We Must Hit Climate Target to Avoid Refugee Waves: Merkel

BERLIN - German Chancellor Angela Merkel says the world must do everything it can to meet international goals to limit global warming, arguing that failing to do so could set off large new waves of migration.

The UN and experts say governments' emissions-cutting pledges pale ahead of a global conference in Paris beginning this month. And yet enough to hit the target of keeping the rise in global temperatures below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century compared with pre-industrial times.

Merkel said in a speech Tuesday: "If we don't manage this, that could be a reason for many, many refugees in the world. Scientists say a temperature rise over 2 degrees Celsius could cause profound, irreversible effects on the climate. (AP)

Kerry Talks Afghan Border Threat in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

RISEKH - US Secretary of State John Kerry visited the Tajik and Turkmen border on Tuesday to reassure his leaders of US support for their Afghan borders, as he nears the end of his five-nation tour of Central Asia.

Kerry met with Tajik President Emomali Rahmon at the presidential palace in Dushanbe, pledging US support in the face of threats across the frontier to Afghanistan, but urging the authoritarian ruler not to use the fight against extremism to crack down on rights at home.

As the country with the longest border with Afghanistan, Tajikistan in particular could bear the brunt.

The summary of counter-narcotics has changed into a tribal ministry. The militia. (More on Pg. 6)

Russia Ready to Respond to Afghanistan's Request for Military Help

KABUL - Russian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Alexander Martemyanov, declared Tuesday that Moscow is ready to respond to Afghanistan's request for military help.

The New York Times reported Monday that Russia was sending high-level military personnel and equipment to Afghanistan.

Kerry pledged Tuesday that the US will also provide additional $15 million in aid next year.

The US and Russia have long been at odds over their role in Afghanistan's future, with Moscow supporting the Taliban and Kabul backing the Afghan government.

The Taliban has rejected the US's request for a complete pullout of its forces.

Pakistan Reveals Plan on Repatriation of Afghan Refugees

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani authorities said they have a plan to begin a phased repatriation of 1.5 million Afghan refugees within the next two years. Voice of America (VOA) reported.

Tasnia Hayat, who has been a cabinet minister in Afghanistan's national unity government, was quoted as saying the plan will be implemented in 31 stages.

Hayat also said that the government has vowed to provide assistance to repatriated Afghan refugees.

The report was sent to the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation in Kabul.

Austria Tightens Asylum Policy for Afghan Refugees

VIENNA - The Austrian government said it will make the country less of a magnet for thousands of Afghan refugees fleeing a surge of violence in Taliban territories intensify their attacks.

Days after Germany said it would tighten its asylum policy on Afghan refugees, the new law will force migrants to wait for three years rather than one before their families are able to join them.

It would also raise fines they pay to an independent source of income, health insurance and accommodation.

"This is a political decision. Making family reunification rules stricter makes sense, especially for refugees," Johann Milrad-Lichtenstein, the interior minister, told ORF radio.

"It is important for us to make clear rules here and in order to decrease Austrian integration efforts in Germany and Austria are not about fighting our enemies.

On Monday, Germany's immigration minister, Thomas de Maizière, said he wanted to ensure that Afghan refugees arriving from "two states from which they should not be allowed to enter into the EU" were dealt with.

The centre-right coalition government that came to power in late 2013 has already strongly cracked down on Afghan refugees along with other groups of asylum seekers, mostly from Syria.

"We will do everything to stop this trend," he said.

The figures showed that 649 children last year, 84 of them, were brains.
Bulgarian Troops to Sendoff to Afghanistan at Solemn Ceremony

SOFIA - Bulgaria's military will formally be officially sent off to take part in NATO mission in Afghanistan at a solemn ceremony in the Bulgarian town of Yamch. The ceremony, which is comprised of of 40 officers, will be conducted by Colonel Petar Terziche. The ceremony will be attended by Defense Minister Nikolay Sotirov, Deputy Prime Minister Konstantin Popov, and Ministers of Defense and Foreign Affairs.

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The UNCERTAIN Fate of Afghan Refugees

By Asmatary

The world was destined to sit in Geneva and talk about anhumanitarian crisis that resulted in an unprecedented outflow of people from Afghanistan. Over 300,000 Afghans have arrived in Europe in the past year, with more than 200,000 crossing the border in January alone. This unprecedented migration has drawn the attention of the United Nations, which has designated it a humanitarian crisis.

The current government of Afghanistan has been criticized for its inability to address the needs of its citizens, particularly in the wake of the Taliban's takeover in 2021. Many Afghan refugees have fled to neighboring countries, including Pakistan, Iran, and Turkey, in search of safety and better living conditions.

Asmatary, a journalist, explores the challenges faced by Afghan refugees and the international community's response to the crisis. She highlights the need for a comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of refugees, including access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.

The article concludes with a call to action for the international community to provide more support to Afghan refugees and to advocate for a lasting peace in Afghanistan.
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Europe, Asia Must Work Together to Tackle Unemployment: Asselborn

BELGIUM - Luxembourg's minister of Foreign and European Affairs Jean Asselborn has highlighted the importance of collaboration between Europe and Asia in the face of rising unemployment, particularly in combating youth unemployment. In a speech before the opening ceremony of the European Foundation's Young Entrepreneurs' Summit in Luxembourg, Asselborn said that "the challenge for Europe and Asia is to face it and the opportunities it presents." Asselborn advocated for an "inter-continental" cooperation in the areas of youth employment, entrepreneurship, and economic and academic talks.

