

US close to a nuclear deal with Iran

Says Trump

REUTERS, Dubai

US President Donald Trump said yesterday that the United States was getting very close to securing a nuclear deal with Iran, and Tehran had "sort of" agreed to the terms.

"We're in very serious negotiations with Iran for long term peace," Trump said on a tour of the Gulf, according to a shared pool report by AFP.

"We're getting close to maybe doing a deal without having to do this... there (are) two steps to doing this, there is a very, very nice step and there is the violent step, but I don't want to do it the second way," he said. An Iranian source familiar with the negotiations said there were still gaps to bridge in the talks with the United States.



Palestinians flee for cover as an Israeli strike hits the Hmeid family's home in Jabalia, northern Gaza Strip, yesterday. No humanitarian assistance has been delivered to Gaza since March 2, and a global hunger monitor has warned that half a million people face starvation in Gaza.

PHOTO: AFP

Russia-Ukraine talks at 'logjam': Rubio

REUTERS, Antalya

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio yesterday said the only way a breakthrough will happen in the efforts to end Russia's war in Ukraine would be through direct talks between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, after Moscow sent a second-tier team to talk in Turkey.

Rubio, who spoke to reporters in Antalya, said he would travel to Istanbul for meetings today with Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan and a Ukrainian delegation, but said he did not have high expectations for the talks.

"I don't think we're going to have a breakthrough here until the president (Trump) and President Putin interact directly on this topic," Rubio said, echoing earlier comments from Trump.

The top US diplomat described the current state of the talks to end the war as a "logjam," and said Trump was the only person who can break it.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had travelled to Turkey after Putin proposed talks there, before the Russian president decided against travelling to the talks himself.

When asked if any efforts were underway to bring Trump and Putin together, Rubio said Trump was going to make decisions once his Middle East trip ends.

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India and Pakistan yesterday accused each other of failing to control their nuclear weapons, calling on the world to monitor their neighbour's arsenal just days after their most serious military confrontation in two decades.

Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Pakistan's nuclear arsenal should be under the surveillance of the UN's atomic energy agency, while Islamabad said the international community should investigate a "black market" in India.

The latest conflict between India and Pakistan had sparked global concerns that it could spiral into a full-blown war before a ceasefire was brokered on Saturday, reports AFP.

"I wanted to raise this question for the world: are nuclear weapons safe in the hands of a rogue and

irresponsible nation?" Singh told troops at a base in Srinagar in Indian-administered Kashmir.

"I believe that Pakistan's atomic weapons should be brought under the surveillance of the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)," Singh added.

In a statement hours later, Pakistan's foreign minister said the IAEA should instead probe "the repeated theft and illicit trafficking incidents involving nuclear and radioactive material in India".

"These incidents also suggest the existence of a black market for sensitive, dual-use materials inside India," it added.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said yesterday that hostilities between Pakistan and India were

settled, after he urged the two countries to focus on trade instead of war.

He told US troops at a base in Qatar during a Gulf tour that Pakistan and India were happy with that.

Pakistan's PM Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday evening invited India to a comprehensive dialogue to address all contentious issues, including the Kashmir dispute and the water distribution, between the two nuclear-armed neighbours, reports Dawn.

The latest military conflict between the South Asian neighbours spiralled alarmingly on Saturday and there were brief fears that nuclear arsenals might come into play as Pakistan's military said a top body overseeing its nuclear weapons would meet. But the Pakistani defence minister said no such meeting was scheduled.

Students enforce

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According to police, the three arrestees, along with others, had scuffle with Shammo at the Suhrawardy Udyan and subsequently killed him. The scuffle took place when a motorcycle of the accused collided with Shammo's bike, they added.

DU authorities announced a half-day suspension of classes and exams, but later extended it to a full-day shutdown amid the strike.

According to witnesses, said a group of DU students, including leaders and activists of JCD and left-leaning student organisations, under the banner of Students Against Terrorism, began assembling at Madhur Canteen around 12:00 noon.

Later, they marched through the campus and locked the entrances to the faculties of social sciences, arts, business studies, and the registrar's building, and the Institute of Modern Languages.

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city unit, joined the protest. They expressed security concerns over the outsiders' entry to the campus.

Asked about the presence of outsiders, DU JCD unit General Secretary Nahiduzzaman Shipon said Shammo, an active JCD member, was on the frontline during the July movement. As the central JCD called for the protest programme, students from various units and educational institutions joined it spontaneously to demand justice for his killing.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, লক্ষ্মীপুর এর আওতাধীন ২(ন্দুই)টি আবাসিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিবাসীদের জন্য ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থ বছরে খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুযায়ীক ও শিক্ষা, আচ্ছা, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ

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২. এজেন্সি : সমাজসেবা অধিদল, ঢাকা।

৩. সংগ্রহক সদ্বার নাম : মহাপরিচালক, সমাজসেবা অধিদল, ঢাকা এবং পক্ষে জেলা প্রশাসক, লক্ষ্মীপুর।

৪. সংগ্রহক সদ্বার জেলা : লক্ষ্মীপুর।

৫. যে কাজের দরপত্র : ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিদলের পরিচালিত লক্ষ্মীপুর জেলাধীন আবাসিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিবাসীদের জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুযায়ীক ও শিক্ষা, আচ্ছা, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ

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৭. দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির তারিখ : ১৬.০৫.২০২৫ খ্রি।

৮. সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি : উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র(ওটি.এম)।

৯. বাজেট উৎস ও তহবিল : জিএবি(বাজেট)।

১০. দরপত্র প্যাকেজ সংখ্যা : প্যাকেজ ২ টি, মুল ৫ টি।

১১. দরপত্র প্যাকেজ ও লেটের নাম : প্যাকেজ-১: ক এক্স-শিল্প পরিবারে খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুযায়ীক (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল) মালামাল সরবরাহ; খ এক্স-শিল্প পরিবারে শিক্ষা, আচ্ছা, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য মালামাল সরবরাহ।

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