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The world's largest aircraft carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford, sails into Oslo, Norway yesterday, a first for such a US ship, in a show of Nato force at a time of heightened tension between Nato and Russia over the war in Ukraine.

Asia water, energy supplies at risk

Researchers say climate change impacts are already posing 'grave threats' to 10 major rivers

REUTERS, Singapore

Climate-related disruptions to the crucial Hindu Kush-Himalayan water system are posing risks to economic development and energy security in 16 Asian countries, and concerted action is needed to protect regional water flows, researchers said yesterday.

The basins of the 10 major rivers that flow from the Hindu Kush-Himalayan water towers are home to 1.9 billion people and generate \$4.3 trillion in annual GDP, and climate change impacts like glacial melt and extreme weather are already posing "grave threats", the China Water Risk think tank said.

The researchers warned that all rivers would face "escalating and compounding water risks ... if we are unable to rein in emissions," and that the further construction of water-intensive energy infrastructure was aggravating the problems.

The 10 rivers include the Ganges and

the Brahmaputra running into India and Bangladesh, China's Yangtze and Yellow rivers as well as transboundary waterways like the Mekong and the Salween.

They support almost three quarters of hydropower and 44 percent of coal-fired power in the 16 countries, which also include Afghanistan, Nepal and Southeast Asia.

As much as 865 gigawatts (GW) of power capacity along the 10 rivers is considered vulnerable to climate risk, with most of it reliant on water. More than 300 GW - enough to power Japan - is situated in regions facing "high" or "extremely high" water risks, the researchers added.

China's Yangtze river basin, which supports around a third of the country's population and around 15 percent of its power capacity, experienced a record-long drought last year, with plummeting hydroelectric output disrupting global supply chains.

Modi strikes migration deal with Australia

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese signed a new agreement on migration yesterday.

Modi is on a visit to Australia, his first trip there since 2014. Albanese traveled to India two months ago, reports Deutsche Welle.

A migration agreement "will further strengthen our living bridge," Modi said, as the agreement promotes two-way mobility of students, academic researchers and business people. Modi warned that "separatist elements" should not be allowed to hurt India-Australia relations, reports AFP. He hit out at recent "attacks" on Hindu temples in Australia.

SPECIAL NDTV SURVEY

Rahul's popularity grows but Modi remains dominant

NDTV ONLINE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains India's most popular leader and the leading choice for the country's top job, reveals "Public Opinion", a special NDTV survey in partnership with Lokniti-Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS).

The survey sought to assess the public mood as PM Modi completes nine years in power this month and preps for a series of elections including the Lok Sabha polls next year. It was conducted across 19 states between May 10 and 19, just after the Karnataka election in which the ruling BJP lost to the Congress.

Despite the loss in Karnataka, the good news for the BJP is that PM Modi's popularity remains strong and the party's vote share remains steady. Around

43 percent of the respondents say the BJP-led NDA (National Democratic Alliance) should win a third straight term, while 38 percent disagree. Nearly 40 percent say they would vote the BJP if elections were held today. The Congress gets 29 percent of the votes.

The BJP's vote share has increased from 2019 (37%) to 2023 (39%). So has the Congress's - 19% in 2019 to 29% in 2023. As many as 43 percent of the respondents have said if elections are held today, Narendra Modi is their top choice for PM. His nearest rival is Rahul Gandhi - 27 percent of those surveyed favoured him as Prime Minister.



BLOCKING TARIFF RISE

Sri Lanka sacks head of utilities regulator

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's parliament yesterday removed the head of the country's utilities regulator after he blocked a huge electricity tariff increase that was in line with demands from the IMF. The legislature voted 123 to 77 to drop Janaka Ratnayake as the boss of the Public Utilities Commission with immediate effect. Ratnayake had resisted a second tariff increase of up to 275 percent in February on top of a 264 percent hike six months earlier at the height of an economic crisis.

DeSantis set to enter White House race

AFP, Washington

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis was set to launch his 2024 presidential campaign yesterday, signalling 18 months of acrimony ahead as he and Donald Trump lock horns in what is expected to be an attritional contest for the Republican nomination. DeSantis was considered a rising Republican star, but has been caught flat-footed by months of relentless attacks from the former president. The 44-year-old governor will make his announcement in a livestreamed chat with billionaire Twitter owner Elon Musk on the network's audio platform.

'Queen of rock 'n' roll' no more

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the age of 83.

She died peacefully after a long illness in her home in Küsnacht near Zurich, Switzerland, her representative said.

Turner began her career in the 1950s during the early years of rock and roll and evolved into an MTV phenomenon.

