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'Concessions' won't make Russia end war

Says Zelensky; Ukrainian drones hit Russian missile component plant

AFP, Kyiv

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday warned against capitulating to the demands of Vladimir Putin ahead of talks this week between the Russian leader and US President Donald Trump.

"Russia refuses to stop the killings, and therefore must not receive any rewards or benefits. And this is not just a moral position – it is a rational one. Concessions do not persuade killer," he said in a statement published on social media.

Meanwhile, Ukraine struck a Russian plant producing missile components in Nizhny Novgorod region in a drone attack overnight, an official in Ukraine's domestic security service said yesterday.



At least four drones hit the Arzamas manufacturing plant, the official told Reuters. The plant, it added, is producing control systems and other components for Russian X-32 and X-101 missiles.

EU foreign ministers were due to hold emergency talks yesterday to discuss their next steps before talks between presidents Putin and Trump, as Europe fears any deal made without Ukraine could force unacceptable compromises.

The two leaders will meet in the US state of Alaska on Friday to try to resolve the three-year war but the European Union has insisted that Kyiv and European powers should be part of any deal to end the conflict.

The idea of a US-Russia meeting without Zelensky has raised concerns that a deal would require Kyiv to cede swathes of territory, which the EU has rejected.

The US is working to "schedule" a meeting between Trump and his Russian and Ukrainian counterparts, Vice President JD Vance said Sunday. "We're at a point now where we're trying to figure out, frankly, scheduling and things like that around when these three leaders could sit down and discuss an end to this conflict," Vance said.

Yunus to meet Malaysian PM

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in the areas of diplomatic training and higher education.

They will then address a joint press conference.

There are about 12 lakh Bangladeshis working in Malaysia. Of them, around four lakh are undocumented and Dhaka will request Malaysia to regularise them.

Malaysia froze recruitment from Bangladesh on May 31 last year after allegations of a syndication in the labour recruitment, abuses, and charging of high recruitment fees.

"We will definitely discuss the new recruitment but welfare of our workers there is an important part. So, we will raise it," a diplomatic source told The Daily Star.

In 2024, total trade between the two countries reached \$2.92 billion, an increase of 5.1 percent compared to 2023, according to the Export Promotion Bureau.

However, Bangladesh's export to Malaysia is much less than what Malaysia exports here.

WARM WELCOME

Malaysia extended a warm welcome to Prof Yunus as a commercial flight of Biman carrying him and his entourage landed at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, reported UNB.

He was escorted to the VIP Complex, where the chief adviser was welcomed by Malaysian Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution Bin Ismail and accorded a static guard of honour.

The Malaysian premier

will host an official luncheon in honour of the chief adviser and his delegation members at the Seri Perdana Complex today.

The chief adviser is scheduled to deliver a public lecture tomorrow and he will be conferred an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Business by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM).

Prof Yunus will also have a session with members of the Yunus Social Business Centre community and the university network, at a programme jointly organised by UKM.

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Voting will be held on September 9, from 8:00am to 3:00pm, while

Nomination

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Professor Jashim Uddin, nomination papers will be distributed from August 12 to August 18, between 10:00am and 4:00pm.

The deadline for submission of nomination papers is August 19.

Scrutiny of the papers will take place on August 20, and the list of valid candidates will be announced at 1:00pm on August 21.

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vote counting and result announcements will follow the same day.

Though DUCSU polls are meant to be held annually, the last election took place in 2019 after a 29-year hiatus.

The announcement of nomination submission follows months of debate over whether the polls should be held before or after the upcoming national election.

Leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal had demanded the DUCSU election take place after the national polls, while Students Against Discrimination, Islami Chhatra Shibir, and several left-leaning student organisations had called for it to be held as soon as possible.

Arakan Army vows to block elections in its enclave

AFP, Yangon

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INDIA VOTE FRAUD Rahul, others briefly detained during protest

AGENCIES

New Delhi police briefly detained Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and other opposition members yesterday as they protested a controversial revised electoral roll in Bihar and alleged "vote theft" by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The credibility of elections has rarely been questioned in recent decades in the world's most populous democracy. Some analysts say the opposition accusations could damage Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he navigates one of the toughest periods of his II years in office, reports Reuters.

The opposition members were taken into custody midway while marching from the parliament to the Election Commission of India (ECI) headquarters in New Delhi as they protested the roll revision, Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.



Al Jazeera staff members gather at the network's studios in Doha, Qatar, yesterday to honour their colleagues Anas Al Sharif, Mohammed Qreiqeh, Ibrahim Zaher, Mohammed Noufal, and Moamen Aliwa, who were killed in Gaza City in an Israeli strike.

PHOTO: REUTERS

India won't be allowed to choke Indus River

Says Pakistan army chief Asim Munir

DAWN ONLINE

Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir has warned that Pakistan will never allow India to choke the Indus River and will defend its water rights at all costs even if the forces will have to destroy any controversial dam that India sought to build on it.

"We will wait for India to build a dam, and when they do so, we will destroy it," he told members of the Pakistani-American community in Tampa, Florida.

"The Indus River is not the Indians' family property. We have no shortage of resources to undo the Indian designs to stop the river."

Field Marshal Munir, who visited two US cities over the weekend, flew to Brussels, Belgium, on Sunday after completing his second high-profile trip to the United States in less than two months. Like his previous visit, he engaged with both political and military leadership in the host country.

In Tampa, the army chief attended US Central Command (Centcom) change of command ceremony. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), his engagements included the retirement ceremony of General Michael E. Kurilla, Commander of CENTCOM, and the Change of Command in which Admiral Brad Cooper assumed charge.

The ISPR said FM Munir praised Gen Kurilla's "exemplary leadership and invaluable contributions in strengthening Pakistan-US military relations" and expressed confidence that Admiral Cooper "would take this partnership forward to address shared security challenges".

On the sidelines, FM Munir met US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Dan Caine and chiefs of defence from other friendly countries, inviting Gen Caine to visit Pakistan and reaffirming Islamabad's role as a key regional security stakeholder.

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A grocery shopkeeper, who witnessed the incident, said that he was returning home after closing his shop. At that time, he saw a crowd. "People were saying a van

on a rickshaw van to begin planning for his daughter's wedding. His relative Pradip was driving the van.

On the way, an agitated crowd waylaid the two and accused them of stealing the van.

In another development, Aino Salish Kendra yesterday condemned the killings.

ASK said that such incidents are extremely dangerous and unacceptable in the light of prevailing laws, the constitution, and international human rights standards.

In a statement, the rights body said legal action must be taken against those involved in this incident, and that the victims' families must be provided with adequate compensation and protection.

According to ASK, at least 111 people were killed in mob violence between January and August 10 this year.

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e-Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of Works	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date & Time
1135484	WD-204	Construction of Kumudini Nursing Academic Building.	08-September-2025 16:00	09-September-2025 12:00

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