Iran deal includes $300bn pvt fund

Source says more than half of which already committed

REUTERS, *Dubai*

A $300 billion private investment fund aimed at spurring economic recovery in Iran has been outlined in the US-Iran framework agreement, with more than half of the commitments already secured, according to a source familiar with the deal.

The fund, designed to provide both sides with economic incentives to finalise a peace accord, is expected to be formally announced as Washington and Tehran prepare to sign the framework on Friday. The agreement, reached Sunday, seeks to end the war that began on February 28 when US and Israeli forces attacked Iran. It also calls for lifting the US blockade and reopening the Strait of Hormuz, a vital artery for global oil and gas supplies.

Unlike reconstruction or reparations programmes, the fund will rely entirely on private capital, with no government grants. Companies from US, Gulf states, Asia, South America and Africa have pledged investments across energy, logistics, manufacturing, and transport.

Iran had initially demanded $400 billion in compensation for war damages, but Washington rejected the request. Instead, the Reconstruction and Development Fund was conceived, with regional partners expected to contribute through loans, credit lines, or direct financing of damaged infrastructure, including steel plants, refineries, airports, and other facilities.

Despite its vast natural gas and oil reserves, Iran has been largely excluded from global capital markets for decades due to sanctions. With a population of over 92 million, a diversified industrial base, and untapped potential in petrochemicals, mining, tourism, and agriculture, the fund could mark a turning point for foreign investment in the country.

The initiative is separate from negotiations over lifting US sanctions and releasing frozen Iranian assets. A 60-day memorandum of understanding will structure the process, during which fund administrators will collaborate with Iranian officials and investors to scope projects.

Vice President JD Vance confirmed in a CBS interview that Iran could access the fund if it dismantles its nuclear programme. While details of fund administration remain unresolved, companies from South Korea, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, and the US are among those committed. Negotiations will continue across nuclear, sanctions, and regional security tracks in the coming weeks.

Rescuers work at the site of a Horse Sport Riding School hit by a Russian drone strike in Sumy, Ukraine, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

G7 pledges to boost Ukraine air defences

Vows tougher sanctions on Russian oil, gas sectors

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Leaders of the G7 have pledged at a summit in France to strengthen Ukraine's air defences and increase pressure on Moscow's war economy, including by tightening sanctions on the Russian oil and gas sectors.

"We, the Leaders of the G7, stand united in our unwavering support for Ukraine in defending its freedom, sovereignty, and territorial integrity," a statement released yesterday said.

"To support and accelerate this new momentum, we agree to increase the delivery of air defence capacities, additional systems and interceptors, and long-range capabilities."

They added that the bloc, which includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union, was "ready to consider extending to Ukraine the benefit of licenses to allow for an increase in Ukraine's military production".

President Volodymyr Zelensky, who joined the summit on Tuesday and also held bilateral talks with US President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, has been pressing allies for more than a year to allow Ukraine to produce its own interceptors because of a shortage of US anti-ballistic systems and interceptors.

The G7 said that following a deal between the United States and Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, sanctions could be strengthened on Russian oil and gas.

"We commit to increase the pressure on the Russian war economy," the leaders' statement said. Taking his seat on the final day of G7 talks yesterday, Trump told the assembled leaders: "I'm the boss."

Trump had been widely viewed as sceptical about pursuing a peace agreement between Russia and Ukraine, but told reporters on Tuesday that he would try to help.

EU MPs approve 'return hubs' migration reform

AFP, *Brussels*

European lawmakers yesterday gave final approval to tougher migration rules that will grant authorities much broader detention powers and allow for the creation of deportation centres outside the bloc.

The 418 to 218 vote in Strasbourg was one of the last hurdles for a reform that has sailed through EU's long legislative process as Brussels and member states respond to political pressure to curb migration.

It was welcomed with cheers from right and far-right parliamentarians and chants of "shame on you" from the left of the assembly, underscoring deep divisions over a text severely criticised by human rights groups.

