

Trump pauses US aid for 90 days

FROM PAGE 1 threatening China with tariffs over social media platform TikTok and threatening punitive duties on neighbours Canada and Mexico.

He also signed an executive order declaring a 90-day pause in the disbursement of US foreign development assistance, effectively leaving millions of dollars in aid in limbo.

The aid suspension has the potential to worsen the humanitarian situation for people dependent on aid like the Palestinians in Gaza and the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. The decision is now depends on Marco Rubio, who was confirmed as secretary of state by the Senate as the first cabinet member of the new Trump administration.

Signed in front of roaring supporters at an arena and then later in the Oval Office, the long list of policy changes offered a vivid symbol of Trump's increased preparedness versus eight years prior,

when he entered the White House with zero governing experience.

The Republican said in a speech after taking the oath at the Capitol -- in a ceremony held indoors due to freezing weather -- that "America's decline is over" after four years of Democrat Joe Biden's presidency, pledging "the golden age of America begins right now."

But after the pomp and ceremony, it was the showman Trump of his first term -- along with the sometimes strongman-style rhetoric -- who was on display later in the day.

Back in the Oval Office, he held an impromptu 50-minute press conference as he signed more orders -- including one pardoning around 1,500 Capitol rioters.

They were charged for taking part in the assault on Congress on January 6, 2021 by thousands of Trump supporters seeking to stop certification of Biden's election victory.

"We hope they come out tonight frankly," Trump said. "They're expecting it."

He also announced plans to weed out some 1,000 opponents from the US government.

He signed orders declaring a national emergency at the Mexican border and said he would deploy US troops to tackle illegal immigration -- a key campaign issue that drove his election victory over Kamala Harris.

The returning president often struck a nationalistic tone, pledging to impose trade tariffs, rename the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America," and take "back" the Panama Canal, which has been controlled by the Central American country since 1999.

But he played down his earlier promises to get a peace agreement in Ukraine before taking office.

He confirmed he would meet Vladimir Putin and said Putin was "destroying Russia" by not making a

deal to end the war.

MONDAY'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

However, the legal backlash to Trump's second term has begun, with rights groups and state governments firing an early salvo against the Republican's day-one decision to overhaul birthright citizenship.

Late on Monday, organisations including the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Legal Defense Fund filed a lawsuit calling Trump's actions unconstitutional, in a case that is likely to test the limits of his executive power.

Yesterday, 18 states also filed a similar lawsuit seeking to ground the order.

Trump signed a record 26 executive orders on Monday. According to White House officials, those 26 executive orders were among the 42 presidential actions Trump took on his first day, including memoranda and proclamations.

Among the executive orders Trump signed with a flourish in front of a cheering crowd was the "ending weaponisation" of government against political opponents.

The US president also signed orders targeting automatic citizenship for US-born children of immigrants in the country illegally.

He rescinded executive orders that had promoted diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) and promoted rights for LGBTQ+ people and racial minorities, fulfilling promises to curtail protections for the most marginalized Americans.

The Republican leader also declared a "national energy emergency" to expand drilling in the world's top oil and gas producer, said he would scrap vehicle emissions standards that amount to an "electric vehicle mandate," and vowed to halt offshore wind farms, a frequent target of his scorn.

Another order withdrew the United States from the World Health Organization, saying the global health agency had mishandled the Covid-19 pandemic and other international health crises.

Trump also reversed Biden administration sanctions on violent Israeli settlers in a concession to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu amid a crucial ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas.

Trump also signed an executive order that he said was aimed at "restoring freedom of speech and ending federal censorship."

He reversed an executive order issued by Biden that moved to lift the US designation of Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism.

On trade, the US president punted on a campaign pledge to issue tariffs on Canada and Mexico on day one of his new administration. However, he said he would issue the new tariffs on the North American

neighbours on 1 February in what would mark an extraordinary about face in US trade policy that would considerably raise prices for American consumers.

