



PAY UP Activist at Cop29

Chaos reigns at Cop29 as nations walk over finance

BY MELINA WALLING

COP29 collapsed into chaos yesterday with delegates from several countries walking out on the climate change talks.

Developing nations rejected as too little the E239billion suggested to help countries adapt to droughts, floods, rising seas and extreme heat.

United Nations reports say £1,000bn is needed, which would also pay for losses and damages from extreme weather as well as a transition from fossil fuels towards clean energy.

A group of negotiators from the least developed countries bloc and the Alliance of Small Island States, which represents small, low-lying island nations at risk of rising sea levels, walked out of the global conference in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Yesterday's talks took Cop29 a day past its scheduled end date.

If more delegates leave there will not be enough to continue, UK Energy Secretary Ed Miliband, speaking on the side lines, said we "need to move forward" and countries must decide if the cash on offer is acceptable or not.

# The tip of climate change

## Coastal landslips expose old rubbish dumps to sea

### EXCLUSIVE

BY NADA FARHOUD Environment Editor

**COASTAL erosion, sped up by the climate change, is exposing old landfill sites that experts call "ticking time bombs".**

There are 1,200 to 1,400 old dumps around the coast and their decades of rubbish could end up in the sea.

At Lyme Regis in Dorset, a Victorian dump that shut in the 1970s is discharging its contents, including toxic chemicals, into the water.

The Jurassic Coast is famed for its fossils but landslides are now exposing our rotting waste. When I visited, I saw



BELOVED Cliffs of Jurassic Coast



DOWN IN DUMPS Old oven in cliff

a rusting oven, sink and microwave stuck in the cliff, and the beach was strewn with broken glass and ceramics.

Ahead of Black Friday, it is a stark reminder that the things we buy and dispose of are never really thrown away – and will come back to haunt us.

Environmental scientist Angela Terry said: "The risk to human health and wildlife from waste littering our shores and beloved beaches is huge." She told

how cash-strapped local authorities lack the funds to solve the problem and added: "There is no magic black hole to discard objects. Conscious consumerism is essential."

Environmental geochemist Prof Kate Spencer, from Queen Mary University of London, said: "We have two signifi-

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cant environmental issues colliding – our past over-consumption and our dis-

posal of waste, coupled with climate change, sea levels rising and coastal erosion." The Coastal Landfill Working Group said old sites are "ticking time bombs" that will cost billions to tackle.

The group's Cllr Simon Martin said: "The risks of doing nothing are too great to ignore and the potential impacts on the natural environment will be disastrous."

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Nada with rubbish in Lyme Regis

