



## Trump claims breakthrough

Says Ukraine talks to start immediately

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US President Donald Trump yesterday said that Russia and Ukraine "will immediately start negotiations" toward a ceasefire and an end to their three-year-old war, speaking after he held a call with Russia's President Vladimir Putin.

"Negotiations between Russia and Ukraine will begin immediately," Trump said in a Truth Social post following his call with Putin, which lasted two hours.

After the call, Putin said efforts to end the war were "generally on the right track" and that Moscow was ready to work with Ukraine on a potential peace deal.

"We have agreed with the president of the United States that Russia will propose and is ready to work with the Ukrainian side on a memorandum on a possible future peace accord," Putin told reporters near the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

There was no immediate comment from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. A source familiar with the matter earlier said Zelensky spoke "for a few minutes" with Trump before the US leader's call with Putin.

In his social media post, Trump said the Vatican, "as represented by the Pope, has stated that it would be very interested in hosting the negotiations. Let the process begin!"

# Israel will take all of Gaza: PM

Strikes kill 52 more; WHO chief says 2m Gazans 'starving'

AFP, Gaza City

Israel yesterday said it will "take control" of the whole of Gaza, where aid entered for the first time in more than two months as rescuers reported dozens killed in a newly intensified offensive.

With the Gaza Strip under a total Israeli blockade since March 2, the World Health Organization said the besieged territory's "two million people are starving".

Israel, facing mounting criticism over the humanitarian crisis, has announced it would let limited aid into Gaza and said the first five trucks entered Monday, carrying supplies "including food for babies".

UN humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher said in a statement that nine trucks had been "cleared to enter... but it is a drop in the ocean of what is urgently needed."

UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric, who was unable to confirm the exact number of trucks inside Gaza, said that "none of the aid has been picked up" at a designated zone as it was "already dark" and due to "security concerns, we cannot operate in those conditions".

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cited "practical and diplomatic reasons" for the resumption of aid, saying that "images of mass starvation" could harm the legitimacy of Israel's war effort.

In southern Gaza, the Israeli military issued an evacuation call to Palestinians in and around Khan Yunis city ahead of what it described as an "unprecedented attack".

The call came after the military announced it had begun "extensive ground operations" in an expanded offensive against Hamas.

Gaza's civil defence agency said 52 people had been killed in Israeli attacks across the territory.



A wounded girl receives treatment at Al-Awda Hospital at the Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip, following an Israeli airstrike that hit a school in the camp yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Netanyahu, in a video posted on Telegram, said that "the fighting is intense and we are making progress."

"We will take control of all the territory of the strip," the Israeli leader added.

The UN's OHCHR rights office decried actions that are "in defiance of international law and tantamount to ethnic cleansing", citing the latest attacks, displacement, the "methodical destruction of entire neighbourhoods" and denial of humanitarian aid.

Netanyahu yesterday said that Israel "will not give up. But in order to succeed, we must act in a way that cannot be stopped", justifying to his headline supporters the decision to resume aid.

Israel said its blockade was aimed at forcing concessions from Hamas, while UN agencies have warned of critical shortages of food, clean

water, fuel and medicines.

Meanwhile, twenty-two countries, including Australia, Britain, France, Germany, Japan and New Zealand yesterday demanded that Israel immediately "allow a full resumption of aid into Gaza" after the partial lifting of its blockade on the territory.

The joint statement was released as the United Nations said nine aid trucks were authorised to enter Gaza, describing it as a "drop in the ocean" amid the territory's humanitarian crisis.

The donors' statement also sharply rejected a reported Israeli plan to replace the previous system of aid distribution in Gaza, which Israeli officials have accused of having ties to Hamas.

The statement demanded that Israel "enable the UN and humanitarian organisations to work independently and impartially to save lives".

## Inter-ministerial meet today

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Energypac Fashions Ltd has three containers of garments items - shipped two days ago - now stuck at Benapole. The combined value of the goods in the three containers is over \$300,000, he said.

Rashid, who has been exporting to India for over seven years, said nearly 10 percent of his factory's products are meant for the Indian market. He now fears further disruptions to shipments bound for Nepal via Indian land ports and hopes for an amicable solution.

Kabir Ahmed, president of the Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association, said exports to India would initially face disruption due to the restrictions, but trade flows would eventually shift to air and sea routes.

However, he warned that transport costs could rise by at least 20 percent due to the rerouting of shipments, and that trade through informal channels would inevitably decline.

