

POST-COUP MYANMAR

Up to 40 aid workers killed since 2021: UN

AFP, Geneva

UN human rights chief Volker Turk said yesterday up to 40 aid workers have been killed in Myanmar since the military coup that ousted democratically elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021.

In a report to the body's Human Rights Council, Turk condemned "direct attacks" on aid workers, who mainly work for local organisations, amid fighting between the military junta behind the coup and its opponents.

He said the deaths were part of "deliberate and targeted" efforts to obstruct aid and "a calculated denial of fundamental rights and freedoms for large swathes of the population".

The UN has already warned that obstruction or denial of humanitarian assistance may amount to serious violations of international human rights and humanitarian laws.

The junta has killed and injured thousands of civilians while destroying goods and infrastructure necessary for survival, including food, shelter, and medical centres, according to Turk's

report.

An estimated 1.5 million people have been internally displaced and approximately 60,000 civilian structures have reportedly been burnt or destroyed, it says.

More than 17.6 million people, or one third of overall population, require some form of humanitarian assistance.

"Civilians live at the whim of a reckless military authority that relies on systematic control tactics, fear and terror," Turk told the council.

"Credible sources indicate that as of yesterday, 3,747 individuals have died at the hands of the military since they took power, and 23,747 have been arrested," the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights said.

Those figures include only documented cases, meaning the actual toll is probably much higher.

In June, the United States announced sanctions against Myanmar's defence ministry and two "regime-controlled" banks that enable transactions between the military regime and foreign markets, to buy arms and other materials.



PHOTO: REUTERS

Rescuers work at a site of a residential building hit by a Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Lviv yesterday. At least five people were killed and 36 others were injured in the missile strike in a city that is far from frontlines and home to thousands displaced by war.

MANIPUR VIOLENCE

Woman shot dead outside school

NDTV ONLINE

A woman was shot dead outside a school in Manipur's Imphal West district by unidentified assailants, the police said yesterday, amid ongoing ethnic clashes in the state that have been raging for over two months.

The incident sparked panic in the area, where schools reopened a day ago.

The incident came a day after security forces disrupted a confrontation in the Kangpokpi district between two armed groups from the Mapao and Awang Sekmai regions. In light of these incidents, the government has announced a further five-day extension of the suspension of internet services across the state until July 10th.

In a separate incident, the house of an IRB personnel was set ablaze by a mob in the Thoubal district, following his successful efforts in preventing rioters from looting firearms from a police armoury.

Nepal PM's India remark stirs up storm

Opposition demands his resignation

NDTV ONLINE

Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda's stunning remarks that an Indian businessman settled here "once made efforts" to make him the premier has stirred up a storm in the Himalayan Nation with the opposition demanding his resignation.

Prachanda also said that Sardar Pritam Singh, a pioneer trucking entrepreneur in Nepal, played a special and historic role in enhancing Nepal-India relations.

Prachanda made these remarks on Monday while addressing a function to launch the book, 'Roads to the Valley: The Legacy of Sardar Pritam Singh in Nepal' "He (Singh) had once made efforts to make me the prime minister," Prachanda said. "He travelled to Delhi several times and held multiple rounds of talks with political leaders in Kathmandu to make me the prime minister," the Prime Minister said.

Prachanda also said that Singh has played a special and historic role in enhancing Nepal-India relations. The



remarks have stirred up a storm and drawn criticism from several quarters.

The main opposition party Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) (CPN-UML) disrupted the National Assembly meeting on Wednesday, demanding the prime minister's resignation.

Chairman of CPN-UML, KP Sharma Oli talking to media persons on Wednesday said that they want resignation from the Prime Minister, not a clarification.

Demanding the prime minister's resignation, former prime minister Oli said,

"his remarks have given a blow to national independence, dignity, the Constitution and the parliament itself."

The House of Representatives meeting has been postponed until 3:00 pm today, following the disruption by opposition parties - the UML, the Rashtriya Swatantra Party, and the Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP) - over Prachanda's remarks.

