

Trump, Xi will likely speak this week

Says White House amid tariff row

REUTERS, Washington

President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping will likely speak this week, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said on Monday, days after Trump accused China of violating an agreement to roll back tariffs and trade restrictions.

Leavitt is the third top Trump aide to forecast an imminent call between the two leaders to iron out differences on last month's tariff agreement in Geneva, among larger trade issues. It was not immediately clear when the two leaders will speak.

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday that Trump and Xi would speak "very soon" to iron out trade issues including a dispute over critical minerals and China's restrictions on exports of certain minerals.

HIV cases soar in Philippines

Medical authorities warn of health emergency

AFP, Manila

Philippine medical authorities yesterday warned of a looming "public health emergency" as HIV infections have soared this year, with young males especially hard-hit.

On average, 57 new cases a day were tallied in the country of 117 million people over the first three months of 2025, a 50 percent jump from a year earlier, health department data shows.

"We now have the highest number of new cases here in the Western Pacific," Health Secretary Ted Herbosa said. "What is frightening is, our youth make up many of the new cases," he said. The health department said 95 percent of newly reported cases were male.



People hold banners and light candles next to portraits of 39-year-old Nigerian Michael Kenechukwu Ekemezie during a protest in Lausanne, Switzerland, yesterday, following his death at the Lausanne police station. Ekemezie died on May 25, 2025, less than an hour after being arrested on suspicion of drug-related activity.

PHOTO: AFP

Ukraine peace efforts are complex: Kremlin

Says no quick decisions to be expected; Russia 'deliberately' targeting civilians after 3 killed in Sumy: Zelensky

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The Kremlin warned yesterday that work on trying to reach a settlement to end the war in Ukraine was extraordinarily complex and that it would be wrong to expect any imminent decisions.

It was commenting after Russia told Ukraine at peace talks in Turkey on Monday that it would only agree to end the fighting if Kyiv gives up big new chunks of territory and accepts limits on the size of its army, demands Ukraine has repeatedly rejected.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday that agreements reached at the Istanbul talks to exchange prisoners and the bodies of dead soldiers would be honoured however, and that work on agreeing a possible settlement



would continue.

He said Russia and the US had not yet agreed on specific future contacts between President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Donald Trump, but that Putin was ready for various high-level contacts if they were properly prepared, reports Reuters.

It was unlikely, added Peskov when asked, that Putin, Trump and Zelensky would hold face-to-face talks together in the near future.

Meanwhile, Zelensky yesterday accused Russia of "deliberately" targeting civilians in a rocket attack on the city of Sumy.

Russia's troops have also accelerated their advance, seeking to establish what Putin called a "buffer zone" inside Ukraine's northeastern Sumy region.

A rocket attack on the city, some 30 kilometres (18 miles) from the Russian border, yesterday killed at least three people, Zelensky said.

"The Russians launched a savage strike on Sumy – directly targeting the city and its ordinary streets with rocket artillery. It was a fully deliberate attack on civilians," he said in a post on social media.

He posted a video from the emergency services showing destroyed cars and the body of one victim lying on the road, reports AFP.

FLASH FLOODING

Death toll in Nigeria jumps past 200

AFP, Abuja

Flash flooding in north-central Nigeria last week killed more than 200 people, the Niger state humanitarian commissioner said yesterday, while hundreds more remain missing and are feared dead.

The town of Mokwa was hit with the worst flash flood in living memory. Thursday from overnight rains, with more than 250 homes destroyed and swathes of the town wiped out in a single morning.

The announcement comes after several days of the official toll standing at around 150, even as residents were sometimes missing more than a dozen members in a single family.

"We have more than 200... corpses," Ahmad Suleiman told Nigerian Channels Television.

Budget goals

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sectors, allocations and incentives for some sectors and higher taxation for tobacco producers, the proposed budget fails to address the ongoing economic challenges holistically.

Some fiscal measures, including allowing black money, contradict the theme of the budget, which is 'building an equitable and sustainable economic system',

she said. So, how it would rise is not clear, the CPD said.

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The overall budget is compatible with assumptions but it is disappointing in terms of expectations, said Mustafizur Rahman, a distinguished fellow of the CPD.

About the 1 percent turnover tax on all firms, he said the move was in preparation for graduation from the least developed country bracket in 2026 and must be accepted.

The government tried to reduce the anti-export bias and protection for local firms."

However, there is no indication of measures that can raise the firms' competitiveness. Such steps could include a single window for all services, a reduction in bank interest rates and reducing the cost of doing business, he said.

Although the government came through the July uprising, it was expected that there would be specific steps for the unemployed youth.

"But this was not done. So, job creation will have to come through investment. But, protection has been reduced for local firms, so it would be a challenge to create more jobs."

As the tax-to-GDP ratio is low, the government is limited in its ability to reduce inequality.

Moreover, out of the total revenue collection, two-thirds come from indirect tax, which comes from the general public too. So, it is difficult to reduce inequality with the existing tax system, Rahman added.

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for this fiscal year would be 5 percent, whereas the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics estimated it would be around 4 percent.

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The share of projects with symbolic allocation has increased substantially, which is an objectionable development and a move in the wrong direction.

Meanwhile, the pace of implementation of mega projects remains a concern. Even if maximum utilisation of resources is ensured, none of the eight mega projects scheduled for completion in fiscal 2025-26 will be wrapped up.

Regarding private investment, the CPD said the government has targeted to increase the private investment-to-GDP ratio to 24.3 percent.

"Whether it is possible in the current political climate remains a question."

The moves to reinstate the highest tax slab of 30 percent and fix a minimum tax of Tk 1,000 for new taxpayers are both welcome.

The tax burden on relatively low-income groups and middle-income people will be higher due to the change in the tax rate of several tax slabs.

For those with annual incomes of Tk 6 lakh, Tk 10 lakh and Tk 15 lakh, the total tax liability will rise by 12.5 percent, 16.7 percent and 16.7 percent respectively.

In contrast, for those earning Tk 30 lakh, the rise will be comparatively lower at 7.6 percent.

This goes against the principle of equitable tax burden and fairness, and such types of fiscal measures will not be able to reduce inequality, the CPD said.

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for 02 No. Package under Need Based Infrastructure Development of Government Primary Schools Project (1st Phase), FY 2024-2025 for District: Narsingdi.

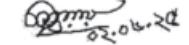
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- Nanotechnology in agarwood induction/inoculation (Study Area No. 06).
- Chemical analysis of agar & agar-oil and their gradation (Study Area No. 08).

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