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Trump wants 'real end', not ceasefire

Says 'we' have control of Iran's skies; tells Iranians to 'evacuate Tehran' as something 'much bigger' coming

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US President Donald Trump yesterday dramatically stepped up his rhetoric against Iran, fueling questions about whether the United States would join Israel's attacks on Tehran's leadership and nuclear facilities.

He said he wants a "real end" to the conflict between Israel and Iran, not just a ceasefire, as the arch foes traded fire for a fifth day yesterday.

The US president also said on social media that the US knows where Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is but will not kill him "for now."

"But we don't want missiles shot at civilians, or American soldiers. Our patience is wearing thin. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" said Trump.

Minutes later, the US president followed up with another message simply saying: "UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER!"

His comments came as Israeli warplanes yesterday targeted military sites in Iran,

- Israel pounds Iran's defences, 'kills top commander'
- Iran hits strategic targets, including Mossad's centre
- Trump says US will not kill Khamenei 'for now'
- China accused Trump of 'pouring oil' on the conflict
- G7 says 'Iran can never have nuclear weapons'
- Iran tells Israelis to evacuate Tel Aviv, Haifa

killing a senior commander and drawing retaliatory missile fire from Iran. Loud bangs were heard in Tehran on several occasions yesterday.

Explosions were also heard over Tel Aviv and Jerusalem as air raid sirens sounded in many parts of Israel following missile launches from Iran, the Israeli military said.

Iranian state television said the Tel Aviv headquarters of Israel's Mossad

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PHOTO: AFP

Israeli air defence systems are activated to intercept Iranian missiles over the Israeli city of Haifa. The photo was taken early yesterday.

400 Bangladeshis at risk in Tehran

Embassy official's home damaged in Israeli attack; govt to prioritise relocating expatriates, says acting foreign secy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

About 400 Bangladeshi nationals, including embassy officials, staffers, and their family members, are at risk in Tehran as the Iran-Israel conflict continues to intensify with no resolution in sight.

Amid growing threats of targeted strikes, Bangladesh's Ambassador to Iran Majurul Karim Khan Chowdhury left his residence in Tehran and took shelter in a secure location on Monday night.

However, the residence of at least one Bangladeshi embassy official in Tehran's Jordan area was destroyed in an Israeli strike on Monday, reports BBC Bangla.

Walid Islam, first secretary at the embassy, confirmed that his home was destroyed in the attack.

Most of the residences of embassy officials are in the same area under Tehran's district-3. All Bangladeshi nationals, including embassy officials

Around 2,000 Bangladeshis, including students, professionals, tourists, and medical patients, are believed to be in Iran. Of them, about 400 are in Tehran, while 40 are affiliated with the embassy.

and staffers, have left the area as per instructions from Dhaka. They are all now in a different part of the city.

The area includes several key installations, including the building of Iran's state television, which was also attacked on Monday.

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July Charter to be unveiled on uprising anniversary

Says Yunus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said the July Charter will be announced next month on the anniversary of the July uprising.

He revealed this at a meeting with the newly appointed Australian High Commissioner to Dhaka Susan Ryle at the State Guest House Jamuna.

"Our focus remains on constitutional, judicial, and administrative reforms. These are the foundations for building a stronger Bangladesh," Prof Yunus said.

He said the interim government is working with all political parties to ensure a smooth transition. "For the first time in years, people, especially first-time voters, will have a real opportunity to cast their ballots freely."

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Consensus on MPs voting against party lines, with exceptions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political parties will allow MPs to vote against party lines except on no-confidence motions and finance bills.

While they have agreed to amend Article 70 of the constitution at yesterday's National Consensus Commission meeting, there is still debate on two other exceptions: national security issues during a war and constitutional amendments.

The parties also agreed on opposition MPs chairing at least four key parliamentary standing committees and increasing the number of reserved seats for women in parliament from 50 to 100.

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami was the only party to skip the talks.

At present, Article 70 disqualifies MPs who vote against their parties. The proposed change would relax this rule, allowing MPs to dissent.

The parties argue that critical matters like no-confidence motions and finance bills require unity and lawmakers should not be allowed to vote against their parties on such matters.

- Opposition MPs to chair at least 4 standing committees
- Women's reserved seat to increase from 50 to 100
- Bicameral legislature, CJ appointment still being debated

But the NCP leaders said these exceptions would defeat the purpose of reforming Article 70 and limit MPs' independent judgement on key national issues.

Meanwhile, most parties, excluding a few Islamist ones, agreed on increasing women's seats. Disagreements remain over how those seats should be filled.

While parties such as the NCP

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Jamaat skips consensus talks in 'protest'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday skipped the National Consensus Commission's discussion with political parties.

The party may issue a statement in this regard today, insiders say.

At the Doel Hall of the Foreign Service Academy where the meeting was held, the seats designated for Jamaat leaders remained empty, meeting sources said.

The second round of the commission's dialogue with political parties began around 11:45am.

The Jamaat informed the commission beforehand that it would not be attending the meeting, a member of the National Consensus Commission told this newspaper.

The party told the commission that it felt ignored after Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus

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BNP doesn't want conflict with govt after London meeting

Senior leaders want Ishraque to call off movement

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

The BNP has decided not to engage in any activity that might delay the election or reignite conflict with the interim government following the recent London meeting between the party's Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman and Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus.

The decision came at a BNP standing committee meeting on Monday night at the party chairperson's political office in Gulshan. The meeting was chaired by Tarique, who joined in virtually from London.

At the meeting, Tarique did not disclose the details of the discussion that took place at the one-on-one meeting with Yunus in London on June 13, The Daily Star has learnt from people with direct knowledge of the matter.

He termed the London dialogue "fruitful", while BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, "We cannot allow [this momentum] to slip from our hands."

His remarks received table-thumping approval from all committee members.

The committee extended formal congratulations to Tarique for conducting

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Every morning, a large fish market operates near the Jatrabari Police Station on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway, considered the country's economic lifeline. Hundreds of fish traders occupy more than half the highway, causing traffic congestion and immense suffering for commuters. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Govt enacts law for July martyrs' families, injured

Provides framework for their welfare

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government issued an ordinance providing a legal framework for state-led welfare initiatives to rehabilitate the families of those killed and those injured during the July uprising.

The legislation was approved in draft form by the advisory council on May 15 and passed yesterday.

The ordinance codified the spirit of the revolution into law.

The law categorises injured participants into three groups and formally designates them as July Fighters while the deceased are to be recognised as July Martyrs.

The three categories of July Fighters include Injured, Critically Injured and Extremely Critically Injured. The ordinance outlined the rights to medical care and rehabilitation of each.

The government will bear all medical expenses, the law stated.

Under the ordinance, official lists of martyrs and injured individuals will be recognised as legally binding.

The ordinance upheld the previously published number of those martyred in the July uprising: 834 individuals.

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