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1. UAE'S SECOND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT STARTS COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

2. IRAQ, GE ADDRESS PATHWAYS TOWARDS LOWER CARBON ENERGY

3. TRANSITION TO GREEN HYDROGEN HINGES ON GLOBAL SUPPORT

4. SPEND PROFITS FROM HIGH OIL AND GAS PRICES ON NET ZERO

5. SHOULD WE LEVY A WINDFALL TAX ON BIG OIL'S BIG PROFITS?

6. MASDAR ANNOUNCES 40% INCREASE IN CLEAN ENERGY CAPACITY

7. OQ EYES ROLE AS OMAN'S ENERGY TRANSITION CHAMPION

8. IEA REAPPOINTS FATIH BIROL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

9. CIRCULAR ECONOMY IS VITAL FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION

10. TRANSITION TO CLEAN ENERGY WILL MINT NEW COMMODITY SUPERPOWERS

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Whether building a house or educating a kid, climate needs to be considered, says Sankar Halder.

War in Ukraine rages. Markets roil. Inflation has spiked. New waves of Covid gain deadly momentum, especially in China, the country with the world's largest population and second largest economy. Worries abound.

Still, the need to address global warming remains more urgent than ever, even if tempting to place on a backburner. We still need to push forward with climate solutions, multitasking our way through a plethora of emergencies competing for our attention, many caused in part or worsened by climate change itself. One only need to read the news, albeit now on the inside pages, sidebar scrolls and off-prime-time broadcasts, to be reminded of this urgency.

So I'm forging ahead here with the second of three posts on my visit to the Indian Sundarbans (the first). Here the war in Ukraine seems distant, while the ravages of global warming present immediate challenges each day. Bricks and sandbags accumulate in every village this time of year, as the annual reinforcement of homes and river embankments against cyclones takes place. It's one of the many practices that once provided a measure of protection against rising

waters but are now increasingly found wanting in the face of the more frequent and powerful storms global warming generates.

So far in this newsletter, we've visited a tiny, cattle-fueled biogas facility serving a school (this earlier post) and a mangrove restoration initiative by a curious botanist (my last post, as also linked above). Here we look at a community resilience-building initiative started by a village-born kid turned international IT consultant who is now helping back home.

These small efforts may seem insignificant in the face of war in Europe, much less the sheer scale of the climate challenge. Each alone, they are. But small-scale, local initiatives such as these, in aggregate and across the world are just as essential to adapting to global warming and pushing towards solutions as the mega-projects I'll look at later in the journey.

In a way, the mega-scale undertakings needed to arrest climate change — transitioning away from fossil fuels and overhauling agriculture to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions, to name the most urgent — will happen only on foundations laid by local climate adaptation efforts. They're what will help communities maintain the wherewithal to take on the big changes ahead.

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