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POST-UPRISING ELECTION Nepal govt registers 125 political parties

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's Election Commission said yesterday that 125 political parties had registered to contest the first parliamentary polls since a mass uprising in September ousted the government.

Many are established parties, but some of the movements vying for seats in the March 2026 vote were formed by youth activists who helped launch the anti-corruption protests that shook the country earlier this year.

"We are working with a belief that all political parties and citizens are eager to bring a new leadership to the country through the election," commission spokesman Narayan Prasad Bhattarai told AFP. Registration remains open for another two weeks. The final list, including the exact number of new parties and those associated with youth groups, will be released after the November 18 deadline.

The September protests, triggered by a brief ban on social media, quickly morphed into a nationwide movement against government corruption.



Police stand in front of migrants as authorities clear a camp beneath the overhead railway at Stalingrad metro station in Paris, France early yesterday.

Modi readies bellwether polls in poorest state

AFP, Patna

India's poorest state Bihar goes to the polls today, and for many of its 130 million people, one issue overshadows all others: money.

That's what Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) hopes to capitalise on, wooing voters with economic incentives in a bid to win full control.

A win here, strategists say, could "energise" the BJP's prospects in other key states heading into next year's elections.

Hindu-majority Bihar, the country's third most populous state -- roughly equal to Mexico -- is a bellwether battleground.

It remains the only state in the Hindi speaking north where Modi's Hindu nationalist party has never ruled alone. For housewife Rajkumari Devi, feeding her three children depends on the daily wage her husband earns as a labourer in the Muzaffarpur district.

He takes home about 400 to 500 rupees on the days he does find work. "There is no stability," said the 28-year-old, outside her modest one-room home overlooking agricultural land.

EU strikes last-ditch deal on climate targets as COP30 looms

REUTERS, Brussels

EU climate ministers agreed a 2040 climate change target in the early hours of yesterday after watering down the goal in last-minute negotiations, as they raced to clinch the deal before the UN COP30 summit in Brazil.

After negotiating late into Tuesday night, climate ministers from European Union countries approved in a public vote a compromise to cut emissions 90 percent by 2040, from 1990 levels, but with flexibilities to weaken this aim.



The weakened target would let countries buy foreign carbon credits to cover up to 5 percent of the 90 percent emissions-cutting goal. That would effectively weaken to 85 percent the emissions cuts required from European industries, and pay foreign countries to cut emissions on Europe's behalf to make up the rest.

The EU also agreed to consider the option, in future, to use international carbon credits to meet a further 5 percent of the 2040 emissions reductions -- potentially shaving another 5 percent off the domestic target.

Additionally, countries agreed a 2035 target to cut emissions in a range of 66.25-72.5 percent. The UN asked all governments to submit 2035 climate plans before the COP30 climate summit opens today. "Setting a climate target is not just picking a number, it is a political decision with far-reaching consequences for the continent," said Danish climate minister Lars Aagaard.

Attack on key city in Sudan's Kordofan kills 40

Says UN; US working with other countries to end war

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An attack on a funeral in the key city of El-Obeid in Sudan's central Kordofan region killed 40 people, the UN said yesterday, as paramilitaries looked poised to launch an offensive.

The United Nations' humanitarian office did not specify when the attack took place or who was behind it, but said that the situation in the Kordofan region was continuing to worsen.

The war in Sudan, which has killed tens of thousands of people and displaced millions more, has spread to new areas in recent days, sparking fears of an even greater humanitarian catastrophe.

The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), at war with the military since 2023, was preparing to

launch an assault in Kordofan after capturing El-Fasher, the last army stronghold in the vast western Darfur region, reports AFP.

"Local sources report that at least 40 civilians were killed and dozens injured yesterday in an attack on a funeral gathering in El Obeid, the capital of North Kordofan State," the UN's OCHA agency said.

"Once again, OCHA calls for an immediate cessation of hostilities and for all parties to protect civilians and respect international humanitarian law."

The US is working with other nations to end the conflict in Sudan, the White House said on Tuesday.

The Rapid Support Forces' capture of Al-Fasher marked a milestone in the African country's civil war, giving the paramilitary group de facto control of more than a quarter of the territory, reports Reuters.

BNP nominee for Ctg-8 shot, one killed

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Ershad Ullah and his supporters were distributing leaflets in Khandaker Para of the Bayezid Bostami area when seven to eight armed assailants arrived in a microbus, opened fire, and fled.

After visiting the injured at the hospital, CMP Commissioner Hasib Aziz told the media that Sarwar, not BNP candidate Ershad Ullah, was the target of the attack. "Sarwar had a criminal history. The assailants wanted him dead," the commissioner said.

Mohammad Alamgir, brother of the deceased, said, "Sarwar had been receiving death threats from his rivals."

The Chief Adviser's Press Wing, in a statement, strongly condemned the attack. "An immediate investigation by the Chittagong Metropolitan Police indicates that Ershad Ullah was not the target of the attack but was hit by a stray bullet. The government wishes him a speedy recovery. A full probe has been ordered," the statement said.



Ershad Ullah



Sarwar Babla

companions were killed in that attack. He was reportedly the intended target.

Over the years, several cases have been filed against Sarwar at different police stations. He had been in and out of jail multiple times on charges of possessing firearms, including an AK-47. According to locals, Sarwar was an associate of Sajjad Hossain Khan, one of the accused in the murder of eight Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders (from a now-banned organisation) in Chattogram city.

Later, Sarwar formed his own group.

In large parts of the Bayezid and Chandaon areas, there have been recurring reports of disputes and clashes between the followers of Chhoto Sajjad, a close confidant of Sajjad Hossain Khan, and Sarwar over various criminal activities, including extortion. Locals claimed that Chhoto Sajjad's gang was behind the March attack on Sarwar.

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