'World fails to stop global warming'

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ANTALYA (Turkey), Nov 12 (AP)

THE world has failed to slow or stop global warming trends in the past five years because plans weren't realised and efforts that would have helped were canceled out, a report said Thursday.

The grim assessment came during a UN climate meeting in Antalya, Turkey, where more Government leaders were due to speak Thursday about the state of a warming world and what they hope to do about it.

"Aggregated climate action has now essentially stalled for five consecutive years with positive and negative actions canceling each other out," the independent Climate Action Tracker said in its report. The first five years after the 2015 Paris Agreement, the world did so much that it trimmed an entire degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) from warming projections, but nothing has changed since, the report said.



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Climate change is caused mainly by the release of greenhouse gases, which happens when fuels like gas, oil and coal are burned. Confronting climate change means finding ways to drastically cut the amount of emissions put into the atmosphere each year. Countries establish plans to reduce emissions, called nationally determined contributions. The speed of reductions and ways to achieve them are different by country. Because collective efforts of countries haven't significantly reduced global emissions, the world is now "headed toward an irrecoverable overshoot of 1.5 degrees Celsius" (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial temperatures, which is the warming threshold the world adopted during the Paris Agreement, according to the report.

The report said if the nations of the world fulfill all their climate promises - which is a big if - the globe will end the century 2.6 degrees Celsius (4.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than preindustrial times. That's the same pace the globe was on

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US-Israeli attacks caused 1.5 mn tonnes of CO2 emissions: Iranian President

ANTALYA [Turkey], Nov 12 (ANI)

IRANIAN President Masoud Pezeshkian accused the US and Israel of causing extensive environmental damage during their military offensive against Iran, claiming that the strikes on fuel facilities in the country released 1.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, Anadolu News Agency reported.



Masoud Pezeshkian

Addressing the COP31 UN climate summit, Pezeshkian said, "Attacks on fuel facilities in Asaluyeh released 500,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide. In comparison, strikes on fuel storage tanks near Tehran produced another 1 million tonnes," as cited by Anadolu News Agency. The agency reported that Israeli strikes targeted oil storage facilities in Tehran on March 7, while gas processing facilities in Asaluyeh in southern Iran were hit on March 18.

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India's Russian oil imports touch record EURO 6.4 bn in October

NEW DELHI, Nov 12 (PTI)



INDIA'S purchases of Russian fossil fuels surged to a record Euro 6.4 billion in October, driven by a sharp increase in crude oil imports, helping Moscow push its fossil fuel export revenues to their highest monthly level since December 2022 despite Western sanctions.

"India was the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in October 2026, importing a total of EUR 6.4 billion of Russian hydrocarbons, its highest monthly total in data going back to January 2022. Crude oil constituted 91 pc of India's purchases, totalling EUR 5.8 bn.

At IAF meet, Rajnath calls for sharper surveillance



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit during the IAF Commanders' Conference, in New Delhi. (PTI)

NEW DELHI, Nov 12 (PTI)

DEFENCE Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday urged the military to strengthen both the offensive and defensive aspects of the "element of surprise" to maintain combat readiness against conventional and emerging threats posed by the evolving nature of modern warfare.

In an address at the Air Force Commanders' Conference, he emphasised the need to continue bolstering intelligence and surveillance capabilities and identify potential threats before they unfold.

The Defence Minister added that a rapidly shifting security environment demands continuous adaptation and a forward-looking approach to military preparedness.

"Our Defence Forces must develop capabilities and methods that leave the adversary with no time to react or recover, while simultaneously ensuring that we are never caught off guard by an unexpected move from the enemy," he said.

Singh asserted that contemporary conflicts are extending beyond traditional battlefields into non-contact domains.

"Surprise can manifest in various forms, both conventional and electronic. Our intelligence and surveillance mechanisms must be further strengthened and operational preparedness enhanced to ensure that our personnel remain alert, agile and equipped to respond effectively to any emerging challenge," he added.

Referring to the Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Hamas conflicts, the defence minister said drones and air defence systems have emerged as critical components of modern warfare.

'Trump, Netanyahu get into a shouting match over Iran war'

JERUSALEM, Nov 12 (ANI)

UNITED States President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu engaged in a heated telephone conversation over the preceding days, which reportedly deteriorated into an acrimonious exchange amid ongoing disagreements regarding the course of the war with Iran, according to Israeli media reports.

According to reports from Israeli news organisations 'Ynet' and 'Yedioth Ahronoth', the Israeli leader repeatedly pushed for renewed military action, whereas the American President preferred allowing ongoing peace negotiations with Tehran to continue.

Netanyahu has consistently argued that Washington should resume strikes and actively pursue regime change within the Islamic Republic, while Trump has favoured maintaining economic pressure to secure diplomatic concessions from Tehran. The Israeli Prime Minister's Office rejected claims that the conversation became confrontational, describing the reports as "fake news".


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Israeli news outlets *Ynet* and *Yedioth Ahronoth* reported that Netanyahu repeatedly urged Trump to restart the war during the call. Trump, however, continued to back a diplomatic approach as talks with Iran progressed. Sources quoted by both outlets described the conversation as having descended into a "shouting match from hell". A senior Israeli official confirmed that the two leaders spoke over the weekend but denied that any confrontation had taken place.

