

Fierce row over UN's £240bn climate deal

A £240 billion deal at the UN's COP29 climate talks in Azerbaijan, to help developing countries tackle climate change, has been heavily criticised.

After two weeks of negotiations in the city of Baku, richer countries agreed to more than double the yearly payments paid to poorer nations by 2035. Much of the discussions in Azerbaijan have been about how to meet the massive costs of climate change.

The US President Joe Biden said it puts the world "one significant step closer" to achieving our climate goals.

The UK's politician in charge of stopping climate change, Ed Miliband, said:
"I'm really pleased that we've got this deal through... it'll help protect us against climate change."

The point of the yearly COP climate talks is to limit average global temperatures to 1.5C above pre-industrial levels - a time before the widespread burning of fossil fuels, used for fuel and energy.

The £240 billion decision aims to specifically help developing countries - places where it's harder access to healthcare, education and jobs -



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which are often hardest hit by the effects of climate change.

It's hoped that the money will help developing countries move away from fossil fuels to using renewable energy, which is better for the planet.

But some say the money agreed is not enough, the African Group of Negotiators described it as "too little, too late" and other nations such as India, also criticised the deal. Developing countries were pushing for \$1.3 trillion.

Several charities also warned that the deal does not go far enough to help those countries most vulnerable to climate change, with environmental organisation Friends of the Earth saying that developing nations are being "hammered by climate extremes".

And some representatives from climate vulnerable islands and African nations walked out of negotiations on Saturday, saying they felt 'unheard'.

Action AidUK said that the \$300 billion agreed is "a drop in the ocean" compared with "the trillions needed to help climate-hit communities".

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Everyone experiences the negative results of climate change equally.



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Answer to Find the truth. False! Developing countries tend to suffer the effects of climate change more even though they have contributed less to the problem. [Learn more here.](#)



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WHAT
did the Cop29
summit agree?

WHO
said the summit
was a step
forward?

WHERE
was the
summit?

WHEN
was the
summit?

WHY
are COP
summits
held each year?

HOW
much money
do developing
countries say is
needed?

ANSWER:
To give £240
billion to
developing
countries

ANSWER:
Joe Biden

ANSWER:
Baku,
Azerbaijan

ANSWER:
November
2024

ANSWER:
To limit global
warming
to 1.5C

ANSWER:
\$1.3
trillion



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