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## Ceasefire jolted by fresh attacks

Iran threatens to quit truce as Israel kills 254 in Lebanon in a day, ceasefire terms diverge; Hormuz stays 'blocked'

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Relief over a truce between the United States and Iran gave way yesterday to alarm as fighting continued across the region, with Israel launching its biggest attacks yet on Lebanon and Iran striking Gulf neighbours' oil facilities.

World financial markets rose after President Donald Trump announced the agreement late on Tuesday, two hours before a deadline he had set for Iran to open the blockaded Strait of Hormuz or face the destruction of its

**Rivals say trust lacking, ready to fight if talks fail**

**Trump says Lebanon excluded from truce**

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**Israeli PM Netanyahu says truce 'not end of campaign'**

"whole civilisation".

Uncertainty over the truce also deepened amid conflicting accounts from both sides over what was agreed.

Iran and Pakistan both asserted that the ceasefire included Lebanon. Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, disagreed, and Israeli forces unleashed their heaviest attack of the war so far on more than 100 targets, killing at least 254 people.

Trump also said that the temporary ceasefire deal between Washington and Tehran does not cover the Israel-Hezbollah conflict.

Iran's Tasnim news agency cited an unnamed source warning that Iran will withdraw from the ceasefire if attacks on Lebanon continue.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu said that Israel remains prepared to confront Iran if necessary, despite the truce.

"Let me be clear: We still have objectives to complete, and we will achieve them -- either through agreement or through renewed fighting," Netanyahu said in a televised statement.

"We are prepared to return to combat at any moment required. Our finger remains on the trigger. This is not the end of the campaign, but a step along the way to achieving all our objectives."

Netanyahu also listed the war's achievements.

"We destroyed not only existing missiles, but also the factories that

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## World breathes a sigh of relief

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A world weary of Donald Trump's apocalyptic rhetoric breathed a sigh of relief yesterday as the US and Iran agreed to a two-week ceasefire, raising cautious hopes of a path toward lasting peace.

The announcement fell in the middle of the night in Europe and the Middle East, and many US allies were slow to make public statements about it. But the dramatic pause sparked some governments to issue immediate public praise.

However, as time progressed, welcoming messages poured in from all around the world.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on all parties to abide by the terms of the ceasefire "in order to pave the way toward a lasting and comprehensive peace in the region", according to his spokesperson.

Guterres underscored "that an end to hostilities is urgently needed to protect civilian lives and alleviate human suffering", and thanked Pakistan and other nations involved in facilitating the truce.

Dhaka yesterday welcomed the ceasefire, terming it an encouraging development towards de-escalation in the region.

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Iranians hold portraits of the country's slain supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as they gather in Tehran's Revolution Square after the United States and Iran agreed to a two-week ceasefire yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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## War fallout to slow growth, deepen poverty: WB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The US-Israel war on Iran is casting a long shadow over Bangladesh's economy, threatening to slow growth, stoke inflation, deepen poverty, cut jobs, and raise debt burdens, according to the World Bank's latest Bangladesh Development Update.

"The Middle East conflict is likely to materially affect Bangladesh's economy, compounding existing vulnerabilities," the World Bank said in the report released yesterday at a press briefing in Dhaka.

Higher import costs, weaker exports, and falling remittances are expected to strain the current account balance, while rising energy prices and pressure on the exchange rate could intensify already elevated inflation.

Real GDP growth is now projected to fall to 3.9 percent in FY26, down from an earlier forecast of 4.6 percent, reflecting spillover effects from the war alongside pre-existing weaknesses in export growth and continued sluggish public and private investment.

The human cost, the report suggests, will be steep. Poverty has already risen for three consecutive years. Before the conflict, around 17 lakh people were expected to move out of poverty this year; that number is now projected to be just 5 lakh, meaning 12 lakh people could stay below the poverty line.

Around 6 lakh jobs are also expected to be lost.