"It is difficult, but we can overcome these challenges," he said.

In Jashore, exports through Benapole land port have also come to a halt following the restrictions. The land port is one of the country's largest and is dedicated entirely to exports.

"Normally, around 200-300 goods laden trucks would cross the border daily," said Mamun Taralder, deputy director of the port. "But only 151 trucks passed through the port on Monday [till 5:30pm]."

He added that the 36 trucks stranded at the port till yesterday had to leave the premises after failing to cross the border.

During a visit to the port yesterday, trading activities were seen subdued. Customs stations, clearing and forwarding (C&F) agents, and transport workers had little to do, while many traders expressed concerns over the future of their businesses.

"If this situation continues, our entire export chain will collapse," warned Emdadul Haque Lota, general secretary of the C&F Agents Association.

## Shakil makes History

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has reached the summit and is safe. He has descended to Camp 4. Due to limited network access, more details will be shared later," Shakil's local coordinators posted on his official Facebook page.

If confirmed by Guinness World Records, Shakil will be the fastest and youngest person to complete the herculean task. Later, the local coordinators, quoting 8K Expeditions, said Shakil climbed down to camp 2.

Sherpa guide Tashi Galjen, who is attempting a record: four Everest summits in a single season, accompanied Shakil to the top and is now descending with him.

Shakil began his expedition from the shores of Inani Beach in Cox's Bazar on February 25 to raise awareness about climate change, particularly against plastic pollution.

After walking 1,374 kilometres over 64 days, crossing bustling cities, winding mountain paths, and even swimming 3km across the mighty Jamuna river, he reached Everest Base Camp on April 29.

Along the way, Shakil engaged with local communities and spread awareness about plastic pollution and climate change - an adventure he regularly shared on his social media handles.

He reached Dhaka in 12 days. After a brief rest, he resumed his trek and reached Banglabandha Land Port in Panchagarh on March 28, walking around 970km.

From there, he crossed into India, trekking through Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling before entering Nepal on March 31 through Kakarvitta Land Port.

According to his companions along the way and his official Facebook page, he then trekked to Kanchenjunga Base Camp for acclimatisation.

After trekking more than 385km through Nepal, he finally reached Everest Base Camp on April 29.

A crucial phase of

acclimatisation followed, including climbs to Camp 3 and back, part of the high-altitude preparation before the final summit push.

On May 16, Shakil left the base camp for Camp 2, then climbed successively to Camp 3 (May 17), Camp 4 (May 18), and finally made his summit bid on May 19.

Inspired by Australian mountaineer Tim Macartney-Snape, who first completed this expedition in 1990, walking 1,126 km in 96 days before summiting Everest, Shakil devised his own adventure.

Though he was physically and mentally prepared, securing the funds for such an ambitious journey proved to be a major challenge.

"Taking on such a task was not easy," said Sadia Sultana, one of his local coordinators. "Shakil was determined, but financial uncertainty constantly loomed over the expedition," she added.

Despite the odds, the climb was made possible through a combination of corporate sponsorships, generous crowdfunding, and donations from travel enthusiasts across the country.

Key support came from PRAN group, the UNDP, Mr Noodles, Makalu E-Traders Nepal, and Systema Bangladesh.

Shakil's summit marks a historic milestone for Bangladesh mountaineering. He became the seventh Bangladeshi to summit Everest, following the footsteps of Musa Ibrahim, MA Muhiit, Nishat Majumder, Wasfia Nazreen, Mohammad Khaled Hossain and Babar Ali.

Shakil is a seasoned adventurer and environmental advocate. A graduate of India's Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, he has successfully climbed Himalayan peaks such as Kyajo Ri, Draupadi Ka Danda II, Himlung, and Dolma Khang.

In 2023, he gained attention for completing the Great Himalaya Trail, a gruelling 1,700-kilometer trek across Nepal's mountain spine from east to west.

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**UN team planning**

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A statement by the New York-based Human Rights Watch in March 2022 said the Bangladesh government has a "habit" of ignoring the UN's concerns over its human rights record. It had said that the government had not responded to repeated requests by the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to visit Bangladesh.

The Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances Chairperson Justice Moinul Islam Chowdhury, in March this year, said the commission has received 1,752 complaints regarding enforced disappearances and has investigated 1,000 of them.

According to the commission's records, there are 330 cases of enforced disappearances involving individuals who have not returned.

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