



People collect food aid distributed by the Red Cross in Kandahar, Afghanistan yesterday. A senior Red Cross official said he was furious that sanctions and donor freezes are cutting off basic services in Afghanistan, and he called on donors to find creative ways to prevent a "massive humanitarian crisis".

PHOTO: AFP

US weighing new sanctions on Myanmar

Says Blinken, plans Asean summit next year

REUTERS, Kuala Lumpur

The United States is exploring additional actions against the ruling military junta in Myanmar, as the situation continues to deteriorate, the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said yesterday.

He said Southeast Asian leaders had been invited to hold talks at a summit with President Joe Biden.

Blinken made the comments during a trip to Malaysia, where Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah said the summit invitation would be discussed when counterparts from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations meet on January 19.

"We very much look forward to having a special summit with Asean next year," said Blinken, who described the 10-member bloc as "essential to the architecture of the Indo-Pacific region".

Myanmar has been in turmoil since the military overthrew a civilian government led by Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi on February 1, prompting protests and pockets of armed resistance met with violent suppression.

Asean has been leading diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis but some of the

bloc's members have expressed frustration about slow progress, leading to Myanmar's military leader being excluded from a recent meeting of the bloc.

"It's important in the weeks and months ahead to look at what additional steps

and measures we can take individually and collectively to pressure the regime, to put the country back on a democratic trajectory," Blinken said. The United States and other Western countries have imposed sanctions on Myanmar's leadership, the military and businesses, and last week brought in new measures.

Blinken said the United States continued to "look actively" at whether actions taken in Myanmar might constitute genocide.

More than 730,000 minority Rohingya Muslims fled Myanmar's Rakhine state in August 2017 after a military crackdown that refugees said included mass killings and rape.

Blinken's predecessor, Mike Pompeo, was urged by US officials to formally declare that campaign as genocide, but opted not to, despite years of investigation and analysis, according to a Reuters investigation earlier this year.



29pc of American adults don't follow any particular religion

AFP, New York

The number of Americans who identify themselves as non-religious is soaring in the profoundly Christian United States, said a Pew Research Center study published Tuesday.

Some 29 percent of American adults are now religiously unaffiliated -- up from 16 percent 14 years ago -- the survey found.

America is home to a powerful, socially conservative Christian right-wing political faction and Christianity remains the overwhelmingly dominant religion in the country.

But the religion is declining markedly, the Pew results showed.

Seventy-eight percent of US adults identified as Christian in 2007. Now, some 63 percent do, according to the research.

In 2007, Pew began tracking religious "nones" -- people who describe themselves as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular."

Then, Christians outnumbered nones by almost five-to-one. Today it is closer to two-to-one, the researchers said.

Pew's researchers did not give reasons for the trend, but it is in line with the wider decline in Christianity across the West.

In 2019, the center said the growth of religious nones in America was particularly evident among younger people.

Pew's latest survey found that the secular shift was concentrated amongst Protestant communities, with the Catholic share of the population holding relatively steady in recent years.

Some 60 percent of Protestants described themselves as born-again or evangelical Christian, Pew said.

White evangelical Christians are among former president Donald Trump's most ardent supporters, with 84 percent of the group voting for him in last year's election, Pew said previously.

PEW STUDY

98pc of Afghans not eating enough

Says WFP, warns failing economy could tip the country's increasingly dire situation under Taliban rule into catastrophe next year

REUTERS, Geneva

Nearly all Afghans do not have enough food to eat and a failing economy could tip Afghanistan's increasingly dire situation under Taliban rule into catastrophe in 2022, the UN's World Food Programme (WFP) said on Tuesday.

WFP surveys showed that an estimated 98 percent of Afghan people are not eating enough, with seven in 10 families resorting to borrowing food, which pushes them deeper into poverty, a spokesperson for the agency told reporters.

The abrupt withdrawal of foreign aid following the Taliban victory in August has left Afghanistan's fragile economy on the brink of collapse, with prices for food, fuel and other basic staples rising rapidly out of reach for many.

"The spiralling economic crisis, the conflict

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» WFP provided food assistance to 15m Afghans so far in 2021

and drought has meant the average family can now barely cope," Tomson Phiri told a Geneva briefing. "We have a huge amount to do to stop this crisis from becoming a catastrophe."

