

UN Climate report
KEY FINDINGS

- The past seven years were the hottest on record.
- Global mean temperatures are forecast to be between 1.1C and 1.7C higher than pre-industrial levels from 2022-2026.
- Carbon dioxide emissions increased 1.2 percent since 2019.
- National pledges on greenhouse gas emissions are insufficient to hold global heating to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels.
- Climate-related disasters are causing \$200m in economic losses a day.
- Nearly half the planet – 3.3 to 3.6 billion people – are living in areas vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis.

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World heading to 'uncharted territories of destruction'

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The world's chances of avoiding the worst ravages of climate breakdown are diminishing rapidly, as we enter "uncharted territory of destruction" through our failure to cut greenhouse gas emissions and take the actions needed to stave off catastrophe, leading scientists have said.

The report, led by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), warns that the world is "going in the wrong direction" on climate change.

With greenhouse gas concentrations continuing to rise in the atmosphere and world leaders failing to adopt strategies to hold global warming below 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial temperatures, the earth is inching closer to dangerous climate tipping points, the United in Science report says.

"Heatwaves in Europe. Colossal floods in Pakistan...There is nothing natural about the new scale of these disasters," UN secretary-general António Guterres said.

Despite a dip in emissions during coronavirus lockdowns, planet-warming emissions have since soared beyond pre-pandemic levels. Preliminary data reveal that global carbon dioxide emissions in the first half of this year were 1.2 percent higher than during the same period in



2019, the report finds.

The global average temperature has already warmed 1.1 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average. And scientists expect the annual average could be anywhere between 1.1C and 1.7C warmer up to 2026 - meaning there's a chance we could pass the 1.5C warming threshold in the next five years.

By the end of the century, without aggressive climate action, global warming is estimated to reach 2.8C.

The ocean current that moves heat from the tropics into the northern hemisphere is now at its slowest in 1,000

years - jeopardizing historic weather patterns, says the report, which includes contributions from the UN Environment Programme and UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Nearly half the world's population is considered highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. By the 2050s, over 1.6 billion city-dwellers will regularly swelter through three-month average temperatures of at least 35C (95F).

To help communities cope, the WMO has promised to put every person on earth under the protection of an early warning system within the next five years.

CHINA-RUSSIA TIES

Beijing for 'more just' world order

AFP, Beijing

China is willing to shape the international order together with Russia in a "more just and rational direction", a senior Chinese diplomat said as the two countries' leaders prepare to meet this week.

Former Cold War allies with a tempestuous relationship, China and Russia have drawn closer in recent years as part of what they call a "no limits" relationship acting as a counterweight to the global dominance of the US.

"Under the strategic guidance of President Xi Jinping and President (Vladimir) Putin, the relationship between the two countries has always moved forward on the right track," the Communist Party's foreign affairs chief Yang Jiechi told Russia's ambassador to China Andrey Denisov on Monday, according to a foreign ministry readout.

Yang said China was "willing to work with Russia to continuously implement the spirit of high-level strategic cooperation between the two countries, safeguard the common interests of both sides, and promote the development of the international order in a more just and rational direction", according to the ministry.

Denisov in response praised the "fruitful results" of bilateral relations, the readout said.

Russia has sought to bolster ties with Asian countries, particularly China, since being hit with unprecedented Western sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine.

Heightening tensions between China and the West, Beijing has not condemned Moscow's interventions in Ukraine, and provided diplomatic cover by blasting Western sanctions and arms sales to Kyiv.

Putin and Xi are set to meet in Uzbekistan this week, on the sidelines of a summit of regional countries.

Russia pounds Ukraine front line

Kyiv pushes to retake all land from Moscow, calls for more Western arms

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Russia yesterday said it was carrying out "massive strikes" across the Ukrainian front line as Kyiv said it aimed to liberate all of its territory after driving back Russian forces in the northeast of country in a rapid offensive.

The Kremlin also accused Kyiv's army of abusing civilians in territory it had recaptured.

Moscow's retaliation came after it was forced to pull back its troops from swathes of the northeast, particularly in the Kharkiv region, following Kyiv's lightning assault to wrest back terrain.

