

1.5C warming goal at risk of ‘collapsing’

Says UN chief ahead of UNGA meet

AFP, United Nations

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told AFP Friday that efforts to cap climate warming at 1.5 Celsius above pre-industrial level are failing, as the UN prepared to host a climate week event alongside its annual diplomatic gathering.

The climate goals for 2035 of the countries that signed the Paris Agreement, also known as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), were initially expected several months ago.

However, uncertainties related to geopolitical tensions and trade rivalries have slowed the process. “We are on the verge of this objective collapsing,” he told AFP.

“We absolutely need countries to come... with climate action plans that are fully aligned with 1.5 degrees (Celsius), that cover the whole of their economies and the whole of their greenhouse gas emissions,” he said.

“It is essential that we have a drastic reduction of emissions in the next few years if you want to keep the 1.5 degrees Celsius limit alive.”

Less than two months before the COP30



meeting in Brazil, dozens of countries have been slow to announce their plans – particularly China and the European Union, powers considered pivotal for the future of climate diplomacy.

Efforts to combat the impact of man-made global warming have taken a back seat to myriad crises in recent years that have included the coronavirus pandemic and several wars, with Guterres seeking to reignite focus on the issue. The UN hopes that the climate summit co-chaired on Wednesday by Guterres will be an opportunity to breathe life into efforts ahead of COP30.

Containing global warming to 1.5 Celsius compared to the pre-industrial era is the most ambitious goal of the 2015 Paris Agreement. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) predicts a 50:50 chance that the climate will have warmed by an average of 1.5C by 2030-2035.

Scientists emphasise the importance of containing global warming as each fraction of a degree increase further increases risks such as heat waves or destruction of marine life.



This photograph shows shoes laid out on Place Kleber symbolising Palestinians killed during Israel's offensive on the Gaza Strip, in Strasbourg, eastern France, yesterday, as part of a symbolic action named “Operation Shoes – Lives, not just numbers!” by rights activists.

PHOTO: AFP

“What we are witnessing in Gaza is horrendous. It is the worst level of death and destruction that I've seen in my time as secretary-general, probably my life, and the suffering of the Palestinian people cannot be described – famine, total lack of effective healthcare, people living without adequate shelters in huge concentration areas.”

Antonia Guterres
UN chief

Israel boycott calls spread as celebs, artists speak out

AFP, Paris

From the music, film to publishing industries, growing numbers of Western artists are calling for a cultural boycott of Israel over the Gaza war, hoping to emulate the success of the apartheid-era blockade of South Africa.

With most Western governments resistant to major economic sanctions, musicians, celebrities and writers are hoping to build public pressure for more action.

“There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that, globally, we're at a tipping point,” British actor Khalid Abdalla (“The Kite Runner”, “The Crown”) told AFP after signing a petition calling for a boycott of some Israeli cinema bodies.

The open letter from Film Workers for Palestine has gathered thousands of signatories, including Emma Stone and Joaquin Phoenix, who have pledged to cut ties with any Israeli institutions “implicated in genocide”.

At this week's Emmy Awards, winner after winner, from Javier Bardem to “Hacks” actor Hannah

Einbinder, spoke about Gaza, echoing similar statements at the Venice Film Festival earlier this month.

On Thursday, British trip-hop pioneers Massive Attack announced they were joining a



music collective called “No Music for Genocide” that will see artists try to block the streaming of their songs in Israel.

Elsewhere, Israel faces being boycotted at the Eurovision song contest, authors have signed open letters, while Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez is leading a push to exclude the country from sports events.

Israeli conductor Ilan Volkov announced last week at a concert in Britain that he would no longer

perform in his home country.

“I think we are seeing a situation which is comparable to the boycott movement against apartheid South Africa,” Hakan Thorn, a Swedish academic at the University of Gothenburg who wrote a book on the South Africa boycott movement.

“There was definitely a shift in the spring of this year when the world saw the images of the famine in Gaza,” added the sociologist.

The international boycott of South Africa's white supremacist government began in earnest in the early 1960s after a massacre of black protesters by police in the Sharpeville township.

It culminated with artists and sports teams refusing to play there, with boycott busters such as Queen or Frank Sinatra facing widespread public criticism.

“The history of the Holocaust and criticism of the pro-Palestinian movement for being antisemitic has been a serious obstacle to a broader mobilisation against what Israel is doing right now,” explained Thorn.

