

UN Security Council needs to be reformed without delay: India

UNITED NATIONS, OCT 9 /- India has said that the UN Security Council needs to be reformed without delay or else it will be left to nurse self-inflicted wounds of "diminishing relevance" in a world awash with challenges like armed conflicts, terrorism, refugee crises and climate change.

Participating in a General Assembly session on Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organisation on Monday, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin said the 15-nation council is all about primacy but with little purpose. "Updating the current architecture of international institutions, which are so out of

sync with the modern world, is imperative if new global challenges are to be met. Nowhere is this need for common purpose more than in reforming the Security Council," Akbaruddin said here.

"We need to fix the flaws. We need to do it before it is too late. We need to do so before the technologies of the future sharpen the conflicts of the past, while the Council remains nursing its self-inflicted wounds of diminishing relevance," he said. Akbaruddin asserted that nations cannot pose as guardians of a status quo that no longer exists. "We need to undertake a new journey towards a reformed and reinvigorated multilateral system. Whether we do so or not will determine the destiny of this organisation. It is a decision that all of us who see the benefits of multilateralism will need to take, if we desire to stem the tide against it," he said.

Akbaruddin pointed out that during the recently concluded high-level week of the UN General Assembly, nations heard about pressing global challenges including armed conflicts, terrorism, large movements of peoples fleeing conflicts that are increasingly straining societies, climate change events becoming more regular, environmental challenges becoming more urgent and multiple ailments hamstringing efforts to improve global health. "We also heard clearly that the uneven impacts of these cataclysmic changes

are causing enormous discontent and all this churning is testing multilateralism as never before," he said. Emphasising that the world is awash with challenges that the current institutional arrangements are ill equipped to handle, Akbaruddin said new technologies were increasingly changing the nature and dynamics of international conflict.

Cyberwarfare, unmanned aerial drones, and combat robots are just three examples of technological change shaping the future of warfare and raising profound ethical and normative questions, he said. "Similarly, there is no global approach in dealing with basic issues regarding frontier technologies," he said, questioning that while the internet is becoming ubiquitous, what rights do individuals have to privacy, how should tensions between individual liberties and collective security be mitigated.

Akbaruddin said that neither the General Assembly was addressing developmental and normative aspects nor was the Security Council addressing the peace and security implications.

"This is but one of the many new areas where international mechanisms for cooperation and collaboration are either weak or incomplete or non-existent," he said. As in the case of frontier technologies, so in other areas such as climate shifts, debt sustainability, counter terrorism, illicit financial flows and tackling pandemics, nations should be considering scenarios and preparing plans to prevent upheavals and taking stronger steps to mitigate risks.

"Many of these problems require continuous attention rather than one-shot solutions. To counter terrorism, for example, we need to establish a reliable and efficient set of controls for monitoring borders and financial flows. Such efforts will work only if appropriate standards are widely adopted and cooperation in implementing them becomes routine," he said.

Stressing that proliferating global problems demand new narratives and new forms of

cooperation, Akbaruddin said international cooperation of a nature and kind not thought of before was needed to promote climate action required by the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report released Monday.

"We cannot focus merely on exterminating bugs while allowing life-threatening wild beasts to roam free. We cannot spend our time in clearing the weeds, oblivious to the growth of the jungle all around us. If we do so, we will be nursing an establishment that has declined almost to the vanishing point with respect to overarching challenges that states acting on their own cannot hope to overcome," he said. (PTI)

S'pore activist, politician convicted for criticising judiciary

SINGAPORE, OCT 9 /- A Singaporean activist and an opposition politician were Tuesday found guilty of contempt of court for separate Facebook posts criticising the country's judiciary. Social worker and human rights activist Jolovan Wham wrote a Facebook post in April saying that judges in neighbouring Malaysia were more independent than their counterparts in Singapore on cases with political implications. He had made the observations as he commented on a legal challenge filed by a Malaysian online news portal against that country's law against fake news. Singapore's Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) initiated contempt of court proceedings against Wham for scandalising the judiciary. John Tan, a politician with the opposition Singapore Democratic Party, was also charged with contempt after he wrote a Facebook post saying that the AGC's actions against Wham proved that his comments were true.

Wham and Tan argued that their comments constituted fair criticism and were covered under the constitutional provisions for free speech and expression. High Court Judge Woo Bih Lih however disagreed and convicted the pair. "Wham's post impugned the integrity and impartiality of Singapore's judges, and thus the Singapore courts," Woo said, adding it meant that local judges "are not completely independent and are partial to the government." The post also "posed risk that public confidence in the administration of justice would be undermined," the judge said. Woo said allegations in Tan's post "were not supported by argument and evidence" and "not made in good faith and did not constitute fair criticism of a court". Sentencing will be passed on another date. While Singapore is admired for its economic prosperity, it is regularly criticised by rights groups for tough rules on political dissent and freedom of expression.



U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh takes his oath during his ceremonial public swearing-in as U.S. President Donald Trump and Kavanaugh's daughters Liza and Margaret look on in the East Room of the White House in Washington, U.S. —REUTERS

Trump apologises to Kavanaugh family for their 'terrible suffering'

WASHINGTON, OCT 9 /- US President Donald Trump has apologised to new Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and his family for the "terrible suffering" they had to endure, saying the "fair-minded" judge deserves a "dignified evaluation" and not a campaign based on "lies and deception". Judge Kavanaugh, 53, was confirmed by the Senate on Saturday in a 50-48 vote following an acrimonious debate over his nomination triggered by a series of sexual assault allegations during the last phase of his confirmation process. His confirmation is a personal political victory for Trump as the opposition Democratic party had mounted an unprecedented resistance to his nomination.

"On behalf of our nation, I want to apologise to Brett and the entire Kavanaugh family for the terrible pain and suffering you have been forced to endure," Trump said at a White House ceremonial swearing in ceremony of Kavanaugh. "Those who step forward to serve our country deserve a fair and dignified evaluation, not a campaign of political and personal destruction based on lies and deception. What happened to the Kavanaugh family violates every notion of fairness, decency, and due process," Trump said.

The ceremony was attended by Kavanaugh's family members, other judges of the Supreme Court, top Senators, members of the Trump administration and a battery of reporters. Kavanaugh was accused by three women of sexual misconduct, including California professor Christine Blasey Ford, who testified under oath that she assaulted her at a party in high school.

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