The territorial shifts marked one of Russia's biggest setbacks since its troops were repelled from Kyiv in the earliest days of the nearly seven-month war, yet Moscow signalled it was no closer to agreeing to a negotiated peace.

"Air, rocket and artillery forces are carrying out massive strikes on units of the Ukrainian armed forces in all operational directions," the Russian defence ministry said in its daily briefing on the conflict.

"High-precision" strikes have also been launched on Ukrainian positions around Sloviansk and Konstantinovka in the eastern Donetsk region, it added.

Ukrainian forces launched their counter-



offensive in early September, seemingly catching Russia's military off guard.

By Monday, President Volodymyr Zelensky said that Ukraine's forces have retaken a total of 6,000 square kilometres (2,320 square miles) from Russian control.

Zelensky said the West must speed up deliveries of weapons systems, calling on Ukraine's allies to "strengthen cooperation to defeat Russian troops".

Zelensky's advisor, Mykhailo Podolyak, spelled out why Ukraine needed more weapons, saying that firstly, it needed air defence to protect its civilians and critical infrastructure.

In the northeast, dozens of areas including the cities of Izum, Kupiansk and Balakliya, have been retaken, Ukraine said.

Ukraine has also claimed significant gains in the southern Kherson region, where the Ukrainian army also said it had recaptured 500 square kilometres.

"The aim is to liberate the Kharkiv region and beyond - all the territories occupied by the Russian Federation," Deputy Defence Minister Hanna Malyar told Reuters yesterday on the road to Balakliya.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken assessed that the Ukrainians had made "significant progress", due to their resilience as well as US support, but said: "it's too early to tell exactly where this is going."

A US think tank, the Institute for the Study of War, tweeted: "Ukraine has turned the tide in its favour, but the current counter-offensive will not end the war."

Since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion, Washington and its allies have provided Ukraine with billions of dollars in weapons that Kyiv says have helped limit Moscow's gains. Russian forces control around a fifth of the country in the south and east but Ukraine is now on the offensive in both areas.

Despite the recent advancement of Ukrainian forces, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said there was no discussion of a nationwide mobilisation to bolster the operation in Ukraine.

Queen's coffin to be flown to London

REUTERS, Edinburgh

Queen Elizabeth's coffin will be flown to London yesterday at the end of 24 hours of lying at rest in Edinburgh's historic cathedral, where her son King Charles and his three siblings held a silent vigil.

Charles was joined by his sister Anne and brothers Andrew and Edward for the 10 minute vigil on Monday at St Giles' Cathedral, where they stood, heads bowed, at the four sides of the coffin while members of the public filed past to pay their respects.

Elizabeth died on Thursday at the age of 96.

Charles, 73, is travelling to the four parts of the United Kingdom before the funeral on Sept 19. He was in Northern Ireland yesterday.

The death of Britain's longest-reigning monarch has drawn tears and warm tributes, not just from Britain, but also from around the globe - a reflection of her presence on the world stage for seven decades.

India to bring back Cheetahs

AFP, New Delhi

Eight cheetahs will be sent to India where they will be personally welcomed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his birthday, officials said yesterday, in an ambitious project to reintroduce the speedy big cats to the country. India in the past was home to Asiatic cheetahs but the species was declared extinct domestically by

1952. The five males and three females will arrive from Namibia on Saturday and will initially be kept in a quarantine enclosure at the Kuno National Park in the central state of Madhya Pradesh.

India is also planning to ship in more cheetahs from South Africa at a later date. The cats will then be moved to larger spaces and once they acclimatise will be released into open forest in the park. Environment

Minister Bhupendra Yadav said the project was part of global efforts to conserve the animal. But critics have warned that the cheetahs may struggle to adapt to the habitat and may clash with the significant number of leopards already present. Considered vulnerable under the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, there are fewer than 7,000 cheetahs left around the world - primarily in the African savannas.



Kuet student

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Telegram. The agitated students caught Zahidur from Dr MA Rashid Hall around 9:00pm on Sunday.

