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GLOBAL

CLIMATE CHANGE - The global push to curb climate change must not lead to a "green resource curse", as land and minerals valuable for low-carbon development are exploited in poorer nations that fail to reap the benefits, a new report has warned. Accelerating climate change and competition for limited supplies of water, food and energy are poised to ignite long-simmering conflicts in fragile states, monopolising the world's military resources and hampering development efforts, security experts have said.

GENDER EQUALITY - Senior United Nations officials stressed the need to promote the participation of women in decision-making, noting that democracy and gender equality are interlinked and mutually reinforcing. "While women's political participation improves democracy, the reverse is also true: democracy is an incubator for gender equality," Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said.

AFRICA

HORN OF AFRICA - Drought has left more than 8 million people in the Horn of Africa short of food and water, and the number could rise sharply if funding to help them is not increased.

KENYA - Pastoralist communities in Kenya's semi-arid northern and eastern regions are reviving tradition in a bid to protect their livestock and their livelihoods from the effects of climate change. Village elders have formed leadership groups and, by next year, plan to start defining areas where pastoralists can graze for a set period before moving on to the next area of community grazing land. Anyone who disobeys the regulations could be fined a number of cows or camels through cultural courts.

ASIA & PACIFIC

TIMOR LESTE - A United Nations report released recommends that Timor-Leste should use its oil wealth to boost sustainable development in the other sectors of the fledgling South-East Asian country's economy and reduce inequality between urban and rural communities.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

HAITI - UN to set up taskforce in wake of report into source of Haitian cholera outbreak. Nearly 300,000 Haitians have been sickened since the outbreak started and fresh infections and deaths continue to occur.

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