The WFP has provided food assistance to 15 million Afghans so far in 2021, and to seven million in November alone. Next year, it plans to ramp up its assistance to 23 million people across all provinces in Afghanistan.

"We cannot waste any moment," Phiri said. "Our country director describes the situation as quite dire. She says it's an avalanche of hunger and destitution."

Separately, Nada Al-Nashif, UN Deputy High

Commissioner for Human Rights, said Afghan families face "severe poverty and hunger" with many pushed into desperate measures, including child labour, early marriage and "even the sale of children".

Afghanistan's central bank said on Tuesday it was working to ensure the stability of the Afghani, a day after the currency lost almost 12% of its value against the dollar in a matter of hours amid a deepening economic crisis and soaring inflation.

Starved of dollars that used to be physically shipped in to Afghanistan, the banking system is only partially functional and some \$9 billion in central bank reserves remain blocked outside the country.

The central bank issued a statement saying that it had held a number of meetings with foreign exchange dealers, representatives of commercial banks and the business sector to halt the fall in the Afghani.

Meet Dalai Lama to prioritise Tibetan issue

Democratic, Republican lawmakers of US Congress urge Biden

AFP, Washington

Democratic and Republican members of the US Congress on Tuesday urged President Joe Biden to meet with the Dalai Lama in a bid to ensure that Tibetans' rights remain high on the agenda, even as it carries more risks on the troubled ties between Washington and Beijing.

Since George H.W. Bush in 1991, every sitting US president has met the Tibetan spiritual leader except Donald Trump as the now 86-year-old Dalai Lama slows down his once frenetic travel schedule.

In similar letters, 38 senators and 27 House members also called on

the United States on Tuesday to press Beijing to resume dialogue with the Dalai Lama's representatives that last took place 12 years ago.

"President Biden can demonstrate the importance of His Holiness' moral message and example by inviting His Holiness to meet in the Oval Office," the Senate letter said.

A focus on Tibet would be a "tangible manifestation of a principled foreign policy that prioritizes human rights and the quest for human dignity," said the letter led by Republican Marco Rubio and Democrat Patrick Leahy.

If the Dalai Lama is unable to travel, the senators said Biden should

send Vice President Kamala Harris or another senior official to see him in India. China's lack of interest in dialogue has led many observers to believe that Beijing is waiting out the Dalai Lama, hoping that the global movement he has built for greater rights in Tibet will wither away without the leadership of the Buddhist monk turned cultural icon.


The lawmakers encouraged the Biden administration to keep insisting that China not intervene in the selection of the Dalai Lama's reincarnation, amid fears that the officially atheist government will groom a pliant successor.



This handout photo taken and released yesterday by the Malaysian Armed Forces shows a vessel being brought onto shore after capsizing near Tanjung Balau off the coast of Johor, in an accident that authorities said killed 11 Indonesian migrants and left 27 more missing.

PHOTO: AFP

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 16

1995 - Israel's army pulled out of Qalqilya, the fourth of six West Bank towns being transferred to Palestinian self-rule by the end of that year under a peace deal.

1996 - A South Korean appeals court commuted the death sentence on ex-President Chun Doo Hwan to life imprisonment.

2014 - Taliban gunmen attack Army Public School in Peshawar, Pakistan taking hundreds of students and teachers hostage.

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		Lot-2. Supply of Leather Products Materials for the Department of Leather Products Engineering at Institute of Leather Engineering & Technology, University of Dhaka. Price of tender document: 5,500/=
		Lot-3. Supply of Chemicals & Materials for annual procurement for leather Engineering at Department of Institute of Leather Engineering & Technology, University of Dhaka. Price of tender document: 5,500/=
		Lot-4. Supply of Chemicals & Glass wear for Chemistry and Analytical Chemistry Laboratory for annual procurement Institute of Leather Engineering & Technology, University of Dhaka. Price of tender document: 5,500/=
2	Tender closing date & time	28/12/2021 Time: Up to 12.00 Noon.
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5	Tender published on website	http://e-tender.univdhaka.edu

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