

Article titled **Voice of Global South: A new stage in the development of International Diplomacy**

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Last week, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon participated and spoke at the third "Voice of the Global South" Summit, which was held virtually under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Narendra Modi. As the press service of the President informs, leaders and representatives of more than a hundred countries took part in the Summit, which was held on the topic of "Strengthening the Global South for a sustainable future". In his speech, Emomali Rahmon considered this Conference as a favorable basis for constructive discussion of various aspects of the process of sustainable development and other pressing issues of the modern world, and called on the countries of the South to take immediate joint actions and other necessary measures to deal with the aforementioned risks and threats, adapt to them and manage natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Climate change

The main problem of the countries of the Southern World

In his speech, the President of Tajikistan paid special attention to the unstable situation in the world, food shortages, population growth and financial debts, as well as climate change. In fact, climate change, rapid melting of glaciers, lack of drinking water and natural disasters, food crisis are one of the main problems of the countries of the South. For this reason, Emomali Rahmon emphasized that over the past five years, we have been witnessing the hottest years and months on the planet. According to the report of experts, July 2024 was the hottest on record.

The war in Gaza and the unstable situation in the world

Subramanyam Jaishankar, the Minister of External Affairs of India, stated at the meeting of the ministers that the participants of the Summit paid more attention to the unpleasant situation in Gaza and expressed concern about the killing of the civilian population. The President of the Republic of Tajikistan also paid special attention to this issue and emphasized that the tragic situation in Palestine today has caused deep concern of the international community. In this regard, the Head of the country called the parties for an immediate ceasefire and peaceful negotiations. "Tajikistan is of the opinion that the implementation of the UN resolutions related to the establishment of an independent State of Palestine is the only effective way to solve this issue," the Leader of the nation said.

This is despite the fact that, according to the UN, the number of people killed in Gaza since the beginning of the conflict has reached 40 thousand people.

Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, emphasizes that most of the dead are women and children. In most cases, this unexpected situation was caused by the neglect and non-observance of the rules of war by the Israeli army. According to data, an

average of 130 people die in Gaza every day in the last 10 months. In addition, there is a possibility that the flame of this conflict will spread to other countries of the Middle East region. In this connection, Subramanyam Jaishankar said at the meeting of the foreign ministers of the "Voice of the Global South" countries that the countries of the Southern World are most affected by numerous conflicts and tensions in the world. He emphasized that the world order is facing serious problems, but international organizations have not been able to find adequate solutions.

What kind of platform is "Voice of the Global South"?

Since its inception, the main goal of this conference has been to bring together the countries of the Southern World (including developing countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean) to exchange views on various global issues. Also, the purpose of holding such conferences is to create a single voice that can influence global decision-making processes and ensure that the global issues of the countries of the South are properly taken into account in international forums such as the G20.

The first "Voice of the Global South" summit was held in January 2023, bringing together representatives of more than 100 countries of the global South. This meeting became an important stage in international diplomacy. At the same time, it provided a favorable basis for developing countries to express their opinions and cooperate in solving global problems.

The third "Voice of the Global South" Summit, which was held under the theme "Strengthening the Global South for a sustainable future", is a logical continuation of the previous summits and is aimed at solving the pressing issues of the countries.

The main focus was on a number of issues, including conflicts, food security crises, energy and climate change, which directly affect developing countries. Needless to say, these problems have been exacerbated by recent world events, including ongoing conflicts and the long-term effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Countries increasingly emphasized that the Global South should play a central role in solving these problems. The summit provides a platform for leaders to share experiences, identify common priorities and propose strategies for sustainable development.