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TOP STORY • THE NETHERLANDS

A Small African Country Wins a Big Case for the Rohingya

Judges in The Hague said Myanmar committed genocide, in a case brought by The Gambia.

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Three places far apart on the map met in one courtroom this week. The court sits in The Hague, in the Netherlands. The case was about Myanmar, in Asia. It was brought by The Gambia, a small country in West Africa.

On 19 November, judges at the International Court of Justice, the UN's top court, ruled that Myanmar committed genocide against the Rohingya. Genocide is the crime of trying to destroy a whole group of people. The Rohingya are a Muslim minority from Myanmar's Rakhine state. In 2017, after an army crackdown there, about 700,000 fled to Bangladesh.

Myanmar has said its army was answering attacks by armed fighters. But nine of the 15 judges agreed it was genocide. Myanmar must let the Rohingya return home safely and report back within two years. About 1.2 million Rohingya still live in camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.



The Gambia in West Africa, the court in the Netherlands, and Myanmar and Bangladesh in Asia.

WHY IT MATTERS

The ruling shows that even a small country can ask the world's top court to stand up for people living far away.

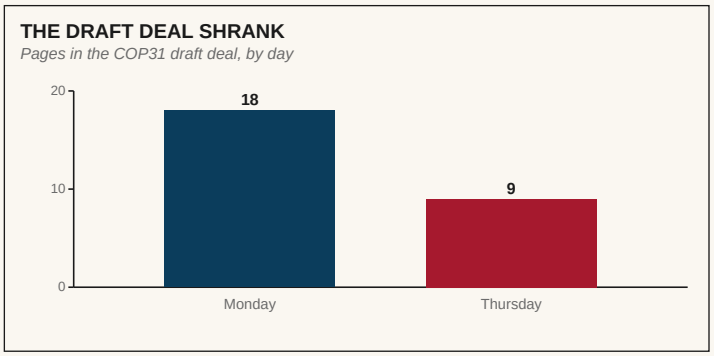
WORLD • TURKEY

Climate Talks in Antalya Run Past Their Last Day

Nearly 200 countries are stuck on a short draft deal that never names coal, oil or gas.

Antalya is a city on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. Since 9 November, nearly 200 countries have met there for COP31, the UN's yearly climate summit. It was due to end Friday, but talks went on.

The argument is over a draft, or early version, of the deal. It shrank from 18 pages to 9, and never mentions fossil fuels: coal, oil and gas. Burning them is the main cause of global warming. Panama said it would formally object, and every country must agree to a UN climate deal.



The newer draft is half as long, and it no longer names fossil fuels.

WHY IT MATTERS

Whether the deal names coal, oil and gas shows how hard countries will try to slow global warming.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• United States: House Democrats picked Hakeem Jeffries of New York to be speaker, the House's leader.

• Space: NASA's Voyager 1 is now one light-day from Earth, so a radio message takes a whole day to reach it.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• Turkey: will the COP31 countries agree on a final climate deal?

• Space: will Voyager 1 start sending science data again?

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.