



Environmental activist Greta Thunberg, of Sweden, addresses the Climate Action Summit in the United Nations General Assembly at U.N. headquarters on Monday.

Plans, frustration at UN climate talks

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UNITED NATIONS — Scolded for doing little, leader after leader promised the United Nations on Monday to do more to prevent a warming world from reaching even more dangerous levels.

As they made their pledges at the Climate Action Summit, though, they and others conceded it was not enough. And even before they spoke, teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg shamed them over and over for their inaction: “How dare you?”

Sixty-six countries have promised to have more ambitious climate goals, and 30 swore to be carbon neutral by midcentury, said Chilean President Sebastian Pinera Echenique, who is hosting the next climate negotiations later this year.

Businesses and charities also got in on the act, at times even going bigger than major nations. Microsoft founder Bill Gates announced Monday that his foundation, along with the World Bank and some European governments, would provide \$790 million in financial help to 300 million of the world’s small farmers adapt to climate change. The Gates foundation pledged \$310 million of that.

“The world can still prevent the absolute worst effects of climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and developing new technologies and sources of energy,” Gates said. “But the effects of rising temperatures are already underway.”

As the day went on Monday and the promises kept coming, the United States seemed out in the cold.

Before world leaders made their promises in three-minute speeches, the 16-year-old Thunberg gave an emotional appeal in which she scolded the leaders with her repeated phrase, “How dare you.”

“This is all wrong. I shouldn’t be up here,” said Thunberg, who began a lone protest outside the Swedish parliament more than a year ago that culminated in Friday’s global climate strikes.

“I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you have come to us young people for hope. How dare you. You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words.”

“We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and yet all you can talk about is money,” Thunberg said. “You are failing us.”

Later, she and 15 other youth activists filed a formal complaint with an arm of the U.N. that protects children, saying that governments’ lack of action on warming is violating their basic rights.

Outside experts say they heard a lot of talk Monday but not the promised action needed to keep warming to a few tenths of a degree. They say it won’t produce the dra-

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matic changes the world requires.

“Sometimes I feel that Greta is still out in front of the Swedish parliament out on her own,” said Stanford University’s Rob Jackson, who chairs the Global Carbon Project, which targets carbon emissions across the world.

Bill Hare, who follows national emissions and promises for Climate Action Tracker, called what was said “deeply disappointing” and not adding up to much.

“The ball they are moving forward is a ball of promises,” said economist John Reilly, co-director of MIT’s Joint Center for Global Change. “Where the ‘ball’ of actual accomplishments is, is another question.”

Of all the countries that came up short, World Resources Institute Vice President Helen Mountford said one stood out: the United States for “not coming to the table and engaging.”

“What we’ve seen so far is not the kind of climate leadership we need from the major economies,” Mountford said. She did say, however, that businesses, as well as small- and medium-sized countries had “exciting initiatives.”

Nations such as Finland and Germany promised to ban coal within a decade. Several also mentioned goals of climate neutrality — when a country is not adding more heat-trapping carbon to the air than is being removed by plants and perhaps technology — by 2050.

President Donald Trump dropped by the summit, listened to German Chancellor Angela Merkel make detailed pledges — including going coal-free — and left without saying anything.

The United States did not ask to speak at the summit, U.N. officials said. And Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had told countries they couldn’t be on the agenda without making bold new proposals.

Even though there was no speech by Trump — who has denied climate change, called it a Chinese hoax and repealed U.S. carbon-reduction policies — he was talked about.

In a jibe at Trump’s plans to withdraw the United States from the 2015 Paris climate agreement, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said countries “must honor our commitments and follow through on the Paris Agreement.”

“The withdrawal of certain parties will not shake the collective goal of the world community,” Wang said to applause. Also Monday, Russia announced that it had ratified the Paris pact, which it had signed already.

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the U.N.’s special climate envoy, thanked Trump for stopping by, adding that it might prove useful “when you formulate climate policy,” drawing laughter and applause on the General Assembly floor.

Trump claims he did nothing wrong on Ukraine

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President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Pakistani President Ashraf Ghani at the InterContinental Barclay hotel during the United Nations General Assembly on Monday in New York.

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats on Monday pressed their demands for full disclosure of a whistleblower’s complaint about President Donald Trump and intensified calls for impeachment. Trump insisted anew he did nothing wrong in his conversation with Ukraine’s leader that is at the center of the complaint.

Republican lawmakers remained largely silent amid the reports that the president pressured Ukraine’s leader to help investigate political rival Joe Biden at the same time the White House was withholding \$250 million in aid to the Eastern European nation.

Trump acknowledged the phone call and said he didn’t want to give money to Ukraine — if there were corruption issues. Trump’s comments raised further questions about whether he improperly used his office to pressure the country into investigating the former vice president and his family as a way of helping his own reelection prospects.

“It’s very important to talk about corruption,” Trump told reporters as he opened meetings at the United Nations. “If you don’t talk about corruption, why would you give money to a country that you think is, is corrupt?”

