

Climate finance goal needs to be \$1.3 tn, India tells COP29

Baku: Making an intervention during a discussion on the latest draft texts at COP29, India on Thursday made it clear that the goal for mobilisation of climate finance “needs to be \$1.3 trillion with \$600 billion of this coming through grants and grants equivalent resources”. It said the country cannot accept any attempts to deflect the focus from finance.

Articulating India’s stand, environment secretary Leena Nandan said, “New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) is the financial support from developed to developing countries on grant and concessional

terms for meeting our ambitious nationally determined contributions (NDCs)...Action will get severely impacted in absence of adequate means of implementation. The document needs to be specific on the structure, quantum, quality, time-frame, access, transparency, and review.”

“NCQG is not an investment goal...We must accept climate actions by developing countries will have to be country driven, in line with their circumstances and best suited to country priorities,” Nandan said. She also underlined COP29 started with fo-

cus on enablement through NCQG, but its focus is now shifting to mitigation.

“We cannot accept any attempts to deflect the focus again from finance to repeated emphasis on mitigation. All countries have submitted their NDCs (climate action targets) and will be submitting the next round of NDCs being informed by the various decisions we have taken together in the past as well as on the basis of our national circumstances and in the context of sustainable development goals and poverty eradication,” she said.

PM in Guyana House: India has refrained from expansionism

Says 'It's Not The Time For Conflict But To Identify Causes Behind It'

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New Delhi: India has never moved forward with selfishness or with a spirit of expansionism and has always refrained from grabbing resources, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing Guyana's Parliament. Modi on Thursday became the first Indian PM to address the Guyana Parliament.

"We have always stayed away from the feeling of occupying resources and grabbing resources. I believe, be it space or sea, these should not be subjects of universal conflict but of universal cooperation," Modi said. His visit to the South American country is also the first by any Indian PM in 56 years.

Modi said this is not the time for conflict for the world, but the time to identify the conditions causing conflict and removing them. "Today, there are many such challenges like terrorism, drugs, cyber crime, and only by facing them we will be able to improve the future of our future



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generations. And, this is possible only when we give centre-stage to Democracy First-Humanity First," said Modi, adding that this was the time for Global South awakening and for developing countries to stay united.

"This is an opportunity for us to work together and create a new global order," said Modi, adding India has always worked on the basis of trust, transparency, and principles.

The PM also said India stood for global development

and peace. "With this spirit, today India has also become the voice of the Global South. India is of the view that the Global South has suffered a lot in the past. We progressed in the past by preserving nature as per our nature and values. But many countries developed while harming the environment," said Modi.

"Today, the countries of the Global South are paying the biggest price for climate change. It is very important to remove the world from this imbalance," he added.

Guyana, Dominica top honours for PM

Guyana and Dominica have conferred their top awards on PM Modi for his contribution during the pandemic and efforts in strengthening ties with the Caribbean nations. Modi was conferred 'The Order of Excellence' by Guyanese President Irfaan Ali. He was also conferred the 'Dominica Award of Honour' by President Sylvanie Burton of Dominica. TNN

Modi also called for giving primacy to women-led development to bring greater global progress and prosperity. "He urged for greater exchanges between the two countries in the field of education and innovation so that the potential of the youth could be fully realized. Conveying India's steadfast support to the Caribbean region, he thanked (Guyana) President Irfaan Ali for hosting the 2nd India-CARICOM Summit," said the Indian govt in a statement.