Rising prices account for about 10 percent of the increase in poverty, widening

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### IMPACT OF WAR ON BANGLADESH ECONOMY

GDP growth may slow to 3.9% in FY26 from a projected 4.6%

12 lakh people to remain under poverty line

About 6,00,000 jobs may be lost

Inflation could rise by 0.5 percentage points

Subsidies may increase to 2.8% of GDP from 2%

Public debt could reach 45% of GDP by FY28 from 39.5% now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday ratified 14 ordinances issued under the interim government, including one that enabled a ban on the activities of the Awami League and another that granted indemnity to participants in the 2024 July uprising.

By passing the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the parliament gave a permanent statutory basis to the ban on the activities of the AL.

The interim government promulgated the ordinance on May 11, 2025, and imposed the ban the next day.

The ordinance made changes to a 2009 version of the law, empowering the government to pursue a total embargo on a group's existence by both banning it and its political activities.

After Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed placed the bill in parliament, opposition leader Shafiqur Rahman objected, saying, "We received a comparative sheet only three-four minutes ago. We could not read it fully. This law is certainly a sensitive one. We should be given more time to review it."

A comparative sheet outlines the differences between the existing law and the proposed amendments for MPs' review.

Shafiqur is also the chief of Jamaat-e-Islami, a party that was banned by the AL government under a previous version of this law on August 1, 2024 -- just days before the fall of the Hasina regime on August 5.

In response, Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad said, "There is a specific time for raising objections. If objections had been raised within that time, we could have considered them."

Salahuddin, in his response to Shafiqur, said, "This bill concerns the banning of a genocidal, terrorist organisation. It is an amendment to the previous Anti-Terrorism Act. The opposition leader will surely recall that they and the NCP [National Citizen Party] together launched a movement. That movement mobilised [public opinion] in Bangladesh. Based on that, their [AL's] activities were banned under the Anti-Terrorism Act."

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## LPG prices remain well above BERC's record rate hike

Retailers blame higher costs; consumers cut back use



### 12-KG CYLINDER

RATE FOR	BERC RATE (TK)	SALE (TK)
Bottler	1,633	1,750-1,775
Dealer/Distributor	1,683	1,825-1,880
Retailer	1,728	2,000-2,200

ASIFUR RAHMAN and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

LPG users are not getting cylinders at the government-set rate anywhere in the capital despite a record 29 percent hike by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) amid the US-Israel war on Iran.

A 12kg LPG cylinder, officially priced at Tk 1,728 last week, is now selling between Tk 2,000 and Tk 2,200 across Dhaka, widening the gap between regulated and market prices.

Even though the 12kg cylinder's regulated price was Tk 1,341 in March, consumers had to pay between Tk 1,600 and Tk 1,800 across the market for much of the month. Towards late March, the price started rising and even before the regulator's decision to hike the price, traders were reportedly selling cylinders at between Tk 1,900 and Tk 2,100.


Visits to Karwan Bazar, Banani, Mohakhali, Banasree, Kochukhet, Ibrahimpur, Shewrapara, Kazipara, Mohammadpur, Bhasantek, Mirpur and Pallabi found that the prices

vary by area and company, but remain consistently above the fixed rate.

"There is no supply shortage, but companies and dealers are quoting higher prices -- we have no option but to sell above the government rate," said Mohammad Munna, a vendor in Bhasantek's Dewampara area.

Disputes with customers have increased, particularly among low-income buyers who are aware of the price hike but not the pricing mechanism.

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## গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি

সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের আওতাধীন/মালিকানাধীন বিভিন্ন শপিংমল, মার্কেট ও দোকানসমূহ সন্ধ্যা ৭:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত খোলা রাখার এবং সকল প্রকার বিলবোর্ড/এলইডি বোর্ড এর বাতি, চলমান/অনুষ্ঠিতব্য মেলা/বাণিজ্য মেলা ও সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান আবশ্যিকভাবে সন্ধ্যা ০৭:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে বন্ধ করার সরকারি নির্দেশনা রয়েছে। উল্লিখিত নির্দেশনা প্রতিপালন করার জন্য বিশেষ ভাবে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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