

Deadlock in Egypt talks over Gaza disarmament

AFP, Cairo

Discussions between Palestinian factions and mediators in Cairo aimed at reaching a permanent end to the war in Gaza have stalled over the pivotal question of disarming the territory and Hamas, Palestinian sources told AFP yesterday.

“Talks are continuing... in a context of clearly differing visions... with the issue of weapons remaining the only point of contention,” a Palestinian source familiar with the talks told AFP on condition of anonymity as he was not supposed to speak publicly about the discussions.

A second Palestinian official spoke of “progress” in the talks but added that “the weapons question was one of the most contentious issues being discussed”.

The ball was “now in Israel and mediators’ court”, he said.

Boy was shot dead at rally for Afghan women: UN

AFP, Kabul

The United Nations said yesterday a boy was shot dead during a women’s rights rally in Afghanistan’s Herat city a day earlier, when witnesses told AFP security forces dispersed protesters with live fire.

Police have denied that any weapons were used during Tuesday’s demonstration by dozens of men, in response to the Taliban government’s morality police detaining women for not wearing the body-cloaking chador or burqa.

“UNAMA has confirmed that at least one person, a boy, was killed by gunfire, while several others suffered injuries after being beaten with sticks, and is verifying reports of a second fatality,” the mission said in a statement.



A burnt Glider bus is seen in eastern Belfast, Northern Ireland yesterday, after violent anti-immigrant riots on Tuesday night, when masked men torched homes and vehicles, forcing families out following a knife attack linked to a Sudanese suspect charged with attempted murder. The family of the stabbing victim said they do not want the tragedy ‘used to divide people’.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Pakistan launches deadly strikes on Afghanistan

Taliban govt says 13 killed, 11 of them children; 14 hurt; Islamabad claims 26 militants killed

REUTERS, Kabul

Pakistani air strikes on three Afghan provinces killed at least 13 people, including 11 children, yesterday, the Afghan Taliban government said, in a renewal of a conflict that has claimed hundreds of lives this year.

At least 14 others – all of them children and women – were injured in strikes that violated Afghanistan’s airspace and bombed civilian homes in the provinces of Kunar, Khost and Paktika, Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid said.

Pakistan said the “calibrated strikes” along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border killed 26 militants and were a response to a recent spate of attacks in the country’s northwest.

“Based on credible intelligence, selective targeting of camps and hideouts was carried out with precision and accuracy,” Pakistan Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said on X. “Four targets were completely destroyed, including a training centre, a hideout and an ammunition cache.”



Islamabad has blamed Kabul for harbouring militants that it says plot attacks in Pakistan. Militant attacks in Pakistan have risen fourfold since 2022, according to Armed Conflict Location & Event Data (ACLED), the year after the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan.

The Taliban has denied the allegations and said militancy in Pakistan is an internal problem.

Renewed violence between the former allies threatens to disturb a long lull in fighting

between Islamabad and Kabul, which fought their worst battle in years in February.

The two countries began engaging in dialogue to ease tensions in March, with China trying to mediate a settlement to the conflict.

Since then, fighting has eased but sporadic clashes have continued along the 2,600-km (1,600-mile) border.

Haji Ali Khan, a tribal elder from Khost, said one of the airstrikes hit the home of a local shepherd after midnight, killing 10 people, including women and children, in a village in the province’s Spera district.

“The family whose house was bombed are local villagers. They have no connection with the TTP, nor do they even know them,” he said, referring to the Pakistani Taliban.

“People are demanding that the authorities either provide security for this area or, if they cannot do so, allow the people to defend themselves ... Either we will all sacrifice ourselves, or we will take revenge by ourselves.”

Ex-spy chief ‘directed’ 2019 Easter bombings

Sri Lanka’s security minister tells parliament

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka’s public security minister told parliament yesterday the nation’s ex-intelligence chief directed the 2019 Easter Sunday attack, in the first official statement linking him directly to the bombings that killed 279 people.

Minister Ananda Wijepala said Major General Suresh Sallay, who was arrested in February on accusations of “aiding and abetting” the attack, had identified a Catholic church to be bombed.

Sri Lanka’s worst single terror attack against civilians involved bombings against three upmarket hotels in the capital, two Roman Catholic churches and an evangelical Protestant church outside Colombo.

1.5% cut

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or foreign national brings foreign investment into the country, they will receive a 1.5 percent consultancy fee or commission as an incentive.”

The cabinet on June 4, 2026 approved the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Incentive Scheme Policy, 2026, aimed at encouraging Bangladeshi citizens, including expatriates, to bring foreign direct investment into the country.

Replying to another question from MP Mobashwer Alam Bhuiyan, Tarique also said the government had taken several measures to simplify the investment process and attract both domestic and foreign investors.

