

INTERNATIONAL



'Clock is ticking' for Russia

Warns Germany on Ukraine ceasefire ultimatum as Europe threatens Nord Stream 2 sanctions

REUTERS, Kyiv

European countries will begin preparing new sanctions on Russia unless the Kremlin starts abiding by a 30-day ceasefire in its war with Ukraine, which was set to expire by the end of yesterday.

Ukraine's military said Russia had conducted dozens of attacks along the front in eastern Ukraine yesterday as well as an overnight assault using more than 100 drones, despite the ceasefire proposal by Europe and Kyiv.

"The clock is ticking," a German government spokesperson said at a news conference in Berlin.

"We still have 12 hours until the end of the day, and if the ceasefire is not in place by then, the European side will (set in motion) preparations for sanctions," the spokesperson said.

The leaders of four major European powers travelled to Kyiv on Saturday and demanded an unconditional 30-day ceasefire from yesterday. Russian President Vladimir Putin, implicitly rejecting the offer, instead



proposed direct Russia-Ukraine talks in Istanbul that he said could potentially lead to a ceasefire. In a fresh twist in the stop-start peace talks process, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said he would travel in person to Istanbul where, he said, he would be waiting to meet Putin.

The Kremlin has not responded to that latest proposal. Putin and Zelensky have not met since December 2019 - over two years before Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine - and make no secret of their contempt for each other.

The Ukrainian air force said Ukraine came under attack overnight from 108 long-range combat drones starting from 11:00 pm, an hour before the proposed ceasefire was due to kick in. Attacks of this kind unfold over the course of hours as drones fly much slower than missiles.

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Palestinian Red Crescent crews hold a rally yesterday in Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank, to mark World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day and call for the protection of medical personnel and humanitarian workers in Gaza.

PHOTO: AFP

Gaza faces critical risk of famine

Says hunger monitor; Israeli strikes kill 15 Palestinians sheltering in a school

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A global hunger monitor said yesterday that Gaza's entire population continues to face a critical risk of famine, while half a million people face starvation.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification described the findings as major deterioration since its last assessment in October.

The latest report analysed a period from April 1 to May 10 this year and gave projections of the situation until the end of September, according to a summary of its key findings, reports Al Jazeera online.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian group Hamas said yesterday it will release Israeli-American hostage Edan Alexander from Gaza, although Israel's prime minister said there would be no ceasefire and plans for an intensified military campaign would continue.

Fighting will pause to allow for Alexander's safe passage, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, and three Palestinians in Gaza told Reuters early yesterday afternoon that there had been calm since midday, with no

any kind," his office said, adding that military pressure had forced Hamas into the release.

"The negotiations will continue under fire, during preparations for an intensification of the fighting."

Israeli jets continued to pound Gaza before the expected release, killing at least 15 people sheltering in a school housing displaced families in Jabalia in the north of the enclave, local health authorities said.

The Israeli military said it was looking into the report.

On Sunday, Hamas said it had been talking to the US and had agreed to release Alexander. Arab mediators Qatar and Egypt called it an encouraging step towards a return to ceasefire talks.

Trump is due to visit Gulf states on a trip that does not include a stop in Israel but special envoy Steve Witkoff, who helped arrange the release, was expected in Israel yesterday, two Israeli officials said.

Alexander's family thanked Trump and Witkoff, saying in a statement that they hoped the decision would open the way for the release of the other remaining hostages.

Cops will no longer

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the regular police."

However, the adviser clarified that rifles would still be used by the relevant police battalions.

"But in general operations, there is no need for lethal weapons."

When asked whether the decision on police arms was already in effect, the adviser said a formal resolution was taken at yesterday's meeting, but implementation would take some time.

"Such decisions don't take effect instantly - it will take time to roll out."

A committee, led by Khuda Baksh Chowdhury, special assistant to the chief adviser on home affairs, has been formed to examine police use of firearms and related issues, according to the home adviser.

RESTRUCTURING OF RAB

Another key topic, namely the matter of restructuring of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) was discussed in the meeting attended by the heads of all major law enforcement agencies and several government advisers.

"Most of the meeting's time was spent discussing how Rab will be reorganised -- whether it will continue under the same name, wear the same uniform, or even exist in its current form," the home adviser said.

To oversee the restructuring, a committee has been formed under the leadership of Lt Gen (retd) Abdul Hafiz, special assistant to the chief adviser, with several force chiefs as members. The committee has also been authorised to co-opt other members if needed.

Mentionable, the Rab had previously been accused of violating human rights.

In 2021, the US imposed sanctions on the Rab and six former top officials of the agency over reports of gross human rights violations.

Two and a half months ago, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in its fact finding report on the July uprising, recommended disbanding the force, citing serious human rights violations and abuses.

EX PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE

Home boss Jahangir Alam also addressed questions regarding the travel of former president Abdul Hamid and the alleged retention of his diplomatic passport.

An investigation committee has been formed to determine whether retaining the passport was legal. As a former president, there are certain entitlements. Whether anything beyond the official protocol was provided will be examined by the committee.

Jahangir added that no conclusion has been reached yet regarding the legality of the passport retention. "That will be determined through the investigation."

In response to a question about the government's drive to recover illegal weapons, the adviser said operations are ongoing but expectations have not been met. "We haven't recovered as many weapons as we had hoped. I can provide an exact number at this moment."

The meeting also discussed workers' arrears, particularly in the garment sector. The adviser said that all eligible workers must be paid their dues before Eid.

"Those who are owed wages must be paid. However, if any group takes to the streets with illegitimate demands, they will not be allowed to block roads or occupy public spaces under any circumstances."

A specific deadline for wage disbursement has been set but was not disclosed publicly.

Regarding Eid cattle markets, Jahangir said that law enforcement agencies have been instructed to ensure tight security and prevent theft or fraudulent activity.

"Each cattle market must deploy at least 100 Ansar members for security."

The Highway Police have been instructed to ensure smooth travel for holidaymakers. Unlike previous years, when traffic primarily flowed out of Dhaka, this Eid will also see cattle trucks returning to the capital, increasing pressure on roads.

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