"Later, Kuet officials, including the hall provost, went to the spot and handed him over to the police," he said.

Asked whether Zahidul was beaten up on campus, hall provost Hamidul Islam denied it.

Compensation

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metres, the road in the area was widened after demolishing buildings on its both sides about two years ago. The road was resurfaced around eight months ago.

Shahnaz Akhtar, wife of Monir Hossain of the area, said, "The city corporation has been assuring us of compensation like they did before. Stalled work is being completed, but we are yet to get any payment."

She said they wanted compensation as per the government rules.

Nasima Akhter, wife of Ruhul Amin of Samantapur Purba Para area, said, "Staffers of the city corporation came and measured the land three months ago. We are uncertain when and how much compensation we will get."

Talking to locals, this newspaper also learnt that around 200m stretch of Dhirashram Chhoto Dewra road, work on which had remained stopped, was completed around two months ago.

Besides, asphalt is being laid on around 3km stretch from Karkhana to Kaultia link road in North Salna area. Similar work is underway on the 2km stretch from Porabari Kata road to Colony road.

"A significant portion of my land has been taken away for the road widening, but I did not get any compensation," said Noor Banu of Salna area.

Akbar Hossain, additional chief engineer of the GCC, said as per the city corporation rules, the affected landowners are entitled to get compensation. A list of the affected is being prepared and it would be sent to the LGRD ministry for allocation of funds, he added.

The feud maker

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A few days after the incident, the OC was transferred. Local AL also staged demonstrations against the MP.

Intra-party feuds led to killings of four people and injuries to around 100 over union parishad elections in Pankaj's constituency in the last one year.

The elections to South and North Ulania union parishads were suspended twice due to clashes between supporters of two AL factions.

The law and order in Mehendiganj has deteriorated sharply recently.

On August 28, five leaders and activists of Jubo League and Chhatra League were injured when they came under an attack allegedly by Pankaj's supporters at the upazila health complex. The injured were later moved to Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Police arrested four supporters of the lawmaker in connection with the incident.

Speaking at a press conference in Barishal city recently, Sanjay Chandra, deputy publicity secretary of Kazirhat thana AL, alleged that supporters of Pankaj tortured him three years ago, leaving his legs and a hand broken. He said he landed in jail on April 20 this year after being implicated in a mugging case.

He claimed that Pankaj was behind

Webb telescope

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The images were obtained as part of the Early Release Science program and involved more than 100 scientists in 18 countries, with institutions including the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Western University in Canada, and the University of Michigan.

"We are blown away by the breathtaking images of the Orion Nebula," Western University astrophysicist Els Peeters said in a statement.

"These new observations allow us

the attack as he filed a corruption case against the lawmaker and his family members on March 5, 2017.

Local AL leaders also alleged that Pankaj collected crores of taka from businesses at fish landing stations and sand trading sites in Mehendiganj, run by his supporters.

Mehendiganj municipality Mayor Kamal Khan, also the general secretary of upazila unit AL, said "Many Awami League men are happy to see Pankaj's removal from party posts. We trust the decision of our leader [party President Sheikh Hasina]. We had informed our party high ups about the MP's activities time to time."

Barishal district AL General Secretary Talukdar Md Younus said, "The party took action against the MP as law and order situation in the district was deteriorating because of him."

Though a section of Mehendiganj AL leaders is happy about the lawmaker's removal from party posts, another section keeps mum.

Asked about his removal, Pankaj said "I have received the party letter. I don't want to make any comment on this."

He denied the allegation of his supporters' involvement in attacks.

The lawmaker said all allegations against him were politically motivated and those were brought to weaken him politically.

to better understand how massive stars transform the gas and dust cloud in which they are born," she added.

Nebulas are obscured by large amounts of dust that made it impossible to observe with visible light telescopes, such as the Hubble Space Telescope, Webb's predecessor.

Webb however operates primarily in the infrared spectrum, penetrating the dust.

This revealed numerous spectacular structures, down to the scale of 40 astronomical units, or the size of our solar system.

Positivity rate

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Experts said the latest spike in cases and positivity rate could be a result of the dominance of a new subvariant of Omicron called BA.2.75.

