

2024 set to be the world's hottest year on record Say EU scientists

REUTERS, Brussels

This year is “virtually certain” to eclipse 2023 as the world's warmest since records began, the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S) said yesterday.

The data was released ahead of next week's UN COP29 climate summit in Azerbaijan, where countries will try to agree a huge increase in funding to tackle climate change.

Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election has dampened expectations for the talks.

C3S of the EU said that from January to October, the average global temperature had been so high that 2024 was sure to be the world's hottest year – unless the temperature anomaly in the rest of the year plunged to near-zero.



Firefighters work at the compound of a vegetable warehouse hit by a Russian drone strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Germany heads for early polls Scholz coalition collapses

AFP, Berlin

Germany's conservative opposition heaped pressure on Chancellor Olaf Scholz's crisis-hit government yesterday to allow for speedy elections by calling a confidence vote next week rather than next year.

Christian Democrats (CDU) chief Friedrich Merz made the demand after Scholz's three-party coalition imploded on Wednesday, just as the world was digesting news that Donald Trump is headed back to the White House.

Merz – whose centre-right alliance with Bavarian sister party CSU is leading in opinion polls – said Scholz's unhappy alliance with the Greens and the Free Democrats had “failed.”

Enter talks to halt ‘destruction’ of Ukraine Russia urges West after Trump becomes US president-elect

AFP, Kyiv

Russia yesterday demanded that Kyiv's allies enter into negotiations with Moscow in order to halt its brutish attacks on Ukrainians, as the capital fended off a large-scale drone barrage overnight.

AFP journalists in Kyiv heard Ukrainian air defence units shooting down the Russian drones throughout the night while air raid sirens echoed out over the city.

The head of Russia's Security Council Sergei Shoigu made the call for negotiations, saying the West faced a choice between entering into talks with Moscow on the war or the continuing “destruction” of Ukraine's population.

“Now, when the situation in the theatre of combat is not in Kyiv's favour, the West is faced with a choice,” Shoigu said at a meeting with defence officials of other

former Soviet states.

“To continue financing (Kyiv) and the destruction of the Ukrainian population or recognise the current realities and start negotiating,” the former defence minister said.

They were among the first comments from a Russian official since Donald Trump, who has boasted he could end the war in a single day, was confirmed to have been elected president of the United States.

And his comments came as Ukrainian officials were taking stock after another night of aerial bombardments across the country and while Moscow claimed the capture of yet another village in

east Ukraine.

Moscow said its forces had wrested control of Kreminna Balka, a village that had a pre-war population of fewer than 50 people in the Donetsk region.

Ukrainian media meanwhile reported that Donetsk region authorities were preparing to announce mandatory evacuations from seven more villages in the region that the Kremlin claimed in 2022 was part of Russia.

Its overnight drone attack on Ukraine damaged buildings in the southern Black Sea city of Odesa where AFP journalists saw residents inspecting destroyed cars and residential buildings as dawn broke.



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Brazil's Amazon posts lowest deforestation in nine years

AFP, Brasilia

The Brazilian Amazon experienced its smallest amount of yearly deforestation in nearly a decade, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's government reported Wednesday, in line with its promise to combat forest loss.

Deforestation fell by 30.6 percent in the year-to-year period beginning in August 2023, according to the National Institute for Space Research (INPE). During that time, 6,288 square kilometers (2,427 square miles) of forest were destroyed, which INPE Director Gilvan Oliveira said was “the lowest result in the last nine years.”

Over the last century, the Amazon rainforest – which covers nearly 40 percent of South America – has lost about 20 percent of its area to deforestation, due to the spread of agriculture and cattle ranching, logging and mining, and urban sprawl.

Scientists warn that continued deforestation will put the Amazon on track to reach a point where it will emit more carbon than it absorbs, accelerating climate change.

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World must better adapt to ‘climate calamity’

Says UN chief Guterres ahead of COP29 summit

AFP, Paris

The world is nowhere near ready for the “calamity” being caused by climate change and must urgently prepare for even worse in the future, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said yesterday.

Global efforts to adapt to climate change – from building defensive sea walls to planting drought-resistant crops – have not kept pace as global warming accelerates the frequency and intensity of disasters.

Floods, fires and other climate shocks have affected nearly every continent in a year the EU climate monitor says is almost certain to be the hottest ever recorded.

The amount of money going to poorer countries for adaptation measures was barely one-tenth of what they needed to disaster-proof their vulnerable economies, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said in a new assessment looking at 2022, the latest year for which data is available.

“Climate calamity is the new reality. And we're not keeping up,” said Guterres at the launch of UNEP's annual Adaptation Gap Report.

Rich nations are under pressure at this month's UN COP29 summit to substantially increase the \$100 billion they pledged for climate action in developing countries, including for adaptation.

Australia to ban children under 16 from social media: PM

AFP, Sydney

Australia's Prime Minister yesterday vowed to ban children under 16 from social media, saying the pervasive influence of platforms like Facebook and TikTok was “doing real harm to our kids”.

The tech giants would be held responsible for enforcing the age limit and face hefty fines if regulators notice young users slipping through the cracks, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said.

Australia is among the vanguard of nations trying to clean up social media, and the proposed age limit would be among the world's strictest measures aimed at children.

“This one is for the mums and dads. Social media is doing real harm to kids and I'm calling time on it,” Albanese told reporters outside parliament.

The new laws would be presented to state and territory leaders this week, before being introduced to parliament in late November.

Once passed, the tech platforms would be given a one-year grace period to figure out how to implement and enforce the ban.

“The onus will be on social media platforms to demonstrate they are taking reasonable steps to prevent access,” Albanese said, explaining what he dubbed a “world-leading” reform.

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