

## KEY POINTS OF PEACE PLAN

### WAR ENDS, HOSTAGE RELEASE:

Israel will immediately suspend military operations once the two sides agree, and Hamas then will have 72 hours to return all October 7 hostages, including the remains of those who are dead. Israel, in turn, will free Palestinian prisoners Israel will eventually withdraw from Gaza in phases.

### TRUMP IN TRANSITION BODY:

Trump himself will become chair of a transitional "Board of Peace" in Gaza that will include former British prime minister Tony Blair. The board will consider "exciting development ideas" and turn the war-ravaged territory into a special economic zone.

### NO FORCED DISPLACEMENT:

Palestinians would not be forced to leave Gaza and Israel will not annex the territory.

**HAMAS AND AMNESTY:** Hamas will play no role in future governance. However, Hamas members will be granted amnesty if they commit to "peaceful coexistence" and decommission their weapons.

### INT'L STABILIZATION FORCE:

The plan calls for an "international stabilisation force" to deploy immediately in Gaza, with support from Arab states. The force will train Palestinian police in Gaza and work to ensure security with Israel and neighbouring Egypt.

**UNCLEAR FUTURE:** The plan does not rule out a Palestinian state. "The conditions may finally be in place for a credible pathway to Palestinian self-determination and statehood, which we recognise as the aspiration of the Palestinian people," the plan says. The plan also suggests allowing a role for the Palestinian Authority once it has "completed its reform programme."

# Trump's peace plan a 'farce'

## Say Gazans as 41 more killed across the territory

AFP, Gaza City

Residents of war-torn Gaza expressed scepticism over the latest peace plan unveiled Monday by US President Donald Trump, dismissing it as a farce that fails to end the war.

"It's clear that this plan is unrealistic", 39-year-old Ibrahim Joudah told AFP from his shelter in the so-called humanitarian zone of Al-Mawasi in south Gaza.

"It's drafted with conditions that the US and Israel know Hamas will never accept. For us, that means the war and the suffering will continue", said the computer programmer, originally from the southern city of Rafah, devastated by a military offensive that began in May.

The residents spoke shortly after Trump unveiled his 20-point plan at the White House.

Abu Mazen Nassar, 52, was equally pessimistic, and feared that the plan aimed to trick Palestinian factions into releasing hostages held in Gaza and no peace in return.



"This is all manipulation. What does it mean to hand over all the prisoners without official guarantees to end the war?" said Nassar, displaced from his home in north Gaza in central Gaza's Deir el-Balah.

"We as a people will not accept this farce," he said, adding: "Whatever Hamas decides now about the deal, it's too late."

"Hamas has lost us and drowned us in the flood it created."

Some, like Anas Sorour, a 31-year-old street vendor from the south Gaza city of

Khan Yunis, also displaced to Al-Mawasi, dared to hope.

"Despite everything we've lived through and lost in this war... I still have hope," Sorour told AFP.

"No war lasts forever. This time I am very optimistic, and God willing it will be a moment of joy that makes us forget our pain and our anguish," he added.

But others like 29-year-old homemaker Najwa Muslim, could no longer imagine anything changing.

"I haven't only lost faith in the deal; I've lost faith in life," Muslim told AFP from central Gaza, where she sought refuge after being displaced from Gaza City, currently under a massive Israeli military offensive.

"If there was a real intention to stop the war, they wouldn't have waited this long. That's why I don't believe any of their words."

On Monday, at least 41 people were killed across Gaza in Israeli strikes, according to Gaza's civil defence agency, which operates under Hamas authority.

## India, Bhutan to have rail connectivity

AFP, New Delhi

India and Bhutan will build the first cross-border railway lines connecting both countries, New Delhi announced Monday, with the \$454-million project to be completed in four years.

Indian foreign secretary Vikram Misri said his country, which is Bhutan's main trading partner, "has played a vital role" in the modernisation of the Himalayan kingdom's infrastructure and economy.

An initial 69-kilometre railway, estimated to cost \$390 million, will connect India's northeastern city of Kokrajhar to Bhutan's Gelephu. A second 20-kilometre railway line, expected to cost 5.77 billion rupees, will link Bhutan's of Samtse to Banarhat in eastern India.

## INDONESIA SCHOOL COLLAPSE

### 3 killed, 38 missing

AFP, Sidoarjo

Searchers yesterday raced to rescue at least 38 people still believed trapped a day after the collapse of an under-construction Islamic school building in Indonesia that has already left three dead, authorities said.

Tearful families desperate for news of their loved ones crowded around the flattened multi-storey building, as rescuers navigated a maze of concrete rubble in the town of Sidoarjo on Indonesia's main island Java.

The building gave way on Monday, where students were gathered for afternoon prayers, said local reports, citing a witness.

## TRUMP LAWSUIT

### YouTube to pay \$22m

AFP, New York

YouTube has agreed to pay \$22 million to settle a lawsuit filed by President Donald Trump after the company suspended his account over the January 6, 2021 attack on the Capitol.

The online video platform is the latest Big Tech firm to settle with Trump after he lodged legal cases challenging its broad deplatforming after January 6. The \$22 million will go toward Trump's latest construction project at the White House, through a nonprofit called Trust for the National Mall, which is "dedicated to restoring, preserving, and elevating the National Mall, to support the construction of the White House State Ballroom," per a notice of settlement filing in a federal court.

