

## US-ISRAELI ATTACKS ON IRAN Trump aides debate exit vs escalation

REUTERS, Washington

A complex tug-of-war inside the White House is driving US President Donald Trump's shifting public statements on the course of the Iran war, as aides debate when and how to declare victory even as the conflict spreads across the Middle East.

### SHIFTING MESSAGES

Economic advisers and officials, including from the Treasury Department and the National Economic Council, have warned Trump that an oil shock and rising gasoline prices could quickly erode domestic support for the war, said the adviser and two others close to the deliberations, speaking on the condition of anonymity to disclose internal discussions.

Political advisers, including Chief of Staff Susie Wiles and deputy chief James Blair, are making similar arguments, focusing on the political fallout from higher gas prices and urging Trump to define victory narrowly and signal the



A firefighter extinguishes a blaze in a vehicle following a projectile impact from an Iranian strike in southern Tel Aviv, Israel yesterday. PHOTO: AFP



operation is limited and nearly finished, the sources said. Pushing in the other direction are hawkish voices urging Trump to sustain military pressure on Iran, including Republican lawmakers such as US Senators Lindsey Graham and Tom Cotton, and media commentators such as Mark Levin, according to people familiar with the matter.

### LOOKING FOR AN EXIT

On Saturday, Trump has called on countries to send warships to the Strait of Hormuz to keep shipping traffic open amid soaring oil prices. Trump said he hoped China, France, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom and others would join the United States in sending ships to the strait between Iran and Oman.

The shifting reasons for launching the conflict, which has spilled over into more than half a dozen other countries, have only made it more difficult to predict what comes next.

For their part, Iran's rulers will claim victory, analysts say, for simply surviving the US Israeli onslaught, especially after demonstrating their ability to fight back and inflict damage on Israel, the US and its allies.

## Israel running critically low on interceptors Report says, citing US officials

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Israel has warned the United States that its supply of ballistic missile interceptors is running dangerously low as its war on Iran enters its third week, according to US officials who spoke to Semafor.

Israeli defence systems entered the current conflict already depleted after last year's fighting with Iran, when large numbers of interceptors were used to block incoming missiles. Iran's sustained barrage has placed further strain on Israel's long range air defence network.

Reports indicate that Iran has also equipped some of its missiles with cluster munitions, complicating interception efforts and accelerating the depletion of Israel's stockpile, reports Middle East Eye.

Washington has been aware of the problem for months. One US official told Semafor, "It's something we expected and anticipated". The same official stressed that the United States is not facing similar shortages and retains significant interceptor reserves. The comment comes amid growing concern that a prolonged war with Iran could rapidly drain missile defence supplies.

It remains unclear whether Washington will transfer additional interceptors to Israel. Previous US military aid packages have included missile defence systems, and any further transfers could place pressure on American inventories.

"We have all that we need to protect our bases and our personnel in the region and our interests," the US official said.

## US MILITARY Swiss reject two flyover requests

REUTERS, Frankfurt

The Swiss government said on Saturday that it discussed requests by US military and official aircraft to fly over the country, and based on its law of neutrality, rejected two Iran-related war flights but permitted three others.

The three approved requests were applicable to two transportation and one maintenance aircraft.

## Russia supplies Iran with Shahed drones Says Ukraine's Zelensky

REUTERS

Russia is supplying Iran with Shahed drones to use against the US and Israel, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told CNN in an interview excerpt aired on Saturday.

Zelensky told CNN's Fareed Zakaria that it is "100% facts" that Iran has used Russian-made Shaheds to attack US bases. Shahed drones have been linked to other attacks on countries in the region, although their manufacturers are not always clear.

Ukraine wants money and technology in return for helping Middle Eastern nations defend against Iranian kamikaze drones, Zelensky said, after Kyiv sent specialists to four countries in the region.

He told reporters in comments cleared for release yesterday that each of the three teams sent to the Middle East consisted of dozens of people, who will conduct expert assessments and demonstrate how drone defences should operate.

## NEGATIVE WAR COVERAGE US regulator warns broadcasters

AFP, Washington

The top US broadcast regulator on Saturday threatened media outlets over negative coverage of Middle East war, after President Trump slammed critical headlines from the "Fake News Media."

The president since his first term has derided mainstream media as "fake news" and has sued major outlets over what he sees as unfair coverage.

Brendan Carr, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission -- which oversees US radio, television and internet media -- said broadcasters risked losing their licenses over news coverage. "The law is clear. Broadcasters must operate in the public interest, and they will lose their licenses if they do not," Carr said in a post on X.

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## Two die

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an injection that was meant to be used during anaesthesia. "Soon after receiving the injection, there was a sudden reaction in the patient and she died," he said.

The family of the deceased took the body home and would pursue legal action after the burial, he said.