ICC issues arrest warrants for Bibi, Gallant & Hamas member

Israel Calls Move Anti-Semitic; Defiant PM Says He Won't Be Deterred

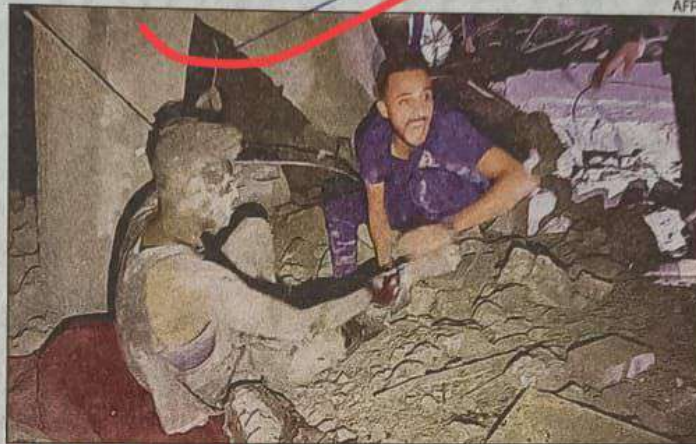
The Hague: The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants on Thursday for Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and his former defence chief Yoav Gallant, as well as Hamas military chief Mohammed Deif for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza conflict.

In their decision, the judges said there were reasonable grounds to believe Netanyahu and Gallant were criminally responsible for acts including murder, persecution and starvation as a weapon of war as part of a "widespread and systematic attack against the civilian population of Gaza". The action came as the death toll from Israel's campaign in Gaza passed 44,000 people, according to local health authorities.

The decision was met with outrage in Israel, while Hamas welcomed the warrants.

The warrant for Deif, also known as Ibrahim Al-Masri, lists charges of mass killings during the Oct 7, 2023, attacks on Israel, and also charges of rape and the taking of hostages. Israel has said it killed Deif in an airstrike in July but Hamas has neither confirmed nor denied this. The prosecution said it would gather information on his reported death.

Israel has rejected the jurisdiction of the Hague-based court and denies war crimes in Gaza. Israel is not a member of the court, so Netanyahu and Gallant, whom the PM recently fired, will not face any risk of arrest at home. But the warrants mean they could be ar-



NO END TO NIGHTMARE: A man pulls a survivor from the rubble of a building following an Israeli strike in the northern Gaza Strip on Thursday

US rejects bids to block arms sales to Israel

The US Senate on Wednesday voted overwhelmingly to block three resolutions that would have halted the transfer of some US weapons to Israel, introduced by progressives concerned about the human rights catastrophe faced by Palestinians in Gaza. All of the votes in favour came from the Democratic caucus, while "no" votes came from both Democrats and Republicans, underscoring the divide within President Biden's Democratic party over policy toward Israel. The "resolutions of disapproval" were filed by Senator Bernie Sanders, a progressive independent who caucuses with Democrats, and co-sponsored by a handful of war-critic Democrats. REUTERS

rested if they travel to one of the court's 124 member nations. That includes most Europe-

Dozens feared dead in Gaza after Israel strikes

Dozens of people were killed or unaccounted for after Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip, a hospital director and the civil defence agency said Thursday. One strike near the Kamal Adwan hospital in the north of the territory left "dozens of people" dead or missing, the facility's director Hossam Abu Safiya said. The process of retrieving the bodies and wounded continues, he said, adding: "Bodies arrive at the hospital in pieces." Another strike was reported in a neighbourhood of Gaza City. "We can confirm that 22 martyrs were transferred (to hospital) after a strike targeted a house in the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood," civil defence spokesman Mahmud Bassal said. AFP

an countries, though not the US. Member countries are required to detain suspects fa-

cing a warrant if they set foot on their soil, but the court has no way to enforce that.

None of the suspects is likely to face judges in The Hague anytime soon. Still, the warrant marks the first time a sitting leader of a major Western ally has been accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity by a global court of justice. The warrants could contribute to Netanyahu's isolation and complicate efforts to negotiate a ceasefire to end the fighting.

Netanyahu's office said the ICC decision was "anti-semitic" and he will "not yield to pressure, will not be deterred" until Israel's war objectives are met. Gallant said the decision "sets a dangerous precedent against the right to self-defence and moral warfare and encourages murderous terrorism."

Hamas welcomed the warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant but made no mention of the one against Deif. It urged the court to expand accountability to all Israeli leaders. A senior Hamas official said it was an important step towards bringing justice for the victims.

EU's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, said the decision was not political but made by a court and thus should be respected and implemented.