Trump and Netanyahu have previously had heated telephone exchanges over the conflict. Following several disagreements in June, Trump told 'The Post' that he had called Netanyahu "*** crazy" during one conversation. The latest reports emerged days after the *Financial Times* said Netanyahu had been telephoning Trump daily to persuade him to resume an all-out war. Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister, is facing uncertainty over his position after losing seats in the general election held in October. Netanyahu has continued to argue that Washington must restart attacks on Iran and pursue regime change. Addressing the 26th Knesset Assembly on Tuesday, he said replacing Iran's leadership was the only way to end what he described as Tehran's reign of terror and halt its nuclear programme.

"Iran is working to renew the nuclear threat. The only way to permanently remove this existential threat is by toppling the ayatollah regime," Netanyahu said. Trump has resisted calls to resume the conflict, choosing instead to let the US economic pressure campaign continue in an effort to compel Iran to make concessions. Asked during a "60 Minutes" interview on Sunday whether he would restart the war, Trump said he did not think "there's any reason to".

The reported exchange underscored the leaders' differing positions, with Netanyahu seeking renewed military action and regime change in Iran.

Agricultural growth exceeds 4 pc in past decade since Independence: Modi

NEW DELHI, Nov 12 (PTI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the past decade was the first since Independence in which Indian agriculture grew more than 4 per cent a year, and that a large number of small farmers have come out of poverty during this period.

Speaking at the Kisan Tak Bharat Agriculture Conference organised by the 'India Today' Group, the Prime Minister cited a World Bank study that 50 crore Indians have overcome poverty in just 12-13 years, with poverty falling faster in villages.

"Agriculture is our culture, our tradition and the basis of our social life," he said, adding that a developed India is not possible without making agriculture "smarter" and farmers "self-reliant".



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Modi described agriculture as the main stream among the "seven streams of power" he had mentioned from the Red Fort.

He criticised past Governments, saying they were "satisfied" with farmers filling the country's grain stores, even as the market, technology, weather and people's food habits changed.

"It is not enough to fill the grain stores," the Prime Minister said.

Citing achievements of the last decade, he said India exports farm produce worth over Rs 4 lakh crore annually and is the world's top producer of milk, pulses, jute, rice, wheat, cotton, fruits and vegetables, and fish, as well as the largest producer of millets.

Modi said milk production had risen 70 per cent in a decade, egg production 90 per cent, and fish production more than doubled.

The Prime Minister also said about 12 lakh solar pumps have been provided under PM-KUSUM, soil testing labs rose to over 8,400 from a handful in 2014, and there are over 7,500 Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

He added that 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations have been set up.

The Prime Minister also asked farmers to move to chemical-free natural farming, saying, "We are killing our mother in front of our eyes".

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The Government has spent Rs 16 lakh crore in the last 12 years to keep fertilisers affordable for farmers, he pointed out.

The Prime Minister urged farmers not to rely only on traditional crops such as wheat, rice and sugarcane.

He asked farm equipment makers and start-ups to focus on manufacturing solar-powered equipment.

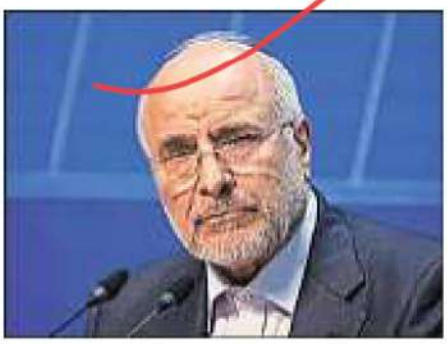
Strait of Hormuz will 'never return' to pre-war status, says Ghalibaf

TEHRAN [Iran], Nov 12 (ANI)

IRAN'S Parliament Speaker and chief negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf has said that the Strait of Hormuz will "never return" to its pre-war status following the US-Israel war on Iran, asserting that Tehran and Oman have reached an understanding on overseeing the strategically important waterway.

In an interview with *Al Jazeera* on Wednesday, Ghalibaf said that the understanding with Oman was part of Iran's seven-point proposal to the US in order to end the eight-month conflict, which started after US-Israeli strikes killed Iran's former Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei on February 28 this year.

The Parliamentary Speaker signalled that the future arrangements governing the Strait of Hormuz would be different from those that existed before the war.



Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf

Rejecting the notion of unrestricted international access to the waterway, Ghalibaf argued that its regulations fell under the jurisdiction of the countries bordering it. "There are no 'free waters' [international waters] there, and the 1982 [UN Convention on the Law of the Sea] does not apply to the Strait ... The regulations within the Strait of Hormuz are governed by the laws of the two littoral states that border it," he told *Al Jazeera*.

On the prospects of diplomatic negotiations with Washington, Ghalibaf said Tehran had conveyed its response to the United States through Qatar, which was acting as a mediator, and had laid out seven conditions for entering peace talks. He said Iran was now awaiting an official response from the US, adding, "The ball is now in the American court."

Outlining Tehran's demands, the Iranian Parliament Speaker said they included lifting the US-imposed naval blockade and sanctions, releasing frozen Iranian funds, ending hostilities on all fronts and making an explicit announcement that the war had ended.

According to Ghalibaf, these demands were part of the 14-point Memorandum of Understanding signed in June, and their implementation was necessary before Iran could enter negotiations with the United States.