

## G7 pledges to quit fossil fuels faster

### Fails to agree to any new deadlines on ending polluting power sources

AFP, Sapporo

The G7 yesterday pledged to quit fossil fuels faster and urged other countries to follow suit, but failed to agree to any new deadlines on ending polluting power sources like coal.

The language reflects the depth of disagreements among the allies on the balance between climate action and energy security, with host Japan leading a pushback against the most ambitious proposals discussed.

After two days of talks in the northern city of Sapporo, the bloc's climate and environment ministers vowed to "accelerate the phase-out of unabated fossil fuels so as to achieve net zero in energy systems by 2050 at the latest... and call on others to join us in taking the same action".

But they offered no new timelines beyond last year's G7 pledge to largely end fossil fuel use in their electricity sectors by 2035.

France's energy transition minister Agnes Pannier-Runacher said the "phase-out" wording was nonetheless a "strong step forward" ahead of the G20 and COP28 summits.

Britain and France had suggested a new goal of ending "unabated" coal power — which does not take steps to offset emissions — in G7 power grids this decade.

But with global energy supplies still squeezed by the war in Ukraine, the target faced opposition from other members, including Japan and the United States.

"I would obviously have liked to have been able to make a commitment to phase out coal by 2030," Pannier-Runacher told AFP.

But "it is one issue on which we can still make progress in forthcoming discussions, particularly at COP28", the UN climate conference in Dubai set for November.

The Group of Seven industrialised nations, which also includes Germany, Italy, Canada and the EU, pledged to end new plastic pollution by 2040.

Britain, Canada and the EU already belong to an international coalition with the same goal, but this is the first time Japan and the United States have made the 2040 commitment.

The G7 ministers also urged a peak in global greenhouse emissions by 2025 at the latest — language that experts say is aimed at the world's largest carbon emitter, China, which is targeting its own 2030 peak.



(From Left to Right) Britain's Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Japan's Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly, French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna and Italy's Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani pose at a welcoming ceremony for G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Karuizawa, Japan yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

## HEADSCARF ROW

### Iran seals 150 businesses

AFP, Tehran

Iranian police said yesterday authorities had closed more than 150 businesses in 24 hours for not respecting the obligation for women to wear headscarves under Iran's strict Islamic dress code.

The closures were announced a day after police said they have now implemented a plan to deal with women who violate the law, using surveillance cameras and facial recognition technology.

The requirement for women to wear the headscarf in public was enshrined in law shortly after the Islamic revolution of 1979.

"Unfortunately, police have had to seal 137 shops and 18 restaurants and reception areas for not heeding previous warnings" on the dress code, the Tasnim news agency quoted police spokesman Said Montazerolmahdi as saying.

The crackdown comes after the number of women defying the code has risen since a protest movement triggered by the death in custody last year of Kurdish-Iranian Mahsa Amini, 22, for allegedly flouting it.

Last week, police chief Ahmad-Reza Radan said those who remove their headscarves would be identified using "smart equipment".

Police have warned that car owners will receive a text message if a female passenger breaks the code, and that they risk having their vehicle seized in the case of a repeat offence.

Last month, judiciary chief Mohseni Ejei said women who removed their headscarves "will be punished".

## POWER STRUGGLE

# 56 civilians killed as Sudan battles rage on

### Three UN workers among dead; around 600 injured; world powers condemn violence

AFP, Khartoum

Fighting in Sudan raged for a second day yesterday in battles between rival generals who seized power in a 2021 coup, leaving over 50 civilians including three UN staff dead and sparking international alarm.

Deafening explosions and intense gunfire rattled buildings in the capital Khartoum's densely-populated northern and southern suburbs as tanks rumbled on the streets and fighter jets roared overhead, witnesses said.

Violence erupted early Saturday after weeks of power struggles between army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his deputy, Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, commander of the heavily-armed paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), with each accusing the other of starting the fight.

"The gunfire and explosions are incessant," said 34-year-old Ahmed Hamid from a northern Khartoum suburb.

"The situation is very worrying and it doesn't seem like it will calm anytime soon," said Ahmed Seif, another Khartoum resident, who fears his building had been damaged by gunfire but said it was too dangerous to go outside to check.

Both sides claim they control key sites, while state television broadcasted patriotic songs without commentary.

Daglo's RSF say they have seized the

presidential palace, Khartoum airport and other strategic sites, but the army insist they are in charge.

Footage obtained by AFP showed heavy smoke billowing from a building near the army headquarters in Khartoum, with the military saying a building had "caught fire" amid the clashes but that it had been contained.



Yesterday, the stench of gunpowder wafted through Khartoum's streets, deserted except by soldiers as frightened civilians sheltered inside their homes.

The Central Committee of Sudan Doctors said they had recorded 56 civilians killed as well as "tens of deaths" among security forces, and around 600 wounded.

Fighting has also erupted outside Khartoum, including in the troubled western Darfur region and in the eastern border state of Kassala, where witness Hussein Saleh said the army had fired

artillery at a paramilitary camp.

