



Sarkozy begins 5-yr prison sentence

REUTERS, Paris

Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy began a five-year sentence yesterday for conspiring to raise campaign funds from Libya, arriving at La Sante prison in Paris in a stunning downfall for a man who led the country between 2007 and 2012.

The former conservative president, 70, left his home for the car journey to the prison, walking hand in hand with his wife Carla Bruni and cheered by a crowd of supporters.

Sarkozy, who was convicted and sentenced last month, is the first former French leader to be jailed since Nazi collaborator Philippe Pétain after WWII.

Sarkozy's conviction capped years of legal battles over allegations that his 2007 campaign took millions in cash from Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, who was later overthrown and killed during the Arab Spring uprisings.

US VP in Israel to shore up shaky Gaza truce

Trump issues fresh warning to Hamas; Qatar says Israel violating ceasefire

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US Vice President JD Vance landed in Israel yesterday to shore up a fragile Gaza ceasefire deal, after President Donald Trump warned Hamas it would be wiped out if it breached the truce.

Trump's special envoy Steve Witkoff and son-in-law Jared Kushner were already in Tel Aviv, where they met Israeli hostages released by Hamas after two years of captivity in Gaza.

"Welcome to Israel, Vice President Vance," Israel's foreign ministry posted on social media, along with a photo of Vance and his wife stepping off the plane.

"Together, the Promised Land and The Land of the Free, can secure a better future, including the release of the remaining 15 hostages," it added.

Vance is to meet Witkoff, Kushner and US military experts monitoring the truce. According to Israeli media reports he will meet Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today in Jerusalem.

After Israel said Hamas killed two soldiers on Sunday and accused the group of stalling the handover of hostages' bodies, it unleashed a wave of strikes on the territory -- later saying it had "renewed enforcement" of the ceasefire.

The US is now redoubling efforts to cement the fragile Gaza deal Trump helped to broker.

"The dynamic keeps going back and forth," Mairav Zonszein, senior analyst on Israel for the International Crisis Group (ICG), told AFP. "Trump is on the one hand letting Israel do what it wants, and on the other hand, at the end of the day, he wants the ceasefire to hold," she said.

"Netanyahu is playing both approaches..."

He's talking about peace and giving peace a chance... And at the same time, he's bombing Gaza and he's trying to condition aid again,"



she added.

Trump says he believes the deal is still holding and that Hamas militants understand what will happen if they breach it. "They'll be eradicated, and they know that," he told reporters at the White House.

Later, Trump threatened to "straighten out" Hamas with allied forces.

"I told these countries, and Israel, 'NOT YET!' There is still hope that Hamas will do what is right. If they do not, an end to Hamas will be FAST, FURIOUS, & BRUTAL! I would like to thank all of those countries that called to help," Trump wrote on Truth Social.

Hamas has denied any knowledge of Sunday morning's deadly violence in the southern Gaza city of Rafah.

Israel responded after the soldiers' deaths with an intense wave of bombings, which the

Hamas-run territory's health ministry said killed 45 Palestinians.

Egypt's intelligence head Hassan Rashad was also in Israel yesterday to reinforce the truce, according to Netanyahu's office and Egyptian state-linked media.

The spy chief will also meet with US envoy Witkoff, Extra News reported.

US ally and fellow truce mediator Qatar accused Israel of what its leader called the "continued violation" of the now 11-day-old ceasefire.

Hamas's Gaza leader, in Cairo for talks with Egypt and Qatar, issued a statement expressing confidence that the truce will hold.

"What we heard from the mediators and from the US president reassures us that the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip has ended," Khalil al-Hayya said.

Russian strikes cause black out in Ukraine city

AFP, Kyiv

Russian strikes caused widespread blackouts and cut off phone networks in the northern Ukrainian city of Cherniviv, with repairs stalled by ongoing drone attacks yesterday.

Ukraine has restricted electricity consumption across the country in recent weeks following systematic Russian strikes on energy sites and the rail network.

The Cherniviv region, which was briefly occupied when Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, has come under particularly heavy bombardment in recent weeks.

The Ukrainian energy ministry said repair crews were unable to begin restoring damaged facilities due to "relentless" Russian drone attacks.

Meanwhile, European leaders issued a joint statement with Ukraine yesterday backing US President Donald Trump's call for peace talks to begin based on the current frontline with Russia.

"We strongly support President Trump's position that the fighting should stop immediately, and that the current line of contact should be the starting point of negotiations," said a statement signed by Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky, EU chiefs Antonio Costa and Ursula von der Leyen, France's Emmanuel Macron, Germany's Friedrich Merz, Britain's Keir Starmer and Italy's Giorgia Meloni.

"We remain committed to the principle that international borders must not be changed by force," said the leaders, who also included those of Denmark, Finland, Norway and Poland.

EU leaders are set to close ranks in support of Ukraine at a Brussels summit on Thursday.

Trump has announced his intention to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in Budapest in coming weeks, but it was not clear whether Zelensky -- who was shut out from the previous meeting in August in Alaska -- would attend.