Scientists at the Genome Centre at Jashore University of Science and Technology last week confirmed that they have found three patients infected with this highly transmissible subvariant.

Currently, this subvariant has been dominating novel coronavirus infections worldwide, according to the World Health Organization.

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One newcomer to break through was Lee Jung-jae, who was named best drama actor for his role on South Korean thriller "Squid Game." The dystopian story about cash-strapped contestants risking their lives for wealth became a global sensation after its release on Netflix NFLX.O a year ago.

Rains flood

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to keep hoisted the local cautionary signal No 3. And fishing trawlers have been asked to take shelter and remain there until further notice.

Around 100 trawlers returned from the sea and are moored at Mahipur and Alipur fish landing stations in Kalapara upazila, said Ansar Uddin Mollah, president of Kalapara Fishing Trawlers Owners' Association.

According to the Met office, 76.40mm rainfall has been recorded in the district in the last 24 hours till noon yesterday.

Arif said flood control embankments at several points were washed away due to the mighty tidal surges. "We are inspecting the affected areas of the dams."

The district administration has asked those who have taken shelter on dams to go to cyclone centres.

Using loudspeakers, Coast Guard members are asking fishing trawlers and boats not to go to the sea for fishing.

New horizon

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necessary workforce remains incomplete.

HOSPITAL COMPONENTS

The project was taken up in 2016 with a view to increasing BSMMU's capacity by providing treatment for general and complex diseases, establishing a "safety net hospital" through modernisation of medical care and management, and ensuring skill development of professionals.

With the total cost being around Tk 1,366 crore, South Korean government's Economic Development Cooperation Fund has provided Tk 1,047 crore in soft loans.

Meanwhile, South Korean company Hyundai was made the project contractor while the medical equipment is being supplied by Samsung.

The 13-storey hospital will have around 850 beds.

There will also be 14 ultra-modern operation theatres, a 100-bed Intensive Care Unit, a 100-bed emergency unit, six VVIP and 22 VIP cabins, and 25 deluxe cabins.

The specialised services include bone marrow transplant, gene therapy, and robotic surgery.

Iconic French filmmaker

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filmmakers by breaking all the rules again in "Contempt" (1963) with Brigitte Bardot and "Pierrot le Fou" in 1965.

"No official (funeral) ceremony will take place," his family said. "He will be cremated... And it really must happen in private."

Godard's legal counsel Patrick Jeanneret confirmed a report in French daily Liberation that he had resorted to assisted suicide.

The practice is regulated in Switzerland and permitted if offered without a selfish motive to a person with decision-making capacity to end their own suffering.

"Godard had recourse to legal assistance in Switzerland for a voluntary departure as he was

Centres will also be six designated centres for particular medical needs, while each ward will have eight beds.

Six engineers and 50 specialist physicians from South Korea will work for the first two years to ensure smooth operation and train other staffers.

The six designated centres include those for specialised autism, maternal care and childcare, emergency medical care, hepatobiliary and gastroenterology, cardiology and cerebrovascular diseases, and nephrology at the primary stage.

Centres at the secondary stage include those for respiratory medicine, general surgery, ophthalmology, dentistry, dermatology, and physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Around 1,500 healthcare staffers including 300 physicians will provide services to the patients in the hospital. At least 120 doctors, nurses and other officers have already received training in South Korea.

"Every activity of the hospital will be done through an automated system, and patient data would be recorded for 100 years," Prof Zulfiqur said.

stricken with 'multiple invalidating illnesses', according to the medical report," said Jeanneret.

Godard has lived as a virtual recluse for decades in the Swiss village of Rolle.

It was there that he died "peacefully at home", his wife Anne-Marie Mieville at his side, his producers said.

Godard's influence is hard to underestimate, with directors from Martin Scorsese, Quentin Tarantino and Paul Thomas Anderson to Robert Altman, the maker of "M*A*S*H" and "The Player", often speaking of their debt to him.

French President Emmanuel Macron hailed the director's talent and mourned the loss of a "national treasure".