

Trump voices disappointment with Putin

Kremlin says his statements are serious, require analysis

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US President Donald Trump appears to be losing patience with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, voicing disappointment on Monday just hours after threatening “severe tariffs” against Russia.

“I’m disappointed in him, but I’m not done with him. But I’m disappointed in him,” Trump told BBC in an interview.

A few hours earlier, during a meeting with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) Secretary General Mark Rutte in the Oval Office, Trump warned, “We’re going to be doing very severe tariffs” if a ceasefire agreement on Ukraine is not reached within 50 days.

US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick clarified later that Trump actually meant “economic sanctions” when he threatened “secondary tariffs” against Russia, The Washington Times reported.

Trump also told Rutte that the United States would supply weapons to Ukraine through Nato, including Patriot missile systems, with deliveries starting soon.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin said yesterday that US President Donald Trump’s recent statements, including a threat of sanctions on buyers of Russian exports, are serious and require analysis, reports Reuters.

Spokesman Dmitry Peskov said: “The US president’s statements are very serious. Some of them are addressed personally to President Putin.”



Smoke rises as Syrian security forces sit in the back of a truck, while troops enter the predominantly Druze city of Sweida in southern Syria yesterday, following two days of clashes between Bedouin tribes and Druze fighters. PHOTO: REUTERS

EAST LEBANON
Israeli jets hit Hezbollah targets
12 people killed

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel’s military said it was striking targets belonging to Hezbollah’s elite Radwan force in eastern Lebanon yesterday, the latest attack despite a ceasefire between Israel and the Iran-backed militant group.

“Moments ago, Israeli Air Force fighter jets... began numerous strikes toward Hezbollah terror targets in the area of Beqaa, Lebanon,” it said.

“The military compounds that were struck were used by the Hezbollah terrorist organisation for training and exercising terrorists to plan and carry out terrorist attacks against (Israeli) troops and the State of Israel,” it added.

Israel has repeatedly bombed Lebanon despite a November ceasefire that sought to end over a year of hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah, including two months of all-out war that left the group severely weakened. Defence Minister Israel Katz said the latest strikes were “a clear message” to Hezbollah and the Lebanese government “which is responsible for upholding the agreement.”

West Bank seeing largest displacement since 1967

Warns UN, raises concerns about possible ‘ethnic cleansing’ by Israeli forces

AFP, Geneva

The UN warned yesterday that mass displacement in the West Bank had hit levels not seen since the start of Israel’s occupation of the Palestinian territory nearly 60 years ago.

The United Nations said an Israeli military operation launched in the north of the occupied territory in January had displaced tens of thousands of people, raising concerns about possible “ethnic cleansing”.

The military operation “has been the longest since ... the second Intifada”, in the early 2000s, said Juliette Touma, spokeswoman for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees.

“It is impacting several refugee camps in the area, and it is causing the largest population displacement of the Palestinians in the West Bank since 1967,” she told reporters in Geneva via video from Jordan, referring to the six-day Arab-Israeli war that led to Israel’s occupation of the West Bank.

The UN rights office meanwhile warned that mass forced displacement by an occupation force could amount to “ethnic cleansing”.

Since Israel’s military launched its operation “Iron Wall” in the north of the West Bank in January, rights office spokesman Thameen Al-Kheetan said that “about 30,000 Palestinians remain forcibly



displaced”.

Israeli security forces had during the same period issued demolition orders for about 1,400 homes in the northern West Bank, he said, describing the figures as “alarming”.

He pointed out that Israeli demolitions had displaced 2,907 Palestinians across the West Bank since October 2023.

Another 2,400 Palestinians -- nearly half of them children -- had been displaced as a result of Israeli settler actions, he added, lamenting that the combined result was the “emptying large parts of the West Bank of Palestinians”.

“Permanently displacing the civilian population within

occupied territory amounts to unlawful transfer,” Kheetan said, stressing that depending on the circumstances this could be “tantamount to ethnic cleansing” and could “amount to a crime against humanity”.

Kheetan said 757 attacks by Israeli settlers had been recorded in the West Bank during the first half of the year, a 13 percent increase on the same period in 2024.

The attacks injured 96 Palestinians in the occupied territory in June alone, he told reporters, stressing that this was the highest monthly injury toll of Palestinians from settler attacks, “in over two decades”.

Drone attack shuts Iraq oil field run by US company

AFP, Arbil

A drone strike forced a US company to suspend operations at an oil field in Iraq’s autonomous Kurdistan region yesterday, the latest in a string of attacks targeting the region’s energy infrastructure.

The Kurdistan Regional Government said the Sarsang oil field in Duhok province was hit, calling the strike “an act of terrorism against the Kurdistan Region’s vital economic infrastructure”.

The attack followed a similar drone strike a day earlier on an airport in neighbouring Arbil province, which hosts US troops.

HKN Energy, the US firm operating the site, said the blast occurred at about 7:00 am at one of its production facilities in the Sarsang field.