He said import and export registration certificates are now being issued online within a shorter timeframe by the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports.

To create an investment-friendly environment, the export policy has been updated, while the Import Policy Order 2026-2029 is being revised to facilitate easier market entry for foreign investors.

The prime minister said steps had been taken to remove non-tariff barriers on imports intended for export production.

Import payment procedures are also being simplified, and all importers, regardless of transaction value, will be allowed to import goods through

contracts without requiring Letters of Credit (L/C).

The premier also said the government will extend full cooperation to opposition MPs, ensuring that development work in their constituencies receives the same support as that of ruling party lawmakers.

Responding to a supplementary question from Madaripur-3 BNP MP Anisur Rahman, the PM said during a meeting of the parliament’s Business Advisory Committee, Opposition Leader Shafiqur Rahman had informed him that some opposition MPs had not received allocations promised before Eid-ul-Azha, which were to be disbursed by the Local Government Ministry.

“I immediately instructed the minister and state minister to ensure that if any opposition member had not received the allocation, steps should be taken quickly,” he said.

Answering another question from Dhaka-14 Jamaat MP Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem, the premier explained that reserved seat women MPs do not have legally designated seats.

“Naturally, based on our political and organisational structure, we have allocated certain positions for them. They have the same rights as any representative in their constituencies. If there is any development matter in your [MPs from opposition] area where I can assist, let me know – I will try to help directly,” he said.

Education, health outlay to rise 63%

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madrasah infrastructure, government colleges, teacher training, university campuses and laboratories.

In health, the focus is on medicine and vaccine supply, upazila and district hospitals, union-level health centres, mother and child health centres, emergency medical services, e-health cards, cancer care, mental health and hospital waste management.

In education, the largest primary-level project listed is the Government Primary School Development Project, with a projected cost of Tk 14,061.12 crore.

Another major project is the Midday Meal Programme in government primary schools, with a projected cost of Tk 11,797.80 crore.

The primary education pipeline also includes Tk 3,821.46 crore for infrastructure development of existing model government primary schools and selected government primary schools in 10 city corporations.

Secondary and higher education includes Tk 1,500 crore for selected government colleges’ infrastructure development, Tk 1,000 crore for establishing new teachers training colleges in Bogura as well as for HSTI and NAEM.

Technical education is also getting a push.

The Skill Up Bangladesh project has a projected cost of Tk 4,450 crore, while Tk 2,202.48 crore has been listed for capacity enhancement of 25 government polytechnic institutes.

In madrasah education, Tk 1,704.27 crore has been listed for qualitative improvement, Tk 741.07 crore for

capacity expansion of independent Ebtedayee madrasahs and Tk 17.26 crore for regional madrasah teacher training institutes.

The university sector has also received a major push through land acquisition, campus development, building construction and laboratory projects.

The largest project in the list is Jagannath University’s second campus, with a projected cost of Tk 4,000 crore.

Khulna Agricultural University has two large projects: Tk 1,975.50 crore for its first-phase establishment work and Tk 1,581.11 crore for land acquisition and development.

The other major university allocations tracked in the ledger include Tk 3,429.31 crore for advanced research and development at Rajshahi University, Tk 149.67 crore for building renovation and structural preservation at Dhaka University and Tk 1,471.83 crore for BUET.

The other major university projects include Tk 1,573.60 crore for physical infrastructure and other facilities at Jamalpur Science and Technology University and Tk 1,297.22 crore for the first phase of permanent campus construction of Aviation and Aerospace University.

In health, planning documents show priorities beyond hospitals and buildings.

Under the “Sushasther Bangladesh” programme, the authorities plan to expand medicine and vaccine supply, upgrade upazila and district hospitals, introduce e-health cards, strengthen emergency medical and ambulance services, and improve safe

water, sanitation and hospital waste management.

Planning documents show Tk 27,600 crore as a special allocation in the annual development programme for the manifesto-linked “healthcare for all” programmes.

Another Tk 7,854 crore has been proposed for a medicine and vaccine supply network, including a central cold chain and storage system, while Tk 5,606 crore has been planned for infrastructure, equipment and furniture at secondary health institutions.

The plan also includes Tk 3,649 crore for 30,000 water sources and 25,000 sanitary toilets, Tk 162 crore for an e-health card pilot for 25 lakh people in Narsingdi, Sirajganj, Bogura, Noakhali and Khulna, and Tk 8 crore for a hospital waste management feasibility study.

The largest listed health project is the modernisation and expansion of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, with a projected cost of Tk 17,647.95 crore. Another Tk 2,987.99 crore has been listed for essential operations of the DGHS, DGDA and Community Clinic Trust.

Large medical college and nursing projects include Tk 1,408.43 crore for Naogaon, Tk 1,601.24 crore for Habiganj, Tk 1,470.83 crore for Magura, Tk 1,450 crore for Mymensingh and Tk 1,468.31 crore for Netrokona.

