

Hurricane Milton batters Florida

Four killed; 3m without power

REUTERS, St Petersburg

Hurricane Milton marched across Florida yesterday, whipping up tornadoes, destroying homes and knocking out power to millions before blowing out into the Atlantic.

However, the Tampa Bay area appeared to have escaped without the catastrophic flooding that had been feared.

At least four deaths were reported in St Lucie County on Florida's Atlantic Coast when an unconfirmed tornado flattened a retirement community, local media reported, citing county officials.

More than 3 million homes and businesses in Florida were without power yesterday morning, according to PowerOutage.us. At least some of them had been waiting for days for power to be restored after Hurricane Helene hit the area two weeks ago.



Marie Cook reacts to the damage to her home in the Binks Estates community after a tornado formed by Hurricane Milton touched down, striking homes in The Preserve and Binks Estate, among others, in its path in Wellington, Florida, US yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Myanmar peace efforts 'substantially inadequate'

Say Asean leaders

AFP, Vientiane

Southeast Asian leaders yesterday condemned Myanmar's efforts to implement a plan to end the country's civil war as "substantially inadequate", according to a draft summit statement seen by AFP.

Myanmar's junta agreed on the five-point plan with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) weeks after seizing power in February 2021 but has still pushed ahead with a bloody crackdown on dissent.

Asean has led so far fruitless diplomatic efforts to end the conflict that has killed thousands, forced millions from their homes and driven many to seek a better future abroad.

After discussing the conflict at their annual summit, held this year in Vientiane, the leaders of the bloc demanded the junta take steps to implement the "five-point consensus", saying progress so far had been "substantially inadequate".

Asean leaders urged "all stakeholders and parties in Myanmar... to de-escalate violence and stop targeted attacks on civilians and public facilities", according to the statement.

SOUTHERN LEBANON

Israeli troops fire at 3 UNIFIL positions

Five Lebanese medics killed in another strike; Hezbollah fires 40 rockets at Israel's Galilee

REUTERS, Beirut

Israeli troops opened fire at three positions held by UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon yesterday, said a UN source, adding that one of the locations fired at was UNIFIL's main base at Naqoura.

The UNIFIL force said two of its peacekeepers were injured in one of the incidents. There were no casualties in the other two incidents.

Another Israeli strike killed five emergency workers in southern Lebanon, the health ministry said, as Israel pressed its major offensive against the Iran-backed Hezbollah and warned Lebanese

Israel warns Lebanese people in south not to return home

civilians in the south not to return home.

Lebanon's caretaker Prime Minister, Najib Mikati, said contacts were under way between the United States and France with the aim of reviving a ceasefire, an apparent reference to diplomatic efforts to clinch a truce which Israel rejected last month. There was no immediate comment from Washington or Paris.



US President Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke later on Wednesday about potential Israeli retaliation against Iran, in a call both sides described as positive.

The Lebanese health ministry said the Israeli strike overnight hit a civil defence centre in the village of Derdghaiya, some 10 km from the border, killing five paramedics and rescue workers. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military.

Israeli strikes have killed more than 2,100 people in Lebanon over the last year, the vast majority of

them since September 23, when Israel dramatically scaled up its assault with widespread airstrikes before later sending soldiers in on the ground.

Israel reported the death of a 12th soldier in ground operations in south Lebanon yesterday.

Hezbollah has sustained its rocket attacks on Israel, and the Israeli military said around 40 projectiles were identified crossing from Lebanon into Israel, some of which were intercepted, and several fell in the area of the upper Galilee.

India prepares to build two nuke-powered attack subs

REUTERS, New Delhi

India approved on Wednesday plans to construct two of a new class of nuclear-powered attack submarines, two defence officials said, in a project estimated to cost about 450 billion rupees.

As India scrambles to modernise its military in the face of China's growing presence in Indian Ocean region, it is focusing on boosting naval capabilities, and improving domestic weapons-making capacity.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet gave the go-ahead for the first two submarines of a new class of six Indian Navy plans to make, the officials added, but stopped short of providing delivery dates.

