

Trump’s 37 Iran promises fall flat

He keeps claiming a deal is imminent, but none has materialised

CNN ONLINE

More than two months have passed since President Donald Trump announced a ceasefire with Iran, claiming a deal was close. On April 7, he posted that negotiations were “very far along” and would be finalized within two weeks, calling it an “Honor to have this Longterm problem close to resolution.” Yet no agreement has emerged.

Since then, Trump has repeatedly insisted a breakthrough was imminent. Counting both before and after the ceasefire, he has made at least 37 such claims in posts, interviews, and public appearances, often portraying Iran as desperate to reach an agreement.

Despite these assurances, there is no evidence talks have advanced.

The pattern began March 23, when Trump told reporters peace talks had achieved “almost all points of agreement.” Iran denied negotiations were underway.

Days later, Trump claimed Iran was “begging to make a deal” and predicted an agreement within a week.

His optimism grew in early April. On April 6, he said they had been “very close to a deal” before a setback.

The next day, he announced the ceasefire, meant to last two weeks while an agreement was finalized.

By late April and into May, Trump continued to predict a quick resolution, promising “total victory” and insisting Iran was “dying to make a deal.”

Two months later, however, his repeated promises remain unfulfilled, leaving claims of imminent peace increasingly difficult to take seriously.



ATTACKS ON PALESTINIANS

Israeli forces shield settlers in West Bank

UN inquiry finds; six foreign govts impose coordinated sanctions over violence

REUTERS, Geneva

Israeli authorities are directly involved in settler attacks that have killed, injured and displaced Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, while Israeli security forces provide protection to settlers, a UN inquiry said yesterday.

The report by the Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory found that Israeli authorities have enabled settler attacks through financial and military support, in a climate of impunity fostered by judicial and law-enforcement bodies.

It said attacks on Palestinian villages and agricultural land have surged since 2023, rising by 130 percent, including incidents involving groups of masked assailants. Israeli security forces have routinely accompanied settlers and acted as a shield for the violence, the report said.

The Israeli Prime Minister Office and military did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Meanwhile, France, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Norway have imposed sanctions over violence in the West Bank, French foreign minister Jean-Noel Barrot said yesterday.

France has also barred Israeli



finance minister Bezalel Smotrich, four leaders of settler organisations and 21 violent settlers, Barrot said in a post on social media platform X.

Israel rejects charges that its troops shield settlers during attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank, saying such actions are rogue incidents that violate military protocol and are investigated. Israeli and Palestinian rights groups say such investigations rarely lead to punishment.

Hundreds of thousands of Israeli settlers live among millions of Palestinians on land Israel captured in a 1967 war, where Palestinians

hope to build a state. Most countries and the UN's top court consider such settlements a violation of international law, which Israel disputes citing historical and biblical ties to the land.

At least seven Palestinians were killed and 832 injured last year, with violence continuing into 2026 in the form of near-daily attacks, according to the United Nations.

“The increasing participation of Israeli security forces in settler attacks amounts to a de facto collapse of the distinction between settlers and soldiers,” the report found.



HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN

India pierces tunnel to China border zone

AFP, Zojila

Indian engineers broke through the final rock section in the strategic Zojila tunnel through a Himalayan mountain yesterday, a milestone in providing all-weather access to the frontier Ladakh region with China.

India and China, the world's two most populous nations, are intense rivals competing for strategic influence across South Asia. Ties have thawed since a 2020 border clash, but their 3,500-kilometre (2,200-mile) frontier has been a perennial source of tension.

The tunnel forms part of a broader infrastructure push, creating a link with roads and railways that will allow trade, troops and supplies to move year-round from India's sweltering lowland plains to the soaring icy border zones.

“This is not just a tunnel but a lifeline,” said India's minister of roads, Nitin Gadkari, during a breakthrough ceremony yesterday at the high-altitude tunnel, which is part of a route designed to rapidly improve connectivity between Srinagar, the main city in Indian-administered Kashmir, and Leh, Ladakh's key city.

At present, road travel between the cities is blocked during winter due to heavy snowfall, which can often rise higher than a truck.



An attendee holds a portrait of the leader of Turkey’s main opposition party, the Republican People’s Party (CHP), during a rally by CHP supporters outside the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TBMM) in Ankara yesterday, after police barred them from attending the daily parliamentary session.

PHOTO: AFP

Brazil halts dengue vaccine after 2 deaths

AFP, Rio De Janeiro

Brazil said Monday it was temporarily suspending use of the world's first single-dose dengue vaccine following two suspicious deaths.

More than half a million people have received doses of the vaccine this year, which was developed publicly in Brazil and approved by health authorities in November.

It is the first single-dose inoculation against the mosquito-borne dengue virus, which can cause high fever, headaches, muscle pain, nausea and rashes and in rare cases is fatal.

Of the 501,044 people vaccinated between January and May, 3,703 – 0.7 percent – showed symptoms similar to dengue.

Forty-two people meanwhile had “more severe reactions,” according to the health ministry.

Authorities have recorded three severe cases, including two that resulted in the deaths of a 58-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman.

A 38-year-old woman entered intensive care but has since been discharged.

Xi wraps up N Korea visit, hails deeper ties

REUTERS, Beijing

Chinese President Xi Jinping yesterday wrapped up his first visit to North Korea in seven years, saying it had established a deeper, more comprehensive understanding yielding a clearer path for development of ties, the official Xinhua news agency said.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Xi agreed to expand cooperation in the areas of politics, economy and culture at a summit in Pyongyang that opened a new chapter in ties, the North's official KCNA news agency said.

