

SUDAN CONFLICT

Battles rage hrs after rivals agree to ceasefire

AFP, Khartoum

Residents of Sudan's capital again awoke to heavy clashes yesterday morning just hours after rival generals agreed to an upcoming one-week ceasefire amid ongoing talks in Saudi Arabia.

The ceasefire -- the latest following many successive truces that have been systematically violated -- is set to go into effect at 9:45 pm (1945 GMT) today, the US and Saudi Arabia said in a joint statement.

The ceasefire "shall remain in effect for seven days and may be extended with the agreement of both parties", the statement added after talks in Jeddah.

Multiple truces have been violated since fighting broke out five weeks ago, which the Saudi foreign ministry acknowledged in a statement published by the official Saudi Press Agency early yesterday.

"Unlike previous ceasefires, the Agreement reached in Jeddah was signed by parties and will be supported by a US-Saudi and international-supported ceasefire monitoring mechanism," it said.

But Khartoum residents -- who for weeks have been sheltering from urban warfare amid desperately low supplies of food and vital resources -- were sceptical that this time would be any different.

"They have announced truces that they have not held to before," said Hussein Mohammed, who remains in Khartoum North, sheltering in place with his sick mother even as their neighbourhood became deserted.

"We hope that this time mediators can monitor that the ceasefire is implemented," he told AFP, adding that his mother has been unable to make her regular doctor's appointments since before the conflict erupted on April 15.

The fighting pits the Sudanese army, led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, against the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, led by Burhan's former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo.

Around 1,000 people have been killed and over a million displaced throughout the weeks of intense fighting, leaving millions more with sporadic access to water, electricity or medicine.

Along with the capital, the war-scarred western region of Darfur has seen some of the worst of the fighting.

"We do not trust the warring sides," said Adam Issa, a shop owner in El-Geneina, West Darfur. "Every time they announce a truce and they go back to fighting. We want a permanent ceasefire, not a temporary truce."

The region is still reeling from a conflict that erupted in 2003 when former autocrat Omar al-Bashir unleashed the feared Janjaweed militia -- which formed the basis for the RSF -- to crush a rebellion by ethnic minority groups.



Climate activists hold a banner after pouring vegetable charcoal in the Trevi Fountain water, during a demonstration against fossil fuels, in Rome, Italy yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Biden sees shift in ties with China ‘shortly’

Says G7 wants to de-risk, not decouple

REUTERS, Hiroshima

US President Joe Biden yesterday said the Group of Seven nations were agreed in their approach to China and the need to diversify their supply chains so they are not dependent on one country.

"We're not looking to decouple from China. We're looking to de-risk and diversify our relationship with China," Biden told reporters in Hiroshima, Japan, at the conclusion of a meeting of world leaders.

He added that he expected a thaw in frosty relations with China "shortly" after strains caused by an incident earlier this year when the United States shot down a Chinese balloon that flew over sensitive military sites.

Biden also said he had received a "flat assurance" from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky that he would not use Western-provided F-16 jets to go into Russian territory.

Biden told reporters that F-16 warplanes could be used "wherever Russian troops are within Ukraine and the area".

He said it was "highly unlikely" the planes would be used in any Ukrainian offensive in the coming weeks, but that Ukrainian troops could need such weapons to defend themselves against Russian forces beyond their current reach.

Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) richest democracies yesterday said they would not back down from supporting Ukraine, in a warning

to Russian President Vladimir Putin as he claimed to have taken the eastern city of Bakhmut, something Kyiv denied.

Biden announced a \$375 million package of military aid, including artillery and armoured vehicles, for Ukraine during the final day of a three-day G7 summit.

Biden told G7 leaders during the summit Washington supports joint allied training programs for Ukrainian pilots on F-16s warplanes, although Kyiv has not won specific, public commitments for delivery of the fighter jets.

Zelensky said yesterday he was confident Kyiv would receive F-16 fighter jets from the West after months of lobbying for the planes.

CLASH IN SOUTHEAST

5 Iranian border guards killed

AFP, Tehran

Five Iranian border guards were killed yesterday during clashes with an armed group in the restive southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan, state media reported. The guards were killed in Saravan, near Iran's border with Pakistan, the official IRNA news agency said. Earlier, the judiciary's Mizan Online website had quoted local prosecutor Mehdi Shamsabadi as saying that six border guards were killed but later the number was revised down to five. Yesterday's attack was carried out by "a terrorist group that was seeking to infiltrate the country" but whose members "fled the scene after suffering injuries", IRNA said. Iran foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani condemned the attack saying Iran expects Pakistan to "crack down on terrorist groups" and "try to improve the security of the common borders". "Certainly, the aim of these terrorist groups is to disrupt the security of the common borders and the security of the people living on the borders of the two countries," he added. Poverty-stricken Sistan-Baluchistan, which also borders Afghanistan, is a flashpoint for clashes with rebels from Baluchi minority.

Gurkha amputee scales Everest

AFP, Kathmandu

Gurkha veteran Hari Budha Magar, who was almost killed serving with the British army in Afghanistan, has become the first double above-the-knee amputee to climb Everest, a member of his team said yesterday. "He reached the top of Sagarmatha at around 3 PM [Nepali time] on Friday. After successfully summiting the peak, he has now descended to the base camp, and will return to Kathmandu tomorrow (today)," Him Bista told AFP, using the Nepali name for Everest. Magar, 43, lost his legs after stepping on an improvised explosive device in 2010 while on patrol in Afghanistan with the Gurkhas. Two below-the-knee amputees have reached the peak in the past -- New Zealander Mark Inglis in 2006 and China's Xia Boyu in 2018. Magar was fitted with prosthetic legs and aside from kayaking, Wight climbed several peaks including Morocco's Mount Toubkal as well as Ben Nevis in Scotland and Mont Blanc.



