



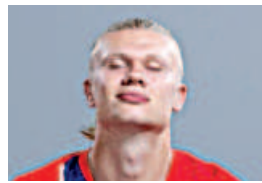
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Doubts swirl as US, Iran ink interim deal

World hails pact that will reopen Hormuz; Israel slams 'bad deal'; Iran says mistrust in US remains

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The US and Iran said they have agreed terms to end the Middle East war on all fronts and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, news that brought relief to markets worldwide, although the pact may hinge on events in Lebanon and tricky talks on Tehran's nuclear programme.

The framework deal marks the biggest breakthrough towards resolving a war that began with joint US-Israeli strikes on Iran in February before escalating into a wider regional conflict that has killed thousands, upended energy markets and stoked recession fears for the global economy.

"The Deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran is now complete," US President Donald Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform at around 5:30pm in Washington (2130 GMT) on Sunday.

The memorandum of understanding is scheduled to be officially signed on Friday in Switzerland.

Leaders around the world welcomed the announcement

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Displaced residents flash the V-sign as they cross the Bourj Rahal bridge on their way to their village in southern Lebanon yesterday. The secretariat of Iran's Supreme National Security Council said war and military operations on all fronts, including Lebanon, would end permanently.

PHOTO: AFP

Dhaka summons Indian envoy over Zahed's Delhi airport ordeal

Foreign ministry hands note of displeasure

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The foreign ministry yesterday summoned Indian Deputy High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pawan Badhe and expressed its displeasure after Prime Minister's Adviser on Policy and Strategy Affairs Dr Zahed Ur Rahman was stopped by Indian immigration authorities at Delhi airport on Sunday.

Though he was later allowed to proceed, Zahed chose to fly back home.

Ishrat Jahan, director general (South Asia wing) of the foreign ministry, summoned Badhe in the afternoon and handed him a diplomatic note conveying Dhaka's displeasure.

Contacted last night, Zahed declined to comment on the matter.

Sources from the Prime Minister's

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Congratulations to all! ... Ships of the World, start your engines. Let the oil flow!

Donald Trump
US President



The US still has a long way to go before it can earn the trust of the Iranian people.

Esmacel Baghaei
Iran's foreign ministry spokesperson



We will have to continue the campaign to bring down the [Iranian] regime ourselves, using creative means.

Bezalel Smotrich
Israeli finance minister



➔ **Official signing on Friday: 60-day negotiation period to follow**

➔ **Nuclear, other key issues will be discussed in that period**

➔ **Iran to get \$24 billion in frozen assets**

➔ **Israel says not part of deal, refuses to withdraw troops**

➔ **Iran says ending Lebanon war US responsibility**

10 killings a day fuel concerns over law and order

PHQ data shows 915 murdered in 3 months

MUNTAKIM SAAD

A surge in shootings, targeted killings, and armed attacks fuelled by political feuds and underworld rivalries has exacerbated law-and-order concerns, with police recording 915 murder cases nationwide in just three months, an average of more than 10 killings a day.

Analysts say illegal firearms, weak policing, and the return of top criminals after the 2024 political changeover are driving the violence. They say political rivalries and factional feuds have spilt onto the streets, with gangs now used as tools of power, setting off targeted attacks across the country.

Police Headquarters data shows that of the 915 murder cases, 317 were recorded in March, just after the BNP took office, followed by 288 in April and 310 in May.

In the same three months of 2025, 993 cases were filed, but 226 of those were carry-overs from earlier incidents, putting the comparable

figure at 767. In 2024, the figure for that period stood at 794.

This year, Dhaka Range recorded the highest number of murders during the period with 207 cases, followed by Chattogram with 186, Rajshahi with 106, and Khulna with 84. Among metropolitan areas, Dhaka topped the list with 57 murders, the data shows.

The recurring murders and criminal activities in broad daylight have raised fresh concerns among citizens over the country's law and order.

