

Iran war breaks UN Charter Say UN probe

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An independent United Nations probe investigating rights violations in Iran yesterday condemned attacks by Israel and the US on Iran as well as Tehran's retaliatory strikes across the region, saying they violated the UN Charter.

It also expressed deep shock over a strike that hit the Shajarah Tayyebah girls' school in Minab in southern Iran on Saturday, which killed more than 160 people, mostly schoolgirls aged seven to 12, it said.

Russia and China have been vocal against the attack on Iran, with Russia yesterday accusing the United States of using an imaginary threat from Iran as a pretext to overthrow its constitutional order. It also said Washington's calls for Iranians to seize power from their leaders were cynical and inhumane.

Meanwhile, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi yesterday said China is willing to send a special envoy for mediation to the Middle East. The pledge comes after separate phone calls between Wang and his counterparts in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, according to a Foreign Ministry statement.



Policemen inspect destroyed buildings following airstrikes in central Tehran, Iran, yesterday. The US military said it had struck nearly 2,000 targets inside the Islamic republic.

PHOTO: AFP

'No to war'

Spanish PM tells Trump; UK PM vows to keep a 'cool head'

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Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez yesterday hit back at US President Donald Trump's criticisms of Madrid's refusal to let US planes use its bases to attack Iran.

"The position of the government of Spain can be summed up in four words: no to war," he said in a televised address, a day after Trump threatened to sever all trade with Spain.

"We will not be complicit in something that is harmful to the world and contrary to our values and interests, simply out of fear of retaliation," he added. The European Union yesterday said it stands in full solidarity with Spain.

Meanwhile, Keir Starmer said Britain would respond to the escalating conflict in the Middle East with a "cool head" after Trump chastised the prime minister for failing to provide sufficient support for his strikes on Iran, reports Reuters.

Britain initially refused to allow its military bases to be used by the US for its assault on Tehran, only tempering that position when Iran attacked its neighbours - allowing UK bases to be used for limited defensive strikes.

Trump responded by castigating Starmer three times, including in the Oval Office on Tuesday where he told reporters "This is not Winston Churchill that we're dealing with".

Country not in danger due to US trade deal

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Mahmud Tuku, and Minister Khandaker AbdulMuktadir at the Secretariat.

Today, he is scheduled to meet representatives of political parties, including the BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, and the National Citizen Party.

The foreign minister, during the meeting with Kapur, said it will be difficult for countries like Bangladesh to bear the economic cost if the Middle East war is prolonged.

Khalilur, who was the national security adviser to the interim government, requested that the US make diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict at the earliest.

At the meeting, Kapur underscored the importance of implementing the provisions of the agreement on Reciprocal Trade to foster greater bilateral trade and investment, while Khalilur reiterated the government's commitment to policy continuity, particularly in the economic domain.

THE DEAL

During a post-meeting press briefing, Khalilur was asked if the interim government was under pressure to sign the deal since it was sealed just three days before the election and includes provisions restricting trade deals or purchases from non-market economies, which could mean China.

He responded in the negative and said the deal

needs to be analysed in comparison with those signed by other countries like India, Cambodia, Indonesia and Vietnam with the US.

"We are in a better position if you analyse the language of the deals.... Bangladesh committed to purchasing \$22 billion worth of goods over 15 years

deal was not "suddenly finalised" and that the interim government first began talking to the US in February 2025.

"Initially, Bangladesh received a 20 percent tariff, but Dhaka requested zero reciprocal tariffs on garments made with American cotton or man-made fibre, while the US

effective until notification. "We can exit with a 60 day notice. Therefore, we have not put Bangladesh in any danger."

He said that regarding border measures, Bangladesh has stated that any measures taken will be in accordance with Bangladeshi law.

Kapur, however, was assured that Bangladesh will continue implementation of the agreement.

After the US Supreme Court cancelled the tariffs on different countries imposed by US President Donald Trump, he announced a 15 percent global tariff on February 21, which is also applicable to Bangladesh. Khalilur requested Kapur to lower the tariff from 19 percent.

At the meeting, the two sides also discussed the process of returning irregular Bangladeshis living in the US with dignity and ease.

A diplomatic source said the US wants to repatriate over 4,000 irregular Bangladeshis quickly. Over the last year, about 400 were repatriated.

Kapur expressed satisfaction over the current bilateral relations and hoped they would become stronger and more expansive in the coming days.

He also conveyed his greetings to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on his victory in the polls and expressed satisfaction with the festive atmosphere of the election.



from the US. Compared to a country like India, which received an 18 percent tariff and committed \$500 billion in purchases over five years, Bangladesh's 19 percent tariff is favourable.

"Could you sustain a 37 percent tariff if we did not sign the deal? Compare what we have gained and what others got."

Khalilur added that the

sought more time to finalise the Rules of Origin.

"The US Trade Representative also spoke with the two major political parties, who gave their consent before the election.... We did not sign the deal in the darkness."

The foreign minister said the agreement has both "entry" and "exit" clauses and that it does not become

Strikes on Iran diminishing US stockpiles fast

Say sources; executives from defense contractors plan to meet at White House

REUTERS, Washington

The Trump administration plans to meet with executives from the biggest US defense contractors at the White House on Friday to discuss accelerating weapons production, as the Pentagon works to replenish supplies after strikes on Iran and several other recent military efforts, five people familiar with the plan told Reuters.

Companies including Lockheed Martin and Raytheon parent, along with other key suppliers, have been invited to attend the meeting, the people said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the discussions are private.

The meeting underscores the urgency felt in Washington to shore up weapons stocks after the Iran operation drew heavily on munitions. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 and Israel began military operations in Gaza, the US has drawn down billions of dollars' worth of weapons stockpiles, including artillery systems, ammunition and anti-tank missiles. The conflict in Iran has consumed longer range missiles than those furnished to Kyiv.

At least one of the people said the gathering was expected to center on pressing weapons makers to move faster to boost output.

The first 24 hours of the strikes on Iran alone have seen the US spend \$779 million, according to reports. Lockheed, the Pentagon and White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment. In a social

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media post Monday, Trump said there was a "virtually unlimited supply" of US munitions and that "wars can be fought 'forever,' and very successfully, using just these supplies."

The White House meeting comes as Deputy Defense Secretary Steve Feinberg has been leading Pentagon work in recent days on a supplemental budget request of around \$50 billion that could be released as soon as Friday, one of the people said.



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উদ্ভূত বৈশ্বিক পরিস্থিতি বিবেচনায় পবিত্র রমজান মাস, গ্রীষ্মকাল ও সেচ মৌসুমে নিরবচ্ছিন্ন বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহের লক্ষ্যে পরিমিত ও সাশ্রয়ী বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে সম্মানিত বিদ্যুৎ গ্রাহকগণের প্রতি আহ্বান

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 - বিদ্যুৎ ও জ্বালানির সাশ্রয়ী ব্যবহার নিশ্চিত করার লক্ষ্যে ওয়েট এন্ড ড্রাই পদ্ধতিতে সেচ কাজ সম্পাদন করুন।
 - বিদ্যুৎ সাশ্রয়ে এসি'র তাপমাত্রা ২৫° সেলসিয়াস বা তার উপরে রাখুন।
 - বিদ্যুতের অপচয় রোধকল্পে দোকান, শপিং মল, পেট্রোল পাম্প ও সিএনজি স্টেশনে অতিরিক্ত আলোকসজ্জা পরিহার করুন।
 - দুর্ঘটনা এড়াবার লক্ষ্যে ছকিং বা অবৈধ বিদ্যুৎ সংযোগ হতে বিরত থাকুন।
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