

US PEACE PLAN PROPOSAL

EU leaders back Ukraine's Zelensky in London

REUTERS, London

The leaders of France, Germany and Britain yesterday staged a strong show of support for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in London at what they described as a "crucial time" for Kyiv, under US pressure to agree a proposed peace deal with Russia.

At a hastily arranged meeting, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Zelensky said they wanted to come up with firm plans in case of a peace deal.

A British government source said the leaders would discuss using the value of frozen Russian assets. Earlier, leaders from Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden urged the European Union to move quickly with a proposal to use the frozen assets to provide financing for Ukraine.

Starmer, Macron, Merz and Zelensky will also want to press on with efforts to get US security guarantees to help deter any further attacks from Russia. The publication of a US ceasefire plan last month has gone some way to focus the minds of European leaders.



An aerial photograph shows people watching a paraglider as they celebrate a year since the ousting of longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad in the Syrian capital, Damascus, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Nepal anti-graft body charges 55 ex-officials

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's anti-graft commission has filed charges against five former ministers and other ex government officials in a case alleging multi-million dollar corruption in a major airport construction project.

The charges, submitted on Sunday, come three months after anti-corruption protesters overthrew the government and set parliament on fire.

Documents released by the Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority (CIAA) said that "the public servants involved in the project, knowingly and maliciously, increased the cost estimate" of the China-backed Pokhara airport project.

The CIAA said the 55 individuals involved had inflated cost estimates by around \$75 million, taking the approved cost of the project from \$169 million to \$244 million.

Those named include a former finance minister, four former heads of the ministry overseeing civil aviation, and 10 former civil service secretaries.

THAILAND-CAMBODIA CLASHES

Thousands flee border area

AGENCIES

Thailand said it launched airstrikes into Cambodia yesterday as fighting broke out in multiple areas along their disputed border, after both countries accused the other of breaching a ceasefire brokered by US President Donald Trump.

More than 3,85,000 civilians across four border districts were being evacuated, with more than 35,000 already housed in temporary shelters, the Thai military said.

Across the border in Cambodia, opposition politician Meach Sovannara said civilians were also moving away from the fighting along the frontier.

At least one Thai soldier had been killed and eight were wounded in the fresh clashes that intensified around 5:00 am local time, a Thai army spokesperson said, adding

that air support was called in to hit Cambodian military targets.

Thailand's Air Force said that Cambodia mobilised heavy weaponry, repositioned combat units and prepared support elements that could escalate military operations, reports Reuters.

One Thai soldier killed, 8 others hurt

Cambodia reports no retaliation, 3 civilians hurt

Thailand's army has set a target of crippling Cambodia's military capability with the aim of neutralising its threat for a long time to come, the army's chief of staff said yesterday.

Cambodia's defence ministry said in a statement that the Thai military

had launched dawn attacks on its forces at two locations, following days of provocative actions, and added that Cambodian troops had not responded.

Cambodia's influential former longtime leader Hun Sen, father of current premier Hun Manet, said Thailand's military was "aggressors" seeking to provoke a retaliatory response and urged Cambodian forces to exercise restraint.

"The red line for responding has already been set," Hun Sen said on Facebook, without elaborating. "I urge commanders at all levels to educate all officers and soldiers accordingly."

Three Cambodian civilians have been seriously injured in the fighting so far, according to a senior provincial official. Cambodia's defence ministry said its forces had not retaliated.



Mahouts riding Sumatran elephants help clear tree debris after flash floods in Meureudu, Pidie Jaya district, in Indonesia's Aceh province yesterday. Officials in flood-hit areas reported shortages of food, shelter and medicine as the death toll rose to 950 following weeks of heavy rain.

PHOTO: AFP

NESCO

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Sl	Post	No. of Posts	Pay Grade & Compensation
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3	Head Master (Secondary School)	1 (One)	
4	Assistant Manager (Finance/Audit/ Revenue Assurance)	2 (Two)	
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7	Junior Assistant Manager (Finance/Audit/ Revenue Assurance)	12 (Twelve)	NESCO Pay Grade-13 Basic Salary per month Taka 23000/-
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11	Helper	26 (Twenty-Six)	NESCO Pay Grade-16 Basic Salary per month Taka 15500/-
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Invitation for Tenders (IFT) (Works)
Tender Notice No.01/2025-2026

