

# Climate conference in November to emphasise 'peace' and 'truce'

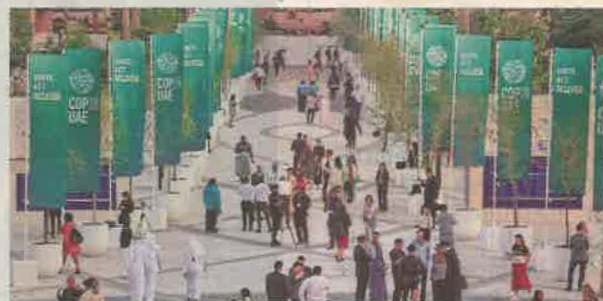
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The annual climate conference to be held here in November will lay particular stress on "peace" and "truce" to enable countries to focus on climate solution amid ongoing conflicts, a top adviser to the Azerbaijan government said at a media briefing this week.

The 29th edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) – as the climate con-

ference is called – is set to further agenda points decided in the 28th edition in Dubai such as a firm commitment to "transition away from the use of fossil fuels... in a just, orderly and equitable manner, and accelerating action in this critical decade, to achieve net zero by 2050."

The choice of Azerbaijan as the host means that it will preside over COP-29 proceedings and try to steer countries into achieving consensus on address-



A view of Dubai's Expo City, the venue where the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP-28 was held. FILE PHOTO

ing the climate crisis. Most countries have agreed on the urgency of the problem

and the need to keep temperatures from rising 1.5C above pre-industrial levels

by the end of century.

A long-standing criticism and a matter of deep division between developed and developing countries is that a 2009 commitment by developed countries to mobilise \$100 billion a year between 2020 and 2025 for developing countries has only been partially realised. A major item that is expected to be firmed up in 2024 is to decide a new annual target above \$100 billion and agreement on whether

these will be in the form of grants or loans.

However, deliberating on all these would require an atmosphere of peace. "We are now seeing that geopolitically the world is in a Cold War-like situation," said Hikmet Hacıyev, top adviser to Azerbaijan President, İlham Əliyev, "The world is divided but Azerbaijan's position is that the climate issue is something different. Countries can be on different sides on geopolitical mat-

ters but climate affects everybody and needs an inclusive process. So, we are proposing a COP-truce. During the COP [meet], all cannons should stop." He said this in reference to the Russia-Ukraine war

Mr. Hacıyev said he had sounded out the UN on this and as an example he highlighted the recent cessation of hostilities between Azerbaijan and Armenia. *(The writer was part of a South-Asia media delegation invited to Azerbaijan)*

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