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Trump is lying when he speaks of peace

Says Khamenei

REUTERS



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei yesterday accused Donald Trump of lying when the US president said during his Gulf tour this week that he wanted peace in the region.

On the contrary, said Khamenei, the United States uses its power to give "10-ton bombs to the Zionist (Israeli) regime to drop on the heads of Gaza's children".

Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One after departing the United Arab Emirates on Friday that Iran had to move quickly on a US proposal for its nuclear programme or "something bad's going to happen".

His remarks, said Khamenei, "aren't even worth responding to." They are an "embarrassment to the speaker and the American people," Khamenei added.

"Undoubtedly, the source of corruption, war, and conflict in this region is the Zionist regime — a dangerous, deadly, cancerous tumour that must be uprooted; it will be uprooted," he said at an event at a religious centre in Tehran.

Earlier on Saturday, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Trump speaks about peace while simultaneously making threats.

"Which should we believe?" Pezeshkian said at a naval event in Tehran. "On the one hand, he speaks of peace and on the other, he threatens with the most advanced tools of mass killing."

Teheran would continue Iran-US nuclear talks, but is not afraid of threats. "We are not seeking war," Pezeshkian said.

Pull back troops before truce

Russia tells Ukraine as talks in Turkey yield no result; Kyiv calls on allies to put more pressure on Moscow

REUTERS, Istanbul

Russian negotiators at peace talks in Istanbul demanded Ukraine pull its troops out of all the Ukrainian regions claimed by Moscow before they would agree to a ceasefire, a senior Ukrainian official familiar with the talks told Reuters.

The Kremlin declined to comment on the terms that Russia had put forward at Friday's meeting in Turkey — the first time the warring sides had held face-to-face talks since March 2022, weeks after Russia's full-scale invasion.

The talks lasted only one hour and 40 minutes, and yielded an agreement to trade 1,000 prisoners of war on each side. The two countries have not specified when that will happen.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday called for stronger sanctions on Moscow after a Russian drone killed nine bus passengers in the Sumy region of northeastern Ukraine. "This was a deliberate killing of civilians," he said.

"Pressure must be exerted on Russia to stop the killings. Without tougher sanctions, without stronger pressure, Russia will not seek real diplomacy."

Russia, which denies targeting civilians, said it struck a military target in Sumy. Its defence ministry said Russian troops had captured another settlement in eastern Ukraine.

Ukraine and Western governments, including the US, have demanded that Russia agree to an immediate, unconditional ceasefire lasting at least 30 days.

But the Ukrainian source said Moscow's negotiators had demanded the withdrawal of Ukrainian troops from the Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson and Luhansk regions of Ukraine, with a ceasefire to take place only after that.

The source said that and other demands went beyond the terms of a



Ukrainian rescuers remove the bodies of passengers from a destroyed bus following a drone attack near the village of Bilopillya, Sumy region, yesterday. Nine people were killed in the strike.

PHOTO: SAFP

draft peace deal that the United States proposed last month after consultations with Moscow.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to comment on the Ukrainian account, saying talks should be conducted "absolutely behind closed doors".

He said the next steps would be to carry out the prisoner exchange and conduct further work between the two sides. Peskov said it was possible that President Vladimir Putin could meet Zelenskiy, but only if "certain agreements" were reached, which he did not specify.

Zelenskiy had challenged Putin earlier in the week to meet him in person, an offer the Russian leader ignored.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said his country, after hosting the talks, was determined to continue its

mediation role.

Both Ukraine and Russia are under pressure from US President Donald Trump to end what he calls "this stupid war". He has threatened to abandon US efforts to broker an agreement unless they demonstrate clear progress.

After Friday's meeting, Ukraine began rallying support from its allies to take tougher action against Moscow.

British Foreign Secretary David Lammy told Reuters: "Yet again we are seeing obfuscation on the Russian side and unwillingness to get serious about the enduring peace that is now required in Ukraine."

