

Immigration 'killing' Europe
Says Trump, calls on nations to 'stop horrible invasion'
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US President Donald Trump on Friday said that Europe needs to "get its act together" in terms of immigration, claiming the continent would not exist "anymore" if this "invasion" goes unchecked.

Talking to reporters after landing at Scotland's Prestwick airport in Ayrshire, Trump said that he had a couple of things to say to the leaders and people of Europe, the most pressing issue being immigration.

He is in Scotland for a weekend trip, where he was set to meet UK PM Keir Starmer yesterday.

During his five-day visit, Trump will play golf at two golf resorts he owns — one in the small village of Turnberry in South Ayrshire on Scotland's southwest coast and the other in



Menie in Aberdeenshire, reports DW online.

"There are a couple of things I could say, but on immigration, you've got to get your act together. You won't have Europe anymore," he said.

Immigration, he claimed, was an "invasion" that was "killing Europe."

Trump went on to claim that nobody entered the United States last month. The US president once again derided his predecessor, Joe Biden, for "allowing" people into the country.

Meanwhile, anti-Trump demonstrators gathered during a rally organised by the campaign group Stop Trump Coalition, protesting the visit of Trump, in Edinburgh.

While immigration is one of Trump's biggest campaign promises, it is also a major issue in Europe. In May, UK PM Keir Starmer said the country risked becoming "an island of strangers".

Earlier this month, Starmer and Emmanuel Macron announced a reciprocal migrant returns deal that the UK Prime Minister and French President hope will reduce the number of small boat crossings in the English Channel.



Malaysia's former prime minister, Mahathir Mohamad, speaks during a protest against Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Several thousand Malaysians flooded the capital's streets to voice growing public frustration over rising living costs and a perceived lack of reform by Ibrahim's unity government.

PHOTO: AFP

'No one has been spared' in Gaza Strip

Says UNRWA amid unabated Israeli bombing; 25 more Palestinians, including 13 aid seekers, killed

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The UN's agency for Palestinian refugees yesterday called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza as starvation grips the enclave amid unabated Israeli attacks.

"People are once again forced to be displaced in Gaza by Israeli authorities' orders," the UNRWA said on X. "They have nowhere to go. No one is safe in Gaza. Not aid workers, not medical workers, not UN staff."

"No one has been spared. People have endured over 650 days of relentless, endless killings, destruction, and despair," it added.

At least 25 people have been killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza since dawn yesterday, including 13 aid seekers, health officials said.

Two infants have become the latest Palestinian children to die from malnutrition, as the total number of starvation deaths in the territory rises to more than 120, including more than 80 children.

Almost a third of people in Gaza are "not eating for days", the United Nations food aid agency told AFP, saying the crisis has reached "new and astonishing levels of desperation".

The Rome-based World Food Programme (WFP) had previously warned of a "critical risk of famine" in war-raged Gaza, over which

international condemnation of Israel's actions has been growing.

"Nearly one person in three is not eating for days. Malnutrition is surging with 90,000 women and children in urgent need of treatment," a WFP statement said.

It said that 470,000 people are expected to face "catastrophic hunger" — the most critical category under the UN's Integrated Food Security Phase classification — between May and September

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this year.

US President Donald Trump accused Hamas on Friday of not wanting to reach a ceasefire deal as Israel said it would explore "alternative options" to rescue hostages after negotiations collapsed.

Meanwhile, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has called for

immediate action to end the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, in a newspaper column outlining efforts by the UK to help.

In a column in the Daily Mirror newspaper, the UK leader wrote that the "images of starvation and desperation in Gaza are utterly horrifying".

A worker with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said air dropping supplies by air into Gaza "might help" but would still be "insufficient" to address surges in malnutrition.

Starmer also wrote that the government was "already working urgently with the Jordanian authorities to get British aid onto planes and into Gaza".

The UK has also previously sent planes to directly drop aid, with UK forces having completed 11 airdrops into Gaza to deliver 110 tonnes of relief items as part of a Jordanian-led international air coalition.

In a separate development, Hamas officials yesterday expressed surprise at Trump's accusation that the group "didn't really want" a ceasefire and hostage release deal for Gaza.

"Trump's remarks are particularly surprising, especially as they come at a time when progress had been made on some of the negotiation files," Hamas official Taha al-Nunu told AFP.

CA to unveil election date within 4 to 5 days

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is the only practical way to resolve the current political turmoil in the country. "Many problems will be addressed through the election. It will help bring an end to the ongoing unrest," he said.

On July 9, Yunus ordered the authorities concerned to complete, by December, the preparations for the upcoming national election.

The polls are likely to take place in February or April, he told a meeting with law enforcers.