Later Monday, Trump denied telling the Ukraine president that his country would only get U.S. aid if it investigated Biden’s son. “I didn’t do it,” he said.

Trump has sought, without evidence, to implicate Biden and his son, Hunter, in the kind of corruption that has long plagued Ukraine. Hunter Biden served on the board of a Ukrainian gas company at the same time his father was leading the Obama administration’s diplomatic dealings with Kyiv. Though the timing raised concerns among anti-corruption advocates, there has been no evidence of wrongdoing by either the former vice president or his son.

The matter is under new scrutiny following the whistleblower’s mid-August complaint, which followed Trump’s July 25 call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The person who filed the complaint did not have firsthand knowledge of the call, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Lawmakers are demanding details of the complaint, but the acting director of national intelligence, Joseph Maguire, has refused to share that information, citing presidential privilege. He is set to testify Thursday before the House.

The chairmen of three House committees are threatening to subpoena Secretary of State Mike Pompeo if he does not produce information about whether Trump and his lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, inappropriately tried to influence the government of

Ukraine for political gain.

The House intelligence, Foreign Affairs and Oversight and Government Reform committees asked for documents two weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York called on Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to investigate the whistleblower’s complaint. In a letter to McConnell, he said that the Republicans’ “see no evil, hear no evil” attitude toward the president’s actions “is unacceptable and must change.”

Schumer called on McConnell to take five specific steps to probe the current situation, including issuing a subpoena to compel the whistleblower’s complaint to be delivered to Congress. He said Republicans should tell the White House to release transcripts of Trump’s conversation with the Ukraine president and identify who in the White House sought to delay the money to Ukraine.

“The Republican-led Senate has remained silent and submissive, shying away from this institution’s constitutional obligation to conduct oversight,” Schumer wrote in the letter.

Still, Democrats themselves remained divided on moving forward with an effort to impeach Trump. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has resisted calls for impeachment and is sticking with her position that Congress must not start formal proceedings unless the American public demands it.

However, Pelosi said Sunday that unless the administration provides more information to Congress by the scheduled Thursday hearing at the intelligence committee, its officials “will be entering a grave new chapter of lawlessness which will take us into a whole new stage of investigation.”

More than half the House Democrats have said they support impeachment, and more are expected this week to publicly favor such an investigation, but others worry it is too politically divisive and would only alienate more centrist voters.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
67 53	66 54	63 50	61 46	63 46	63 44	62 46
A brief shower or two	Some sun, then clouds	A couple of showers	A couple of showers	Showers possible	Cloudy	Abundant sunshine

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Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures	
High/low	64/55
Normal high/low	67/48
Record high	92 in 2009
Record low	39 in 1956

Precipitation	
Sunday	0.28"
Month to date	5.70"
Normal month to date	1.41"
Year to date	31.36"
Normal year to date	39.51"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The autumnal equinox occurs at 12:50 a.m. PDT, marking the beginning of fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:10 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:34 a.m.
Moonset today	5:16 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	Sep 28	Oct 5	Oct 13	Oct 21

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
10:50 a.m.	6.1	4:19 a.m.	0.1	
10:02 p.m.	7.4	4:19 p.m.	2.8	

Cape Disappointment

10:30 a.m.	5.7	3:25 a.m.	-0.1	
9:44 p.m.	7.1	3:33 p.m.	2.9	

Hammond

10:40 a.m.	6.2	3:46 a.m.	-0.2	
9:55 p.m.	7.6	3:54 p.m.	2.9	

Warrenton

10:45 a.m.	6.4	4:03 a.m.	0.2	
9:57 p.m.	7.8	4:03 p.m.	2.9	

Knappa

11:27 a.m.	6.4	5:20 a.m.	0.1	
10:39 p.m.	7.6	5:20 p.m.	2.4	

Depoe Bay

9:47 a.m.	6.4	2:57 a.m.	0.1	
8:55 p.m.	7.7	3:01 p.m.	3.4	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/65/s	91/71/pc
Boston	79/60/pc	73/60/s
Chicago	76/63/s	72/54/t
Dallas	91/75/pc	95/73/s
Denver	85/49/pc	77/50/s
Honolulu	87/72/pc	86/75/pc
Houston	89/71/s	88/71/pc
Los Angeles	89/68/s	84/67/s
Miami	87/72/pc	89/77/s
New York City	77/59/pc	78/62/s
Phoenix	90/74/pc	91/72/t
San Francisco	89/63/s	91/63/s
Wash., DC	82/62/s	83/66/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	76/38/pc	71/43/pc
Brookings	74/57/s	78/58/pc
Ilwaco	66/54/sh	64/57/pc
Newberg	74/49/c	72/53/pc
Newport	67/52/c	66/53/pc

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
North Bend	70/53/pc	70/56/s
Roseburg	78/54/pc	76/54/s
Seaside	67/53/sh	65/55/pc
Springfield	76/50/pc	73/50/s
Vancouver	71/51/sh	70/55/pc