## Global reaction

We're going to do about three or four days. We're just waiting for Hamas, and Hamas is either going to be doing it or not. And if it's not, it's going to be a very sad end.

DONALD TRUMP, US president

We will recover all our hostages, alive and well, while the [Israeli military] will remain in most of the Gaza Strip.

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, Israeli prime minister

The State of Palestine welcomes the sincere and determined efforts of President Donald J Trump to end the war on Gaza.

Palestinian Authority statement

It is a historic missed opportunity ... and in my estimation it will end in tears. Our children will be forced to fight in Gaza again.

BEZALEL SMOTRICH, Israeli finance minister

Of course, we want this plan to be implemented.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov

China welcomes and supports all efforts conducive to easing tensions between Palestine and Israel.

Foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun

The EU is ready to help it succeed. Israel has signed on to the plan. Hamas must now accept it without delay.

KAJA KALLAS, EU foreign policy chief

The ministers affirm their readiness to engage positively and constructively with the United States and the parties toward finalising the agreement and ensuring its implementation, in a manner that ensures peace, security, and stability for the peoples of the region.

Joint statement by foreign ministers of UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey

## 'Poison pill'

There is a poison pill in the proposed deal, which basically says that Israel gets to indefinitely occupy a so-called security perimeter inside Gaza, with no timeline for withdrawal, and, basically, Israel gets to decide on its own when it might feel like leaving, which might, in fact, never happen. Palestinians are being asked, once again, to live as a captive population under complete and total Israeli control and domination, with no prospect for being a free people in their own country. And that is simply a recipe for long-term failure.

OMAR BADDAR, a Palestinian-American political analyst based in Washington, DC

## Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)

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Commercial Section

### Invitation For Tender (National) for Purchase of

(a) 5,00,000 (Five Lac) piece of Toilet Soap (Beauty Soap) Bar of 100gm  
(b) 5,00,000 (Five Lac) piece of Laundry Soap Bar of 125gm  
(c) 5,00,000 (Five Lac) packet of Synthetic Detergent Powder of 500gm

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	a) Toilet Soap (Beauty Soap) Bar b) Laundry Soap Bar c) Synthetic Detergent Powder
7	Invitation Ref. No.	a) 26.05.0000.016.25.585.25.2559, b) 26.05.0000.016.25.585.25.2560, c) 26.05.0000.016.25.585.25.2561
8	Date	30-09-2025

### KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement Method Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National)

### FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and Source of Funds TCB's Own Fund.

### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Tender Package No.	a) TCB/Imp-12/ Toilet Soap (Beauty Soap) Bar/2025-26, b) TCB/Imp-12/ Laundry Soap Bar/2025-26, c) TCB/Imp-12/ Synthetic Detergent Powder/2025-26
12	Tender Package Name	a) Toilet Soap (Beauty Soap) Bar b) Laundry Soap Bar c) Synthetic Detergent Powder
13	Tender Invitation/ Publication Date	01-10-2025
14	Date	14-10-2025
15	Time	17.00 P.M
16	Tender Closing Date and Time	15-10-2025 12.00 P.M
17	Tender Opening Date and Time	15-10-2025 12.15 P.M
18	Address	(1) Sonali Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Trust Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.
19	Name & Address of the office(s)	In front of TCB's reception (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
20	- Selling Tender Document	Board Room, TCB.

### INFORMATION FOR TENDER

21	Brief Eligibility of Tenderer	Bonafide Suppliers. Details conditions have been mentioned in the Tender documents.
	Description of goods	a) 5,00,000 (Five Lac) piece Toilet Soap (Beauty Soap) Bar. Per piece net weight will be 100gm. Partial quantity is allowed but not less than 1,00,000 (One Lac) piece. b) 5,00,000 (Five Lac) piece Laundry Soap Bar. Per piece net weight will be 125gm. Partial quantity is allowed but not less than 1,00,000 (One Lac) piece. c) 5,00,000 (Five Lac) packet Synthetic Detergent Powder. Per packet net weight will be 500gm. Partial quantity is allowed but not less than 1,00,000 (One Lac) packet.
	Price of Tender Document	Price of (a) Toilet Soap (Beauty Soap) Bar tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand), (b) Laundry Soap Bar tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand) & (c) Synthetic Detergent Powder tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand)

Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (BDT)	Supply Schedule
1	a) Toilet Soap (Beauty Soap) Bar b) Laundry Soap Bar c) Synthetic Detergent Powder	Offers are to be made on TCB's Godowns of Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Barishal, Moulvibazar, Mymensingh, Cumilla.	Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to: a) BDT 3,50,000 (BDT Three Lac Fifty Thousand) Only. b) BDT 2,00,000 (BDT Two Lac) Only. c) BDT 4,80,000 (BDT Four Lac Eighty Thousand) Only.	Entire quantity of Goods is to be supplied within (a) 31-10-2025 (b) 31-10-2025 (c) 31-10-2025

NB. In case of partial quantity tender security will be proportionate.  
in the form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee must be issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. After issuing NOA, the awardee is to submit 5% (Five Percent) Performance Security in the similar form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft/ Bank Guarantee.

### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Golam Khorshed
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No. 55014272   Fax No. 88-02-55014269   E-mail: <a href="mailto:tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd">tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd</a>

### Special Instruction