The members of the main Opposition Communist CPN-UML and the RPP shouted slogans that "a Prime Minister appointed by New Delhi does not have the right to continue in the post".

Speaking in the lower house, UML lawmaker Raghujee Pant said, "The prime minister should resign on moral grounds. We don't need a prime minister appointed by Delhi." Not only the opposition, but the ruling parties have also expressed their dissatisfaction with Prachanda's statement.

"The prime minister's remarks are worthy of criticism. His remarks are wrong," said Bishwa Prakash Sharma talking to journalists after the House meeting on Wednesday.

RIVALRY WITH US

China unveils new operating system

AFP, Beijing

China has launched its first homegrown open-source operating system for computers, state media said yesterday, as Beijing seeks to reduce its foreign dependence at a time of increased rivalry with the United States.

The announcement of the new system came just before US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen was due to land in Beijing yesterday for meetings with Chinese officials aimed in part at stabilising relations between the world's two leading economies.

The system, called OpenKylin, has been designed as a rival to the ubiquitous Windows and MacOS systems. Previous versions of the software had already been deployed on the computers of some government departments, state media said. OpenKylin users have access to the software's lines of code and can modify them as they wish, unlike Microsoft and Apple, which keep the workings of their Windows and MacOS systems secret.

China has long regarded that opacity as a vulnerability, one that has been reinforced in recent years by geopolitical tensions with the United States.

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সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/নবায়ন বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, কুষ্টিয়া সড়ক বিভাগের আওতাধীন ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরে সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে পূর্ণ কাজ বাস্তবায়নের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত সময়সূচি মোতাবেক ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/তালিকাভুক্তি নবায়ন করা হবে। অগ্রহী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/নবায়ন প্রক্রিয়ায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

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- ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের লাইসেন্স নবায়নের জন্য এ অফিসের হিসাব শাখায় তালিকাভুক্তি নবায়ন কি ও ভাট জমা প্রদান পূর্বক মানি রশিদ সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
- ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য ১০০০/- টাকা মূল্যের তালিকাভুক্তি ফরম এ অফিস হতে সংগ্রহ পূর্বক ফরমে উল্লিখিত সকল শর্তাবলী পূরণ করে দাখিল করতে হবে। তালিকাভুক্তিকরণ কমিটি কর্তৃক যাচাই-বাহাই অর্থে উত্তীর্ণ ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্তি কি গ্রহণ পূর্বক ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে।
- নির্ধারিত তারিখের পরে কোনক্রমে নবায়ন/তালিকাভুক্তি কি গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
- ঠিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি/নবায়নের ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থবছরে নবায়নের ক্ষেত্রে শুধুমাত্র ২০২২-২০২৩ অর্থবছরে হালনাগাদকৃত তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারগণই বিবেচনা কর হবে।
- সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি প্রয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর বিধি ৬৩ অনুসরণযোগ্য এবং তালিকাভুক্তিকরণ সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে দরপত্র আহ্বান/কাজ প্রদানের নিম্নস্বত্ব প্রদান করে না।

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World sees hottest June on record: EU

REUTERS, Brussels

This past June was the hottest June globally on record in terms of sea and air temperatures, according to a statement by the EU-backed Copernicus Climate Change Service.

"The month was the warmest June globally at just over 0.5°C above the 1991-2020 average, exceeding June 2019 - the previous record - by a substantial margin," the Copernicus report said.

The body bases its findings on computer-generated analyses using billions of data from satellites, ships, aircraft and weather stations around the world.

Copernicus said Europe experienced record temperatures during the month while parts of North America, Asia and eastern Australia were significantly warmer than usual for the time of year.

The sea temperature rose to a new record in June due to longer term changes and in part due to El Nino, a natural climate phenomenon that fuels cyclones in the Pacific.

"Exceptionally warm sea surface temperature anomalies were recorded in the north Atlantic... Extreme marine heatwaves were observed around Ireland, the UK and in the Baltic Sea," it said.

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