Meanwhile, Sherali's daughter Khadija Begum said her mother was stable but fell seriously ill shortly after nurses administered several injections in the morning for surgery.

"We immediately informed the nurses, but they paid no heed and took no steps to

revive her. My mother died right in front of our eyes. Only after her death did the nurses respond," she said, demanding exemplary punishment for those responsible.

The allegations were brought against nurses Helen Adhikari and Molina Halder. Helen Adhikari said she did not break open the injection vial, claiming it had been opened by nurse Molina Halder. "I only administered the injections to two patients. What happened to them is very unfortunate. In my 26-year career, such an incident has never occurred. A mistake has happened," she said.

## Tigers clinch series

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last five overs, Pakistan appeared in control before Bangladesh roared back. Mustafizur Rahman conceded just six in the 46th over, and Rana followed with another tight over, giving away six in the 47th. The pressure told when Taskin produced a slower delivery to remove Agha in the 48th over.

Pakistan still needed 28 from the last two overs, but Shaheen struck Mustafizur Rahman for two sixes to turn it into a nail-biter. Mustafizur was then struck on the knee roll when Shaheen smashed one straight at the bowler, and there was brief uncertainty over whether he could deliver the final ball of the over. He eventually did, bowling another slower delivery as Haris Rauf holed out at wide long on.

That left Rishad Hossain to defend 14 in the final over. The leg spinner found the right angles with his googlies to keep Shaheen out of his hitting arc. With Pakistan needing 12 off the last two balls, a wide was initially signalled before Bangladesh reviewed a leg before appeal. Snicko showed the ball had brushed Shaheen's bat on its way to the wicketkeeper, overturning the wide decision. Shaheen charged down the wicket to the final delivery needing an impossible 12, but was stumped as Bangladesh celebrated a dramatic series win.

Earlier, Taskin had struck in the first over with a gem of a delivery to dismiss Sahibzada Farhan. Rana then removed the dangerous Maaz Sadaqat, who gloved a pull shot to Litton Das in the second over. Taskin soon rattled Saud Shakeel's stumps with an in-

dupper before Rana dismissed debutant Ghazi Ghori for 29 after a fourth-wicket fifty stand with Abdul Samad. When Samad nicked one to the keeper off Mustafizur, Pakistan appeared to be heading for a collapse.

But Bangladesh's urgency dipped and Pakistan clawed back through a 79-run sixth-wicket stand between Agha and Salman Masood, with Agha picking his moments to swing momentum. Taskin kept the pressure on by bowling Faheem Ashraf, leaving Pakistan needing 117 from 15 overs with four wickets in hand, yet Agha and Shaheen kept Bangladesh on edge.

Missed fielding chances and streaky singles followed as the tension rose, while Agha brought up his century with a top edged six.

Earlier in the day, Tanzid's maiden ODI ton laid the foundation for Bangladesh's innings. He and Saif Hassan shared a 105-run opening stand before Saif fell to Shaheen for a 55-ball 36. While Tanzid remained fluent, scoring became harder for others.

A Haris Rauf delivery seamed back and kept low to trap Najmul Hossain Shanto lbw for 27, breaking a 53-run partnership with Tanzid. Tanzid reached his hundred during a 36-run stand with Litton before Bangladesh's middle order again flattered to deceive.

Contributions of 41 from Litton and 48 not out from Tawhid Hridoy lifted the tempo as Bangladesh scored 77 in the final 10 overs to reach a total that ultimately proved just enough in a contest that swung until the very last ball.

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**সীমিত দরপত্র (LTM)-এ অংশগ্রহণের জন্য তালিকাভুক্তকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

ক্র.সং	বিভাগ/বিভাগ	বিদ্যুৎ জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়, বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ।
১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বিদ্যুৎ জ্বালানী ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়, বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ।
২	এজেন্সী/প্রতিষ্ঠান	বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড।
৩	প্রকৃতির/এনটিটির নাম	বিক্রয় ও বিতরণ বিভাগ-সম্বন্ধে, বিউবো, চট্টগ্রাম।
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৬	ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা	বিউবোর হালনাগাদ তালিকাভুক্ত এ, বি ও সি শ্রেণির বৈদ্যুতিক ঠিকাদার এবং শর্তাবলীতে বর্ণিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে।
৭	তালিকাভুক্তির ফি	পিপিআর-২০২৫ এর বিধি মোতাবেক শ্রেণি ভিত্তিক তালিকাভুক্তির ফি ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) এবং শ্রেণি ভিত্তিক নবায়ন ফি ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার টাকা) এবং একক মালিকানাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারী নারী হইলে তালিকাভুক্তির ফি ৩,০০০/- (তিন হাজার) এবং শ্রেণি ভিত্তিক নবায়ন ফি ১,৫০০/- (এক হাজার পাঁচশত টাকা) মাত্র।
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