“The mutual understanding between China and North Korea has become deeper and more comprehensive, and the direction of future development has become clearer and more defined,” Xi told his hosts at a luncheon before his departure, Xinhua added.

Kim waved both hands as Xi's plane taxied down the tarmac, in footage from China's state broadcaster CCTV, after an enthusiastic send-off by Pyongyang residents, who lined the road to the airport, waving flags and shouting friendship slogans.

Earlier, the leaders jointly planted a fir tree in the grounds of a key political training school for party cadres, which Xinhua said symbolised “ever-renewing friendship”.

On the second day of his visit to China's only formal treaty ally, Xi had also visited Pyongyang's Sino-Korean



Friendship Tower that commemorates Chinese soldiers who died in the Korean War, the agency added.

Both agreed to strive for closer strategic communication through visits by high-level officials, KCNA said.

Kim told Xi he would fully support the “One China principle,” which Beijing views as meaning that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one country, regardless of changes in the international situation, it added.

China views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, although Taipei rejects the sovereignty claims.

Despite the expressions of goodwill, however, analysts saw contrasting priorities in the official summaries of the visit.

While Xinhua detailed proposals ranging from high-level exchanges to trade and agriculture, along with restoration of transport links, KCNA cast the summit more broadly as a pact of equal partners, the analysts said.

Pyongyang stressed regime dignity and the neighbours’ “special relationship,” added Lim Eul-chul, a professor at South Korea's Kyungnam University, while Beijing emphasised practical state-to-state ties and its initiatives for international order.

“North Korea removed elements that could make it look like a subordinate, dependent or beneficiary party, and rewrote relationship as one between equals,” said Hong Min, a fellow at Korea Institute for National Unification.

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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE TO IMPORT MILLING WHEAT
(Package-03, FY: 2025-2026)

International tenders in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders to supply 50,000 (Fifty thousand) (±5%) Metric Ton of Milling Wheat. The particulars and terms & conditions are given below:

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Food
2	Agency	Not applicable
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director, Procurement
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Milling Wheat
7	Invitation Ref. No. and date	13.01.0000.093.46.018.26-361 date: 09/06/2026
KEY INFORMATION:		
8	Procuring Method	International Open Tender
FUNDING INFORMATION:		
9	Budget and Source of Fund	GoB
10	Development Partners	Not applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION:		
11	Project/ Programme / Code	Not applicable
12	Project/ Programme Name	Not applicable
13	Package No.	Package-03
14	Package Name	Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Milling Wheat
15	Notice Publication Date	10/06/2026
16	Document Selling Date	10/06/2026 to 23/06/2026 Time 3.30 PM (BST)
17	Closing Date and Time of submission of Tender	24/06/2026, Up to 1-00 PM (BST)
18	Tender Opening Date and Time	24/06/2026, Time: 2-00 PM (BST)
19	Name and Address of the Office(s):	
Selling Tender Documents		Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
Receiving place of Tender		1) Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office of the Joint Secretary, Room No. 114 (1 st floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
Opening Place of Tender		Office of the Director, (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
20	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Not applicable
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
21	Eligibility of Tender	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender document.
22	Brief Description of Goods or Works	50,000 (±5%) (Fifty thousand) MT. of Milling Wheat at Chattogram (60%) and Mongla (40%) port on CIF Liner Out term. Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring, Overseas Handling and Lightering are on seller's account. Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$.
23	Brief Description of Related Services	Not applicable
24	(i) Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (One hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food.
(ii) Mode of Payment		Through Letter of Credit (L/C).
(iii) Crop Year		2026 or latest
(iv) Tender Validity		Up to BST 16.00 PM, 08/07/2026

25. Quality & Specification:

Quality Parameters	Specification	Rejection
i)Test weight (minimum)	76 Kg/hl	below 76 Kg/hl
ii)Damaged kernels (maximum)	3%	above 3%
iii)Foreign material (maximum)	0.7%	above 0.7%
iv)Shrunken & broken kernels (maximum)	4%	above 4%
v)Wheat of other classes	4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)	above 4% (including maximum 2% contrasting classes)
vi)Protein content (minimum)	11.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)	below 11.5% (at Dry Matter Basis)
vii)Moisture content (maximum)	13.5%	above 13.5%
viii)Dockage (maximum)	1% (All dockage shall be deductible from the value)	above 1%
ix)Radioactivity (maximum)	50 Bq /Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries.)	above 50 Bq /Kg of ¹³⁷ Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC & South-East Asian Countries.)

B) Organoleptic properties: Bright, clear appearance, natural smell and color.

Pack no.	Identification of Shipment	Country of origin	Location	Tender Security Amount (US\$.)	Shipment period
03	50,000 MT (±5%) Milling Wheat on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chattogram Port - 80% and Mongla port-40%	US\$ 300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand) in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Milling Wheat (±5%) in the form of a Bank draft/pay-order. (No Bank Guarantee is allowed)	25 (twenty five) days from the date of opening of the L/C.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS:

26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Moniruzzaman
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Procurement)
28	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +88-02-41050178 E-mail: dproc@dgfood.gov.bd
30	(i) Incomplete, conditional tender and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. (ii) Tenderer who has been awarded two NOAs (Notification of Award) awaiting signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sailed for destination, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender; (iii) Tenderer who had been awarded NOAs (Notification of Award) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the next two tenders; (iv) Tenderer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not; (v) Tenderer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not.	

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