"Once again Russia is not serious," he said during a visit to Pakistan. "At what point do we say to Putin enough is enough?"

French President Emmanuel Macron also said the talks in Istanbul had been fruitless.

Worker faces deportation

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more than Tk 5 lakh to reach the country and is still in debt because the company had not paid him regularly, according to the email.

"Please discuss with the company and stand by me and my family," Nahid wrote.

Nahid told The Daily Star yesterday that neither the adviser's PS nor the High Commission responded to the email.

They have also requested the company to pay the full recruitment fee in a single installment.

Earlier, Mediceram had deported 35 workers to Bangladesh without any notice. Currently, the work permits of 170 have not been renewed. Some have been without a visa for a year, others for two years.

"Before our flights, they forced us to say on camera that we paid only Tk 78,000," reads the letter.

However, wages have been irregular for the last two years. In some months, the company pays only half or one-third of the salary, it said.

"Our families are now in deep financial crises. Our debts have doubled. In some months, we had to borrow more money from Bangladesh just to afford food here," it said.

Under such circumstances, they filed a complaint to the Labour Court late last year and then to the Bangladesh High Commission, but got no remedy.

They then contacted a migrant rights activist Andy Hall, who raised the issue with Mediceram and then got the labour issues audited by a third party.

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22,500, which was spent as recruitment fees. It also paid RM 1,000 as an advance, assuring that another RM 875 would be paid on May 31, and the remaining amount would be paid in 12 months.

"But this payment plan is extremely difficult for us and poses a major challenge for our families," they said in the letter.

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Remove 'NCP advisers'

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The rally, organised by the BNP's affiliated bodies -- Chhatra Dal, Jubo Dal, and Swebchhasebok Dal -- saw a huge turnout of young leaders and activists from the Khulna and Barishal divisions.

Salahuddin also criticised the appointment of a foreign national as the national security adviser.

"Don't you have the sense to realise the implications of giving a foreign citizen access to our army's security reports?" he questioned.

"He is trying to turn Bangladesh into a battleground in the name of the Rohingya/humanitarian corridor," he added.

Claiming that the issue was not consulted with the people or the political parties, he said that the appointed person had "arrogantly" said, "It doesn't matter".

He said it would be unfortunate if people had to go against the government in the near future.

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trying to create instability in the country. We cannot allow it."

The BNP leader also accused the government of exceeding its mandate by moving to make agreements involving the country's ports and corridors.

"What agreements have you made abroad? What mandate do you have? What gives you the authority to make such deals?"

He said the government's focus should be on carrying out election-oriented reforms to hold the polls by December.

"Your only mandate is to conduct a general election in Bangladesh. Don't undermine our democracy indefinitely in the name of reforms and justice."

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01	Improvement of Mastan Bazar-Adina College via Khonda RNGPS Monakosha UP Road from Ch.00-2650.00m & Construction of 04 Nos U-Drain Size 0.625m X 0.600m at Ch.110m, 1380m, 1465m & 1945m On Same road;[Road ID:170885120] [Salvee Cor-21,38,540.00] under Shibganj Upazila, District: Chapainawabganj. (Package No. RDRIDP/Chap/Shibganj-68/24-25), (Tender ID: 110342);	16 Jun-2025 16:00	17 Jun-2025 11:00	17 Jun-2025 11:00	OTM
02	a) Improvement of Shabpara Bazar - Shabpara Botali Bazar muri via Chilapahara Monakosha UP road at Ch.00-3842.00m by Construction of 05Nos U-Drain Size 0.625m X 0.600m at Ch.3196m, 1440m, 1995m,2436m & 2454m On Same road; c) Construction of 01Nos Box Culvert Size 3.00mX3.00m at Ch.2651 On Same road; [Road ID:170885390] [Salvee:30,44,25,00], (Package No. RDRIDP/Chap/Chilapahara-70/24-25), (