

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Rivals report attacks amid US peace push

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Russia and Ukraine yesterday accused each other of violating a new agreement to refrain from attacks on energy targets, with scores of drone strikes launched hours after US President Donald Trump spoke by phone to Russia's Vladimir Putin.

In the phone call between the US and Russian leaders on Tuesday, Putin rejected a proposed full 30-day ceasefire, which had been sought by Trump and previously accepted by Ukraine.

Putin said he would agree only to pause attacks on energy infrastructure, a proposal that was swiftly accepted by Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, who nevertheless denounced Moscow for rejecting a more comprehensive truce.

But even that narrow pause appeared in doubt yesterday. Moscow said Ukraine hit an oil pumping station in southern Russia, while Kyiv said Russia had struck hospitals and homes, and knocked out power to some of its railways.

Zelensky said that the continued attacks showed Moscow's words were not aligned with its actions, and that Russia was still not ready for peace.

He said the United States should be put in charge of monitoring any ceasefire.

Zelensky also warned against heeding a Kremlin call to halt military aid for his country and announced he would speak with Trump later within hours.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Putin and Trump understand each other well and were determined to restore badly damaged ties.

Russia and the United States will decide on dates for future talks in the coming days, the Kremlin said.

"Both today and tomorrow, there will be additional agreements on the exact, precise dates," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters when asked about future talks with the US.

Some European leaders said Putin's rejection of Trump's proposed full truce was proof Moscow not seeking peace. The offer to temporarily stop attacking Ukrainian energy facilities counted for "nothing" and Trump would have to win greater concessions, Germany's defence minister said.

European Union foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said that Moscow cannot be trusted.



A relative mourns next to the body of a Palestinian killed in Israeli strikes, at Al-Ahli Arab Baptist hospital, in Gaza City yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

USAID fund cuts likely unconstitutional

Says judge, blocks Musk from making more cuts

REUTERS

A federal judge on Tuesday blocked billionaire Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency from taking any more steps to shut down the US Agency for International Development, saying their efforts to close the foreign aid agency likely violated the US Constitution.

In a preliminary ruling, US District Judge Theodore Chuang in Maryland ordered Musk, a key adviser to President Donald Trump, and the agency Musk spearheads to restore access to USAID's computer systems for its direct and contract employees, including thousands who were placed on leave. The ruling came in response to a lawsuit by current and former USAID employees, one of several currently pending over the rapid dismantling of Washington's primary humanitarian aid agency.

"Today's decision is an important victory against Elon Musk and his DOGE

attack on USAID, the US government and the Constitution," said Norm Eisen, executive chair of State Democracy Defenders Fund, a lawyer representing the 26 anonymous plaintiffs in the case. Trump told Fox News his administration would appeal the ruling.

"I guarantee you we will be appealing it. We have rogue judges that are destroying our country," Trump said on "The Ingraham Angle."

Trump, a Republican, on his first day back in the White House ordered a 90-day freeze of all US foreign aid and a review of whether aid programs were aligned with his administration's policy.

Soon after that, Musk and DOGE gained access to USAID's payment and email systems, froze many of its payments and told much of its staff they were being placed on leave. On February 3, Musk wrote on X that he had "spent the weekend feeding USAID into the wood chipper."



"Naturally, Russia's neighbours are most concerned by Russia - that goes without saying. But what is essential is for everyone to understand that this is a collective threat. ... Defending Ukraine is the front line of our own defence."

Antonio Costa
European Council
President

ATTACK ON JUDGE

US chief justice rebukes Trump

REUTERS, Washington

US Chief Justice John Roberts rebuked President Donald Trump on Tuesday for urging the impeachment of a federal judge, laying bare tensions between the country's chief executive and the judiciary as Trump's sweeping assertions of power run into judicial roadblocks.

In a rare statement, Roberts wrote: "For more than two centuries, it has been established that impeachment is not an appropriate response to disagreement concerning a judicial decision."

He wrote the correct response was to file an appeal.

Roberts' statement followed Trump's call in a social media post on Tuesday for the impeachment of a federal judge. Washington-based US District Judge James Boasberg ordered the administration on Saturday to halt the removal of alleged Venezuelan gang members, which Trump has argued is authorised by an 18th-century law historically used only in wartime.

Tensions have been rising since Trump returned to the White House with the president and his allies publicly criticising courts for blocking aspects of Trump's agenda. The atmosphere has raised concerns among some experts that the administration might openly defy a court order, possibly sparking a constitutional crisis.

"I'm just doing what the VOTERS wanted me to do. This judge, like many of the Crooked Judges I am forced to appear before, should be IMPEACHED!!!" Trump wrote on Tuesday. Trump also called the judge a "Radical Left Lunatic."

SHIPWRECK OFF ITALY

Six migrants die, 40 missing

REUTERS, Rome

Six migrants have died and 40 are missing after a shipwreck off the Italian island of Lampedusa late on Tuesday, Italy's main news agency ANSA and other media reported.

Italian coast guard vessels have so far rescued 10 people and resumed the search for any other survivors early yesterday, ANSA and other news agencies reported.

The survivors told rescuers that many among a group of 56 migrants fell into the water due to bad weather after setting off from Tunisia in a dinghy, the agencies reported.

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Humanoid robot revolution in less than 5 years!

REUTERS, San Jose

Nvidia NVDA.O CEO Jensen Huang believes humanoid robots are less than five years away from seeing wide use in manufacturing facilities.

