Will the Sci-fi climate disaster scenarios become the new reality? Miliband warns COP31

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With the rising climate issues and persistent increase in global emissions driven by trade and production, Britain has warned at the COP31 event being held in Antalya, Türkiye on the rising environmental concerns, urging member nations to treat it rather as an immediate national security emergency. British foreign secretary, Ed Miliband warned nations regarding the potential economic destabilisation they will face due to complete dependence on fossil fuels as viewed through the US-Iran conflict where soaring oil prices and rampant interest rate spikes persisted thereby keeping their economies in a chokehold.

Ahead of the COP31 UN climate summit held on 11th November, Miliband remarked that the frontier of climate protection involved national security owing to the fact that the current environmental concerns cannot guarantee for food sustainability followed by a potential fall in infrastructural resilience and widespread migration instilling national conflicts.

The UK, following the summit, had agreed to sign a statement to urge COP31 member countries to initiate levying charges on polluting sectors, such as the air travel industry, starting with small charges on flights for regular flyers or business class members. However, other propositions such as levying taxes on CO2 emissions from international shipping have been postponed due to Donald Trump's opposition.

The COP31 negotiations also announced for a $300 billion for developing nation's climate resilient infrastructure and finance by 2035. However, many recipient countries were severely disappointed due to no impressive changes in new climate pledges. Moreover, Britain's green rhetoric is facing tensions due to their recent approval for a gas field in the North Sea.

Therefore, although Britain's attempts to position itself towards a leader in global green defence remain strong, its credibility lies at risk due because of ongoing domestic fuel licensing along with insufficient international climate funding promises.