

Quote of the day



“The US stands out among democracies for incomplete legislation for the recognition of human rights and for their protection.”

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR MINORITY RIGHTS
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DECRIES NEAR ‘TYRANNY’ IN US AGAINST MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS

Poor diets imperilling the planet

AFP, Paris

Nearly half the world’s population suffer from poor nutrition linked to too much or not enough food, a global assessment said yesterday with wide-ranging impacts on health and the planet.

The Global Nutrition Report (GNR), a yearly survey and analysis of the latest data on nutrition and related health issues, found that 48 percent of people currently eat either too little or too much -- resulting in them being overweight, obese or underweight.

At current rates, the report finds, the world will fail to meet eight out of nine nutrition targets set by the World Health Organization for 2025.

These include reducing child wasting (when children are too thin for their height) and child stunting (when they are too short for their age), and also adult obesity.

The report estimates nearly 150 million children under five years old are stunted, more than 45 million are wasted and nearly 40 million are overweight.

It also finds more than 40 percent of adults (2.2 billion people) are now overweight or obese.

“Avoidable deaths due to poor diets have grown by 15 percent since 2010 and poor diets are now responsible for a quarter of all adult deaths,” Chair of the GNR’s Independent Expert Group Renata Micha told AFP.

“Our global findings show that our diets have not improved over the last ten years and are now a major threat to people’s health and to the planet.”



This year’s GNR is the first to look at global diets and how food choices are affecting people and the planet.

It finds people are failing to consume enough health-promoting foods like fruits and vegetables, particularly in lower-income countries.

Higher-income countries had the highest intake of foods with harmful health impacts like red meat, dairy and sugary drinks.

Consumption of harmful foods is on the rise, the report found, with red and processed meat already at almost five times the maximum recommendation of

GLOBAL NUTRITION REPORT

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In line with other estimates, the GNR calculated global food demand generated some 35 percent of greenhouse gas emissions in 2018.

The report called for urgent funding to improve nutrition across the globe, particularly as Covid-19 has pushed an estimated additional 155 million people into extreme poverty.

The GNR estimates the nutrition spending will need to increase by nearly \$4 billion annually until 2030 to meet stunting, wasting, maternal anaemia and breastfeeding targets alone.

MORE NEWS

46 killed in Bulgaria bus accident

Forty-six people, including a dozen minors, were killed after a bus caught fire south of the Bulgarian capital early yesterday, officials said, in the country’s deadliest road accident in years. A cause has yet to be determined but officials believe a fire broke out on board the tourist bus which was travelling from Turkey to North Macedonia. It then crashed into guardrails. There were no other vehicles involved in the accident, which occurred around 2:00 am on a highway about 40 kilometres from Sofia, near the village of Bosnek, and seven people survived. Among the dead were victims of several nationalities, including a Belgian. All survivors were in stable condition.

UN criticises arrest of rights activist in J&K

Rights groups including the United Nations have criticised the arrest of a prominent activist in Indian-administered Kashmir on terror funding charges. Khurram Parvez was arrested late on Monday by India’s federal National Investigation Agency (NIA), an Indian official briefed on the situation told Reuters. His residence and office were searched and a mobile phone, laptop and books seized, he added. He is being held under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, that allows for detention of up to six months without trial. Mary Lawlor, the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders, called Parvez’s arrest “disturbing”. “He’s not a terrorist, he’s a human rights defender,” she said in a tweet. Parvez, one of Kashmir’s best known activists, is head of Jammu Kashmir Coalition of Civil Society.

Myanmar opposition launches ‘revolution’ bonds

A shadow government in Myanmar said it has raised \$6.3 million on the opening day of its inaugural bonds sale, in its biggest move yet to generate funds for its “revolution” to topple the ruling military junta. Myanmar has been in bloody turmoil since the military’s Feb. 1 coup and movements that have sprang up to challenge the junta have been mainly supported by public donations. The National Unity Government (NUG), an alliance of pro-democracy groups, ethnic minority armies and remnants of the ousted civilian government, said bonds went on sale on Monday to mainly Myanmar nationals overseas in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000, with two-year tenures. Even though the bonds will generate no interest income for buyers, \$3 million worth were sold in the first three hours, the NUG said, increasing to \$6.3 million by the end of the day. Its overall target is \$1 billion. The junta has outlawed the NUG and designated it a “terrorist” movement. The NUG has not disclosed how the funds would be used.

SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

CLIMATE WARMING

Forecasts may be too rosy: study

AFP, Paris

UN projections of how much current climate policies and national pledges to cut carbon pollution will slow global warming are more uncertain than widely assumed, researchers reported Monday.

Leading into this month’s COP26 summit, the UN said existing policies would see Earth’s average surface temperature rise a “catastrophic” 2.7 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels by 2100.

Renewed pledges from large emitters such as India would have a negligible effect on warming this century, the UN said during COP26, and were still worlds away from the Paris Agreement temperature goal of 1.5C of warming.

But the apparent precision of these estimates is misleading, according to a new study, written by several contributors to the UN reports it calls into question.

