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BANGLADESH'S APPAREL EXPORTS INCREASE 5.95% WORLD-WIDE; INVESTMENT POLICY IN THE OFFING TO ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENT; PM SHEIKH HASINA SEEKS LARGER FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN BANGLADESH.

Bangladesh's apparel export increased by 5.95% to \$14.78 billion in July-October 2023-24, compared to \$13.95 billion in the same period a year earlier. The export to the European Union reached \$7.06 billion, with 3.99% growth. RMG exports to Spain, France, Netherlands, and Italy saw growth of 18.07%, 2.56%, 12.73%, and 9.88%, respectively. Germany, the largest EU export market, declined by 11.49% to \$1.81 billion. US exports reached \$2.57 billion, while non-traditional markets saw 17.01% growth. Exports to India declined by 12.8%.

Bangladesh is developing an investment policy to attract more local and foreign investment, including green or environment-friendly investments. The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) is finalizing the policy based on stakeholder views, with incentives like tax exemptions for green financing. The policy aims to build a sustainable investment system. Abul Kalam Azad, co-chair of Smart Bangladesh Network, was the chief guest in a panel session titled 'Green Value Chain'. The government will launch a program called the 'Bangladesh Investment Climate Programme' to improve the country's internal business climate.

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has emphasized the country's efforts to attract foreign investment, establishing 100 economic zones and 39 high-tech parks. She introduced a one-stop service for investment development agencies, plans to digitize investment offices, and simplifies investment policies. The Awami League government has transformed Bangladesh into one of the fastest-growing economies globally, despite facing challenges like the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia-Ukraine war, sanctions, and counter-sanctions.

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INDIA'S POSITION ON BANGLADESH REMAINS SAME AS STATED EARLIER: INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY; EU TEAM URGES BANGLADESH TO ACCELERATE NECESSARY REFORMS IN LABOUR, HUMAN RIGHT; UPR: 110 COUNTRIES PUT FORWARD 301 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BANGLADESH; UN ADOPTS ROHINGYA RESOLUTION BY CONSENSUS; BANGLADESH AMONG FIVE COUNTRIES SEEK ICC INVESTIGATION INTO GAZA WAR.

India's stance on Bangladesh remains unchanged following the announcement of the polls schedule, as stated by MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi. Bagchi stated that the people have the right to decide on the election and rejecting it is up to the people and their democratic system. India's foreign secretary, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, expressed respect for the democratic process and will continue supporting the country's vision of a stable, peaceful, and progressive nation.

The European Union (EU) has urged Bangladesh to improve its labor policies and practices to align with International Labour Organization standards. The mission emphasized the need for full implementation of the National Action Plan, ensuring freedom of association, collective bargaining, and inclusive union participation. The EU also welcomed progress in the garment sector and encouraged Bangladesh to accept the 2023 Universal Periodic Review recommendations.

Bangladesh has received 301 recommendations from 110 countries, including the US, UK, and Canada, regarding its human rights record. The UPR Working Group adopted the recommendations in the draft report on the Universal Periodic Review. The US recommended protecting citizens' right to vote and choose their government through free and fair elections, while the UK suggested a safe environment for civil society and media. Bangladesh will carefully review the recommendations and provide feedback in February.

The United Nations General Assembly's 3rd Committee has adopted a resolution on the human rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar, cosponsored by 114 countries. The resolution, tabled by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the European Union, commended Bangladesh's humanitarian efforts in hosting over 1.2 million Rohingyas and called for Myanmar to address the root causes of the crisis.

Five countries, including South Africa and Bangladesh, have called for an International Criminal Court (ICC) investigation into the Israel-Hamas war, which has led to thousands of deaths. The demand was made as families of Israelis taken hostage by Hamas sought ICC action. ICC chief prosecutor Karim Khan appealed for more evidence and cooperation from all relevant actors, though Israel is not an ICC member. Legal experts suggest Hamas and Israel could face war crimes charges.

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AFGHANISTAN: PAKISTAN WILL DEPORT ALL ILLEGAL AFGHAN REFUGEES BY JANUARY: OFFICIAL; AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN MEET OVER TRADE AND TRANSIT TIES

Pakistan's interim government will deport all illegal Afghan refugees by January next year, Balochistan Information Minister Jan Achakzai said on Friday. "The caretaker government is trying to deport all illegal Afghan immigrants by January. After that the government would announce a time frame for repatriating the remaining Afghan immigrants," Achakzai said at a press conference in Quetta. Pakistan has shared details of terrorists and their acts of terror using the soil of Afghanistan with Kabul. "As a neighbouring Islamic brother country, Afghanistan should give a positive response to Pakistan, and hand over the wanted terrorists to us," he said. This comes as the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) has rejected claims by Pakistan that Afghan soil is used in attacks on Pakistan and stated that Afghanistan is not responsible for the "security failure" of any country in the region.

