

What is Indus Waters Treaty?

REUTERS, New Delhi/Karachi

India said it would immediately suspend the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan as part of measures to downgrade diplomatic ties with its neighbour after militants attacked tourists in Kashmir, killing 26 men. The treaty had survived two wars between the bitter rivals and withstood many twists and turns in diplomatic ties before New Delhi's decision on Wednesday.

WHAT IS THE TREATY?

The nuclear armed neighbours disagree over use of the water from rivers that flow downstream from India into the Indus river basin in Pakistan. The use of the water is governed by the Indus Waters Treaty, which was mediated by the World Bank and signed by the neighbours in September 1960. The agreement split the Indus and its tributaries between the two countries and regulated water sharing. India was granted the use of water from three eastern rivers - Sutlej, Beas and Ravi while Pakistan was granted most of the three western rivers - Indus, Jhelum and Chenab. There is no provision in the treaty for either country to unilaterally suspend or terminate the pact, which has clear dispute resolution systems.

WHAT ARE THE CONCERNs?

The nuclear armed neighbours have argued over and disputed several projects on the Indus and its tributaries in India for years.



Pakistan is heavily dependent on water from this river system for its hydropower and irrigation needs. Pakistan says India unfairly diverts water with the upstream construction of barrages and dams, a charge India denies.

India has accused Pakistan of dragging out the complaints process, and says the construction of its Kishanganga and Ratle hydroelectric projects is allowed under the treaty. It has also sought modification of the pact to get around such delays.

WHAT COULD CHANGE?

The suspension of the accord is not expected to have an immediate impact on the flow of water to Pakistan as India does not have enough storage capacity. But India's move could bring uncertainty for Pakistan's agricultural system. The suspension means India can stop sharing crucial information and data on the release of water from barrages/dams or on flooding, Indian officials said, adding that New Delhi will also not be obliged to release minimum amounts of water during the lean season.

PAKISTANIS REACTION

Pakistan warned that it would consider any attempt by India to stop the supply of water from the Indus River an "act of war" and responded with full force across the complete spectrum of national power".



Ukrainian rescuers carry the body of a victim as they operate at the site of a Russian missile attack in Kyiv yesterday. A "massive" Russian missile attack on Kyiv killed at least nine and wounded dozens.

PHOTO: AFP

Israel kills 55 more in Gaza

Israel army warns of 'larger' Gaza assault if hostages not freed

AFP, Gaza City

Gaza rescue teams and medics said Israeli air strikes killed at least 55 people yesterday, as the military threatened an even larger offensive if hostages were not freed soon.

Israel resumed its military assault in the Gaza Strip on March 18, after the collapse of a two-month ceasefire that had brought a temporary halt to fighting in the blockaded Palestinian territory.

Israel's army chief, visiting troops in Gaza on Thursday, threatened to expand the offensive in Gaza if hostages seized during Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel were not released.

"If we do not see progress in the return of the hostages in the near future, we will expand our activities to a larger and more significant operation," Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir said.

The warning came as the army issued fresh evacuation orders for northern areas of Gaza ahead of a planned attack.

Earlier in the day, six members of one family -- a couple and their four children -- were killed when an air strike levelled their home in northern Gaza City, the civil defence agency said in a statement.

Nidal al-Sarafiti, a relative, said the strike happened as the family was sleeping.

"What can I say? The destruction has spared no one," he told AFP.

Nine people were killed and several wounded in another strike on a former police station in the Jabalia area of



northern Gaza, according to a statement from the Indonesian hospital, where the casualties were taken.

Israel's military said it struck a Hamas "command and control centre" in the area but did not say whether it was the police station.

In another deadly attack, the bodies of 12 people were recovered after the Haji Ali family home, also in Jabalia, was struck, the civil defence said.

Another 28 people were killed in strikes across the territory, medics and the civil defence agency reported.

They came as the Israeli military ordered Palestinians living in the northern areas of Beit Hanoun and

Sheikh Zayed to evacuate ahead of an attack.

The United Nations has warned that Israel's expanding evacuation orders across Gaza are resulting in the "forcible transfer" of people into ever-shrinking areas.

Aid agencies estimate that the vast majority of Gaza's 2.4 million residents have been displaced at least once since the war began.

Since Israel resumed its military operations, at least 1,978 people have been killed in Gaza, raising the overall death toll to at least 51,355 since the war began, according to the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory.

BPC drowning

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 forced to keep vessels waiting and incur demurrage," it added.

Fuel import deals are signed based on demand notes from the PDB, BPC noted.

"If imports don't proceed as planned, this could damage bilateral relationships [between BPC and suppliers] and give suppliers grounds for legal action," BPC Chairman Md Amin Ul Ahsan said in the letter.

To ease the crisis, BPC requested that the PDB take at least 40,000 tonnes of furnace oil by the end of April and another 100,000 tonnes in May.

In an earlier communication, BPC also pointed out that delay fees of approximately \$4 million for 33 vessels between 2011 and 2015 remain unsettled with the PDB.

The PDB had initially projected a need for 12.39 lakh tonnes of furnace oil for 2025. It revised the annual demand to 35.51 lakh tonnes in March following communications with privately owned power producers.

Md Zahurul Islam, PDB member (Generation), said the issue arose because private power producers went back on their decision.

"When service charges were lowered, they [private plant owners] said they couldn't import fuel any more and would purchase from BPC. But many are still importing on their own," he said.

"We've asked BPC to delay some scheduled deliveries. Fuel oil is not perishable. It will be used eventually. We're talking to private producers to resolve the issue."

Currently, furnace oil-based plants generate around 3,000MW out of their 5,500MW capacity.

Total electricity generation across the country stands at approximately 16,000MW, with a shortage of around 200 250MW resulting in minor power cuts.