"We are thinking in terms of 25% on Mexico and Canada because they're allowing vast numbers of people ... to come in, andentanyl to come in," Trump said. "I think we'll do it Feb 1."

Mexico was the US's largest trading partner in 2023 with a total two-way goods trade of \$807bn, an amount that surpassed US trade with China, according to the US State Department.

He was confident that he could convince Saudi Arabia to normalise relations with Israel under the Abraham Accords, a signature policy of his previous administration.

But when asked whether he could maintain the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, he said he was "not confident. That's not our war, that's their war."

Meanwhile, EU, German

and Chinese leaders took turns defending global cooperation in Davos yesterday as the spectre of new trade wars looms following Trump's return to the White House.

In their speeches, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Chinese Vice Premier Ding Xuexiang and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz offered visions of the world that are mirror opposites to those of the self-professed tariff-loving Trump.

"Protectionism leads nowhere and there are no winners in a trade war," Ding said, without mentioning Trump directly.

Trump is making history -- as both the oldest president ever to take office and as the first felon, after a conviction related to paying a porn star hush money during his first presidential run.

He is also just the second president in US history to return to power after being voted out, after Grover Cleveland in 1893.

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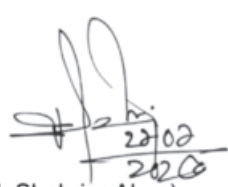
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22 hurt in scuffle

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Al Amin alleged that several leaders, including Rifat Rashid, Nayeem Abedin, Mahin Sarkar, carried out the attack on them.

Hasnat Abdullah, convener of the Students Against Discrimination, reached the spot after the incident and appeared the Jatrabari activists.

Rifat Rashid, Hasnat Abdullah, and the platform's spokesperson Umama Fateme, did not pick their phones when called for comments.

Meanwhile, central committee of the student movement, in a statement last night said some "misguided" people went to the central office and started chanting "unpleasant" slogans.

At one point, they "forcibly" closed the office gate. Grasping the gravity of the situation, central executive committee members Rifat Rashid, Ahnaf Sayeed Khan, Nayeem Abedin and Asad Bin

Rony immediately went there to defused the tension. They also wanted to listen to the demands of those who went there.

"However, instead of cooperating, they attacked the executive members..."

When other leaders and activists went at the central office, the situation "heated up" and the "misguided people" were "forced" to leave the office.

The statement said some of those "misguided people" participated in the mass uprising but none of them were associated with the Students Against Discrimination.

The platform has formed a probe committee. "Legal action will be taken against the people involved after the probe," it added.

Meanwhile, some Jatrabari activists went to the central office in Bangla Motor at around 8:20pm, seeking justice.

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reform agenda and discussed issues of mutual interest.

He also urged the chancellor to encourage German businesses to invest in Bangladesh, inviting a delegation to explore opportunities in Dhaka, stating, "We can be your factory."

Yunus sought Germany's backing for the establishment of a United Nations supervised safe zone for Rohingyas in Myanmar's Rakhine State, said CA's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder.

The two leaders also discussed a wide range of topics, including the circumstances surrounding the July uprising, regional cooperation, and the potential of Nepalese hydroelectric power to support South Asia's renewable energy transition.

Yunus also reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to SAARC and its efforts to revive the regional platform.

On the government's reform initiatives, Yunus explained that a commission under his leadership is working to build consensus among political parties on key recommendations proposed by six reform commissions.

Once consensus is reached, the political parties will sign a 'July Charter,' inspired by the democratic spirit of the student-led July uprising, which ended years of misrule in Bangladesh.

Later, Yunus met Timor-Leste President Jose Ramos Horta to discuss mutual interests.

Meanwhile, Munich Security Conference Chairman Ambassador Christoph Heusgen yesterday invited Yunus to join the key annual security conclave to be held in the German city of Munich in February this year.

Heusgen extended the invitation to Yunus when he met the chief adviser on the

sidelines of the WEF in the Swiss city.