Touhid refutes Asif's scrap list

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zone (Mirsarharai and Mongla), and tugboat purchase agreement with Indian defence company, GRSE.

Asif further said the water distribution project on the Kushiara has been suspended and that Bangladesh is reconsidering the import of power from Adani and Ganges water-sharing agreements and is discussing the Teesta water-sharing treaty.

While explaining the deals, Touhid said only one agreement made with the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers for purchase of tugboats has been cancelled because it was deemed not very profitable for Bangladesh.

Several agreements mentioned by Asif are under review, he said, but did not go into details. He said it is better not to talk about the matters under negotiation. A few of the remaining agreements are at various stages and not exactly under that name, he said.

For example, he said there are no projects named "Tripura Chattogram rail

link" or "rail track expansion in Abhaypur". Social media mentioned a project named the Ashuganj-Agartala corridor, which does not exist.

However, there is the Ashuganj Sarail-Dharakhar project, which is currently ongoing. It is part of a package, and one portion of it has been cancelled.

There is no project called the Feni river water management, but there is an MoU on the withdrawal of 1.82 cusecs of water for Sabroom town in Tripura, and the MoU is still in effect, Touhid said.

The foreign adviser also said there is no project called the Kushiara water-sharing project, as mentioned in the list circulating on social media. However, there is an MoU on water withdrawal signed in 2022, which has not been suspended.

There is no deal on the development of roads and waterways for port use, but there is a deal on the use of Chattogram and Mongla ports for the movement of goods to and from India, signed in 2018. The deal is still in effect, he said.

Touhid said the ministry is not aware of any project involving Bangladesh's financial assistance for the Farakka Barrage or the Sylhet-Silchar link project.

"There has been no treaty signed on the petroleum pipeline expansion."

Bangladesh and India had a primary discussion on expanding the Bangladesh-India Friendship Pipeline from Numaligar of India to Parbatipur of Dinajpur in Bangladesh, but there was no agreement inked, he added.

"The social media list spoke of cancelling the Indian economic zone project under the Indian Line of Credit in Mongla. The process of cancellation is underway," the adviser said.

On power from Adani, Touhid said the deal with the Indian company is under review as per the High Court order.

The tenure of the Ganges water-sharing treaty will end next year, and Bangladesh is discussing its renewal with India, he said.

Asked what led the interim government to reconsider some agreements

under the Indian Line of Credit (LoC), Touhid said a project is undertaken with the assumption that it will be profitable, but such projects are also reviewed when they do not progress properly or become stalled.

"In many cases, we haven't been able to fully utilise a Line of Credit that has arrived because of the terms and conditions attached. It happens for other countries too," he added.

"They propose projects keeping their own interests in mind. We look at whether our interests are also protected."

In certain cases of Indian credit, he said the government has seen that the conditions, especially the procurement conditions, are often not practical.

"Then we try to back away from it or don't proceed. If you review the lines of credit, you will see that they couldn't be implemented as quickly as anticipated," Touhid said.

The Daily Star could not reach Adviser Asif for comments, as he did not respond to our phone calls or text messages.

RMG, pharma fear snag in production

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of garment accessories, said one of his buyers reduced his work orders to 26,000 pieces of T-shirts from the previously confirmed 80,000 pieces taking into account the reduced inventory of raw materials.

Normally in the pharmaceutical sector's import activities will not return before Thursday at the earliest, said Md Zakir Hossain, secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI).

Most of the sector's imports such as vaccine, insulin and sensitive medicine items need to be stored under minus temperature or a certain degree of temperature range. But the cold storage facilities at the cargo village were burned down in the fire.

So, many companies are delaying the import of pharmaceutical raw materials because of the space crisis in the cargo village following the fire incident.

Since there is a crisis of space, the importers, including those who bring in pharmaceutical raw material, are requested to take delivery of goods on the same day of import, said Md. Firoyz Salahuddin, manager import operations of the HSLA Cargo Village.

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pharmaceutical sector may face an economic impact of about Tk 4,000 crore due to the destruction of raw materials in the fire at the cargo village of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on Saturday.

Although the incident is not expected to immediately affect the supply chain or medicine prices, pharma sector leaders warned that disruptions may occur if the damaged import system for raw materials is not restored promptly.

At a press conference yesterday, BAPI leaders presented a 14-point set of demands, which include reimbursement of customs duties, taxes and VAT already paid by importers for the destroyed goods; waiver of bank charges and interest related to affected letters of credit; and cancellation of any charges or penalties imposed against the Bill of Entry for the damaged items.

In his written speech, BAPI Secretary General Hossain said raw materials worth approximately Tk 200 crore belonging to the country's top 45 pharmaceutical firms have been damaged in the fire.

"We believe the total economic impact will be even greater once other companies report their losses," he said, adding that the burnt materials included essential raw ingredients

used in the production of antibiotics, vaccines, hormones, diabetes medications and cancer drugs.