A trilateral trade meeting between Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan

was held in Islamabad on Tuesday and the participants emphasized the need to strengthen economic relations between the three countries. The Afghan Embassy in Islamabad said that discussions centered around advancing the trans-Afghan railway project, trilateral transit and trade, challenges to regional connectivity and other matters. Bright prospects for trade, investment, and connectivity lie ahead for mutual benefit of three countries," Gohar Ejaz, the Minister of Commerce of Pakistan, said on X.

<https://www.ariananews.af/pakistan-will-deport-all-illegal-afghan-refugees-by-january-official/>

<https://www.ariananews.af/afghanistan-pakistan-uzbekistan-meet-over-trade-and-transit-ties/>

PAKISTAN: PAKISTAN, RUSSIA TO CONTINUE COUNTER-TERROR COOPERATION

Pakistan and Russia have pledged to strengthen bilateral cooperation in key areas to effectively combat terror financing and terrorism.

During the 10th meeting of the 'Pakistan-Russia Joint Working Group on Combating International Terrorism and Other Challenges to Security,' both countries discussed global and regional terrorism threats, with a particular focus on situations in Afghanistan, Central and South Asia and North Africa.

The dialogue highlighted the complexity of the terror landscape and the need for continued vigilance, said an official Foreign Office announcement on Friday.

The meeting, co-chaired by Additional Foreign Secretary Syed Haider Shah and Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin, outlined national strategies and

measures to combat terrorism. Both countries shared experiences and best practices in the broader fight against terrorism.

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1790313/pakistan-russia-to-continue-counter-terror-cooperation>

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BHUTAN: UNDP REPORT URGES CLIMATE-RESILIENT INVESTMENT IN BHUTAN

Bhutan, a country susceptible to natural disasters and climate change, is advised to invest in climate adaptation and mitigation to reduce risks and enhance resilience. The Nationally Determined Contributions report recommends USD 0.385 billion for short-term adaptation and USD 0.6 billion for mitigation, with an additional USD 6,484.8 million for long-term strategy. The UNDP 2024 Asia-Pacific Human Development Report emphasizes human development and revitalising the region's export-led growth model. Addressing climate change requires a global effort, and countries can integrate risk management and development strategies into local and national adaptation initiatives.

<https://kuenselonline.com/undp-report-urges-climate-resilient-investment-in-bhutan/>

MYANMAR: EUROPEAN NATIONS JOIN MYANMAR GENOCIDE CASE; RENEWED FIGHTING IN MYANMAR HAS DISPLACED 26,000 PEOPLE SINCE MONDAY, UN SAYS.

Five European countries and Canada have joined the International Court of Justice (ICJ) case accusing Myanmar of genocide against the Rohingya community. Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Britain have filed declarations of intervention in the case, which was lodged by The Gambia in 2019. Myanmar denies genocide and rejects UN findings as biased and flawed. The Maldives has also filed a separate declaration.

The Myanmar Armed Forces (MAF) and the Arakan Army (AA) have re-invaded the country, displacing over 26,000 people in the western Rakhine state. The conflict has resulted in eleven deaths and over 30 injuries since an informal ceasefire agreement broke on November 13. Over 100 people have been detained by the MAF and five by the AA. Most humanitarian activities have been suspended, and

roads and waterways between Rakhine townships have been blocked.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/11/17/five-european-nations-join-myanmar-genocide-case>

<https://edition.cnn.com/2023/11/18/asia/myanmar-26000-displaced-fighting-intl-hnk/index.html>

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MALDIVES: NEW MALDIVES PRESIDENT ACCEPTS SRI LANKAN COUNTERPART'S INVITE FOR STATE VISIT

The newly inaugurated Maldivian President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu has accepted an invitation by Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe to make a state visit to Colombo.

Wickremesinghe invited Muizzu to make a state visit to Sri Lanka during a meeting at Kurumba Maldives on Friday evening.

According to the President's Office, Muizzu accepted the invitation. At the meeting, Muizzu expressed his gratitude and extended a warm welcome to the Sri Lankan president for visiting Maldives to attend his inauguration.

He said that the visit demonstrated the close bilateral ties between Maldives and Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, Wickre-

mesinghe congratulated Muizzu on his assumption of office.

