

World faces 2.8C rise

Warns UN as climate pledges falling short, says action needed to prevent 'disaster'

REUTERS, London

Government pledges to cut greenhouse gas emissions put the planet on track for an average 2.8 degrees Celsius temperature rise this century, after "woefully inadequate" progress to curb warming, a United Nations report said.

Representatives from around the world will meet from November 6-18 at the COP27 climate talks in Egypt to try to agree pledges to limit warming to below 2C above pre-industrial levels and ideally to 1.5C (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit).

So far, additional commitments since the previous UN climate conference in Scotland last year remove 0.5 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent greenhouse gas emissions (GtCO_{2e}), less than 1 percent of estimated global emissions in 2030, the annual UN Environment Programme (UNEP) report showed yesterday.

Policies in place, without strengthening, will likely lead to a 2.8C rise in temperature by the end of the century, 0.1C higher than was estimated last year.

"We had our chance to make incremental changes, but that time is over. Only a root-and-branch transformation

of our economies and societies can save us from accelerating climate disaster," UNEP executive director Inger Andersen said.

Global emissions in 2030 are estimated at 58 GtCO_{2e} based on current policies. The gap between pledges and limiting warming to 2C is 15 GtCO_{2e} a year and for 1.5C it is 23 GtCO_{2e} a year.

To limit warming to 1.5C, annual emissions must be reduced by 45 percent compared with emissions forecasts under current policies currently in just eight years and transforming the global economy to low-carbon will require investment of at least \$4-\$6 trillion a year, the report said.

According to a separate UN report earlier this week analysing the latest pledges submitted by countries, 2.5C of warming is likely by the end of the century.

On Wednesday, the World Meteorological Organization in a report said greenhouse gas concentrations climbed at above-average rates to new records last year.

Hikes in the atmospheric concentration of all three greenhouse gases - carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide - outstripped the average increase over the past decade, it showed, meaning they are now all at new record levels.



Protestors hold placards as policemen stand guard during an anti-government demonstration by the university students demanding the release of their leaders, in Colombo, Sri Lanka yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Amini 'riots' pave way for attacks

Says Iran's Raisi after gunman kills 15 at Shia shrine

AFP, Paris

Iran's president yesterday claimed "riots" sparked by Mahsa Amini's death paved the way for "terrorist" attacks, a day after a gunman killed at least 15 people at a Muslim shrine.

The bloody attack in the southern city of Shiraz came as thousands of mourners paid tribute to Amini on Wednesday in her western hometown, 40 days after her death in police custody.

President Ebrahim Raisi appeared to link the two tragedies yesterday, declaring that "the intention of the enemy is to disrupt the country's progress, and then these riots pave the ground for terrorist acts".

Raisi vowed "a severe response" over the mass killing at the Shia Muslim Shah Cheragh mausoleum during evening prayers - an attack that was claimed by the Sunni extremist group Islamic State.

Nearly six weeks after Amini's death, demonstrations show no signs of ending, fuelled by outrage over a crackdown that has claimed the lives of other young women and girls.

China, US must 'find ways to get along'

Says Xi on safeguarding world peace, development; Biden tells his security chiefs US not seeking conflict with Beijing

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President Xi Jinping said China and the United States must "find ways to get along" to safeguard world peace and development, state media reported yesterday, as he embarks on his precedent-breaking third term in power.

China and the United States have butted heads in recent years on issues ranging from Beijing's aggression towards self-governing Taiwan to its crackdown in Hong Kong and alleged rights abuses in Xinjiang.

Washington has also accused Beijing of providing diplomatic cover for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, reports AFP.

Xi sealed another five years as China's leader at the end of a twice-a-decade Communist Party Congress on Sunday.

"The world today is neither peaceful nor tranquil," Xi wrote in a congratulatory letter to the National Committee on US-China Relations - some of his first remarks since the Congress - according

to Chinese state broadcaster CCTV.

"As major powers, strengthening communication and cooperation between China and the US will help to increase global stability and certainty, and promote world peace and development," he reportedly told the New York-based non-profit organisation.



Xi added that China was "willing to work with the US to give mutual respect, coexist peacefully... (and) find ways to get along in the new era", the broadcaster reported.

Doing so "will not only be good for both countries, but also benefit the world", Xi wrote.

The Biden administration said this month that China is the only competitor to the United States "with both the intent to reshape the international order and, increasingly, the economic, diplomatic, military and technological power to advance that objective".

During a meeting with his defence

officials on Wednesday, Biden said the US does not seek conflict with China and President Xi was aware of that fact, according to the Associated Press.

Biden said that he had spent more time speaking to Xi than other world leaders dating back to when he was vice president and that the US would "responsibly manage increasingly intense competition with China" and in the Indo-Pacific region also "build new coalitions committed to a world that is free".

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday that China has rejected the longstanding status quo on Taiwan, reiterating an assessment that Beijing is speeding up its timeline to take the island.

Blinken said that the four-decade status quo - in which the United States recognizes only Beijing but offers the island weapons for its own defense - has "helped to make sure there wouldn't be a conflict between the United States and China over Taiwan."

"What's changed is this - a decision by the government in Beijing that that status quo was no longer acceptable, that they wanted to speed up the process by which they would pursue reunification," Blinken told an event at Bloomberg News.

Imran asked army for illegal favours

Says Pak spy chief

REUTERS, KARACHI

Pakistan's intelligence chief accused former Prime Minister Imran Khan of asking the country's powerful military for "illegal and unconstitutional" support for his government, in a scathing and unprecedented news conference yesterday. The news conference by the chief of the country's powerful Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Lt-Gen Nadeem Anjum, came after Khan upped his criticism of the military, accusing them of plotting his removal in April and supporting his opponents. "(Khan's criticism) is because the military and its chief refused to do illegal or unconstitutional things," Anjum said.

Israel, Lebanon sign maritime border deal

REUTERS, Baabda

Israeli and Lebanese leaders signed a landmark US brokered agreement on their maritime boundary yesterday, marking a diplomatic departure from decades of hostility and opening the way to offshore energy exploration. Lebanese President Michel Aoun signed a letter approving the deal in Baabda, followed by Prime Minister Yair Lapid's signature in Jerusalem, with a handover ceremony of less-senior delegations set to take place at the UN peacekeeping base in Naqoura along the border.



Migrants wait to be rescued by crew members of NGO rescue ship Ocean Viking in the Mediterranean Sea. The photos were taken on Wednesday and released yesterday. Two charity ships currently operating in the Mediterranean, the SOS Humanity's ship Humanity 1 and SOS Mediterranean's Ocean Viking, were on Tuesday carrying around 300 people between them after multiple rescues. The number of irregular crossings into the European Union rose 70 percent in the first nine months of 2022 to its highest level since 2016, the EU's border agency said. PHOTO: REUTERS



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