Lutley Siddiqi, special envoy of the chief adviser and Lamiya Morshed, SDGs affairs principal coordinator, also joined the meeting.

The 61st Munich Security Conference (MSC) will take place from February 14 to 16, 2025, at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich..

Earlier, Yunus arrived at Zurich International Airport around 12:30pm and was received by Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva Ambassador Tareq Md Ariful Islam.



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Request for Expression of Interest (REoI)

Consultancy Service for "Modernization with Capacity Enhancement of 230/132kV AIS Substation to GIS Substation at Ghorashal Power Station Complex" Project

- The Power Grid Bangladesh PLC (Power Grid) intends to undertake a project titled as the "Modernization with Capacity Enhancement of 230/132kV AIS Substation to GIS Substation at Ghorashal Power Station Complex". The assigned Consultant will be responsible for developing various essential project deliverables in compliance with AIB's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) under this contract. These deliverables include the preparation of the Feasibility Study Report, Topographic Survey, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Climate Change Assessment, Financial and Economic analysis, and other relevant instruments for the initial subprojects that have been identified as per ToR.
- The consulting firm will be selected under the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS 80:20) procedures.
- PGCB invites eligible consulting firms to express their interests in providing the above-mentioned consulting service. This invitation with the draft ToR is available at www.pgcb.gov.bd. Interested consultants may obtain additional information from the office at the address below during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1600 hours, Sunday to Thursday.
- Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "joint venture" or "sub-consultancy". In the case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to a maximum of three.
- Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc). Documentary evidence like completion certificate with scope or contract agreement including scope etc. must be provided for the projects submitted by the firm as their competency in EoI. The EoIs would be reviewed based on the following:
 - Registration of firm/Trade License, JV Agreement (if applicable), TIN Certificate, Updated Tax Return Certificate, VAT Registration.
 - Background with brochures showing their experience, facilities, and areas of expertise,
 - Experience of Feasibility Study, Topographic Survey and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) assignments,
 - Availability of appropriate professional qualifications and experiences among staff and resources to carry out the assignment,
 - History of litigation,
 - Adequate solvency certificate.
 - Other documents as mentioned in the EoI.
- Expression of Interest (EoI) shall be submitted in one original and one copy in a sealed envelope to the office of the Chief Engineer (Project Monitoring), 11th Floor, Grid Bhaban, Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh by **February 05, 2025 at 1600 hours** Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) and be marked with: "Expression of Interest for Consultancy Service for Modernization with Capacity Enhancement of 230/132kV AIS Substation to GIS Substation at Ghorashal Power Station Complex Project.
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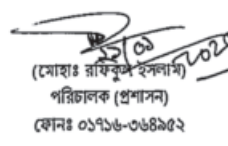
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4	Procuring entity district
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1 Ministry/Division Ministry of Textiles & Jute

2 Agency Bangladesh Handloom Board

3 Procuring entity name Project Director

4 Procuring entity district Dhaka

5 Invitation for Selection of agency for the procurement of **Hiring Vehicle** on Outsourcing basis. (Non -Consultancy Service)

6 Invitation Ref. No. 24.05.0000.548.14.001.24-02, Date: 20.01.2025

7 Procurement method of funds Open Tendering Method (OTM), NCT

8 Budget & source of funds Development Budget, GoB

9 Project name Reviving the Technology of Muslim Yarn & Muslim Fabrics 'the Golden Heritage of Bangladesh' (2nd Phase) Project.

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11 Tender publication date 21.01.2025

12 Tender last selling date 03.02.2025 at 04.00pm

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15 - Selling tender document Project Director Office, Reviving the Technology of Muslim Yarn & Muslim Fabrics 'the Golden Heritage of Bangladesh' (2nd Phase) Project, BTMC Bhaban (3rd Floor), 7-9, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

16 Eligibility of tenderer i) Any Hiring Vehicle agency having up-to-date trade license, income tax submission certificate & VAT registration certificate with e-BIN.
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