GAZA REBUILD

Board of Peace members pledge $5bn

Says Trump, tells Hamas to accept full disarmament

AFP, *West Palm Beach*

US President Donald Trump on Sunday urged Hamas to move forward with disarmament under his plan for postwar Gaza, and said members of his so-called "Board of Peace" had pledged $5 billion to the Palestinian territory's reconstruction.

"Very importantly, Hamas must uphold its commitment to Full and Immediate Demilitarization," Trump said in a post on his Truth Social platform, ahead of a February 19 meeting of the board in Washington.

Disarmament is a key part in the second phase of the US-brokered ceasefire plan sealed in October between Israel and the Palestinian group to end the war triggered by Hamas's attack on Israel in October 2023. The United Nations endorsed the plan in November.

The second phase stipulates that Israeli forces gradually withdraw from Gaza and Hamas should disarm, with an international stabilization force deployed to ensure security. Hamas has repeatedly said that disarmament is a red line, although it has indicated it could consider handing over its weapons to a future Palestinian governing authority.

Both sides accuse each other daily of ceasefire violations. Although originally intended to oversee Gaza's rebuilding, the charter for the "Board of Peace" does not seem to limit its role to the Palestinian territory.

"The Board of Peace has unlimited potential," Trump said Sunday in his post. After an initial meeting on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Davos last month, the board is due to meet Thursday in the US capital.

Countries have been asked to pay $1 billion for permanent membership of the board.

This handout photo, taken and released yesterday by Police Cantonale Valaisanne, shows a regional train derailed in Goppenstein, southern Switzerland. Five people were injured, police said. The accident occurred as the region faced the second-highest avalanche warning. PHOTO: AFP

Iran's Guard Corps begins drills in Strait of Hormuz

FM Araghchi in Geneva for 2nd round of US talks

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Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps began a series of military exercises in the Strait of Hormuz yesterday, state media reported, a narrow and strategic waterway in the Gulf.

Intensive drills were being conducted by the Guards' naval forces under supervision of the head of the IRGC, according to state TV, after the United States deployed a large naval force to the Gulf.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has arrived in Geneva ahead of a second round of negotiations with the United States, Iranian state television said yesterday, as Washington keeps up pressure on the Islamic republic.

According to Tehran, "indirect" Iran–US nuclear talks mediated by Oman will be held today, although Washington has previously pushed for other topics to be discussed including Iran's ballistic missiles and support for regional proxies, reports AFP.

Potential energy, mining, aircraft deals on table: Iran diplomat

Top US diplomat Rubio says Iran deal would be difficult

Considerable uncertainty surrounds the fate of Iran's stockpile of more than 400 kilogrammes of 60-percent enriched uranium that was last seen by nuclear watchdog inspectors in June.

Iran is pursuing a nuclear agreement with the US that delivers economic benefits for both sides, an Iranian diplomat was reported as saying on Sunday, reports Reuters.

"Common interests in the oil and gas fields, joint fields, mining investments, and even aircraft purchases are included in the negotiations," foreign ministry deputy director for economic diplomacy Hamid Ghanbari said, according to the semi-official Fars news agency.

"The foreign minister has arrived in Geneva at the head of a diplomatic and expert delegation to take part in the second round of nuclear negotiation," Iran's state-run IRIB wrote on its Telegram channel.

The top diplomat, Abbas Araghchi, later wrote on X that he would meet in Geneva with the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi, "for deep technical discussion". He is also set to hold talks with his Swiss and Omani counterparts as well as other international officials.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said during a visit to the Hungarian capital Budapest yesterday that making a deal with Iran would be difficult.

Nepal launches post-uprising polls campaigns

Vote set to take place March 5

AFP, *Kathmandu*

Nepali candidates launched their campaigns yesterday for next month's parliamentary elections, the first since deadly anti-corruption protests toppled the previous government in 2025.

"This election will draw the future of the country," Sushila Karki, who is serving as interim prime minister until the March 5 vote, said ahead of the launch.

The youth-led protests were triggered by a brief social media ban, but were fuelled by anger at economic stagnation and an ageing elite seen as out of touch. More than 3,400 candidates are competing in the direct vote, 30 percent aged under 40.

Two weeks of campaigns will see a host of new, younger candidates promise to offer change, challenging veteran politicians.

A key election clash will see rapper-turned-mayor Balendra Shah, 35, face Oli in a head-to-head battle in the former prime minister's constituency.

