

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

Trump blames Iran, says US ‘must’ respond

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commitments, and we'll switch to what we speak best. You ride the horse you saddled!" he said on X.

The Apache helicopter is the second crewed aircraft that Washington has confirmed was shot down by Iran during the war, following the loss of an F-15 fighter plane in April.

The downing and the prospect of a US response pose the latest threat to a shaky ceasefire in place since April 8, as the US and Iran struggle to negotiate an end to the conflict.

On Sunday, Iran fired missiles at Israel in response to strikes against Lebanon's Hezbollah in the southern suburbs of Beirut, before Israel struck back despite Trump's efforts to dissuade Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu from doing so.

The Israeli leader said of Iran that the “fire on that front is contained” hours after Tehran said it had stopped its military action.

But both sides warned they could resume hostilities, even as Trump indicated diplomatic efforts were progressing.

Iran and Israel “were going back and forth and now they both agreed through me to stop and we're in the final throes of what will be a very, very good deal,” Trump told reporters earlier Tuesday.

When asked whether a deal would be a matter of days or weeks, he said it would take “two or three days”.

Following Trump's comments, oil prices fell around five percent to below \$90 a barrel.

The Republican president, struggling with record-low approval ratings as November's midterm elections approach, has often hinted at an imminent deal with Tehran, but

none has yet materialised.

US and Israeli officials said Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had spoken on Monday.

In an interview with Axios, Trump said he had warned the Israeli leader not to return to war with Iran: “I said, ‘Bibi, you better be careful, or you will be on your own very soon.’”

US Vice President JD Vance told Fox News on Monday that while the

Iranian media reported early Tuesday that Tehran's international airport -- closed during the missile exchanges -- had reopened, allowing flights carrying hajj pilgrims from Saudi Arabia to land.

Despite Iranian demands and Trump's warnings, Israel has kept up its attacks on Lebanon, where it is fighting Hezbollah.

Yesterday, Lebanon's health



A pair of AH-64 Apache helicopters fly above the Strait of Hormuz during a patrol on April 17.

PHOTO: AFP

US and Israel shared interests, their positions did not always align.

“The Israelis and the United States, we have a lot of shared interests,” Vance said. “But we also have some situations where our interests diverge.”

The conflict has severely disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, through which about a fifth of global oil usually passes, while Washington has imposed a blockade on Iranian ports.

ministry said an Israeli airstrike on Tyre killed at least eight people, with the Israeli military warning the entire city to evacuate shortly after the strike.

Meanwhile, the heads of the Pakistani and Lebanese armed forces agreed to boost cooperation as they met in Pakistan.

On another front of the war, Israel's military said early yesterday it had intercepted an aerial target from Yemen, but reported no casualties.

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Date: 09/06/2026

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:

A)

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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