

Houthis will only target Israeli-linked vessels

Says the Yemeni group after Gaza ceasefire

REUTERS, London

Yemen's Houthis will limit their attacks on commercial vessels to Israeli-linked ships after the Gaza ceasefire came into effect, according to the Yemen-based Humanitarian Operations Coordination Center (HOCC).

The HOCC, which liaises between Houthi forces and commercial shipping operators, said in an email sent to shipping industry officials dated January 19 that it was stopping "sanctions" against vessels owned by US or British individuals or entities, as well as ships sailing under their flags.

"We affirm that, in the event of any aggression against the Republic of Yemen



by the United States of America, the United Kingdom ... the sanctions will be reinstated against the aggressor," the email said. "You will be promptly informed of such measures should they be implemented."

The HOCC said they would stop targeting Israeli-linked ships "upon the full implementation of all phases of the agreement".

Many of the world's biggest shipping companies have suspended shipping through the Red Sea and have diverted their vessels around southern Africa to avoid being attacked.

The Iran backed Houthis have carried out more than 100 attacks on ships since November 2023 and sunk two vessels, seized another and killed at least four seafarers.

The Houthis have targeted the southern Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, which are joined by the narrow Bab al-Mandab strait, a chokepoint between the Horn of Africa and the Middle East.

What Trump 2.0 could mean for the world

REUTERS, Washington

Donald Trump's second presidential term could have huge implications for US trade policy, climate change, the war in Ukraine, electric vehicles, Americans' taxes and illegal immigration.

MORE TARIFFS

Trump has said he will issue executive orders on his first day in office to impose a 25 percent tariff on all imports from Canada and Mexico if the two US neighbours do not clamp down on the flow of drugs into the US and people entering the country illegally.

Trump has also called for a global tariff of at least 10 percent on all goods imported into the US, a move he says would eliminate a \$1-trillion annual trade deficit.

MASS DEPORTATIONS

Trump has vowed to reinstate his first-term policies targeting illegal border crossings and to forge ahead with sweeping new restrictions.

He has pledged to limit access to asylum at the US-Mexico border and to embark on the biggest deportation effort



in American history, which would likely trigger legal challenges and opposition from Democrats in Congress.

He is expected to try to revoke protected legal status for some populations such as Haitians or Venezuelans, but would try to seek a congressional deal to protect "Dreamers" - children of parents who came to the country illegally.

DRILLING AWAY

Trump has vowed to increase US production of fossil fuels by easing permitting and expanding drilling on federal land. He has said he would support widespread oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

Trump has pledged to create a National

Energy Council to coordinate policies to boost US energy production, led by his pick for interior secretary, former North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum.

TAX RELIEF

Along with his trade and energy agendas, Trump has promised to slash federal regulations that he says limit job creation. He has pledged to extend personal income-tax cuts that he signed into law in 2017 but which are due to expire on December 31, and he has proposed a number of individual and corporate tax cuts beyond those enacted in his first term.

A PUSH TO END WARS

Trump has been critical of US support for Ukraine in its war with Russia, and has said he could end the war in 24 hours if elected - although advisers concede it will likely take months if not longer. He has suggested Ukraine may have to yield some of its territory if a peace deal is to be struck.

Trump is likely to push for historic normalisation of relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia, an effort he made during his 2017-2021 presidency and which Biden has also pursued.

‘Thank God I’m outside’ Gaza families celebrate after prisoners released by Israel

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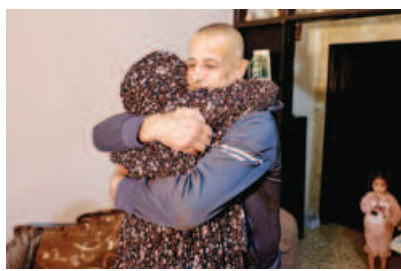
About 90 Palestinian prisoners have been released in exchange for three Israeli hostages handed over by Hamas to Israel, as part of Israel-Hamas ceasefire deal aimed at ending 15 months of offensive.

The prisoners, most of whom were freed in the early hours of yesterday from Ofer prison in Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, were welcomed by thousands of people celebrating, waving the flags of Palestine and Hamas.

The next hostage-prisoner swap would take place on Saturday, a senior Hamas official told AFP.

Mothers, fathers, siblings and friends had waited for hours in the cold to embrace their loved ones as part of the agreement.

Among those released was Shatha Jarabaa, 24, who was arrested over a



social media post criticising the "brutality" of Israel's campaign in Gaza. "I'm very happy! Thank God I'm outside. They treated me very bad in prison. It was horrible," she told the Guardian.

She was greeted by her father, Nawaf Jarabaa, 63, who said earlier: "I'm happy, but not too happy ... My daughter was arrested simply for expressing her ideas ... The thing that bothers me the most is

that people think that the Israelis have only behaved this way towards us since 7 October, but the truth is that it has always been like this."

His anticipation was also tempered by the fact that two other children were not included in the deal.

Another prisoner released was Ahmad Khsha, 18, who was arrested in January 2024 in Jenin. "They arrested me because my brother died during a shootout in Jenin. After he died, they arrested me. They raided our cells on Saturday before releasing us and threw teargas at us. They tortured us in the cell, every day. They also tortured and mistreated the women."

Osama Shadeh, who was waiting to be reunited with his 17-year-old daughter Aseel, said: "It's hard to describe the emotion we're feeling at this moment."