Major health infrastructure projects include Tk 2,727.72 crore for upgrading Union Health and Family Welfare Centres, Tk 1,329.53 crore for district-level mother and child health centres in 30 districts.

Govt to allow legalisation

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said individuals will be able to regularise the undisclosed portion of a property transaction by paying income tax at the applicable rate for individual taxpayers.

Under the proposed law, no authority will be allowed to question

or initiate proceedings on such income if the taxpayer voluntarily discloses it and pays the required tax, notwithstanding any provisions of the Income Tax Act or other applicable laws.

However, if tax authorities have already initiated proceedings over

such transactions, the taxpayer will have to pay an additional 20 percent on top of the applicable tax on the excess amount, officials said.

The facility will not be available to individuals already convicted by a court in connection with such matters.

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বিষয়ঃ পেট্রোবাংলা ও এর আওতাধীন কোম্পানিসমূহে কেন্দ্রীয় নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে অপেক্ষমান প্যানেল হতে জালালাবাদ গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এ্যান্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন সিস্টেম লিমিটেড (জেজিটিডিএসএল)-এর জন্য সাময়িকভাবে সুপারিশকৃত প্রার্থীদের স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ।

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ তেল, গ্যাস ও খনিজসম্পদ কর্পোরেশন (পেট্রোবাংলা) ও এর অধীনস্থ কোম্পানিসমূহে কেন্দ্রীয় নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে পেট্রোবাংলার নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি স্মারক নম্বর ২৮.০২.০০০০.০১১.২৬.০২৬.২৪.২৯০, তারিখ: ০৫ মার্চ ২০২৪ খ্রিঃ এর আওতায় জালালাবাদ গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এ্যান্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন সিস্টেম লিমিটেড (জেজিটিডিএসএল)-এর জন্য অপেক্ষমান প্যানেল হতে সাময়িকভাবে সুপারিশপ্রাপ্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত রোল নম্বরধারী প্রার্থীদের প্রাক-নিয়োগ শারীরিক ও মানসিক উপযুক্ততা যাচাইয়ের লক্ষ্যে স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষার নিমিত্ত আগামী ১৬-০৬-২০২৬ তারিখ রোজ মঙ্গলবার অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জেজিটিডিএসএল-এর প্রধান কার্যালয়স্থ মেডিকেল শাখার দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত কর্মকর্তা ডাঃ শারমিন আলম ইমু, সহকারী মেডিক্যাল কর্মকর্তা, গ্যাস ভবন, মেদিবাগ, সিলেট-৩১০০-এর নিকট মেডিক্যাল শাখায় উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো:

ক্রমিক নং,	পদের নাম	রোল নম্বর
০১।	সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন)	11028970, 11034425, 11044575, 11044899, 11064193 – 05
০২।	সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক (অর্থ)	13002073 = 01
০৩।	সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (মেকানিক্যাল)	14002091,14002285,14002379, 14002390 – 04
০৪।	সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (ইলেকট্রিক্যাল)	15000393 = 01
০৫।	সহকারী মেডিক্যাল কর্মকর্তা	30000339 =01
০৬।	সহকারী সমন্বয় কর্মকর্তা	32005931, 32015966 = 02
০৭।	উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (মেকানিক্যাল)	36000982, 36001664 =02
০৮।	উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (ইলেকট্রিক্যাল)	37005382, 37005635 =02

০২। বর্ণিত চাকরি প্রার্থীগণ ১৬-০৬-২০২৬ তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নোক্ত স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষাসমূহ সম্পন্ন করে পরীক্ষার রিপোর্টসমূহ জেজিটিডিএসএল-এর সহকারী মেডিকেল অফিসার এর নিকট জমা প্রদান করবেন:
1.CBC 2. RBS/FBS 3. Blood Grouping & Rh Typing 4. HIV 5. HBsAg 6.Chest X-Ray P/A view
7. Urine R/E 8. VDRL 9. ECG 10. Urine for Dope test.

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০৩। চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের অনুকূলে তাদের স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানায় রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ডাকযোগে/হ-মেইল-এ নিয়োগপত্র প্রেরণ করা হবে। চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত কোন প্রার্থী নিজ ঠিকানায় প্রাপ্ত নিয়োগপত্র না পেলে জেজিটিডিএসএল-এর প্রধান কার্যালয়ে হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-এ সশরীরে উপস্থিত হয়ে নিয়োগপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে পারবে।

০৪। স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষার নিমিত্ত উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য প্রার্থীগণ কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রাপ্য হবেন না।

০৫। কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদনক্রমে এ নোটিশ জারি করা হলো।

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