Huang on Tuesday gave a keynote address in front of a packed hockey stadium during the nearly \$3 trillion company's annual developer conference in San Jose, California.

Huang unveiled software tools that he said would help humanoid robots navigate the world more easily.

Speaking to a group of journalists after the speech, Huang was asked what signs would show that AI had become ubiquitous.

Among other answers, Huang said it may be "when, literally, humanoid robots are wandering around, which is not five years away. This is not five-years-away problem, this is a few-years-away problem."

The manufacturing industry would likely adopt humanoid robots first because that industry has well defined tasks that robots can handle in a controlled environment, he said.

Erdogan political rival detained in Turkey

AFP, Istanbul

Turkish police detained Istanbul's powerful Mayor Ekrem Imamoglu yesterday in connection with two investigations into graft and "supporting terror," a move that the main opposition party slammed as a politically motivated "coup".

Imamoglu is President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's main political rival and his detention came just days before he was to be named the candidate of the main opposition party CHP in the 2028 presidential election.

Shortly afterwards, Turkey briefly blocked access to social networks, with police fanning out around City Hall and closing off Taksim Square, banning all protests for four days.

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Request for Expressions of Interest (EoI)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFFCC)
2	Agency	Department of Environment (DoE)
3	Procuring Entry Name	"Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Sustainable Development Pathways of Bangladesh project"
4	Procuring Entry Code	N/A
5	Procuring Entry District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting firm (National) (Lump-Sum)
7	Title Of Service	Development of 5 LAPA plan for 5 AEZs with technical advice to PMU on site selection and support the implementation of climate resilient adaptation options.
8	EoI No. Ref	No.22.02.0000.033.14.004.25/15
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method/ Sub-Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	LDCF of Global Environment Facility (GEF)
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	GEF-UNDP
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	2230536
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	"Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Sustainable Development Pathways of Bangladesh project"
14	EoI closing Date and Time	Date: 13/04/2025 Time: 04:00 pm
15	EoI Publication Date	20/03/2025
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
16	Brief Description of Assignment	The main objective of this Output is to address technical capacity limitations at all levels through trainings on cost benefit analysis, scenario risk-based assessment, multi-criteria-based priorities of adaptation options, etc. It will also provide technical advice to PMU on site selection and support the implementation of climate resilient adaptation options. The project will enhance the skills of staff in local level institutions by providing trainings in local adaptation plans of action (LAPA) formulation. The consulting firm will: • Develop 5 LAPAs for selected AEZs. • Provide technical advice to the Project Management Unit (PMU) on site selection. • Support the implementation of climate-resilient adaptation options. • Strengthen capacity at local institutions through training on adaptation planning. • Establish a tracking mechanism for climate adaptation investments at the AEZ level.
17	Qualification & Experience Required:	The organization must have the following: ✓ At least 10 years of experience in climate change adaptation project design and implementation. ✓ Proven expertise in LAPA formulation and policy integration. ✓ Experience in conducting trainings for government officials. ✓ A track record of successfully implementing adaptation strategies at the sub-national level. ✓ Experience working with public and private sector institutions on climate resilience. ✓ Completion of at least 5 similar contracts. ✓ A team with expertise in: o Climate risk assessment & adaptation planning. o Environmental economics (cost-benefit analysis, financing). o GIS and climate modeling. o Ecosystem-based adaptation. o Training and capacity-building.
18	Other Details (if applicable):	Details of Consultant's Team Composition and Requirements: Consultants are requested to submit at least the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria: (a) The Firms Incorporation/Trade/Registration documents of the firm, (c) Firms brochure years (d) list of the firms in-house/regular staff with relevant experience (e) description of the experience of similar assignments (including nature, scope of services, contract amount, name of employer, period of contract (date of contract signing to date of completion) funding agency(ies), location (country of service etc.) consulting firm will be required to submit 3 (three) signed copies of EoI - 1 (one) Original and 2 (two) copies in closed envelope marked with "Development of 5 LAPA plan for 5 AEZs with technical advice to PMU on site selection and support the implementation of climate resilient adaptation options" on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) within office hours, at Room # 609, 6th Floor, Department of Environment, the Expression of Interest (EoI) will be received before the closing date and time. Any application submitted later than the specific date and time or submitted through e-mail/fax will not be entertained. A Shortlist of firms will be prepared upon evaluation of EoIs based on the criteria of (a) Management Competence, (b) Technical Competence, and (c) Geographic Competence following the provisions of the PPR-2008". The Request for Proposal (RFP) Documents will be issued in their favor. The ToR is available at the Department of Environment's website: www.doe.gov.bd
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
19	Name of Official Inviting EoI	Md. Khaled Hasan
20	Designation of Official Inviting EoI	Project Director
21	Address of Official Inviting EoI	Room No: 609, Department of Environment (DoE), E-16, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
22	Contact details of Official Inviting EoI	Tele Number: 02-222218375

The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EoIs

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods:

Tender ID	Package No.	Name of package description	Tender publishing date & time	Last selling date & time	Closing and opening date & time
1070712	Bhola-TSC-GD-03	Supply of Laboratory equipment for Automobile, RAC, Electrical & Science Lab.	23-Mar-2025 17:00	08-Apr-2025 17:00	09-Apr-2025 11:00
1070635	Bhola-TSC-GD-01	Supply of Consumables, Raw Materials for workshops & Training Equipment for environmentally Sensitive Technologies.	23-Mar-2025 17:00	08-Apr-2025 17:00	09-Apr-2025 11:10

These are online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be not accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP System Portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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