Additionally, several spare parts and machinery have been damaged, and re-importing them for pharmaceutical manufacturing will be time-consuming.

As a result, the production processes are also expected to be affected.

A significant portion of the burnt goods consisted of items approved by the Narcotics Division and re-importing these products would be both complex and time-consuming as they require multiple layers of approval.

"All these materials are essential for producing each finished product. Therefore, the loss of a single raw material can jeopardise the entire production of a finished item. Naturally, we estimate that the economic impact could exceed Tk 4,000 crore."

The medicine supply chain is not expected to be affected for now, and there will be no increase in medicine prices, he added.

Problems may arise after a month if the system is not restored, said Muhammad Halimuzzaman, treasurer of BAPI.

Without a functioning cold chain, forwarding

agents will be unable to transport specific raw materials that require strict temperature control, he added.

Pharmaceutical companies typically maintain raw material stock for four to six months, while those imported by air generally cover two to three months of supply, said M Mosaddek Hossain, senior vice president of BAPI.

Syed S Kaiser Kabir, vice-president of BAPI, described the fire at the cargo village as "a major governance failure", attributing the issue not only to the current government but also to previous administrations.

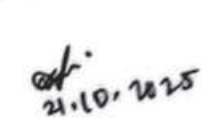
"The absence of a firefighting system at the cargo village is totally unacceptable," he said, calling for the establishment of an international-standard warehouse at the airport.

Approximately 90 percent of the raw materials used in the pharmaceutical industry are imported from China, India, and various European countries, BAPI said.

In addition to raw materials, the sector also relies on imported packaging materials, capital machinery and spare parts.

Urgent and high-value raw materials are typically transported by air, while bulk volumes are mostly brought in via sea routes.

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ক)	প্যানেল আইনজীবী ডিএসসিসির স্বার্থ আছে এমন কোন মামলায় ডিএসসিসির বিপক্ষে প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করতে পারবেন না।	
খ)	নিয়োজিত প্যানেল আইনজীবীকে মামলার হালনাগাদ অগ্রগতি প্রতিবেদন মামলার তালিকাসহ ডিএসসিসির নির্দিষ্ট ছকে প্রতিমাসে আইন বিভাগে আবেদনক্রমে দাখিল করতে হবে।	
গ)	কোন মামলার রায়/আদেশ ডিএসসিসির পক্ষে/বিপক্ষে হলে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে পরবর্তী করণীয় বিষয়ে জরুরী ভিত্তিতে মতামতসহ আইন বিভাগকে অবহিত করতে হবে।	
ঘ)	প্যানেলভুক্ত আইনজীবীগণ ডিএসসিসির বিদ্যমান নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী সম্মানী (সরকারী ভ্যাট ও ট্যাক্স ব্যতীত) প্রাপ্য হবেন।	
ঙ)	বিজ্ঞ প্যানেল আইনজীবীর পেশাগত কার্যক্রম সন্তোষজনক না হলে কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে তাঁর নিয়োগ বাতিল/স্থগিত করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।	
চ)	আবেদনপত্রের সাথে ২(দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, সংশ্লিষ্ট বার এনরোলমেন্ট সনদ, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের কপি, ট্রেড লাইসেন্সের কপি, চেম্বারের স্বপক্ষে ভাড়ার চুক্তি/নিজে মালিক হলে ট্যাক্স পরিশোধের কপি দাখিল করতে হবে।	
ছ)	অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন আবেদন বাতিল করতে পারবেন।	
জ)	অন্য কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে তালিকাভুক্ত থাকলে তার বিরবণ/গ্রামাদি দাখিল করতে হবে।	
ঝ)	আবেদনকারীগণ ক্রমিক ১ ও ২ এ উল্লিখিত পদের যে কোন ১(এক)টি পদে আবেদন করতে পারবেন। আবেদনপত্রে স্পষ্টভাবে পদের নাম উল্লেখ না থাকলে আবেদনপত্র অসম্পূর্ণ মর্মে বিবেচিত হবে।	
ঞ)	গত ১২/০৮/২০২৫ খ্রিস্টাব্দ তারিখ প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি অনুযায়ী যারা আবেদন করেছেন তাদের পুনরায় আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।	
ট)	আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্ত করণের বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে।	
ঠ)	আবেদনকারীর নাম, (স্পষ্টভাবে বাংলায় ও ইংরেজিতে), পিতা/মাতার নাম, স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, আইনজীবী হিসেবে বাংলাদেশ বার কাউন্সিলে তালিকাভুক্তির সনদ ও সংশ্লিষ্ট আইনজীবী সমিতির সদস্যভুক্তি সনদ, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের কপিসহ পূর্ণাঙ্গ আবেদনপত্র, আইন কর্মকর্তা, আইন বিভাগ, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন, নগর ভবন (কক্ষ নং-৪৩৫), ফুলবাড়িয়া, ঢাকা-১০০০ বরাবর আগামী ২৩/১১/২০২৫খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে প্রেরণ করতে হবে।	
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