Sharply dressed Shah, better known as Balen, has emerged as a symbol of youth-driven political change. He has joined the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), the fourth biggest in the last parliament.

NAVALNY POISONING

Kremlin rejects European accusations

REUTERS, *Moscow*

The Kremlin yesterday rejected accusations from five European countries that the Russian state had killed late Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny two years ago using toxin from poison dart frogs, saying the claims were "not based on anything".

Navalny, President Vladimir Putin's most prominent domestic critic, died in February 2024 aged 47 in a far-flung Arctic prison, a month before Putin was re-elected in a landslide vote which Western nations said was neither free nor fair.

In a joint statement on Saturday, Britain, France, Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands said that analyses of samples from Navalny's body had "conclusively" confirmed the presence of epibatidine, a toxin found in poison dart frogs in South America and not found naturally in Russia.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters yesterday that Moscow took a very negative view of the European allegations, which he said were false.

"Naturally, we do not accept such accusations. We disagree with them. We consider them biased and unfounded. And, in fact, we strongly reject them," said Peskov.

Nation turns a new page today

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can the swearing-in take place."

In a statement, the Parliament Secretariat said that the swearing-in of newly elected lawmakers and of Constitutional Reform Council members will take place in turns at the oath-taking room of the Jatiya Sangsad today. The ceremony will begin at 10:00am.

Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin will administer the oath to 297 newly elected MPs, the Election Commission confirmed in a statement.

This is the second time in the country's history the CEC is administering the oath to the lawmakers.

Many MPs refused to take oath from then Speaker Shamsul Huda Chowdhury following the 1991 national polls, as he was an accomplice of military dictator HM Ershad, parliamentary affairs expert Nizam Ahmed told this newspaper.

Traditionally, the Speaker administers the oath. But the speaker of the 12th national parliament, Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, resigned following the student-led mass uprising that toppled the Hasina-led government on August 5, 2024. Deputy Speaker Shamsul Haque Tuku is in jail.

As per the constitution, if the Speaker and Deputy Speaker are unavailable or unable to perform the duty, the CEC is allowed to administer the oath to the newly elected members of parliament.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin will administer the oath-taking ceremony of the new government at the parliament's South Plaza.

Traditionally, the swearing-in of the new cabinet takes place at the Bangabhaban's Darbar Hall.

Today, representatives from over a dozen countries are expected to attend the event.

When asked yesterday how many members the cabinet would have, newly appointed Cabinet Secretary Nasimul Ghani refused to comment.

He explained that once the list of cabinet members is received, arrangements must be made for each minister: a car, a bodyguard, housing, security measures, their office, and the appointment of personal staff to assist them. All these preparations have to be made. "The government is always prepared."

As per the rules, following the swearing-in ceremony of MPs, a meeting of the Parliamentary Party of BNP that has secured an overwhelming majority will be held to elect its parliamentary leader, according to a BNP source.

The leader of the House will then meet the president and inform him that the party commands an absolute majority in parliament, formally seeking appointment as the prime minister of Bangladesh.

Subsequently, the president will appoint the party leader as the prime minister, who will select other cabinet colleagues.

The president will administer the oath first to the premier, followed by ministers, state ministers, and deputy ministers, on the day.

On Friday night, the EC published the gazette for 297 out of 299 seats in the 13th national election.

BNP secured an absolute majority by winning 209 seats. For the first time, Jamaat-e-Islami is going to be the main opposition party with 68 seats.

Although elections are constitutionally held every five years, the 13th national election was held after just about two years (26 months) because the Awami League regime was ousted by the uprising in August 2024.

The spark came on July 1, 2024, when students protesting government job quotas were met with a harsh response, turning the fledgling movement into an all-out anti-government campaign demanding Hasina's resignation. She fled to India on August 5 as hundreds of thousands marched towards Dhaka.

The UN reported that around 1,400 people were killed during those few weeks of July and August.

On August 8, 2024, Prof Yunus assumed the leadership of the interim government, pledging reforms, justice for the July killings, and a credible election.

BNP and its allies initially demanded that the election be held by December 2025, seemingly unhappy at the government's indication that the polls may be delayed till as late as June 2026.

Amid strong criticism for delayed polls, the chief adviser said on June 13, 2025, that polls could be held the week before Ramadan in 2026 if preparations were complete. The announcement came after a meeting with Tarique Rahman in London.

But the much-promised reforms still remained elusive until mid-October when 25 parties signed the July charter after months-long negotiations among 30 parties at the National Consensus Commission. Five parties still refused to sign, including the National Citizen Party, considered the natural heir to the July uprising.