"We don't feel safe. Killings, shootings, and muggings have become alarmingly frequent. People expect safety and security, but it appears the law-and-order situation has not improved despite repeated assurances," said Khairul Hasan, a resident of Mohammadpur in Dhaka.

The latest killing took place Saturday, when Jubo Dal leader Masudul Haque Chowdhury was gunned down in broad daylight at

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Govt moves to extradite Benazir

TOUSIF KAIUM and DIPAN NANDY

The government has initiated legal, diplomatic and administrative measures to bring back former Inspector General of Police Benazir Ahmed, who was arrested in Dubai on Friday.

On Sunday, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed announced in the parliament that Benazir was arrested by Dubai Police based on an Interpol Red Notice issued at Bangladesh's request for a corruption case.

Benazir, once among the most powerful law enforcement figures under the ousted Awami League government, concealed assets worth Tk 2.62 crore and acquired Tk 9.44 crore from sources beyond his known income, said the Interpol Red Notice, updated on April 11, 2025.

For his extradition to Bangladesh, Interpol has

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Unions not named after my sons, it's coincidental

State Minister for LGRD Mir Shahe Alam tells JS

STAR REPORT

State Minister for LGRD Mir Shahe Alam in parliament yesterday insisted that two unions were not named after his sons and that the names matching was purely a coincidence.

He said the names were selected following due process by the local administration and after public hearings. He added that similar names exist in many places across the country.

His explanation came after Jamaat MP Shafiqul Islam yesterday alleged that two unions have been named after the state minister's sons -- Diganta and Simanta -- and another after his family name. The unions are Mirbari, Simanta, Diganta in the minister's Bogura constituency.

A notification was issued by the local government section of the Bogura Deputy Commissioner's Office on June 11 naming the unions, sparking discussions and criticism from locals.

The opposition MP also questioned the naming of the new union in Shibganj upazila as Mirbari union, while the state minister did not respond to that point in his statement.

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Argentina, France launch World Cup bids

AGENCIES

The two teams that have dominated the last eight years of international football return to the biggest stage once again in the early hours of Wednesday, as reigning champions Argentina and 2018 winners France begin their FIFA World Cup 2026 campaigns.

Four years after producing one of the greatest finals in World Cup history at Lusail, the two nations who contested that epic night in Qatar embark on new journeys with the same ambition -- lifting football's most coveted trophy once again.

Argentina, who edged France on penalties after a breathtaking 3-3 draw in the 2022 final, start their Group J campaign against Algeria in Kansas City. Lionel Scaloni's side are attempting to achieve something no men's team

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Debutants Cape Verde announced themselves on the World Cup stage with a stunning goalless draw against Spain in their Group H opener in Atlanta yesterday, frustrating the reigning European champions, who dominated possession and fired 27 shots but found no way past 40-year-old goalkeeper Vozinha. The shot-stopper produced seven saves to inspire Cape Verde's historic result and was named Player of the Match. Overcome with emotion, Vozinha left the pitch in tears after a heroic display that made him the face of an unforgettable night for the island nation.

PHOTO: REUTERS



Football's flow fractured?

KHALID HOSSAIN

Football has long been celebrated as a game of two halves. At the 2026 FIFA World Cup, however, it increasingly resembles a contest played in four quarters. What was introduced as a medical precaution has mutated into a tactical tool and, more overtly, a lucrative broadcasting asset.

Mandatory three-minute hydration breaks, introduced by FIFA to combat summer heat across North America, now take place around the 22nd minute of each half and have become one of the tournament's most contentious talking points.

The latest voice to question the policy is Netherlands captain Virgil van Dijk.

Following his side's 2-2 draw with Japan at Dallas' air-conditioned stadium on Monday (Bangladesh time), the Liverpool defender questioned the need for mandatory breaks in every match, regardless of conditions.

"I think hydration breaks are really interesting. I think for the neutral watchers on TV it is also not great. If it is really hot it would be good to put them in, but I think you have to look at it in every game separately," Van Dijk told reporters.

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