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## 9/11 victims not entitled to seize Afghan bank assets Rules US judge

REUTERS, New York

A US judge on Friday recommended that victims of the Sept 11, 2001, attacks not be allowed to seize billions of dollars of assets belonging to Afghanistan's central bank to satisfy court judgments they obtained against the Taliban.

US Magistrate Judge Sarah Netburn in Manhattan said Da Afghanistan Bank was immune from jurisdiction, and that allowing the seizures would effectively acknowledge the Islamist militant group as the Afghan government, something only the US president can do.



"The Taliban's victims have fought for years for justice, accountability, and compensation. They are entitled to no less," Netburn wrote. "But the law limits what compensation the court may authorise and those limits put the DAB's assets beyond its authority."

Netburn's recommendation will be reviewed by US District Judge George Daniels in Manhattan, who also oversees the litigation and can decide whether to accept her recommendation.

The decision is a defeat for four groups of creditors that sued a variety of defendants, including al-Qaeda, they held responsible for the Sept 11 attacks, and obtained default judgments after the defendants failed to show up in court.

The groups have been trying to tap into some of the \$7 billion of Afghan central bank funds that are frozen at the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. Other countries hold about \$2 billion of Afghan reserves.



India's National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) personnel distribute food and relief materials to people in flooded areas following heavy monsoon rains that caused the overflowing of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers in Allahabad, India, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## 'A missed opportunity'

UN session on high seas biodiversity ends without agreement

AFP, United Nations

UN member states ended two weeks of negotiations without a treaty to protect biodiversity in the high seas, an agreement that would have addressed growing environmental and economic challenges.

After 15 years, including four prior formal sessions, negotiators have yet to reach a legally binding text to address the multitude of issues facing international waters -- a zone that encompasses almost half the planet.

"Although we did make excellent progress, we still do need a little bit more to progress towards the finish line," said conference chair Rena Lee on Friday.

It will now be up to the UN General Assembly to resume the fifth session at a date still to be determined.

Many had hoped the session, which began on August 15 at the United Nations headquarters in New York, would be the last

and yield a final text on "the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction," or BBNJ for short.

One of the most sensitive issues in the text revolved around the sharing of possible profits from the development of genetic resources in international waters, where pharmaceutical, chemical and cosmetic companies hope to find miracle drugs, products or cures.

Such costly research at sea is largely the prerogative of rich nations, but developing countries do not want to be left out of potential windfall profits drawn from marine resources that belong to no one.

The high seas begin at the border of a nation's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) -- which by international law reaches no more than 200 nautical miles from its coast -- and are under no state's jurisdiction.

Sixty percent of the world's oceans fall under this category.

And while healthy marine ecosystems are crucial to the future of humanity, particularly to limit global warming, only one percent of international waters are protected. One of the key pillars of an eventual BBNJ treaty is to allow the creation of marine protected areas, which many nations hope will cover 30 percent of the Earth's ocean by 2030.

But delegations still disagree on the process for creating these protected areas as well as how required environmental impact assessments will be implemented before new high seas activity begins.

"What a missed opportunity...," tweeted Klaudia Cremers, a researcher at the IDDRI think tank.

Laura Meller, of Greenpeace's Protect the Oceans campaign, said: "Time has run out. Further delay means ocean destruction. We are sad and disappointed. While countries continue to talk, the oceans and all those who rely on them will suffer."

## Bangladesh

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from India through a pipeline and its installation work is nearly complete, the energy ministry official said.

On Thursday, a cabinet meeting's assessment on trade with Russia found that under the current global situation, Bangladesh could import food grains and fertiliser from Russia but not crude oil.

## People who look

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were considered to be correlated by at least two programmes.

Dr Esteller said: "This is very close to the human ability to recognise identical twins."

Additionally, correlation was found in 16 out of the 32 couples in all three programmes, and these couples formed the basis of further research.

Researchers also carried out DNA analysis on saliva samples taken from the look-alikes, as well as analysis of their microbiome.

The findings revealed that nine of the 16 pairs had many common single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) -- the most common type of genetic variation among people.

Among these 16 pairs many shared similar weights, and analysis of their biometric and lifestyle factors also showed similarities.

## Floods wreak havoc

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The annual monsoon is essential for irrigating crops and replenishing lakes and dams across the Indian subcontinent, but each year it also brings a wave of destruction.

At present, more than half of Pakistan is under water and millions of people have been rendered homeless as a result of flash flooding generated by abnormal monsoon rains which have entered their eighth spell with no signs of subsiding.

According to the latest estimates, nearly 1,000 people, including 300

children, have lost their lives because of rains and resulting flooding that has impacted nearly 33 million people -- almost 15 per cent of the country's population.

Yesterday, authorities ordered thousands of residents in threatened areas to evacuate their homes as rivers had still not reached maximum capacity.

"Initially some people refused to leave, but when the water level increased they agreed," Bilal Faizi, spokesman for the Rescue 1122 emergency service, told AFP.

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from Iliai, it then raided Balukhali area around 1:30am yesterday and detained Razzak, Shahed, Aiyaz and Saiful.

Around 410,000 lakh yaba pills in total and three firearms, including an AK22 and 17 rounds of ammunition, were seized from their possession at the time, the Rab commander added.

He further said that Razzak and one Nabi Hossain, a wanted fugitive, used to run a drug syndicate that operated from Shah Parir Dwip in Teknaf to Balukhali.

"The syndicate used to provide the drugs to peddlers and would keep people close to them [the peddlers] as hostages. If the peddlers failed

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## BNP leaders vow to stand

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the clash, he said. Early yesterday, ruling party men attacked and vandalised the houses of the top four leaders of district BNP, alleged local BNP leaders.

District Awami League President Shahidul Islam, however, refuted the allegations.

In Magura, the BNP and the Juba League Chhatra League supporters clashed, chased each other and threw brick chunks, leaving at least 10 injured.

Seven motorcycles were set on fire. Eyewitnesses said the leaders and activists of the BNP gathered in front of the upazila parishad around 3:00pm for their scheduled protest programme.

Juba League Chhatra League men were passing the area in procession and a clash broke out.

In Khulna, two BNP offices were vandalised by Juba League leaders and activists yesterday afternoon, reports our correspondent.

In Khalishpur, a chase-counter chase took place between the two parties around 5:00pm.

In Munshiganj, hours after BNP men being beaten up by the ruling party men, a case was filed against 41 BNP leaders and activists, and 250 unnamed people with Sreenagar Police Station.

Meanwhile, police filed three cases accusing 56 BNP leaders including South district BNP former president Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, convener Abu Sufian and 1,000 unnamed BNP men in connection with Friday's clash during a protest rally, said SM Arifur Rahman, inspector (investigation) of Banskhali Police Station.

## Cuba asks for US technical assistance in oil fire clean-up

REUTERS, Havana

Cuba said on Friday it sought US technical assistance in cleaning up after a massive fire at an oil storage facility that killed 16 fire fighters.

Experts from Cuba and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency met virtually on Wednesday to discuss the clean-up effort at the Matanzas supertanker port east of Havana in what the Cuban foreign ministry characterized as a "professional and fruitful exchange."

Cuba asked for an assessment of its efforts so far and about gaining access to innovative U.S. techniques and procedures from the EPA, other agencies and oil companies, the foreign ministry said.

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## Corrigendum Notice No. 02/2022-23

This is to inform all concerned that the following changes have been made in the e-Tender Notice No. 03/2022-23, Memo No. 46.02.7700.000.14.001.22.1792, dated 11/08/2022 due to change of office time. Other terms and conditions will be remain unchanged and this will be treated as a part of the tender document.

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