South Korea's Yoon shuns questioning Security tightened after court rampage

REUTERS, Seoul

South Korea's impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol yesterday refused to be questioned by investigators under a probe into whether he committed insurrection, as dozens of his supporters faced being charged over a violent rampage on a court building.

Authorities said security was being beefed up at the Seoul Detention Centre where Yoon is being held as a pre-trial inmate and at the Constitutional Court which is holding an impeachment trial to decide whether to permanently remove him from office.

Yoon became the first incumbent South Korean president to be arrested last week over his short-lived declaration of martial law on December 3.

On Sunday, he was formally processed for detention, including having his mugshot taken, after a court approved a warrant, citing concern the suspect could destroy evidence.

Following the midnight ruling, Yoon supporters stormed the Seoul Western District Court building early on Sunday destroying property and clashing with police who were at times overpowered by a mob wielding broken barricades to attack them.

Taliban deputy FM calls for girls' high schools to open

REUTERS, Kabul

The Taliban's acting deputy foreign minister called on his senior leadership to open schools for Afghan girls, among the strongest public rebukes of a policy that has contributed to the international isolation of its rulers.

Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai said in a speech at the weekend that restrictions on girls and women's education was not in line with Islamic Sharia law.

"We request the leaders of the Islamic Emirate to open the doors of education," he said, according to local broadcaster Tolo, referring to the Taliban's name for its administration.

"In the time of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him), the doors of knowledge were open to both men and women," he said.

Biden pre-emptively pardons Trump foes

AFP, Washington

US President Joe Biden yesterday issued pre-emptive pardons to former Covid-19 advisor Anthony Fauci and retired general Mark Milley to shield them from "politically motivated prosecutions" under the Trump administration.

In an extraordinary move in his last hours in the White House, Biden gave similar pardons to members, staff and witnesses of a US House committee probing the violent January 6, 2021 US Capitol attack by Donald Trump's supporters.

"These public servants have served our nation with honor and distinction and do not deserve to be the targets of unjustified and politically motivated prosecutions," Biden said in a statement.

"These are exceptional circumstances, and I cannot in good conscience do nothing."

Trump, who was set to be sworn in yesterday, has repeatedly promised "retribution" against his political opponents and threatened some with criminal prosecution.

Fauci became the face of the country's fight against the Covid

pandemic, but his straight-talking takes on the disease in Trump's first term brought him into conflict with the Republican.

It also turned the scientist into a hate figure for many on the right, including Elon Musk, Trump's ally, who repeatedly called for Fauci to be prosecuted.

Trump was enraged after Milley, who was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during Trump's first term, told journalist Bob Woodward that Trump was "fascist to the core" and "the most dangerous person to this country."

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Advertisement for Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Selection of Individual Consultant (National)

Ministry/Division	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA)
Agency	MoWCA
Procuring entity name	Project Director, Inclusive Services and Opportunities for Human Capital Development and Livelihood Project (HCDLP) under Inclusive Services and Opportunities Project (ISO)
Expression of Interest for selection of	Selection of Individual Consultant (National)
Procurement method	Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC)
Budget and source of fund	Development Budget; International Development Association (IDA) and GoB
Development partner	IDA (World Bank)
Project/program name	Inclusive Services and Opportunities for Human Capital Development and Livelihood Project (HCDLP) under Inclusive Services and Opportunities Project (ISO)
Place of EOI submission place	Project Director, ISO for HCDLP, Room No. 811, 7th Floor, Paribahan Pool Bhaban, Secretariat Link Road, Dhaka-1000.
EOI closing date & time	10th February, 2025, at 12:00pm (EOI shall have to be submitted through standard application from which is available at the website of Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA) (www.mowca.gov.bd) within EOI closing date and time. Copies of all educational, professional and experience certificate shall have to be submitted with EOI).
EOI opening date & time	10th February, 2025, at 12:00pm

The detailed information is given below:

Package No.	Name of Position & No. of Position	Duration	Qualification	Required experience & scope of services
MoWCA/ICS- 01	Financial Management Specialist 01 (One)	36 Months (Approx.)	Must be M. Com/ MBA in Accounting/ Finance.	Detailed information about Experience and Scope of Services are available in ToR
MoWCA/ICS- 03	Procurement Specialist 01 (One)	24 Months (Approx.)	At least a bachelor's degree in engineering, or a Master's in Procurement/Business Administration/Commerce/ Economics/ Finance/ Law or other related fields	
MoWCA/ICS- 05	Gender Specialist 01 (One)	48 Months (Approx.)	Must be Masters in Sociology, Gender Studies, Human Resources, Anthropology, or any other related subject.	

a. The Project Director now invites eligible applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (**Comprehensive curriculum vitae including desired remuneration and attached verifiable credentials demonstrating qualifications and professional experience**).

b. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) are available in the MoWCA official website: www.mowca.gov.bd, www.cptu.gov.bd.

c. The consultants will be selected using the selection of Individual Consultant in accordance with the current World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, September 2023, and Public Procurement Rules, 2008.

d. Expressions of Interest shall be submitted by **10th February, 2025 at 12:00pm** on weekdays either in sealed envelope sent to Project Director and be clearly marked Expression of Interest for the above-mentioned position. The soft copy must be sent by email (dpdisomowca24@gmail.com).

e. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all REOIS.

f. Professional men and women are highly appreciated to apply. Any kind of persuasion will be treated as ineligibility of the candidates. Persons who are in service should submit application through proper channel, otherwise applications will be rejected. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all REOIs without showing any reason whatever.

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