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Web portal (<http://www.cprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works: Tender is given below.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH					
1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives/Local Government Division			
2	Agency	Gazipur City Corporation			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer, Zone-05, Gazipur City Corporation			
4	Procuring Nature	Works			
KEY INFORMATION					
5	Procurement Method	Limited Tendering Method (LTM) (e-GP)			
6	Source of Funds	Own Fund			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
7	Schedule Tender Publication Date & Time	Date:	07-12-2025	Time:	17.00
8	Tender Documents last selling date & time		22-12-2025		12.00
09	Tender Closing Date & Time		22-12-2025		14.00
10	Tender Opening Date & Time		22-12-2025		14.00
INFORMATION FOR TENDER					
11	Brief Description of works :				
SL No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of the work	Tender/Proposal Security (Amount in TK)	Tender/Proposal Document Price
1	1190042	GCC/Z-05/T-01/25-26/R-01	Construction of RCC Road work at Salna Montri Bari Road in front of Kasham Market and Huda Factory.	2,99,000.00	2500.00
2	1190089	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-02	(a) Construction of HBB Road and Drain at Salna Shemultoli Road to Ex-Councilor Shahin Alam House. (b) Construction of HBB Road at Naga Bazar to Nama House. (c) Construction of HBB Road at Moga Mukter Bari Rice Mill to Abdul Moizid House via Khanika Sharif and Eman Ali House	2,99,000.00	2500.00
3	1190100	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-03	(a) Construction of HBB Road at Salna Shemultoli Dodom Road North side of Fozor Ali Master House to Hamid Masud House and Salna to Jugeroppa Road. (b) Construction of BC Road at Salna Shemultoli Naga south side of Mukter Bari Moszid to Bagolbari Road.	3,35,000.00	2500.00
4	1190110	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-04	Construction of BC Road from Bagolbari Moyjania Madrasa to Chotobari Bridge.	1,88,000.00	2500.00
5	1190112	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-05	Construction of Earth filling and HBB Road work at Tek Kathora Bashbari Moszid to Markaj Moszid Road.	2,60,000.00	2500.00
6	1190113	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-06	(a) Construction of BC Road at Salna Jolapbari Road Shahadat House to Take Bari. (b) Construction of HBB Road at Nanduin Stylo Garments to Liton Mohammad House.	2,38,000.00	2500.00
7	1190117	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-07	(a) Construction of HBB Road work at East side of Bopbarita Express Accessories to Arbari Tek. (b) Construction of BC Road at Jolapbari Kawali to Late Hamid Nayeb House Road. (c) Construction of HBB Road at Kawali Uttarpura Mostafa House to Fozul Haque House and Biplobortha Dr. MA Aziz house Road.	3,85,000.00	2500.00
8	1190139	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-08	(a) Construction of HBB Road at Salna Joytebpur Road to Abdul Khalek House via Nazim House and North Salna Late Abdul Sobahan Sarkar road to Masterbari Sabdul House. (b) Construction of BFS Road at Hatiabha Pathan Para Mawliana Abdur Razzak House and South Salna Ex-Councilor Ayshe Akter house.	2,64,000.00	2500.00
9	1190149	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-09	(a) Construction of BC Road at Siddi Market- Kawlia Road Mr.Nur House to Mr. Mainuddin House. (b) Construction of RCC Road at Rajendrapur Chowrasta to Bangla Bazar (BRAC CDM) Road.	2,50,000.00	2500.00
10	1190154	GCC/Z-05/T-1/25-26/R-10	Construction of RCC Road at Dhaka Mymensingh Highway Road Nanduwan Jusna filling Station to Rashid Market Road.	1,63,000.00	2500.00

This is an online Tender. Where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.cprocure.gov.bd>) is mandatory. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches of Bangladesh. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@cprocure.gov.bd).

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INTERNATIONAL

EU nations back 'return hubs' plan

AFP, Brussels

EU countries yesterday backed a significant tightening of Europe's immigration policy, including endorsing the concept of setting up "return hubs" outside the 27-nation bloc for failed asylum-seekers.

Interior ministers meeting in Brussels greenlighted a package of measures, as European governments are under pressure to take a tougher stance amid a souring of public opinion on migration that has fuelled far-right gains at the ballot box.

Put forward by the European Commission earlier this year, the changes, which need to be approved by the European Parliament before coming into force, would notably allow the opening of centres outside the European Union's borders to which migrants whose asylum applications have been rejected would be sent — the so-called "return hubs".

UN hits out at global 'apathy' over suffering

Unveils 2026 aid appeal

AFP, United Nations

The United Nations yesterday hit out at global "apathy" over widespread suffering as it launched its 2026 appeal for humanitarian assistance, which is limited in scope as aid operations confront major funding cuts.

"This is a time of brutality, impunity and indifference," UN humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher told reporters, condemning "the ferocity and the intensity of the killing, the complete disregard for international law, horrific levels of sexual violence" he had seen on the ground in 2025.

"This is a time when the rules are in retreat, ... our survival antennae have been numbed by distraction and corroded by apathy," he said.

He said it was also a time "when politicians boast of cutting aid," as he unveiled a plan to raise at least \$23 billion to help 87 million people.