In the video for her chart-topping song "What's Love Got to Do with It," in which she called love a "second-hand emotion," Turner epitomised 1980s style as she strutted through New York City streets with her spiky blond hair, wearing a cropped jean jacket, mini skirt, and stiletto heels.

With her taste for musical experimentation and bluntly-worded ballads, Turner gelled perfectly with a 1980s pop landscape in which music fans valued electronically-produced sounds and scorned hippie-era idealism.

Sometimes nicknamed the "Queen

of Rock 'n' Roll," Turner won six of her eight Grammy Awards in the 1980s. The decade saw her land a dozen songs on the Top 40, including "Typical Male," "The Best," "Private Dancer" and "Better Be Good to Me." Her 1988 show in Rio de Janeiro drew 180,000 people, which remains one of the largest concert audiences for any single performer.

By then, Turner had been free from her marriage to guitarist Ike Turner for a decade.

The superstar was forthcoming about the abuse she suffered from her former husband during their marital and musical partnership in the 1960s and 1970s. She described bruised eyes, busted lips, a broken jaw and other injuries that repeatedly sent her to the emergency room.

"Tina's story is not one of victimhood but one of incredible triumph," singer Janet Jackson wrote about Turner, in a Rolling Stone issue that placed Turner at No. 63 on a list

of the top 100 artists of all time.

"She's transformed herself into an international sensation - an elegant powerhouse," Jackson said.

In 1985, Turner gave a fictional turn to her reputation as a survivor. She played the ruthless leader of an outpost in a nuclear wasteland, acting opposite Mel Gibson in the third instalment in the Mad Max franchise, "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome."

Most of Turner's hit songs were written by others, but she enlivened them with a voice that New York Times music critic Jon Pareles called "one of the more peculiar instruments in pop."

She battled a number of health problems after retiring and in 2018 she faced a family tragedy, when her oldest son, Craig, took his life at age 59 in Los Angeles. Her younger son Ronnie died in December 2022.

She is survived by Bach and two sons of Ike's that she adopted.

Doha promises Dhaka

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blessings for Qatar.

He said Qatar is going to take up new projects and the Bangladeshis will stay here.

'POLLS UNDER AL GOVT'

Yesterday, the prime minister made it clear that the next general election will be held under the Awami League government and it will be free and fair.

Hasina was speaking at a session titled "In conversation with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina" of the Qatar Economic Forum at the Raffles Doha hotel in Qatar.

Haslinda Amin, editor at large of Qatar Economic Forum, anchored the session.

The PM's comments came at a time when the opposition BNP and its allies are staging street protests demanding the government step down to pave the way for holding the next general election under a neutral caretaker administration.

The next parliamentary polls is scheduled to be held in December this year or in the first week of January next year.

Responding to a question, Hasina said military dictators jeopardised the entire election process after the assassination of Father of the Nation

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "The election was just a game [then]."

The premier said the AL elected her as the party president back in 1981 in her absence.

"Since then, we started the fight to restore democracy and the people's right to vote. We continued the fight to ensure free and fair polls. And we did it in each election during our rule," she added.

Hasina said she is in power to ensure people's voting right and the people will decide who will run the country.

Replying to another question, the PM said that some political parties have said they will not participate in the next general election.

"How will they participate? Because the country suffered a lot during their rule. The people also suffered. Terrorist activities increased during their tenures in power.... They never bothered about the people. It was very difficult for our people to get a meal every day. The situation was like that."

The PM said the AL ensured everything for the people after it came to power.

EC scraps

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also admitted making the statement.

The commission asked Azizur to come to Dhaka at 3:00pm yesterday to explain why he made such a statement. Azizur attended the hearing.

During the hearing in presence of Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal and the four election commissioners, Azizur apologised for making the statement and also gave an explanation, but it was not accepted, the EC secretary said.

Azizur, also Pubail Thana AL president, is the immediate past councillor of ward-40 of the Gazipur City Corporation.

Int'l Booker Prize

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fiction from around the world that have been translated into English and the £50,000 (\$62,000) prize is split equally between the author and the translator.

The winning novel focuses on a "clinic for the past" that offers experimental Alzheimer's treatment. To trigger patients' memories, it recreates the atmosphere of past decades down to the smallest detail.

But with time healthy people start coming to the clinic, seeking an escape from the horrors of modern life.

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Grade: Officer to SAVP
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- > Ad-hoc responsibilities assigned by the Line Manager.
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- > Efficient management of allotted portfolios, customer feedbacks and complaints.
- > Ensure credit risk, AML compliance and other regulatory policies and requirements.
- > Maintain SLA time with both internal and external customers.
- > Ad-hoc responsibilities assigned by the Line Manager.
- > Ensure service excellence.

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