

'We've done everything'

Trump celebrates 100 days in office with campaign-style rally

AFP, Warren

Donald Trump promised Tuesday that he is just getting started as he marked the radical and vengeful beginning of a presidency that has shaken the world and destabilized the United States.

Basking in the adulation of cheering supporters in Michigan, the 78-year-old touted the "most successful first 100 days of any administration in the history of our country," even as polls show Americans becoming disenchanted with the economic and political tumult.

Trump said he missed the campaign trail, and he launched with visible relish into a speech that often sounded more like that of a candidate than a head of state.

Joe Biden is "sleepy," the media is "fake," judges who oppose him are "communist," Democratic opponents are "radical left," and friendly countries have "abused us more so than foe on trade," Trump said, listing targets of his ire.

The president promised to conclude deals on trade, but provided little in the way of details.

And - to chants of "USA! USA!" - he showed a video of migrants in handcuffs and shackles being taken from a plane, transported by bus and filmed on their knees as their heads were shaved, illustrating his controversial deportation policy.

Trump has shaken up the United

States like few presidents before him. His billionaire backer Elon Musk has led dramatic cutbacks of the federal workforce, and the president himself has reshaped relations with the world by unveiling sweeping tariffs, berating allies and eliminating much foreign aid.

After a 2017-2021 term in which some aides sought to rein him in, Trump has surrounded himself this time with unabashed loyalists - and told reporters he was on track to accomplish all of his second-term goals.

"I think either we've done everything, or it's in the process of being done," Trump said before heading to his rally.

The rival Democratic Party has seized on economic anxieties although it has also struggled in polling.

"Trump is to blame for the fact that life is more expensive, it's harder to retire, and a 'Trump recession' is at our doorstep," the Democratic National Committee said, calling the 100 days a "colossal failure."

Even with Congress narrowly in Republican hands, Trump has tested the limits of presidential power by signing more than 140 executive orders, many of which have faced court scrutiny.

He has sought to end birthright citizenship - which is guaranteed by the US Constitution - and Musk has summarily axed billions of dollars appropriated by Congress.



A Ukrainian rescuer works to extinguish a fire at the site of a drone attack in Kharkiv late yesterday. Russian strikes on the Ukrainian cities of Dnipro and Kharkiv overnight left at least one person dead and more than a dozen wounded, authorities said.

PHOTO: AFP

INDO-PAK TENSIONS

'Margin for error razor-thin'

Analysts say rivals eyeing 'escalation dominance', but any misstep may trigger a war

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Tensions between India and Pakistan, both nuclear-armed, have escalated since last week following a deadly terrorist attack in Indian-administered Kashmir.

Amid war of words from both sides, analysts fear that though both the rivals are not an all-out war, any misstep might trigger a spiralling conflict between the neighbours.

Yesterday, Pakistan claimed India intends to launch military action within "the next 24-36 hours on the pretext of baseless and concocted allegations of involvement in the Pahalgam incident."

On April 22, gunmen killed 26 people in Indian-administered Kashmir, the disputed Himalayan region that has long strained relations between the two neighbours.

India identified three attackers, including two Pakistani nationals. Pakistan has denied involvement and called for a neutral investigation.

Since the attack, both nations have taken retaliatory measures: India has downgraded diplomatic ties, expelled Pakistani nationals and suspended the critical Indus Waters Treaty, and Pakistan has closed its airspace to Indian airlines.

On Tuesday, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the military "operational freedom" to respond, according to a senior government source. Modi also declared India had a "national resolve to deal a crushing blow to terrorism," the source told Agence France-Presse.

The day before, Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif told Reuters that a military incursion by India was imminent and that Pakistan had made "strategic decisions" in response.

He added that Pakistan was on high alert and would only consider using nuclear weapons if

"there is a direct threat to our existence."

The crisis has also united political rivals in both countries.

In Pakistan, where political parties have recently criticised the military, the looming threat has galvanised public and political support for the armed forces.

In India, opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, usually a vocal critic of Modi, stated that the opposition stood united in condemning the attack.

"Whatever steps the government wishes to take, we will fully support them," Gandhi said. Modi faces intense domestic pressure to

Asia security analyst, agreed that India and Pakistan are "moving toward a hot conflict, likely to be more intense than the 2019 crisis."

"The mood in India is one of vengeance, and Indian leadership appears committed to imposing an enormous cost on Pakistan," Mir said, while noting that Islamabad is "equally prepared to counter any Indian action and respond forcefully and swiftly."

"The situation [in 2019] was eventually defused, thanks in part to diplomatic pressure from Washington," said Donthi.

It's unclear how this crisis might unfold without such external intervention, said Christine Fair, a professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Analysts warn that international mediation may be less likely this time than during previous flare-ups.