Yunus on June 13 said that the next general election could be held in the week before the start of Ramadan in 2026 if all preparations are completed.

Yunus made the remarks when BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman, during a meeting with the chief adviser in London, suggested that the election take place before Ramadan. The month of fasting will begin in the third week of February.

At yesterday's meeting, Yunus told the political parties that if all forces of the July uprising fail to

come together to hold a fair election, "we will miss this great opportunity", according to a statement from the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

Yunus added that whenever the defeated forces get a chance, they create disturbances that severely hinder the country's normal progress. "Whenever we move forward with election preparations, new conspiracies emerge. But the reality is that no conspiracy can obstruct the democratic journey. Because, on the question of fascism, the unity of all democratic forces is clear," said the chief adviser.

He expressed hope for cooperation from all political parties to ensure a fair election.

The leaders who attended the meeting also assured the chief adviser of their full support, said the statement.

Leaders of Jatiya Ganfront, Nizam-e-Islam Party, Khelafat Majlis, National People's Party, Bangladesh JASAD, Nationalist Democratic Movement, Islami Oikya Jote, Bhashani Janoshatki

Party, Bangladesh Labour Party, Socialist Party of Bangladesh (Marxist), and Jamiat Ulama e Islam attended the meeting.

The meeting began with a minute of silence and prayer in memory of those who died in the plane crash at Milestone School & College on July 21.

During the meeting, leaders from all political parties criticised the government's failure to maintain law and order, calling for stricter measures. They expressed concern that defeated forces might exploit the situation to create unrest.

They also demanded removal of "inactive advisers" and replacement of "fascist collaborators" in the administration and law enforcement with competent individuals. Some of them also criticised the government's decision to allow the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to set up a mission in Dhaka.

The chief adviser launched the ongoing talks with parties after the jet crash at Milestone and subsequent protests. As part of his efforts to engage

with the parties, he met with the leaders of the BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Andolan Bangladesh, and National Citizen Party (NCP) on July 22.

The next day, he held discussions with leaders from 13 other political parties.

After yesterday's meeting with the political parties, Yunus also met leaders of Hefazat-e-Islam. They discussed arrangements for compensation for victims of the crackdown on protesters at Shapla Chhatar in 2013, as well as the collection and preservation of all related data and evidence.

They also discussed necessary steps to initiate an investigation through the United Nations into the attack on Hefazat's rally, the Chief Adviser's Press Wing said.

Hefazat Joint General Secretary Azizul Haque Islamabadi, who attended the meeting, told The Daily Star that they also objected to the government's decision to allow the UN rights office in Dhaka.

BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP
US appeals court rules against Trump order

AFP, Washington

A US appeals court on Wednesday ruled that President Donald Trump's order restricting birthright citizenship was unconstitutional and backed the decision of a lower court to block the nationwide order.

The order has been mired in legal back-and-forth for months, and is currently halted by a federal court amid multiple legal proceedings.

The Supreme Court ruled last month that lone judges had likely exceeded their powers by issuing nationwide injunctions against a string of Trump's policies, including his move to end birthright citizenship. Several district judges had blocked Trump's attempt to end the longstanding rule, guaranteed in the US Constitution, that anyone born on US soil is automatically an American citizen.

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652 malnourished children die in six months in Nigeria

Says MSF, blames funding cuts by international donors

REUTERS, Abuja

At least 652 children died from malnutrition in the Nigerian state of Katsina in the first six months of 2025, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said on Friday, an outcome it said it was due to funding cuts by international donors.

Katsina, in the north of the country, is plagued by insecurity.

"We are currently witnessing massive budget cuts, particularly from the United States, the United Kingdom, and the European Union, which are having real impact on the treatment of malnourished children," said MSF, also known as Doctors Without Borders.

On Wednesday, the United Nations food agency said it will be forced to suspend food and nutrition aid for 1.3 million people in Nigeria's insurgency-hit northeast at the end of July because stocks have run out.

Nigeria has budgeted 200 billion naira (\$130 million) this year to cushion the shortfall from the withdrawal of funding to the health sector by the US.

MSF said the number of children in Katsina with the most severe form of malnutrition has risen by about 208 percent this year compared with the same period last year and "unfortunately 652 children have already died in our facilities since the beginning of 2025".

Banditry is rife in Katsina where insecurity has displaced many people, forcing them to abandon their farms.

The government, alongside local civilian vigilante groups, has struggled to contain the activities of bandits.

Pregnant and breastfeeding women have not been spared, as an MSF survey on 750 mothers showed that more than half of them were "acutely malnourished, including 13 percent with severe acute malnutrition".

Across the country a record nearly 31 million people face acute hunger, according to David Stevenson, chief of the UN's food agency (WFP) in Nigeria.

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