Nations grapple with loss of 1.5C target at COP31

AFP, *Antalya*

For a decade, the 1.5C goal has served as the north star of climate action, a line nations pledged to hold to avoid the worst ravages of a warming planet.

But at this year's global climate conference -- the first since the United Nations said the 1.5C threshold would be missed -- nations appear unsure how to take the news.

The world has already warmed about 1.4C above pre-industrial times and the UN declared in September that crossing 1.5C -- the most ambitious target threshold of the Paris accord -- was imminent and unavoidable.

Yet in Turkey, where the COP31 negotiations are at the midway point, some nations are clinging to the goal, particularly those on the frontlines of the climate crisis.

Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr, whose Pacific island nation is threatened by rising seas, said 1.5C was not "an abstract target".

"It is an existential threat to our food, our economies and sovereignty," he told world leaders in Antalya. Some countries want a final deal at COP31 to affirm that 1.5C remains the "right goal", according to a summary of negotiating positions released by Australia, which is chairing the talks.

There's also a push for language about returning to 1.5C "as soon as possible" and that global temperatures are "still able" to be lowered once exceeding the threshold.



A police officer stands at the site of a building damaged in a Russian drone strike in Chornomorsk, Odesa region, Ukraine, yesterday. Another strike hit an energy facility operated by Ukrainian energy company DTEK. About 41,000 families across Odesa Oblast were temporarily left without power as utility workers worked to restore electricity. PHOTO: **REUTERS**

Eisenkot says Netanyahu knows he lost

Denounces unity talk as a 'trick'

AFP, *Jerusalem*

Israeli prime ministerial hopeful Gadi Eisenkot on Saturday said caretaker premier Benjamin Netanyahu "knows he lost the election", accusing him of playing "tricks" by appealing for a unity government.

"Netanyahu is calling for negotiations while they are already underway; he claims to want unity but... sows division and stokes tensions as if there were no tomorrow," the former army chief said, adding that "these tricks don't work on me".

The latest exchange comes as Eisenkot is in the midst of negotiations to form a government. Netanyahu warned against Eisenkot's plan to form a minority government, presented as an "emergency government".

Asean reaffirms Myanmar engagement

Seeks to advance five-point peace plan

REUTERS, *Manila*

Southeast Asian leaders reaffirmed the need to keep engaging with Myanmar while sticking with a plan calling for an immediate end to violence in the war-torn country, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr said yesterday.

Chairing the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in Manila, Marcos said the 11-member bloc agreed to pursue "constructive and principled engagement" while adhering to its five-point peace plan, Asean's framework for responding to the crisis in Myanmar since a 2021 coup.

The summit is under pressure to ease a five-year ban on Myanmar's military-backed leaders attending high-level meetings, after Thailand and several other members stepped up engagement despite Myanmar's civil war.

UKRAINE PEACE PROPOSAL

US floats Donbas-for-Nato membership deal

Says Zelensky; Ukraine strikes major Russian industrial city

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US negotiators have floated the idea of Ukraine's potential withdrawal from its eastern region of Donbas in exchange for joining Nato, President Volodymyr Zelensky said, following the latest round of peace talks with Russia in Abu Dhabi.

This is the first time the question of linking Nato membership to territorial concessions has been raised during the talks, Zelensky said in remarks to reporters released by his office later on Saturday.

"The Americans raised a question: 'What if Ukraine joins Nato? Would Ukraine withdraw from Donbas?" he said. "That is why I believe Nato is back on the agenda. But you have also heard (Russian President Vladimir) Putin's signals, and this is an extremely difficult conversation."

Putin has long said Ukrainian membership of Nato is a red line for Moscow, citing the issue as one reason for launching Russia's full-blown invasion in 2022, reports Reuters.

Zelensky reiterated his position that Kyiv was not ready to concede territory but said that if it received a comprehensive package including security guarantees, the right to a strong and well-funded Ukrainian army and funds to rebuild, he would put the question to a national referendum.

Putin considers Ukraine's Nato membership a red line, citing it among reasons for launching Russia's 2022 invasion

Meanwhile, Ukrainian airstrikes hit the central Russian city of Nizhnekamsk yesterday, local authorities said, with media reporting a fire in one of the country's biggest petrochemical plants, reports AFP.

"Early this morning, Nizhnekamsk was the target of a massive and prolonged attack by enemy drones. As a result of this attack, facilities in the industrial zone were damaged," the city's mayor, Radmir Belyaev, wrote on Telegram.

A residential building was also damaged, he added.

