

UN REPORT
Half the world unprepared for disasters

AFP, Geneva
Even as extreme weather and climate disasters are multiplying, half of countries lack the advanced early warning systems needed to save lives, the United Nations warned yesterday.



In a fresh report, the UN agencies for weather and for disaster risk reduction found countries with poor early warning systems on average see eight times greater mortality from disasters than countries with strong measures.

NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY
US singles out China as the sole global rival

AFP, Washington
President Joe Biden's administration said it would prioritize winning over China, seeing it as the only global rival to the United States, even as it also works to constrain a "dangerous" Russia.



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India axes rule on J&K voting rights

REUTERS, Srinagar
India yesterday scrapped a rule granting voting rights to new residents of its Jammu and Kashmir region after widespread anger among political parties, who labelled it a bid to change the demographics of the country's only Muslim-majority region.

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND REPORT
Global wildlife populations have sunk 69pc since 1970

REUTERS, London
The world's wildlife populations have declined by more than two-thirds since 1970 as forests have been cleared and oceans polluted, according to an assessment released yesterday.

climate change were the biggest drivers of the loss.
Wildlife populations in Latin America and the Caribbean were hit especially hard, experiencing a 94% drop in just five decades. One population of pink river dolphins in the Brazilian Amazon plummeted by 65% between 1994 and 2016, the report said.



NEPAL FLOODS, LANDSLIDES
Death toll hits 48

AFP, Kathmandu
Major flooding and landslides caused by monsoon rains in Nepal have killed 48 people in the past two weeks, with 13 others missing after being swept away by a river, officials said yesterday.

N Korea deploys 'tactical nukes'

AFP, Seoul
Kim Jong Un supervised the launch of two long-range cruise missiles on Wednesday, state media KCNA said yesterday, adding that the weapons had already been deployed to "tactical nuke" units of the North Korean army.

India SC panel divided over school hijab ban

REUTERS, New Delhi
An Indian Supreme Court panel yesterday said it was divided over a ban on hijabs in schools, effectively leaving in place a state's ruling against the women's headgear that has sparked uproar.

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