

'If we don't win midterms, I'll get impeached' Trump tells House Republicans

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that Republicans must win the 2026 congressional midterm elections - or else he will get impeached by Democrats.

"You gotta win the midterms 'cause, if we don't win the midterms, it's just gonna be - I mean, they'll find a reason to impeach me," Trump told Republican lawmakers at a retreat in Washington. "I'll get impeached."

He told them to put aside their differences and sell his policies on healthcare and election integrity to an American electorate angry about the cost of living.



House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer lead Democrats and families of fallen Capitol Police officers in a moment of silence marking the fifth anniversary of the January 6, 2021 attacks, outside the US Capitol in Washington, DC, Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

UN accuses Israel of 'apartheid' in West Bank

Volker Turk urges repeal of Israel's discriminatory laws against Palestinians

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations yesterday said decades of discrimination and segregation of Palestinians by Israel in the West Bank were intensifying, and called on the country to end its "apartheid system".

In a new report, the UN rights office said the "systematic discrimination" against Palestinians across the occupied Palestinian territories had "drastically deteriorated" in recent years.

"There is a systematic asphyxiation of the rights of Palestinians in the West Bank," UN rights chief Volker Turk said in a statement.

"Whether accessing water, school, rushing to hospital, visiting family or friends, or harvesting olives - every aspect of life for Palestinians in the West Bank is controlled and curtailed by Israel's discriminatory laws, policies and practices," he added.

"This is a particularly severe form of racial discrimination and segregation, that resembles the kind of apartheid system we have seen before."

A number of independent experts affiliated with the UN have described the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories as an "apartheid" but this marks the first time a UN rights chief has applied the term.

Yesterday's report said the Israeli authorities "treat Israeli settlers and Palestinians residing in the West



Bank under two distinct bodies of law and policies, resulting in unequal treatment on a range of critical issues".

"Palestinians continue to be subjected to large-scale confiscation of land and deprivation of access to resources," it added.

This had led to "dispossessing them of their lands and homes, alongside other forms of systemic discrimination, including criminal prosecution in military courts during which their due process and fair trial rights are systematically violated".

Turk demanded yesterday that Israel "repeal all laws, policies and practices that perpetuate systemic discrimination against Palestinians based on race, religion or ethnic

origin". The discrimination was compounded by continuing and escalating settler violence, in many cases "with the acquiescence, support and participation of Israel's security forces", the rights office said.

More than 500,000 Israelis currently live in settlements in the West Bank, occupied since 1967 and home to around three million Palestinians.

Violence has risen in recent years, surging especially since Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack, which triggered the Gaza war.

Since the start of the war, Israeli troops and settlers have killed more than 1,000 Palestinians in the West Bank.

Passenger dies

FROM PAGE 12 to Dhaka rather than making an emergency landing at a nearby airport.

The return flight took nearly three hours. Upon arrival in Dhaka, an airport doctor declared the passenger dead, officials said.

Boshra Islam, Biman's general manager (public relations), said a three-member probe committee, headed by Captain Md Enamul Haque, chief of flight safety, has been formed to investigate the incident.

A Biman pilot, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there has been a recent rise in onboard medical emergencies on the airline, including diversions and passenger deaths.

"When measured against flight volume, the rate of such incidents appears significantly higher than that of comparable international airlines," he said.

Sources also raised allegations against some ground staff for issuing boarding passes to passengers in poor health and for lapses in pre-boarding medical screening.

Officials, requesting anonymity, said that on multiple occasions ground staff knowingly issued boarding passes to passengers in poor health and, in some cases, failed to properly observe passengers' physical condition at check-in, raising concerns about compliance with pre-boarding medical screening procedures.

Despite the seriousness of the incident, the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) did not initiate an independent investigation.

US seizes

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of crude oil. "The United States' brazen use of force against Venezuela and its demand for 'America First' when Venezuela disposes of its own oil resources are typical acts of bullying," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning said at a press conference.

Russian state broadcaster RT showed an image of a helicopter hovering near the Marinera, originally known as the Bella-1, as US forces began boarding the US sanctioned tanker. It was empty, but Washington says it has been used to transport sanctioned Venezuelan oil.

The US Coast Guard also intercepted a tanker carrying Venezuelan oil, the Panama-flagged M Sophia, near the northeast coast of South America, the US officials said, in the fourth seizure in recent weeks. The tanker was fully loaded, according to records of state oil company PDVSA.

"The only maritime energy transport allowed will be that consistent with American law and national security," Stephen Miller, deputy White House chief of staff, said in a statement on social media. "There is unlimited economic potential for the Venezuelan energy sector through legitimate and authorised commercial avenues established by the United States."

Trump's administration was also pressing a deal with Venezuela to divert supplies intended for China, Venezuela's top buyer, and import up to \$2 billion worth

of crude oil. "The United States' brazen use of force against Venezuela and its demand for 'America First' when Venezuela disposes of its own oil resources are typical acts of bullying," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning said at a press conference.

Trump has openly spoken of controlling Venezuela's vast oil reserves, in conjunction with US oil companies, after arresting and jailing Maduro, whom he has cast as a drug trafficking dictator in league with Washington's foes. Maduro pleaded not guilty this week to drug crimes in a federal court in New York.

Maduro's Socialist Party allies remain in power in Venezuela, where Acting President Delcy Rodriguez is treading a fine line between denouncing his "kidnapping" and kick-starting cooperation with the US under explicit threats from Trump.

The Republican president said the US would refine and sell up to 50 million barrels of crude stuck in Venezuela under a US blockade as a first step in his plan to revive a sector long in decline despite sitting on the largest reserves in the world.

"This oil will be sold at its Market Price, and that money will be controlled by me, as President of the United States of America, to ensure it is used to benefit the people of Venezuela and the United States!" Trump posted on Tuesday.

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