

COP27 DEAL REACTIONS
'Historic' but 'not enough'

AFP, Sharm el Sheikh

The UN COP27 climate summit in Egypt drew praise yesterday for the creation of a "loss and damage" fund to help vulnerable countries cope with the destructive impacts of global warming.

"This COP has taken an important step towards justice. I welcome the decision to establish a loss and damage fund. Clearly, this won't be enough... To have any hope of keeping to 1.5, we need to massively invest in renewables and end our addiction to fossil fuels."

UN Secretary-General ANTONIO GUTERRES

"The historic outcome on loss and damage at COP27 shows international cooperation is possible. Equally, the renewed commitment on the 1.5C global warming limit was a source of relief. However, none of this changes the fact that the world remains on the brink of climate catastrophe."

MARY ROBINSON former president of Ireland and chairperson of the Elders

"Emissions peaking before 2025, as the science tells us, is necessary. Not in this text. Clear follow-through on the phase-down of coal. Not in this text. A clear commitment to phase out all fossil fuels. Not in this text. And the energy text, weakened, in the final minutes. Each of us will have to explain that, to our citizens, to the world's most vulnerable countries and communities, and ultimately to the children and grandchildren to whom many of us now go home."

ALOK SHARMA chairman of Britain's COP26 presidency

"The establishment of loss & damage fund at the UN climate summit is the first pivotal step towards the goal of climate justice."

Pakistan PM SHEHBAZ SHARIF



A voter casts her ballot in the general election at a polling station in Bhaktapur on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal. The election pits the ruling alliance of the Nepali Congress party, led by Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba and some former Maoist rebels, against the Nepal Communist Unified Marxist Leninist (UML) party. It could take up to two weeks to declare final results.

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GENERAL ELECTION IN MALAYSIA
Stalemate as rival blocs claim majority

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Rival blocs yesterday claimed they had secured the support they needed to form a government after Malaysia's hotly contested polls saw no party emerge with a clear majority of parliamentary seats.

Veteran opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim said his coalition had enough seats to form the country's next government, which would allow him to become prime minister.

Former premier Muhyiddin Yassin - who heads the rival Perikatan Nasional (NA) grouping - also said he was in talks to form the next administration after Saturday's election.

The stalemate comes in a country that has seen three governments in as many years. In a bid to break the impasse, the palace yesterday asked the leaders of political parties

to submit their preferred choice of coalition partners and for prime minister by 2 pm (0600 GMT) Monday.

While both leading political blocs claimed victory, neither offered details on the alliances they would make to form a government.

At the end of vote-counting, Anwar's Pakatan Harapan (Alliance of Hope) coalition won 82 seats and Muhyiddin's Perikatan Nasional grabbed 73, official results showed.

The once mighty Barisan Nasional - dominated by jailed ex-leader Najib Razak's United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) party - trailed far behind the rest with only 30 seats, its worst performance since Malaysia won independence in 1957.

One of the highest profile losses in the election was former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad, 97, who was roundly defeated in his constituency.

China reports first Covid death since May

AFP, Beijing

China reported the death of an 87-year-old man in Beijing yesterday as its first fatality from Covid-19 in six months, with cases rising despite a stringent zero-Covid policy.

The last major economy still welded to a no-tolerance policy on the virus, China has enforced snap lockdowns, mass testing and quarantines even as the rest of the world adjusts to living with Covid.

Municipal officials said 621 new local cases had been detected in Beijing.

The National Health Commission also said it had recorded more than 24,000 local infections across the nation in the previous 24 hours.

LGBTQ NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING

Five killed, 18 wounded in US

AFP, Washington

At least five people were killed and 18 wounded, police said yesterday, in a mass shooting at an LGBTQ nightclub in the US city of Colorado Springs. The attack came as partygoers appeared to gather for an event marking the Transgender Day of Remembrance, held annually on November 20 to honor the memory of trans people who were killed in acts of transphobic violence.

31 killed in Turkish strikes in Syria

AFP, Beirut

Turkish air strikes overnight killed at least 31 people in northern Syria, primarily in positions held by Syrian Kurdish forces, a Britain-based war monitoring group said yesterday. Nearly 25 strikes hit Raqa, Hassakeh and Aleppo provinces, killing 18 members of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, 12 members of Syria's military and one journalist, said the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Turkey said the strikes were against bases of outlawed Kurdish militant group the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) across northern Syria and Iraq, which it said were being used to launch "terrorist" attacks on Turkish soil.

Trump snubs Twitter

REUTERS



Donald Trump on Saturday said he had no interest in returning to Twitter even as a slim majority voted in favor of reinstating the former US President, who was banned from the social media service for inciting violence, in a poll organized by new owner Elon Musk. Trump's Twitter account, which had over 88 million followers before he was banned on Jan. 8, 2021, began accumulating followers and had nearly 100,000 followers by 10 pm ET Saturday.

"Beijing, like Moscow, seeks a world where might makes right, where disputes are resolved by force, and where autocrats can stamp out the flame of freedom."

- US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin

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