During the meeting, the two leaders highlighted on the long-standing bilateral relations between the Maldives and Sri Lanka, and discussed ways to further strengthen the relations between both countries.

They discussed various issues of mutual interest, including education, multiple visa entry for students under 18, and economic recovery efforts.

<https://en.sun.mv/85998>

NEPAL: CLIMATE FINANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, SAYS PRIME MINISTER; TIKTOK EXPRESSES CONCERN AS DEBATE OVER ITS BAN RAGES ON

Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal has emphasized the importance of inclusive and sustainable global growth, particularly in the Global South. He emphasized the need for reform of global governance and international financial architecture. Dahal also highlighted the threat of climate change to vulnerable countries like Nepal, citing the severe impact on the Himalayas. He urged all countries to commit to achieving their goals, such as Nepal's net-zero emissions target by 2045, through sustainable resource management, adaptation measures, and a green, resilient economy.

The Nepal government has banned TikTok, a popular social media platform, following a Cabinet decision. The Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA) issued a notice to internet service providers to block TikTok. Some government officials opposed the ban, advocating for regulating offensive content. TikTok expressed its concerns and expressed commitment to

resolving the issue through discussions with Nepali officials. They suggested several measures for filtering objectionable content. Ram Deep Acharya, administrative adviser to Prime Minister Dahal, stated that since the government had made the policy decision, there was no reason to roll it back.

<https://kathmandupost.com/national/2023/11/18/climate-finance-for-sustainable-development-says-prime-minister>

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INDIA: EAM JAISHANKAR URGES GLOBAL SOUTH TO EMBRACE SELF-RELIANCE, CITING LESSONS FROM COVID-19 ERA; MALDIVIAN PRESIDENT ACTS SWIFTLY ON 'INDIA OUT' PLEDGE, ASKS NEW DELHI TO WITHDRAW TROOPS

India has urged the Global South countries to work towards self-reliance to mitigate vulnerabilities due to economic concentrations, highlighting the dangers of dependence on distant geographies. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar emphasized the importance of the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration in bringing back the G20 focus on the concerns of the Global South. He emphasized the need for strong, sustainable, balanced, and inclusive growth. However, he noted a resistance to a greater role for the Global South in shaping solutions for key issues. He emphasized the need for self-reliance to mitigate vulnerabilities and emphasized the Covid-19 era as a reminder of the dangers of dependence on distant geographies. Jaishankar also referred to the African Union's permanent membership in the G20 at the New Delhi summit.

Newly elected Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu has acted swiftly on his poll pledge and told India to pull its troops out of his archipelago nation. In mid-October, asked for a response on the then President-elect Muizzu's plans to ask India to withdraw troops once in office, external affairs ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had underscored that the Indian military presence in the Maldives helped Sources said that Muizzu had acknowledged the contribution

that the Indian choppers and aircraft stationed in the Maldives made to medical evacuation. This is not the first time a Maldivian government has asked New Delhi to withdraw its troops from the atoll nation. During Solih's tenure, India added to the military presence by gifting the Maldives a Dornier aircraft in 2020. The Indian troops are on the ground in the Maldives to operate the Dornier aircraft and the two helicopters. In November 2021, the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) informed the parliamentary committee on security services that 75 Indian military personnel were stationed in the Maldives to operate the aircraft and choppers. With the UTF agreement reportedly extending diplomatic immunity to the Indian military personnel stationed in the Maldives, the Opposition began raising concerns about India eroding Maldivian sovereignty, helping the India Out campaign gain currency.

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/india/eam-jaishankar-urges-global-south-to-embrace-self-reliance-citing-lessons-from-covid-19-era/cid/1980677>

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SRI LANKA: DEBT SETTLEMENT: PRESIDENT CALLS FOR COLLABORATION AMONG CREDITORS, INT'L FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; XI JINPING'S SPECIAL ENVOY YIQIN ARRIVES

President Ranil Wickremesinghe emphasized the complexity of indebtedness and called for collaboration between creditors and international financial institutions for sustainable solutions. He highlighted challenges faced by the Global South, such as debt settlement difficulties and limited access to markets, and India's leadership in digitalization.

Chinese President Xi Jinping's special envoy and State Councillor Shen Yiqin has arrived in Sri Lanka for a four-day official visit until November 21. She was welcomed by Sports Minister Roshan

Ranasinghe, State Minister Tharaka Balasooriya, and Chinese Ambassador to Sri Lanka Qi Zhenhong. The primary aim of her visit is to explore and enhance mutually beneficial cooperation.

<https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Debt-settlement-President-calls-for-collaboration-among-creditors-intl-financial-institutions/108-271576>

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