David Hasanat, president of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association, pointed out quality concerns as another issue.

The furnace oil BPC imports contains higher levels of sulphur and carbon, which harm equipment and the environment," he said, adding that the calorific value of the oil imported through BPC was low.

He said private plants prefer direct imports since they can delay payment by four to five months by using letters of credit, whereas BPC requires immediate cash payment.

"This flexibility is crucial, as we rely on receiving payments from PDB before settling with our suppliers. If there were options to defer payments, purchase from BPC might have increased."

David said they would sit with the PDB to discuss all these issues next week.

Contacted, BPC Chairman Amin said he discussed the matter with PDB Chairman Rezaul Karim yesterday. Rezaul assured him that the imported furnace oil would be sold, but at a slow pace.

Amin said they need to maintain the schedule as it is difficult to cancel a consignment after order.

Asked about the allegation of low-quality furnace oil imported by the BPC, he said he heard such allegations for the first time.

"Our fuel quality is supposed to be the best," he said, adding that the BPC imports furnace oil on the specifications set after consultations with the PDB.

US slams anti-fossil fuel policies

AFP, London

An international summit on the future of energy security opened in London yesterday with stark opposition from Washington, which called policies to phase out fossil fuels "harmful and dangerous".

Profound differences emerged at the two day International Energy Agency (IEA) meeting over the role of renewables in satisfying the world's thirst for energy.

"Some want to regulate every form of energy besides the so-called renewables, completely out of existence... We oppose these harmful and dangerous policies. This is not energy security," Tommy Joyce, US Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs, told the conference.

That contrasted to a more moderate message from IEA executive director Fatih Birol in opening remarks at the summit, co-hosted by the UK.

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| ০২। | ইজারার বিবরণ | | বরিশাল সড়ক বিভাগাধীন বরিশাল (বেরামীরপুর)-চুম্বক-বাটুফল সড়কের ৯ম কিলোমিটারে অবস্থিত নেমাকাটো ফেরিয়াটের ট্রেল আবাসের জন্য ইজারা প্রদান। |
| ০৩। | ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ | ০৩। | ১০০০.০০ একর পৃষ্ঠার জন্য। |
| ০৪। | ইজারা কোটেশনের স্থিতিল মূল্য | ০৪। | টাকা ১,০০০.০০ একর ইজারা পৃষ্ঠার জন্য। |
| ০৫। | জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ | ০৫। | চুক্তি মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ টাকা) বাবে জ্বাহট / ৫% অর্ডার আকারে। |
| ০৬। | ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় | ০৬। | ১০/০৪/২০২৪ চুক্তির তারিখ বিক্রিত ৫,০০ টাকার পর্যন্ত। |
| ০৭। | মুদ্রণ অনুমতি ইজারা কোটেশন প্রদর্শন শেষ | ০৭। | ১৫/০৪/২০২৪ চুক্তির তারিখ পুরু ১২.০০ টাকার পর্যন্ত। |
| ০৮। | ইজারা কাটে অথবা নির্দেশ করে যোগাযোগ সম্ভব করে | ০৮। | জ্বাহট ও অর্ডার সম্বন্ধে প্রাচীনকারী/বায়ুবাহ্যিক সকল প্রাচীন ক্ষেত্রে। |
| ০৯। | মুদ্রণ অনুমতি ইজারা কোটেশন প্রদর্শন শেষ | ০৯। | বিজ্ঞায় করিমশাহ, বরিশাল / জেলা প্রশাসক, বরিশাল / নির্বাচী প্রকোশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল / জেলা / বালকাটী / প্রিয়জন্মুর / প্রিয়জন্ম, সড়ক কর্তৃপক্ষ, ডেজন প্রকোশলী। |
| ১০। | যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন প্রদর্শন করা হবে | ১০। | জ্বাহট ও অর্ডার সম্বন্ধে প্রাচীনকারী/বায়ুবাহ্যিক সকল প্রাচীন ক্ষেত্রে। |
| ১১। | ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় | ১১। | নির্বাচী প্রকোশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল। |
| ১২। | ইজারা আজানকটার যে কোন সময় যে কোটেশন / সকল কোটেশন বাতিল করান। | ১২। | ১৫/০৪/২০২৪ টাই। |
| ১৩। | (১) যদি কোনও অনিবার্য পরিস্থিতি তারিখে ইজারা কোটেশন প্রদর্শন করার জন্য আবেদন করা হয়ে থাকে। | (১) | নির্বাচী প্রকোশলী কার্যালয়, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল। |
| ১৪। | (২) ইজারা কোটেশন বাতিল করার কারণ ও অন্তর্ভুক্ত করান। | (২) | নির্বাচী প্রকোশলী কার্যালয়, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বরিশাল। |
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| ১। | টায়ার-স্টিউ ক্রান | ১। | প্রিয়জন্ম মিলিন্স মূল্য |
| ২। | পিভিল মালামালের খুরা যাজ্ঞাশ ক্রান | ২। | স্কিউলিং মূল্য |
| ৩। | ট্রাক ও জীপ মালামালের খুরা যাজ্ঞাশ ক্রান | ৩। | ৬০,০০০/- |
| ৪। | ক্যাটার ও জীপ মালামালের খুরা যাজ্ঞাশ ক্রান | ৪। | ৫,০০০/- |
| ৫। | লেনারস স্টেট ও সেলফিন্টারের আর্মেটের বি-ওয়েভিংস মেরামত ক্রান | ৫। | ৩০,০০০/- |
| ৬। | ট্রাকের স্টিট ও হেল্প ক্রান | ৬। | ১০,০০০/- |
| ৭। | ট্রায়াল ট্রাক টেরেন বিবরণ | ৭। | ২০,০০০/- |
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