

Carbon cuts 'miles short' of 2030 goal WMO warns

AFP, Paris
Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere reached new record highs in 2023, the UN warned yesterday, with countries falling "miles short" of what is needed to curb devastating global warming.
Levels of the three main greenhouse gases all increased yet again last year, said the World Meteorological Organization, the UN's weather and climate agency.
Carbon dioxide was accumulating in the atmosphere faster than ever, up more than 10 percent in two decades, it added.
And a separate report by UN climate change found that barely a dent is being made in the 43 percent emissions cut needed by 2030 to avert the worst of global warming.



Palestinians gather to buy bread from a bakery, amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip yesterday. The amount of international aid entering Gaza has plummeted to its lowest level all year, according to UN data, while a global hunger monitor has also warned of a looming famine.

PHOTO: REUTERS

UKRAINE WAR N Korean unit deployed to Russia's Kursk region: Nato

REUTERS, Brussels
Nato Secretary General Mark Rutte said yesterday he could confirm that North Korean troops have been sent to Russia and that North Korean military units have been deployed to the Kursk region.
"The deepening military cooperation between Russia and North Korea is a threat to both Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic security," Rutte told reporters after Nato officials received a briefing from a South Korean delegation.
Meanwhile, Russia said it took another village in eastern Ukraine, south of the city of Pokrovsk where its forces have been advancing for months. Moscow's forces, outnumbering and outgunning Ukrainian army, advanced fast towards Pokrovsk since summer.

Iran to 'use all available tools' to respond to attack Tehran warns Israel

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Tehran will "use all available tools" to respond to Israel's weekend attack on military targets in Iran, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said yesterday.
Iran previously played down Israel's air attack on Saturday, saying it caused only limited damage, while US President Joe Biden called for a halt to escalation that has raised fears of an all-out conflagration in the Middle East.
Speaking at a weekly televised news conference, Baghaei said: "(Iran) will use all available tools to deliver a definite and effective response to the Zionist regime (Israel)."
The nature of Iran's response depends on the nature of the Israeli attack, Baghaei added, without elaborating. Earlier in the day, top commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards has warned Israel it would face "bitter consequences" after its attack on Iranian military sites.
Guards chief Hossein Salami, quoted by Tasnim news agency, said Israel had "failed to achieve its ominous goals" with its air raids on Saturday.
Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Sunday that Iranian officials should determine how best to demonstrate Iran's power to Israel, adding that the Israeli attack should "neither be downplayed nor exaggerated".

ISRAEL'S NORTH GAZA ASSAULT 100,000 residents trapped: Palestinians

REUTERS, Cairo
Israeli tanks thrust deeper into two north Gaza towns and a historic refugee camp yesterday, trapping around 100,000 civilians, the Palestinian emergency service said, in what the military said were operations to root out regrouping Hamas militants.
The Israeli military said soldiers captured around 100 suspected Hamas members in a raid into Kamal Adwan hospital in the Jabalia camp. Hamas and medics have denied any militant presence at the hospital.
The Gaza Strip's health ministry said at least 19 people were killed by Israeli airstrikes and bombardment yesterday, 13 of them in the north of the shattered coastal territory.
The Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said around 100,000 people were marooned in Jabalia, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun without medical or food supplies.
The death toll from Israel's retaliatory air and ground onslaught in Gaza has reached 43,020, the Gaza health ministry said in an update yesterday,

with the densely populated enclave widely reduced to rubble.
The emergency service said its operations had ground to a halt because of the three-week-long Israeli assault back into the north, an area where the military said it had wiped out viable Hamas combat forces earlier in the year-long offensive.
As talks led by the US, Egypt and Qatar to broker a ceasefire resumed on Sunday after multiple abortive attempts, Egypt's president proposed an initial two-day truce to exchange four Israeli hostages of Hamas for some Palestinian prisoners, to be followed by talks within 10 days on a permanent ceasefire.
There was no public comment from Israel or Hamas, who have stuck to irreconcilable conditions for ending the war.
Gaza's offensive has kindled wider Middle East conflict, raising fears of global instability, with Israeli forces invading south Lebanon to stop Hezbollah rocketing northern Israel in support of fellow Iran-backed militant group Hamas in Gaza.

US PRESIDENTIAL RACE What's on the minds of voters across the country?

AFP, Phoenix
Voters in the handful of states expected to decide the US election wield outsized power in whether Donald Trump or Kamala Harris becomes the next president.
Here are what some voters in the key battleground states told AFP ahead of the November 5 election:
PESSIMISM IN NEVADA
Leticia Chaparro, a 62-year-old bed and breakfast employee in the town of Dyer, said she sees "lots of division" now and voiced concerns about the future. "I want better life for everybody, because I'm really scared for the kids, for the future."
"The new generations, you know, I feel sorry for them." Stamp dealer Nadia Beekun of Goldfield, who gave her age as "too much," expressed frustration at the choice, but said she hopes people can begin "working together."
"Right now, I don't like any of the candidates that we have been offered."
ABORTION, PRICES IN ARIZONA
At 18, medical student Madeline Tena, who identifies as Latina, will be casting her first vote for Kamala Harris, saying women's rights was a key factor.
"I'm worried about women's rights, and especially women's healthcare. It's like, they're already trying to take away our right for an abortion, what else can they take away? What's next?"
"I'm going to vote for Kamala because based on what I've seen on social media, Kamala looks a lot better than Trump. She's just really well read and looks a lot better than Trump. He looks really childish sometimes."
On the other hand, health sciences student Drew Roby says he will probably vote for Trump, expressing concerns about high prices but reservations over some of the ex-president's radical supporters.
"This is my first election, but I'm not really pumped up," said the 21-year-old African American.
IMMIGRATION IN MICHIGAN
Brenda Adams of Sterling Heights, a 53-year-old hospital worker and part-time bakery employee, will be casting her ballot for Trump after switching from Democrat to Republican four years ago. "A lot of that has to do with border patrol and inflation."
"Things have not changed at all in the last four years. It's gotten worse. So hopefully this year we can make a difference."
'DO WHAT'S RIGHT' IN N CAROLINA
Shelley Hughes, 64, of Swannanoa, a mountain town impacted recently by a major hurricane, said she has some concerns about Trump but would still be voting for him.
"I don't care for a lot of things that he's done in the past, or even his personality sometimes," but "I just feel like he's going to do a better job."



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POLLS DEBACLE Japan PM vows to stay ON

AFP, Tokyo
Japan's Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba yesterday vowed to stay in office despite his gamble of snap elections backfiring, with his party's ruling coalition falling short of a majority for the first time since 2009.
Ishiba called Sunday's election days after taking office on October 1, but voters angry at a slush fund scandal punished his Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

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১০. দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার সর্বশেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	: ১৩ নভেম্বর অক্টোবর ২০২৪, তারিখ বেলা ১.০০ ঘটিকা। প্রশাসন-১, সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় (ভবন-৬, কক্ষ-১০১০, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা) এবং বাংলা একাডেমি, শাহবাগ, ঢাকা।
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১৩. সরবরাহযোগ্য মালামালের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণী	: পেন্সিফিকেশন অনুযায়ী একটি নতুন মাইক্রোবাস (হায়েস) সরবরাহ।
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