The White House national security council spokesperson said the US "fundamentally rejects the court's decision", adding it remains "deeply concerned by the prosecutor's rush to seek arrest warrants and the troubling process errors that led to this decision." AGENCIES

Bring entire Imphal valley under Afspa, demand 10 Kuki MLAs

7 Of Them Are From BJP; Call For Peace Talks

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Guwahati: Manipur's 10 Kuki legislators, including seven from BJP, urged the Centre and state govt Thursday to initiate a political dialogue to restore peace in the violence-hit state. Their call came in response to an eight-point resolution passed Monday during a meeting of NDA ministers and legislators convened by CM N Biren Singh. The Kuki MLAs boycotted the meeting.

They accused state govt of escalating tensions for political motives. "The misdemeanour seems emanating from certain quarters to save the shaky chair of CM," they said.

Addressing the Centre's reimposition of Afspa on Nov 14, the Kuki legislators said it "needs immediate review." The 1958 law gives special powers to soldiers during counter-insurgency/terrorism operations.

The Kuki MLAs advocated for extending Afspa to the re-



Security personnel step up vigil as violence spiralled in Manipur. The Kuki MLAs accused the govt of escalating tensions for political motives

maining 13 police jurisdictions in Imphal valley to "facilitate the recovery of more than 6,000 sophisticated weapons looted by Meitei militia since May 3" last year when ethnic violence erupted in the state. "This is a long overdue action required to contain the violence," they said.

Monday's meeting had earlier resolved to request the Centre to review Afspa's reimposition in areas under six police stations.

The MLAs criticised the resolution to conduct "mass operations against Kuki militants responsible for the killing of six innocent women and children in Jiribam," calling it "biased" for targeting a single

community. "Mass operations must be conducted throughout the state to recover all illegal arms from all militia groups," they insisted.

They also opposed the resolution to declare the alleged perpetrators in the Jiribam killings as an unlawful organisation. "This must be preceded by the declaration of the Arambai Tenggol and Meitei Leepun as unlawful organisations under relevant laws," they said.

They reacted to the killing of 10 Hmar men during a CRPF operation on Nov 11 in Jiribam. While the forces labelled them as militants, the Kuki-Zo community asserted that the men were village volunteers.

₹105cr central healthcare aid for hill districts

Imphal: Manipur CM N Biren Singh on Thursday said that the Centre has sanctioned Rs 105 crore for providing healthcare facilities in the hill districts of the state.

Singh thanked PM Modi, Union health minister JP Nadda and DoNER minister J M Scindia for their support in developing Manipur.

Taking to X, Singh said, "For the first time, hill districts like Chandel, Ukhrul, Jiribam, Senapati, and Tamenglong will have access to advanced medical facilities like CT Scans, MRI, ICU services, and super-specialty care—bringing healthcare closer to home. Not to mention, the Churachandpur Medical College is already operational, transforming healthcare in the region." This sanction of Rs 105 crore under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East Region is a step towards equitable healthcare for all, Singh posted on the microblogging site. .fn

Ukraine claims Russia fired ICBM; mid-range missile, says Putin

Moscow/Kyiv: Russian Prez Vladimir Putin said that Russia had launched a hypersonic medium-range ballistic missile attack on a Ukrainian military facility, and warned the West that Moscow could strike the military installations of any country whose weapons were used against Russia.

He said the West was escalating the conflict in Ukraine by allowing Kyiv to strike Russia with long-range missiles, and that the conflict was becoming a global conflict. So Russia had conducted combat tests of the "Oreshnik" (the hazel) hypersonic missile system in response to the aggressive actions of Nato countries against Russia, Putin said.

"In response to the use of American and British long-range weapons, on Nov 21, the Russian armed forces launched a combined strike on one of the facilities of the military-industrial complex of

Reuters



Residents at the site of the Russian missile strike in Dnipro

Ukraine," Putin said.

Earlier, Ukraine said Russia fired what appeared to be an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) at the city of Dnipro on Thursday, in what would be the first use in war of a weapon designed to deliver nukes. The Ukrainian air force said the missile was fired from the Russian region of Astrakhan, more than 700 km from Dnipro in central-eastern Ukraine. AGENCIES

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