China, the world's largest naval force, with more than 370 ships, has been a security concern for India since ties nosedived in 2020 after 24 troops died in clashes along their Himalayan frontier.

Faster, quieter and capable of longer underwater stays than conventional diesel-powered craft, nuclear-powered attack submarines rank among the most potent naval weapons in the world.



Trump vows to unleash American energy

Rules out 2nd debate with Harris

AFP, Reading

White House hopeful Donald Trump on Wednesday vowed during a pair of speeches in crucial battleground Pennsylvania to unleash American energy and "drill, baby, drill" as he misrepresented America's blockbuster record on fossil fuel production.

And with less than four weeks before the election nail-biter concludes on November 5, Trump shut the door on the prospect of a second debate with his Democratic rival Kamala Harris, saying in a social media post that "there will be no rematch."

He made no mention of his decision at the two rallies, despite his now-familiar attacks against the US vice president as "grossly incompetent" and "ill-equipped" to do the job of commander in chief.

wooing blue-collar voters in Scranton, the former coal mining hub where President Joe Biden grew up, the Republican ex-president assailed Harris on US drilling for oil and accused her of forcing the closure of dozens of power stations.

MAJOR ACADEMIC STUDY Overshooting 1.5C risks 'irreversible' climate impact

AFP, Paris

Any breach of what climate scientists agree is the safer limit on global warming would result in "irreversible consequences" for the planet, said a major academic study published on Wednesday.

Even temporarily exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius before bringing temperatures back down - a scenario known as an "overshoot" - could cause sea level rises and other disastrous repercussions that might last millennia.

This "does away with the notion that overshoot delivers a similar climate outcome" to a future where more was done earlier to curb global warming, said Carl-Friedrich Schleussner, who led the study co-authored by 30 scientists.


The findings, three years in the making, are urgent, as the goal of capping global temperature rises at 1.5C above pre-industrial levels is slipping out of reach.

Emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases must nearly halve by 2030 if the world is to reach 1.5C - the more ambitious target enshrined in the 2015 Paris climate accord. Currently however, they are still rising.

Some kind of overshoot of 1.5C is increasingly being seen as inevitable by scientists and policymakers.

This new study, published in the peer-reviewed journal Nature, cautions against "overconfidence" in such a scenario when the dangers are not fully appreciated.





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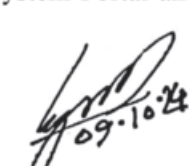
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These are an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.


The fees for downloading the e-Tendering documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 23, October 2024 at 4:00pm.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).



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Call for Research Proposal

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority is calling for research proposals addressing current food safety challenges and related issues in Bangladesh. As per BFSA Research Policy, 2024 research grants will be allocated from the revenue budget for selected projects.

Research Area

The research topic should fall within the domain of food safety, addressing issues within the following areas:

1. Food Microbiology; 2. Food Chemistry; 3. Genetically Modified (GM) or Engineered Food; 4. Food Quality Assurance & Risk Management; 5. Food Toxicology 6. Food Preservation, Packaging & Storage; 7. Labelling & Allergen Analysis; 8. Food Handling & Processing; 9. Prevention & Control of Food Contamination; 10. Statistical Analysis in Food Safety; 11. Food Export & Import; 12. Emerging technologies in food safety; 13. Health Hazards from Food; and 14. Waste management in food industry

*** For more details follow the schedule-1 of BFSA Research Policy, 2024**

Application Procedure

Application on prescribed template along with required documents must be submitted to Additional Director (R&D), BFSA, BSL Office Complex (Bhaban-2), 119, Kazi Nazrul Islam Sarak, Dhaka-1000. Research proposal guidance documents are available on: <https://www.bfsa.gov.bd/Call for Research Proposal 2024-25>. For any query, please email to- sm.shipon@bfsa.gov.bd

Deadline

Application must reach BFSA within November 14, 2024.
BFSA shall retain the right to accept or reject any or all the research proposals or projects.

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