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GLOBAL

CLIMATE CHANGE - A new plan to curb global warming risks becoming a battleground between rich and poor nations and could struggle to get off the ground as negotiators battle over the fate of the ailing Kyoto climate pact.

AFRICA

HORN OF AFRICA - The response to famine-stricken Somalia is still inadequate even though the delivery of food aid has improved significantly with 1.85 million people receiving rations, up from 770,000 in July, the United Nations said in its latest report. Four million people are in need of aid in Somalia where famine has been declared in six out of eight regions with the remainder predicted to slip into famine by the end of the year.

IVORY COAST - UN agency has started using mobile phone technology to facilitate cash transfers to 54,000 people living in poor districts of Ivory Coast's main city Abidjan to buy food, the agency said.

ASIA

CHINA - Despite its rapid adoption of clean energy in the near term, China's economic growth puts it on track to exceed previous carbon dioxide emission projections for the year 2020, scientists with Climate Action Tracker say. In the short run, though, China is likely to cut emissions more than it pledged in the recent Cancun agreement, again due to its clean-energy technology commitment.

INDIA - Tens of thousands of people in India's eastern region of Orissa are stranded in the worst floods to hit the area in 30 years, aid workers and officials said. The flooding, sparked by two spells of heavy monsoon rains, has disrupted the lives of more than two million people after submerging over 3,000 villages in the impoverished coastal state. At least 38 people have died.

PHILIPPINES - Philippine authorities were struggling to reach communities in northern provinces of Luzon island that were hit by two powerful typhoons in less than week, as concern grew about a third storm forming off the coast.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

MEXICO - The deserts of northern Mexico are home to various plant species that have been largely ignored, despite the considerable social, economic and environmental contributions they could make.

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