Trump's \$15b lawsuit against NYT scrapped

AFP, Miami

A federal judge has tossed out US President Donald Trump's \$15 billion defamation lawsuit against The New York Times.

District Judge Steven Merryday said Trump's complaint, as submitted, was “improper and impermissible” and he gave his lawyers 28 days to refile it “in a professional and dignified manner.”

In a statement on X, a Times spokesperson said the newspaper welcomes “the judge's quick ruling.”

Trump filed the lawsuit against the Times on Monday, adding to his growing list of legal attacks on news organizations he accuses of bias against him.

Cyberattack hits Europe's airports

AFP, London

Major European airports, including Brussels, Berlin and London's Heathrow, were hit by a cyberattack yesterday on check-in systems that caused cancellations and long delays for many passengers.

At least three busy European air hubs warned of flight delays and cancellations.

At least 10 flights were cancelled out of Brussels Airport and another 17 delayed by over an hour after the system was hit by a “cyberattack” late Friday, the airport said.

According to the BBC, aviation watchdog Eurocontrol said airlines had been asked to cancel half their flights to and from Brussels between 0400 GMT on Saturday and 0200 GMT on Sunday because of the attack.

London's Heathrow Airport – the busiest in Europe – said its check-in and boarding systems were hit by a “technical issue” that “may cause delays for departing passengers”.

The Berlin Airport website read that “due to a technical issue at a system provider operating across Europe, there are longer waiting times at check-in.”

Cyberattacks and tech outages have disrupted airports around the world in recent years, from Japan to Germany, as air travel increasingly relies on online, interconnected systems. The aviation sector saw a 600 percent increase in cyberattacks from 2024 to 2025, according to a report.



Zelensky to meet Trump next week as war rages on

AFP, Kyiv

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said he would meet US counterpart Donald Trump on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly next week as Russia intensified strikes across his country.

Russia carried out one of its largest aerial attacks overnight, firing 40 missiles and some 580 drones at Ukraine in a barrage that killed at least three people and wounded dozens, Zelensky said yesterday.

A Ukrainian strike, meanwhile, killed four people in Russia's southwestern Samara region, local governor said, in one of the deadliest Ukrainian retaliatory strikes on Russia since Moscow launched its invasion in 2022.

Zelensky said he would hold “a meeting with the President of the United States”, adding he would discuss security guarantees for Ukraine and sanctions on Russia during the talks with Trump.

Ukraine has insisted on Western-backed security guarantees to prevent future Russian attacks. Russian

President Vladimir Putin has however warned that any Western troops in Ukraine would be unacceptable and legitimate targets.

A US-led push for a quick end to the war has stalled and Russia effectively ruled out a meeting between Putin and Zelensky – something that Kyiv says is the only way towards peace.

“We expect sanctions if there is no meeting between the leaders or, for example, no ceasefire,” Zelensky said in comments released by the Ukrainian presidency yesterday.

The strikes came a day after three Russian fighter jets violated the airspace of Estonia – a Nato member on the alliance's eastern flank – an allegation Moscow denied. But it triggered fears in the West of a dangerous new provocation from Moscow after Poland last week complained that around 20 Russian drones overflew its territory.

The Russian defence ministry yesterday said its air defence alert systems “intercepted and destroyed” 149 Ukrainian drones overnight, including 27 over the Saratov region and 15 over the Samara region.

Russia slams UN vote to reimpose Iran sanctions

AFP, Moscow

Russia yesterday slammed the UN Security Council vote to reimpose economic sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme and warned of a risk of an “escalation of tensions”.

“The Russian side has repeatedly pointed out the provocative and illegal nature of the actions of the European countries participating in the JCPOA,” the Russian foreign ministry said in a statement.

Britain, France and Germany were among the parties to a 2015 deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) that gave Iran relief from UN sanctions in return for UN-monitored restrictions on its nuclear activities.

The countries say Iran has reneged on its commitments under the deal which has been effectively moribund since US pulled out in 2018 during Trump's first term.

The Security Council voted Friday to reimpose the UN sanctions on Iran.

“These actions have nothing to do with diplomacy and lead exclusively to a further escalation of tensions surrounding the Iranian nuclear program,” the Russian ministry said.

In August, Moscow warned that the reimposition of sanctions against Iran risked “irreparable consequences”.

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