Mongolia's President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, right, speaks with France's President Emmanuel Macron inside a traditional yurt during a meeting at the Government Palace in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

EL SALVADOR STADIUM

12 people killed in stampede

More than 500 injured

AFP, San Salvador

Twelve people were killed and hundreds injured Saturday in a stampede at an El Salvador soccer stadium, police and emergency services said.

Authorities said initial reports pointed to a crush of fans who tried to enter Cuscatlan Stadium in the Central American country's capital San Salvador to watch a local tournament match between teams Alianza and FAS.

The match was suspended as emergency personnel evacuated people from the stadium, where hundreds of police officers and soldiers gathered as ambulance sirens wailed.

"Salvadoran soccer is in mourning," National Civil Police (PNC) director Mauricio Arriaza told reporters as he confirmed the death toll of 12.

Among the stampede survivors, Sandra Guzman, 40, left a capital hospital early yesterday with a



bandage on her left knee, walking with difficulty alongside her friend, Javier Ramirez, 31.

Both said this was the "first and last time" they would experience such a misfortune because they would not return to the stadium.

"A large crowd of people fell on me. I couldn't even breathe, they were choking me," Guzman told AFP.

When she was in front of a stadium gate, she said "people were pushing me to get in, they didn't give me a chance to go back. When I came to see, I panicked, I had a lot of people on top of me.

"I fainted, and when I woke up I was in the hospital."

Health Minister Francisco Alabi said earlier that the country's hospital network was "providing medical care to all patients."

Carlos Fuentes, spokesman for the emergency services group Comandos de Salvamento, said they were treating more than 500 people.

About 100 people in serious condition were taken to hospital, with some showing signs of asphyxia and other types of trauma, Fuentes said.

The stampede apparently started after a stadium gate fell, causing people to crowd together, he said.

At least two of the injured were in critical condition, according to police.

El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele said the PNC and the Attorney General's Office would investigate the incident and those responsible would be punished.

"Everyone will be investigated: teams, managers, stadium, box office, league, federation," Bukele said on Twitter.

‘Don’t have a problem with army chief’

Says Imran Khan

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Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has told Al Jazeera he does not "have a problem" with the country's army chief but accused Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Asim Munir of trying to stop him from returning to power.

"I have no problem with him, but he seems to have a problem with me," Khan told Al Jazeera in an interview on Saturday days after the civilian government said it will use a controversial army law to try supporters of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party involved in damaging military installations.




"I haven't done anything to antagonise the army chief, but there is something he has against me which I don't know," the former prime minister and head of the PTI party said.

The cricketer-turned-politician has accused Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif of being "a puppet" of the powerful army, which has carried out multiple coups against civilian governments since the South Asian country's independence in 1947.

The 70-year-old leader, speaking from his residence in the eastern city of Lahore, accused the police of arresting 7,500 protesters believed to be from his party.

Khan urged his supporters to remain peaceful in case he is arrested, adding that the government will use instances of violence to launch a crackdown on the opposition activists and leaders.



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল
রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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২	সংস্থা	৪	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	৪	পরিচালক (ডিআইজি), কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা।
৪	সংগ্রহ সত্তার জেলা	৪	ঢাকা।
৫	দরপত্রের বিষয়	৪	(১) জরুরী মেডিসিন (২) আউটসোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে অভিজ্ঞ ডাক্তার, নার্স, মেডিকেল টেকনোলজিস্ট পদে সেবা ক্রয়।
৬	দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	৪	কেঃ পুঃ হাঃ/দরপত্র-২৬৮০, তারিখঃ ২১/০৫/২০২৩খ্রিঃ।
৭	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	৪	খোলা দরপত্র (ওটিএম)।
৮	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির সর্বশেষ তারিখ	৪	১৮/০৬/২০২৩খ্রিঃ।
৯	দরপত্র জমাদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	৪	১৯/০৬/২০২৩খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
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১১	বাজেট এবং অর্থের উৎস	৪	রাজস্ব বাজেট (জিওবি)।
১২	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর অফিস ও ঠিকানা	৪	পরিচালক (ডিআইজি) এর কার্যালয়, সিপিএইচ, ঢাকা।
১৩	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	৪	পরিচালক (ডিআইজি) এর কার্যালয়, সিপিএইচ, ঢাকা।
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বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ

ক. প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক ক্যাশিয়ার কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকার নিকট হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাবে;

খ. দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলি নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস হতে জানা যাবে;

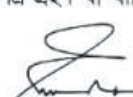
গ. কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের পর অর্থ বরাদ্দ সাপেক্ষে বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে;

ঘ. দরপত্র জমা ও খোলার তারিখ সরকারী ছুটি থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে দরপত্র জমা ও খোলা হবে;

ঙ. দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত কাগজপত্র ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা দ্বারা সত্যায়িত থাকতে হবে, অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

চ. সিডিউলে বর্ণিত দরপত্রের শর্তাবলী যথাযথ প্রতিপালন করতে হবে;

ছ. কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন আবেদন/দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।



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