NCP, however, signed the charter yesterday.

On November 13, the government announced that the national election and the referendum would be held on the same day, and that an upper house would be introduced based on proportional representation of the votes cast.

On December 11, the EC confirmed February 12 as the election day. Adversarial rhetoric filled the airwaves during the campaigns, but the process remained comparatively peaceful compared to past elections.

The interim government managed to keep the election atmosphere largely free of violence -- a rare achievement in Bangladesh's electoral history -- thanks to the strong support of the armed forces and law enforcement agencies.

Following the election, all political parties respected the outcome and accepted the results, with some even announcing plans to form shadow cabinets to act as watchdogs.

One of the interim government's most notable initiatives was the preparation of the July charter, achieved through rare consensus among 30 political parties after multiple rounds of dialogue that brought divergent opinions together.

While the peaceful and fair election absolves the Yunus government to a significant extent, its legacy is also marked by appeasement of mobs and frequent capitulation to violent agitators, regardless of how unreasonable their demands were. The government's indecisiveness was most evident in these moments.

The 18-month period was also scarred by attacks on women, Sufis, bauls, and shrines across Bangladesh. Many individuals perceived as beneficiaries or sympathisers of the Awami League regime found themselves accused of murder. Those targeted included journalists, politicians, judges, lawyers, film stars, and even former sportsmen. A number of them were arrested and denied bail.

Chattogram Port also had ground to a halt for several days in the beginning of this month as workers and employees went on an indefinite work abstention over the government's move to lease the key New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) to Dubai-based DP World.

The interim government also signed a sweeping trade agreement with the United States at the twilight of its tenure to secure a partial tariff relief, but the deal was made in exchange for significant concessions.

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পুনঃ দরপত্র নোটিশ

বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনা কাজের গতিশীলতা ও মানোন্নোয়নের লক্ষ্যে প্রাথমিক বর্জ্য সংগ্রহ সেবা প্রাপ্তির লক্ষ্যে নতুন নিবন্ধন কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে। ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন এর আওতাধীন এলাকায় নিয়োজিত ০৪টি ওয়ার্ডের (ওয়ার্ড নং-৬৯, ৭০, ৭২ ও ৭৫) প্রাথমিক বর্জ্য সংগ্রহ সেবা গ্রহণের জন্য অগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত অনুসরণপূর্বক আবেদনপত্র ক্রয় ও জমা প্রদানের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

ক) প্রযোজ্য শর্তাবলীঃ

১. আবেদনপত্র ক্রয় ও জমা প্রদান কার্যক্রম অনলাইনে সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের নগর ভবন ও আঞ্চলিক কার্যালয় থেকে সরাসরি আবেদনপত্র ক্রয়/বিক্রয় এবং জমা প্রদান করা যাবে না।
২. আবেদনপত্র ক্রয়ের জন্য ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের চলতি হিসাব নং-২০০০১৭৮৩৯, সোনালী ব্যাংক, নগর ভবন শাখায় ১০,০০০/- (টাকা দশ হাজার মাত্র) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা প্রদান করে ব্যাংক রশিদ সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।
৩. ওয়েবসাইট https://dscc.gov.bd হতে নিবন্ধন আবেদনপত্র ও প্রযোজ্য শর্তাবলী/TOR (Terms of Reference) ডাউনলোড পূর্বক উল্লিখিত নির্দেশনা অনুয়ায়ী আবেদনপত্র যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে চাহিদাকৃত কারিগরি প্রস্তাব ও আর্থিক প্রস্তাবের অনুকূলে প্রযোজ্য সকল ডকুমেন্টস দাখিল করতে হবে।
৪. নিবন্ধনের জন্য আর্থিক প্রস্তাবে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের সমপরিমাণ অর্থ মেয়র/প্রশাসক, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডারটি (মূলকপি) প্রধান বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনা কর্মকর্তার দপ্তর, নগর ভবন, ঢাদসিক বরাবর জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে পে-অর্ডারটির স্ক্যান কপি অনলাইনে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।
৫. কারিগরি প্রস্তাব তথা 'ফরম-ই' এর সাথে কারিগরি প্রস্তাব মূল্যায়ন সংক্রান্ত প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাদি সংলগ্নি আকারে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
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খ) আবেদনপত্র ক্রয় ও জমা প্রদানের সময় নিম্নে উল্লেখ করা হলোঃ

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