“Operations at the affected facility have been suspended until the site is secured,” it said in a statement.

A fire broke, but no casualties were reported. Emergency response teams later contained the blaze, HKN Energy said.

REPRISALS FROM TALIBAN
UK launched secret scheme to relocate Afghans after data leak

REUTERS, London

Britain set up a secret scheme to relocate thousands of Afghans to the UK after a soldier accidentally disclosed the personal details of more than 33,000 people, putting them at risk of reprisals from the Taliban, court documents showed yesterday.

A judge at London’s High Court said in a May 2024 judgment first made public yesterday that about 20,000 people may have to be offered relocation to Britain, a move that would likely cost “several billion pounds”.

Britain’s current defence minister John Healey said that around 4,500 affected people “are in Britain or in transit ... at a cost of around 400 million pounds”.

The government is also facing lawsuits from those affected by the breach, further adding to the ultimate cost of the incident.

A Ministry of Defence-commissioned review of the data breach, a summary of which was also published yesterday, said more than 16,000 people affected by it had been relocated to the UK as of May this year. The British government was forced to act after the breach revealed the names of Afghans who had helped British forces in Afghanistan before they withdrew from the country in chaotic circumstances in 2021.



Key amendments must pass JS, public

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the prime minister), and Article 142 (which outlines constitution amendment procedures).

National Consensus Commission Vice President Prof Ali Riaz disclosed the development to reporters following the 14th day of the second phase of dialogues between the commission and political parties at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Through the 15th Amendment, the Awami League government in 2011 removed the provision requiring a referendum for constitutional amendments concerning the preamble, fundamental principles, presidential powers and appointment, and the appointment of the prime minister.

This amendment also abolished the caretaker government system.

Bangladesh held its only constitutional referendum on September 15, 1991. Voters were asked: “Should the president assent to the 12th Amendment?”

The 12th Amendment reinstated the parliamentary system, designating the president as a ceremonial head of state and transferring executive authority to the prime minister. It also abolished the vice-president’s

position and mandated that the president be elected by parliament.

The non-partisan caretaker system was introduced in 1990 after the fall of dictator HM Ershad as an ad hoc arrangement. Later, it was formally adopted in 1996.

The Awami League administration abolished the system in 2011, ignoring opposition demands. The Sheikh Hasina-led government also dismissed calls to reinstate the caretaker model ahead of the 2014, 2018, and 2024 elections.

Following her ouster, the High Court, in December last year, annulled a portion of the 15th amendment that had scrapped the caretaker system.

During yesterday’s talks, parties once again failed to reach a consensus on the formation of the upper house. The third agenda item, women’s representation, could not be discussed due to “time constraints”.

Ali Riaz said most major parties support establishing a bicameral parliament, but disagreements persist over how the upper house would be formed.

“Some back proportional representation, others favouring seat-based allocation. The issue has now

been left to the commission for a final decision, expected next week,” he said.

WHAT PARTIES SAY

BNP is withholding its final position on the upper house structure and function until the commission makes an official decision, party standing committee member Salahuddin Ahmed told reporters after yesterday’s discussions.

“We have proposed a two-step process for vital constitutional amendments involving a two-thirds majority in parliament and a referendum for changes to the crucial parts of the constitution.”

Salahuddin suggested that any future attempt to abolish or alter the caretaker government system should also fall under this referendum clause to prevent unilateral actions.

Sayed Abdullah Muhammad Taher, nayeb-e-ameer of Jamaat, claimed that without a voter-based proportional representation system, the upper house risks becoming an extension of the lower house, undermining its role as a check and balance mechanism.

Saying Jamaat supports a two-tiered amendment system, Taher agreed that crucial constitutional provisions should be subject to national referendums

to ensure broader public legitimacy.

“Constitutional change must be difficult to prevent any single party from imposing unilateral amendments.”

National Citizen Party (NCP) Member Secretary, Akhter Hossen, proposed a three-tiered constitution amendment process involving a two-thirds majority in the lower house, a two-thirds majority in the upper house, and a referendum for key constitutional revision.

He also suggested that any future attempt to amend or abolish the caretaker system must also go through a referendum.

He further said NCP strongly supports an upper house elected through a proportional representation system.

“This will institutionalise multi-party democracy, allowing even smaller parties with at least 1% of the national vote share to gain representation.”

NCP criticised BNP and its allies for resisting proportional representation in the upper house and accused them of attempting to exclude the upper house discussion from the core reform agenda.

Govt declares day of state mourning today

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privately owned buildings and Bangladeshi missions abroad.

Special prayers for the martyrs will be held in mosques across the country, alongside similar arrangements in other religious establishments.

This declaration of state mourning applies only to this year.

Officials at the Cabinet Division clarified that if the government decides to observe the day in the future, a fresh gazette will be issued.

On July 15 last year, law enforcers and activists of Awami League and its affiliated organisations launched attacks on student protesters demonstrating nationwide for the reformation of the quota system in government jobs.

At least six people, including Abu Sayed of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur, were killed on July 16.



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