The United Nations said three employees of its World Food Programme (WFP) had been killed in clashes in North Darfur.

It was not immediately clear whether the three deaths on Saturday were included in the tally provided by the medics.

UN Special Representative Volker Perthes condemned the killings in a statement, saying "civilian and humanitarian aid workers are not a target."

WFP said an aircraft managed by the organisation "was also significantly damaged" at Khartoum airport.

UN chief Antonio Guterres called for "an immediate cessation of hostilities", while US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the fighting "threatens the security and safety of Sudanese civilians". Similar appeals came from the African Union, Britain, China, the European Union and Russia, while Pope Francis said he was following the events "with concern" and urged dialogue.

The AU was to hold an emergency meeting yesterday, as is the Arab League, following a request by Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Medics on social media have continued to call for help, pleading for safe corridors for ambulances and a ceasefire to treat the victims, warning the streets were too dangerous to bring many casualties to hospitals.

## ALABAMA SHOOTING

### 4 killed, multiple people hurt

REUTERS

Four people were killed and at least 20 more were injured in a shooting on Saturday night in the small town of Dadeville, Alabama, a local TV station reported yesterday, citing investigators on the scene and a release from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

The shooting occurred around 10:30 pm ET on Saturday, according to the agency release cited in the report by TV station WRBL. The FBI, the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Fifth Circuit District Attorney's Office had also responded to the scene.

There was no confirmation about what led to the shooting and it was not known if any suspects had been taken into custody. Local reports indicated that the shooting occurred at a dance studio during what seemed to be a teenager's birthday party.

#### OPEN CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), in collaboration with the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Bangladesh, is calling for applications for the fellowship titled "Young Voices in Geopolitics." Under this fellowship program, three next generation researchers and journalists will avail grants to conduct research on geopolitics in Bangladesh. To avail this fellowship, the candidate has to be a working journalist or a PhD student. To know more about the fellowship program, please visit: <https://cgs-bd.com/articles/13452/Fellowship>  
Deadline: 30 April, 2023.



Demonstrators take part in an anti-government protest rally in Prague, Czech Republic yesterday. They protested against poverty, high prices of foodstuff and called for the government to resign. PHOTO: REUTERS

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**বই সংগ্রহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বিদেশী গ্রন্থাগার/প্রকাশক/ডিস্ট্রিবিউটরদের প্রকৃত এজেন্টদের নিকট হইতে বয়েট গ্রন্থাগারে বিদেশী বই সরবরাহের লক্ষ্যে এতদ্বারা সীলমোহরযুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

স্থানীয় এজেন্ট/সরবরাহকারীদের দরপত্র কেবলমাত্র তখনই গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে যখন দরপত্র দলিলাদি ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে তাহারা বিদেশী প্রিন্সিপাল/প্রকাশকদের নিকট হইতে এজেন্সীশিপের কাগজপত্র এবং অন্যান্য প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র/সার্টিফিকেটসমূহ যেমন- (ক) বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক-এর অনুমতিপত্র/এলসিএ (খ) ইনডেনটিং রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট (গ) হালনাগাদ পরিশোধকৃত আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট (ঘ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট (ঙ) ট্রেড সার্টিফিকেট এবং (চ) কাষ্টমস কর্তৃক হালনাগাদ বিল অফ এন্ট্রি সমূহ পেশ করিতে সক্ষম হইবেন।

ইচ্ছুক ও যোগ্য দরদাতাগণ গ্রন্থাগারিকের নিকট হইতে লিখিত পূর্ব অনুমতিপত্র প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে গ্রন্থাগারের দপ্তর হইতে সকল কর্মদিবসে (শনিবার-বুধবার) সকাল ১০.০০টা হইতে বিকাল ৪.০০টার মধ্যে দরপত্র দলিল সমূহ ক্রয় করিতে পারিবেন। দরপত্র নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে ১০.০৫.২০২৩ইং বেলা ১১.৩০টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১১.৩৫ মিনিটে দরদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে, যদি কেহ থাকেন, উক্ত দরপত্রসমূহ উন্মুক্ত করা হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।

দরপত্র দলিল লাভ করিবার পূর্বে দরদাতাগণকে দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য বাবদ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নির্ধারিত ফরমে সোনালী ব্যাংক, বয়েট শাখা, ঢাকা-এর হিসাব নং ৩৩০০০১১ (খাত নং-৫০৩) খাতে টাকা ১৫০০.০০ (এক হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র জমার রশিদ এবং যে কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের লাইব্রেরিতে ১ বছরে কমপক্ষে ২০ (বিশ লক্ষ) টাকার বিদেশী বই সরবরাহের সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি জমা দিতে হইবে।

বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সমুদয় দরপত্র আংশিকভাবে বা সম্পূর্ণভাবে গ্রহণ বা প্রত্যাখ্যান করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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