COP29 SUMMIT

Prof Yunus leaves for Azerbaijan today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus will be leaving for Baku, Azerbaijan, today to attend the UN's biggest climate conference, COP29, which is seen as a pivotal opportunity to accelerate action to tackle the ongoing climate crisis.

Global leaders and diplomats from across the world will descend on the

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Demanding arrears, several hundred RMG workers blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Basan area of Gazipur. The workers of five factories under T&Z Group demonstrated for the second consecutive day yesterday to press home their demand, creating huge tailback on the highway. Story on page 5.

PHOTO: MONJURUL HAQUE

BRINGING BACK FUGITIVES

Govt to ask for Interpol's red notice

Says law adviser about trial in cases over killings, genocide during mass uprising

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will request the Interpol to issue red notices to arrest and bring back fugitives allegedly involved in the killings and genocide during the July-August mass uprising, Law Adviser Prof Asif Nazrul said yesterday.

The adviser told reporters after inspecting the status of renovation at the International Crimes Tribunal, which is housed in the old High Court building on the Supreme Court premises.

"Red notices will be issued swiftly through Interpol," he said, adding that fugitive fascist elements, regardless of where they may be in the world, will be held and brought to justice.

"We will work with sincerity and prioritise bringing them back from wherever they are hiding."

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Trump wins all 7 swing states

Biden, Trump to meet at White House Wednesday

AFP, *Washington*

Donald Trump won the state of Arizona in this week's US presidential election, US TV networks projected, completing the Republican's sweep of all seven swing states.

After four days of counting in the southwest state with a large Hispanic population, CNN and NBC projected Trump added 11 electoral votes that the state offers to his electoral vote tally as he defeated Vice President Kamala Harris.

Outgoing President Joe Biden scored a narrow but crucial victory in Arizona in 2020.

The latest good news for Trump came as the White House said Biden would meet with the president-elect at the White House on Wednesday.

The scale and strength of Trump's comeback, which also saw the real estate tycoon win the popular vote by a margin of around four million votes, has sent shockwaves through the defeated Democratic Party.

The Republicans have already regained control of the Senate and look well set to retain a majority in the House of Representatives thanks to support from white working class voters and a large share of Hispanics.

CNN has called Republican victories for 213 seats in the House, with 218 needed for a majority in the lower chamber.

The networks' figures show Democrats on 205 seats, although senior party figures are still hoping they can pull off a slim victory that would significantly curtail Trump's powers.

NBC sees the Republicans with 212 seats so far, and 204 for the Democrats.

The other six swing states won by Trump in the presidential race are Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan,

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30 killed in Israeli strikes on Jabalia

At least 13 children among the dead; many remain under rubble

AFP, *Palestinian Territories*

Gaza's civil defence agency yesterday said 30 people, including 13 children, were killed in Israeli strikes on two houses in the north of the Palestinian territory.

The first strike early yesterday hit a house in Jabalia, northern Gaza, killing "at least 25" people, including 13 children, and injuring more than 30, civil defence said.

Since October 6, the Israeli military has been engaged in a withering air and ground assault on areas of northern Gaza, including Jabalia, saying they are seeking to stop Hamas from regrouping there.

Another strike on the Sabra neighbourhood of Gaza City killed five people, with others still missing in the aftermath, civil defence said. "A number of civilians are still under the rubble," the agency added.

Contacted by AFP, the Israeli military said it was "looking into the reports" of the strikes.

Israel's offensive has killed 43,603 people in Gaza, most of them civilians, according to figures from the Hamas-run territory's health ministry that the United Nations considers reliable.

The United Nations human rights (OHCHR) office on Friday condemned the number of civilians killed in Israel's offensive in Gaza, with women and children comprising nearly 70 percent of the thousands of fatalities it had managed to verify.

- Qatar suspends Gaza mediation role
- Concerns grow over famine fears in the Palestinian territory
- Death toll in Gaza rises to 43,603

Meanwhile, Qatar has suspended its role as a key mediator for a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal until Hamas and Israel show "seriousness" in talks, the foreign ministry said.

Israel's main military backer the United States had on October 15 warned that it could withhold some of its billions of dollars in military assistance unless it improves aid delivery to the Gaza Strip within 30 days.

With that deadline fast approaching, there has been little sign of improving conditions, with a UN-backed assessment on Saturday warning famine is imminent in northern Gaza.

Aid shipments allowed to enter the Gaza Strip were now lower than at any time since October 2023, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report.

Toss vital as Tigers aim to clinch series

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Najmul Hossain Shanto and Hashmatullah Shahidi – captains of Bangladesh and Afghanistan teams – will be looking to the heavens to win the toss before the first ball is bowled in the series-decider of the three-match ODI series between the sides at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium today.

The match will get underway at 4:00 pm and will be telecast live on T Sports and Nagorik TV.

The first two matches saw the chasing teams fall considerably short of their targets as the wicket got slower, making run-scoring and keeping up with climbing run-rates difficult. As things stand, both sides would be looking to win the toss and bat first with the primary aim of posting a total of around 250 as Afghanistan's 235 and Bangladesh's 252 proved to be more than enough in the first two matches, respectively.

Bangladesh imploded in

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New image of Dark Wolf Nebula unveiled

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Astronomers have unveiled an image of a giant cloud of space gas and dust that creates the illusion of a wolf-like silhouette against a colourful cosmic backdrop.

Nicknamed the Dark Wolf Nebula, the cloud is in the Scorpius constellation near the middle of the Milky Way, around 5,300 light-years from Earth.

This image takes up an area in the sky equivalent to four full moons, but is actually part of an even larger nebula called Gum 55.

Some people viewing the image might even think it looks like a werewolf, with hands reaching out.

Dark nebulae are cold clouds of cosmic dust, so dense that they obscure the light of stars and other objects behind them.

Dust grains within them absorb visible light and only let through radiation at longer wavelengths, such as infrared light.

These clouds of frozen dust are of interest to astronomers because they often contain new stars in the making.

The new image, captured in a 283-million-pixel image by the VLT Survey Telescope (VST) at the European Southern Observatory's (ESO) Paranal Observatory in Chile, shows in detail how the dark wolf stands out against the glowing star-forming clouds behind it.

The colourful clouds are built up mostly of hydrogen gas and glow in red tone because of the intense UV radiation from the newborn stars within them.