Seven different climate modelling groups assessed how voluntary pledges under the Paris treaty running to 2030 -- known as nationally determined contributions -- would play out by 2100.

Their estimates, published in Nature Climate Change, ranged from 2.2C to 2.9C, roughly in line with the UN figures. What stood out, however, was the lack of certainty.

“If you take the low end of that range, it may sound like we are really close to meeting the Paris goals,” Peters told AFP. “But it is equally likely that the outcome could be up around 3C, in which case much stronger policies would be needed.”



Derek Clayton of the Fraser Valley Angling Guides Association takes Amritpal Grewal by boat to see his home after rainstorms lashed the western Canadian province of British Columbia, triggering landslides and floods, shutting highways, in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada on Monday.

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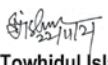
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01.	627394	Upgradation & Renovation of Pirojpur District Hospital from 100 to 250 Bed in Pirojpur District (S.H. Construction of 6-Storeied Service Building with 6-Storeied Foundation including Civil, Internal Sanitary & Water Supply, Internal Electrification etc.)	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	15-Dec-2021 12:00pm	15-Dec-2021 13:00pm	15-Dec-2021 13:00pm

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01	Supply of Nursery Equipment, Water supply materials and MS wire for nursery raising Ctg-CFD/SUFAL/2021-2022/GD-06	628895	24/11/2021 10:00	12/12/2021 17:00	13/12/2021 14:00
02	Supply of materials for Mangrove & Golpatta plantation. Ctg-CFD/SUFAL/2021-2022/GD-07	629002	24/11/2021 10:00	12/12/2021 17:00	13/12/2021 15:00
03	Supply of Fertilizer (Urea and NPK) for plantation. Ctg-CFD/SUFAL/2021-2022/GD-08	629291	24/11/2021 10:00	12/12/2021 17:00	13/12/2021 16:00

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Israel ready to confront Iran

Says PM Bennett as IAEA chief visits Tehran ahead of nuclear talks

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Prime Minister Naftali Bennett yesterday signalled readiness to step up Israel’s confrontation with Iran and reiterated that his country would not be bound by any new Iranian nuclear deal with world powers.

His warning comes as International Atomic Energy Agency chief Rafael Grossi said he was seeking “common ground” with Iran following talks with officials in Tehran ahead of negotiations next week aimed at salvaging the 2015 Iran nuclear deal.

Indirect negotiations will begin on Nov. 29.

Iran, which denies seeking nuclear arms, has since the US walkout breached the deal with expanded uranium enrichment.

Bennett, who took power in June,



described Iran in a speech as being at “the most advanced stage of its nuclear programme”.

While his government has previously said it would be open to a new nuclear deal with tougher restrictions on Iran, Bennett reasserted Israel’s autonomy to take action against its arch-foe.

“We face complicated times. It is possible that there will be disputes with the best of our friends,” he told a televised conference hosted by

Reichman University.

“In any event, even if there is a return to a deal, Israel is of course not a party to the deal and Israel is not obligated by the deal.”

Bennett voiced frustration with what he described as Israel’s smaller-scale clashes with Iranian guerrilla allies.

“The Iranians have encircled the State of Israel with missiles while they sit safely in Tehran,” he said. “To chase the terrorist du jour sent by the (Iranian covert) Qods Force does not pay off anymore. We must go for the dispatcher.”

Stopping short of explicitly threatening war, Bennett said cyber-technologies and what he deemed Israel’s advantages as a democracy and international support could be brought to bear. “Iran is much more vulnerable than is commonly thought,” he said.

COVID PANDEMIC IN EUROPE

WHO fears 700,000 more deaths by March

AGENCIES

The World Health Organization (WHO) said yesterday it feared Covid deaths in Europe would rise from the current 1.5 million to 2.2 million by March 2022 if the current trend continues.

It said it expected “high or extreme stress in intensive care units (ICUs) in 49 out of 53 countries between now and March 1, 2022,” adding that “cumulative reported deaths are projected to reach over 2.2 million by spring next year.”

WHO Europe, which is based in Copenhagen, Denmark, also cited growing evidence of a decline in protection against infection and mild disease through vaccines, and said a “booster dose” should be given as a priority to the most vulnerable populations - including people with weakened immune systems - as well as people over age 60 and health care workers.

The European region, which stretches deep into central Asia, reported that deaths due to Covid-19 rose to nearly 4,200 per day last week - a doubling of levels recorded at the end of September.

German Health Minister Jens Spahn yesterday called for further restrictions as the country’s rate of infections hit a record high and more politicians backed compulsory vaccinations, reports AFP.

Belgium and the Netherlands are still reeling from clashes that rocked weekend protests against new anti-Covid measures.

Europe’s return to the pandemic’s epicentre has been blamed on a sluggish vaccine uptake in some nations, the highly contagious Delta variant and colder weather moving people indoors again.



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“মুজিববর্ষের অঙ্গীকার
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স্টাফ বাস ভাড়ার পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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