"The US is preoccupied with Ukraine, Gaza, and the Iran deal, possibly opening space for Beijing to insert itself," said Colin Clarke of the Soufan Center in New York.

However, "given China's close relationship with Pakistan, it is unlikely India would trust it as a neutral mediator."

"The US has been clear: Pakistan is on its own, and the US will not pressure India to hold back," Fair said.

Military analyst Boyko Nikolov said the crisis is "less about strategic victory and more about maintaining credible deterrence while managing domestic narratives."

Both sides are signalling "they can absorb a punch and strike back harder," but the real danger, he added, is a misstep - such as a poorly calibrated strike or a terrorist attack attributed to the wrong actor - that could "spiral beyond control."

"For now, both nations are posturing, but the margin for error is razor-thin," said Nikolov, editor-in-chief of BulgarianMilitary.com.

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respond, as "criticism of the Indian government's perceived failure to protect civilians was also widespread," said Praveen Donthi, an analyst at the International Crisis Group.

Analysts suggest any conflict would focus on achieving "escalation dominance" - demonstrating superior force to shape future relations.

"India is not looking to escalate this crisis," said Yogesh Gupta, a former Indian ambassador, in the South China Morning Post.

"We only want to re-establish deterrence against Pakistan's terror strikes, as we did after Balakot," he added, referring to India's 2019 airstrike on a militant camp in northern Pakistan run by Jaish-e-Mohammed.

Gupta noted that Pakistan's current army chief, Asim Munir, is "far more hostile" than his predecessor, Qamar Bajwa, who had sought de-escalation after the 2019 strike. Thus, "this deterrence will need to be established at a much higher level," Gupta said.

Asfandyar Mir, a Washington-based South

Next Iran-US nuclear talks on Saturday in Rome

AFP, Tehran

Iran and the United States will hold a fourth round of talks on the Islamic republic's nuclear programme in Rome on Saturday, Iran's foreign minister said.

The longtime adversaries have held three rounds of talks aiming for a deal on the programme, which the West believes is intended to develop nuclear weapons - an allegation Tehran denies.

The talks, which began on April 12 and are mediated by Oman, are the highest-level contact in years between the two sides.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Iranian officials would also meet on Friday with representatives from Britain, France and Germany - all parties to the 2015 nuclear deal.

After France threatened that the European trio could reimpose sanctions, Iran's UN mission said that "threats and economic blackmail" were "entirely unacceptable".

PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

Bank Asia

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Bank Asia PLC. in its 552nd meeting held today, the 30 April 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Board Room of the Bank at Bank Asia Tower, 32 & 34 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, has approved the audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended on 31 December 2024, and took the following decisions:

i		Proposed Dividend for the Year Ended 31 December 2024	10% Cash Dividend and 10% Stock Dividend	
ii		26 th Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Date :	17 June (Tuesday) 2025
			Time :	11:00 a.m.
			Venue :	Through Digital Platform (link will be communicated in due course)
iii		Record date	26 May (Monday) 2025	
		Particulars	Solo	Consolidated
iv		Net Asset Value (NAV) (Million Taka)	2024 (Taka)	2023 (Taka)
v		NAV per Share	2024 (Taka)	2023 (Taka)
vi		*Earnings per Share (EPS)	2024 (Taka)	2023 (Taka)
vii		**Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFPS)	2024 (Taka)	2023 (Taka)

* Higher operating profit led to higher net profit after tax resulted increase in Earnings per Share (EPS) compared to last year.
**Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFPS) increased mainly due to cash inflow by way of increase in Deposit.

Disclosure for recommendation of Stock Dividend:

- Stock Dividend have been recommended to strengthen the capital base of the bank to support business growth,
- Stock Dividend have been declared out of the current year's profit, and
- Stock Dividend are not declared from the capital reserve or revaluation reserve or any unrealized gain or out of the profit earned prior to incorporation of the company or through reducing paid up capital or through doing anything so that the post dividend retained earning becomes negative or debit balance.

The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Share Register of the Company on the Record Date will be entitled to attend and vote at the 26th AGM and to the dividend declared in the same.

Dated: Dhaka
30 April 2025

Bank Asia PLC., Corporate Office
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প্রধান কার্যালয়: মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০
ব্যাংকার সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয়

বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-৩৪/২০২৫ তারিখ: ১৭ বৈশাখ ১৪৩২
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1103964	GR-39	27.11.2777.48.03.006.2025.304; Date: 27/04/2025	Procurement of Sodium Hypochlorite (NaOCl) & Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) for Barapukuria 2x125 MW Thermal Power Plant, BPDB, Parbotipur, Dinajpur.	29/04/2025 (19:00)	14/05/2025 (12:00)	15/05/2025 (11:00)	15/05/2025 (11:00)

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