Dekking Plans for Europe, Asia Air Strikes

LONDON - Prime Minister David Cameron has indicated that the UK will move to tackle Islamic State (ISIL) militants in Syria. UK defense officials have not made plans to ask for air strike approval for air strikes in Syria, the BBC reported on Tuesday. The row was sparked by a meeting between the government and Labour MPs, who expressed concern about the potential for clashes between the Christian community in Iraq and ISIL.

New Zealand to Engage on Global Issues at Asia-Europe Meeting

WELLINGTON - New Zealand's Foreign Minister Murray McCully will be leading New Zealand's state ministerial delegation to the upcoming Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in 2015. The delegation, which will include three state ministers from New Zealand, will attend the meeting to discuss issues such as climate change, sustainable development, and regional security.

All of Europe will Benefit from EU Reforms: Britain

BRUSSELS - Britain's finance minister Ignazio Visco has signed a letter to his European counterparts in Brussels on Tuesday. The letter argues that the "absence of a coherent approach to European integration is a source of concern for all member states." Visco also praised the EU's efforts to promote economic growth and job creation, stating: "The economic and social dimension of the European Union is crucial for the future of the continent."

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US Eases Medical Sanctions Against Iran

WASHINGTON - The US government has lifted its medical sanctions against Iran, allowing a limited number of companies to sell medical equipment to Iran. The move follows a series of sanctions against Iran's military and nuclear facilities.

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USAVER - Malaysia's Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein has warned that his government will not support any country that tries to use its territory for military purposes. Hussein said that his government will not allow any country to use its territory for military purposes without its approval.

Tajikistan Intends to Introduce E-Visa for Nationals of 80 Countries

DUSHANBE - Tajikistan intends to introduce e-Visa for nationals of 80 countries, including, in particular, those who have simplified its visa regime. Tajikistan, in particular, is going to simplify its visa regime.

Hotline set up for ASEAN DM for Rapid Response Cooperation in Emergencies

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN - The ASEAN Development Ministers (ADM) have set up a hotline for rapid response cooperation in emergencies. The hotline will facilitate the rapid exchange of information and coordination among ASEAN members in times of crisis.

Meeting of ASEAN Ministers of Foreign Affairs (AMM) and ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) in Singapore

SINGAPORE - The Meeting of ASEAN Ministers of Foreign Affairs (AMM) and ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) in Singapore will focus on regional and international security and defence, and shared economic and social goals. The meeting is expected to discuss issues such as terrorism, cyber and maritime security.

Tajikistan's Foreign Minister Moorat Rakhmonov has called for a " comprehensive system of international cooperation to prevent the establishment of terrorism". The minister said that "the international community should be fully united in the fight against terrorism and other forms of extremism."
It gives me great pleasure to pay an official visit to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at the invitation of the Afghan government. I wish to extend, on behalf of the friendly Chinese people, cordial greetings and best wishes to our neighbor, the people of Afghanistan.

After Afghanistan was hit by earthquake recently, our heart went out to the Afghan people. President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang both sent messages of sympathy to the Afghan President and the Afghan government. We have done all we can to provide disaster-relief assistance to Afghanistan. Humanitarian relief supplies worth 10 million yuan provided by the Chinese government arrived in Kabul yesterday. The Red Cross Society of China has provided US$100,000 of grants in emergency aid to the Red Crescent of Afghanistan. To further assist Afghanistan with disaster relief effort, the Chinese government has decided to provide another one million US dollars of emergency assistance to the Afghan government. We are ready to provide further assistance to the best of our ability in line with the legitimate requirements of Afghanistan, the international community should continue to deliver on its commitment to Afghanistan and help it increase self-development and security capacities. Afghanistan should be able to participate in regional economic cooperation and the development of connectivity and share the opportunities and fruits of Asia's development.

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Afghanistan needs. We are convinced that under the leadership of President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah, the Afghan people will prevail over the difficulties and rebuild their country.

Afghanistan, the cradle of the ancient Silk Road, is once a shining pearl on the ancient Silk Road. In the Middle Ages, Kabul became famous for its prosperity brought about by busy trade. In the 1950s and 60s, the peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan was known as "Switzerland of Asia". The splendid culture created by the Afghan people made a unique contribution to the civilizations of Asia and beyond. Maslama Jalaluddin Rumii, the renowned poet in the history of Persian literature, was born in today's Afghanistan. This is also a great nation of fortitude and perseverance. Its struggle against foreign aggressions in defense of national independence and freedom has left a moving chapter in human history and won the admiration and respect of people of the world.

In the past three decades and more, wars and conflicts brought untold sufferings to Afghanistan and its people. Only since the start of peaceful reconstruction, the country made notable progress in national development. However, problems of armed conflicts, terrorism and drugs remain. To achieve peace, stability and prosperity is still an uphill battle. We appreciate the efforts by the Afghan government to promote peace, reconciliation and integration. We hope all parties in Afghanistan will set an example to the interests of the nation, end armed conflicts at an early date and conduct candid dialogue so as to lay a solid foundation for lasting peace and stability. We support the Afghan government of national unity in building consensus and exploring a path of development that meets Afghanistan's national conditions and real needs. We hope to see and support efforts by Afghanistan to develop: good-neighbourly relations with surrounding countries so as to jointly create a peaceful and stable regional environment. With respect to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Afghanistan, the international community should continue to deliver on its commitment to Afghanistan and help it increase self-development and security capacities. Afghanistan should be able to participate in regional economic cooperation and the development of connectivity and share the opportunities and fruits of Asia's development.

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