in different languages is going on at the Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka.

Languages	Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Hindi, Italian, Persian, Russian, Korean, Turkish, Spanish and Bangla as Foreign language.
Duration of the Courses	1 Year (120 hours).
Time and duration of the classes	Classes are held twice/thrice a week. Each class is of 2 hours duration.
Qualification for admission	a) Foreign Languages: The minimum qualification for admission is HSC/equivalent, e.g. A-Level, with at least 2nd division/GPA 2.5. For foreign applicants, study certificate for a minimum period of 12 years will be required. b) English: For regular students of University of Dhaka only.
Submission of application form	Prescribed application form can be collected from Janata Bank, University of Dhaka, TSC Branch during office hours by depositing cash. The filled up forms shall be submitted to the same Bank on or before 30 November, 2021.
Dates for admission, publication of results and commencement of classes in the academic year 2020-2021	To be published on the notice board of the Institute of Modern Languages.

For further information follow the Admission Guidelines available with the Admission form.

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‘Clean environment constitutional right’

AFP, New York

The New York state constitution will be amended to say people have the right to clean air and water and a healthy environment, after voters said yes to the measure in a referendum that was part of local elections on Tuesday.

A total of 60.8 percent of voters approved the referendum question, compared to 27 percent against and 11.7 casting blank ballots, with 99 percent of state districts reporting. Supporters of the “yes” option are claiming victory.

Even though turnout was low -- 3.1 million people voted out of 12.3 million who were registered -- environmental activists said the constitutional amendment is a key step. Including rights linked to the environment in the constitution has become an issue in many countries.

In France, for instance, the government abandoned in July a bill that sought to guarantee protection of the environment and biodiversity and to fight climate change in a clause in the constitution, after it failed to win support in parliament.

The website Ballotpedia lists Pennsylvania as the first US state to include the environment in its constitution, in 1971. Five others followed -- Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Montana and Rhode Island.

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Re-e-Tender Notice No. (OTM): 02/2021-22

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as mentioned in the following table:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Online (e-GP System) tender publication date & time	Online (e-GP System) tender closing date & time
Tender ID-587670 Re-Tender ID-498243	UGIIP-III-3/AF/FARI/SWM-SN/01/2019	Construction of 1 Nr. Sanitary Landfill (22,986.0 Sqm), 1 Nr. Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) in Faridpur Pourashava under Faridpur District.	07-Nov-2021 at 10:00	06-Dec-2021 at 13:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tendering documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks up to 05-Dec-2021 at 17:00. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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