Zelensky on Friday dismissed Russia's call for a broad agreement on European security architecture to be reached before the specifics are agreed on how to end the war in Ukraine.

"We cannot turn everything upside down and start by talking about changing the security framework in the world or across the continent overall, and only then talk about ending this war. This war must be ended first," he said.

US President Donald Trump's envoy and son-in-law Jared Kushner said on Saturday that the two sides had set out "maximalist positions" in the talks this week, but in private discussions both "understand that practical compromises will be necessary to end this war."

IN BRIEF

ISRAELI STRIKE

Hamas says senior armed commander killed

REUTERS

Hamas' armed wing said yesterday that a senior commander who helped plan and oversee the October 7, 2023, attack had been killed in an Israeli airstrike.

The Al-Qassam Brigades identified the commander as Samir Abu Younis, 53, the commander of its Rafah brigade, and said he was killed on Saturday.

The Israeli military said yesterday it had struck a senior commander in Hamas' armed wing but did not identify him.

Medics said Abu Younis was killed and others were wounded in an airstrike that targeted him in a street in the Mawasi area of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip.

Hamas said Abu Younis joined Hamas' armed wing in 1991 and had held several senior operational roles in Rafah before becoming commander of the brigade.



SpaceX makes first spaceship catch

AFP, *United States*

Elon Musk's SpaceX on Saturday pulled off the first-ever "catch" of a spaceship, a technical feat that shows the feasibility of fully reusable rockets and brings affordable spaceflight one step closer to reality.

The Starship emerged from a cloudy sky after surviving the extreme heat of re-entering Earth's atmosphere, then descended slowly over Starbase before slipping smoothly between mechanical "chopstick arms" above Launch Pad 2.

The success marked a milestone in the space industry's decades-long pursuit of fully reusable rocket systems that can reduce mission costs.



Protesters scuffle with police officers during a demonstration against US President Donald Trump's upcoming visit and participation in the 49th Asean Summit in Manila, Philippines, yesterday. PHOTO: **AFP**

MIDTERM REBUKE OF REPUBLICANS

Battle for young male voters intensifies in US

REUTERS

Barely a week after the midterm elections, Democrats are debating how to turn newfound support among young men into a lasting coalition, while Republicans are trying to understand why the group abandoned them so decisively.

An estimated 59 percent of men ages 18 to 29 voted for Democratic US House of Representatives candidates, compared with 37 percent for Republicans, according to Tufts University's Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement. That marked a sharp reversal from 2024, when AP VoteCast found young men backing President Donald Trump over Democratic nominee Kamala Harris by 14 points, 56 percent to 42 percent.

That rapid shift has made young men one of the most influential and unpredictable voting blocs in American politics, with both parties viewing them as critical to winning the White House in 2028.

Democratic Party operatives are wasting no time looking for ways to sustain their gains. At a conference on the party's future in Denver last week, one session examined strategy for winning over younger voters, under the title: "What we are still getting wrong about Gen Z."

Republicans have yet to conduct a formal postmortem, but party strategists and activists are already calling for an end to the unpopular war in Iran and measures to bring down the cost of living, according to interviews with five party officials and strategists.

"No party owns them," said John Della Volpe, director of polling at Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics, arguing Democrats could keep some, if not all, of their gains if they deliver tangible policy results. "It will clearly swing."

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(৩)	উচ্চমান সহকারী গ্রেড-১৪	০৫ (পাঁচ) টি
(৪)	সাঁট-মুদ্রাক্ষরিক কাম-কম্পিউটার অপারেটর গ্রেড-১৪	১৫ (পনেরো) টি
(৫)	অফিস সহকারী কাম-কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক গ্রেড-১৬	০৯ (নয়) টি
(৬)	অফিস সহায়ক গ্রেড-২০	১১ (এগারো) টি

২. পূর্ণাঙ্গ বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি কর অঞ্চল-১৪, ঢাকা এর ওয়েবসাইট https://taxeszone14.dhaka.gov.bd এবং https://tax14.teletalk.com.bd অথবা QR Code স্ক্যান এর মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশের একমাত্র রাষ্ট্রীয় মোবাইল অপারেটর টেলিটকের জব পোর্টাল https://alljobs.teletalk.com.bd ওয়েবসাইটে সরাসরি প্রবেশ করেও বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি পাওয়া যাবে। নিয়োগ পরীক্ষার, তারিখ, সময় ও অন্যান্য তথ্য https://taxeszone14.dhaka.gov.bd ওয়েবসাইট হতে জানা যাবে।

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