

Rich countries putting children at risk: Unicef Calls on states to reduce waste, cut pollution

AFP, United Nations

Rich countries are creating unsafe living conditions for children both at home and around the world, a Unicef report released yesterday said, calling on states to reduce waste and cut pollution.

Unicef's Innocenti Research Center studied 39 countries from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the European Union (EU) according to different criteria, including pesticide use, home humidity, lead exposure, access to light and waste generation.

While Spain, Ireland and Portugal performed relatively well, none of the countries studied were found to provide healthy environments for children, according to the report.

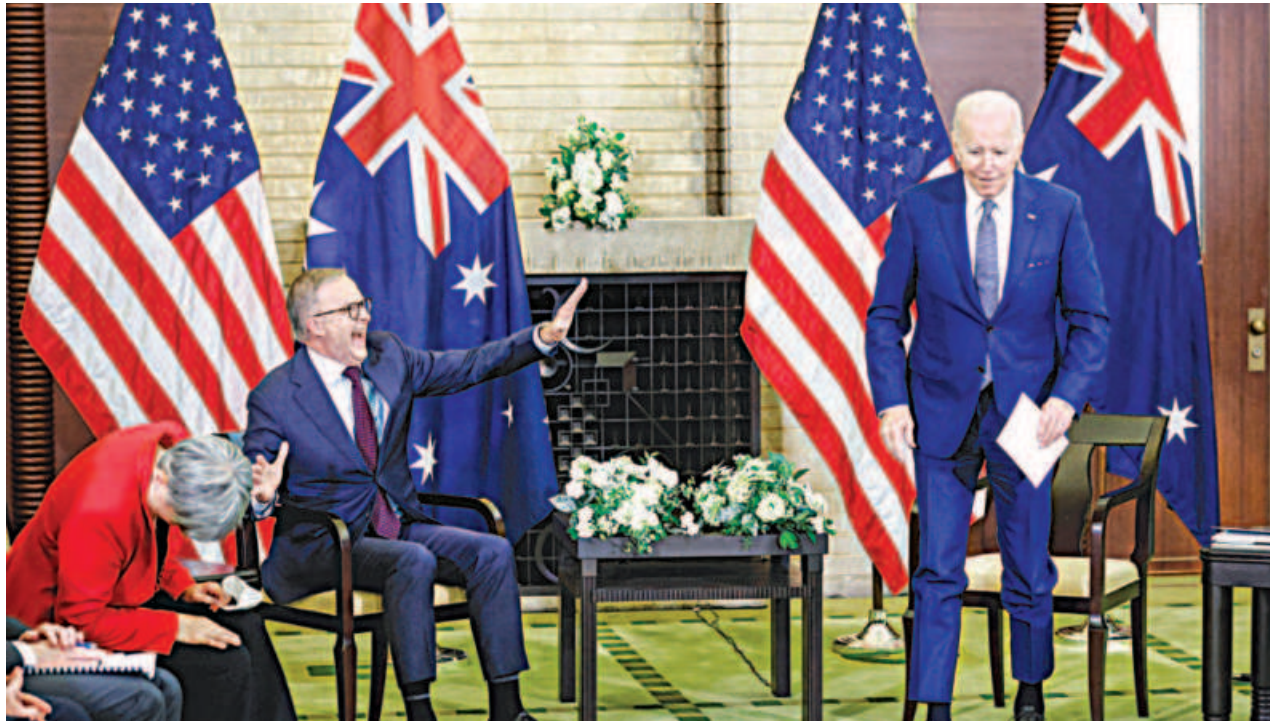


"Not only are the majority of rich countries failing to provide healthy environments for children within their borders, they are also contributing to the destruction of children's environments in other parts of the world," said the center's director Gunilla Olsson in a statement.

The report noted, however, that less wealthy countries in Latin America and Europe had a lower impact on the general state of the planet compared to some wealthier states studied.

While Finland, Iceland and Norway were in the lead for providing a healthy environment for their own youth, they were in last place in terms of their impact on the planet for their emissions rates, electronic waste volume and consumption level.

In Iceland, Latvia, Portugal and Britain, one in five children is exposed to damp and mold in their home, while in Cyprus, Hungary and Turkey, more than one child out of four was affected.



US President Joe Biden jokingly pretends to walk away as Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese talks about his broad experiences in the US years ago as a guest of a State Department program, during a bilateral meeting alongside the Quad Summit at Kantei Palace in Tokyo, Japan yesterday.

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CONCERNS ABOUT CHINA, RUSSIA Quad opposes 'change by force'

Unveils plans to invest \$50b into regional infrastructure projects

AFP, Tokyo

Leaders of Japan, India, Australia and the United States yesterday warned against attempts to "change the status quo by force" as concerns grow about whether China could invade self-ruled Taiwan.

A joint statement by the so-called Quad bloc avoided any direct mention of China's growing military power in the region, but left little doubt about where its concerns lie.

The carefully worded document also made reference to the conflict in Ukraine, but without offering any joint position on the Russian invasion that India has pointedly declined to condemn.

The Quad's other members have been less coy about their view that a strong response to Russia's war is needed, one that would a message

that will deter other countries, including China.

"As Russia's invasion of Ukraine is shaking the fundamental principles of the international order... (we) confirmed that unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force

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will never be tolerated anywhere, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region," Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said, using another term for the Asia-Pacific.

The group's statement made no mention of Russia, or China, but listed a range of activities that Beijing

has regularly been accused of in the region.

"We strongly oppose any coercive, provocative or unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo and increase tensions in the area, such as the militarisation of disputed features, the dangerous use of coast guard vessels and maritime militia and efforts to disrupt other countries' offshore resource exploitation activities," it said.

The four nations unveiled plans to invest at least \$50 billion into regional infrastructure projects over the next five years and a maritime monitoring initiative seen as intended to bolster surveillance of Chinese activities.

Meanwhile, Chinese and Russian fighter jets carried out joint flights near Japan yesterday as the leaders met in Tokyo, the Japanese Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi said.

Pak bans ex-PM's protest march

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's government yesterday banned a planned protest march by ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan, who is demanding fresh elections as a political and economic crises deepens in the South Asian nation, officials said. The ban was announced by Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah hours after a policeman was shot and killed during a crackdown on Khan's leaders and supporters, according to a police statement and remarks by Information Minister Marriyam Auragzeb at a news briefing. An official of Khan's party had shot and killed the policeman, the minister said. Khan, who was ousted last month, has been leading rallies across the country, blaming the US for conspiring to topple his government. Authorities in Islamabad had started putting up blockades at roads leading to important installations, police said, and heavy contingents from police and paramilitary troops have also been deployed. Khan had urged his supporters to march on Islamabad today. "You try to stop us if you could," Khan told reporters, saying a peaceful protest was his right that could not be denied.

UYGHURS IN CHINA Xinjiang police files reveal internment details

AFP, Beijing

A leak of thousands of photos and official documents from China's Xinjiang has shed new light on the violent methods used to enforce mass internment in the region, researchers said yesterday. The files, obtained by academic Adrian Zenz, were published as UN human rights chief



Michelle Bachelet begins a controversial trip to Xinjiang. Activists say Chinese authorities have detained over one million Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim minorities in a network of detention centres in the region, which Beijing has defended as training centres. But the trove of police photographs and documents -- sent to Zenz by an anonymous source who hacked into official databases -- add to evidence that the internees were far from voluntary, with leaked documents showing top leaders including President Xi Jinping calling for a forceful crackdown.

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