Teen found dead

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Speaking to The Daily Star, schoolteacher Md Ismail Hossain, who was present at the scene, said Mehedi was first taken to a private clinic and later to Chatkhil Upazila Health Complex in Noakhali. He also could not confirm whether the student was alive at the time of rescue.

Shahidul Alam Nayon, resident medical officer at Chatkhil Upazila Health Complex, said Mehedi was brought dead to the hospital around 7:25pm on Tuesday.

"We then informed Chatkhil Police Station," the doctor said.

Sub-Inspector Sekandar Mollah of the police station said officers recovered the body and sent it to Noakhali General Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

"Black marks were found on the back and neck of the body. The cause of death will be known after the autopsy report," he said.

In its statement, the school said the alleged torture had placed Mehedi under severe mental pressure, which might have led him to take his own life. However, the statement did not mention any individual by name.

As news of Mehedi's death spread on Tuesday night, hundreds of guardians and locals gathered at the academy, teacher Ismail said.

Ramganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Kazi Atiqur Rahman said he and police personnel rushed to the institution and brought the situation under control.

"Under the circumstances, the academy has been closed for the next seven days on an emergency basis," he said.

Meanwhile, relatives of the victim and locals staged a demonstration outside Ramganj Police Station around 1:00pm yesterday, bringing Mehedi's body with them.

They demanded the immediate arrest of those responsible and maximum punishment.

The academy's principal, Khondokar Abdul Mannan, could not be reached for comment despite repeated attempts.

Firoz Uddin Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Ramganj Police Station, said police were investigating the incident although no case had been filed as of 9:00pm yesterday.

The superstar and his surreal satellite

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ensuring they shared the daily rhythm on and off the pitch. It was a reunion that prompted fans to humorously remark that Messi now officially had a second bodyguard.

Whether standing as a shield in stadium tunnels, accompanying him on a tour in India, or smirking while the captain was furiously berating Dutch coach Louis van Gaal in the 2022 edition, De Paul became the natural satellite orbiting arguably the greatest footballer to have lived.

For over 20 years, the world had treated Messi as an "alien" displaying out-of-the-world skills and, simultaneously, an overburdened introverted figure carrying the impossible, crushing expectations of an entire homeland. In his early years, despite having reached his peak prowess, the football gods isolated him, leaving him to wander through international heartbreaks and later uprooting him from Barcelona, the club of his life. In those difficult phases, he lacked the one essential element that the greatest of superheroes require to survive their destiny: an anchor.

The proof of Messi-De Paul's telepathic alchemy manifested beautifully on yesterday morning (Bangladesh time), as the lights of Kansas City illuminated screens across the world. As the Algeria defence sought to choke the space, De Paul -- virtually reading between the literal lines, operating in close physical and psychological proximity from his right-sided midfield station -- threaded a spectacular pass through the teeth of four defenders, finding the master on the loose.

The pass collapsed the wavefunctions of reality into the inevitable, allowing Messi to roll his marker, drive forward, and unleash a thumping projectile into the back of the net.

It was pure footballing poetry, but the most profound image came as the legendary number ten wiped his tears with his shirt. Messi said he was crying for a personal reason unrelated to the sport. "Why did I cry? It was something completely unrelated to football. I went through some difficult days."

While Messi kept his reasons private, De Paul's post-match words provided a window into a soul experiencing the intoxicating relief of a lifted burden.

"I feel he's enjoying it, that he no longer feels the weight of that burden he carried for so long," De Paul said. "He looks in great shape."

It is not merely that Messi commands devotion through excellence. Acts of altruism—surrendering a penalty to a teammate, or financing the wages of a crisis-hit federation's staff—carve out their own legacy. Most profoundly, his quiet nature in an era of loud personalities has bound this Argentine side into a collective beehive mentality, entirely purged of toxic ego.

"It's an advantage to have Leo, because of how he manages the group and leads it forward, because of who he is," De Paul added.

By dedicating his tireless engine to running the hard yards on and off the pitch, the faithful companion had become an integral part of the legendary lore of one of the game's precious gems, raising the probability that Messi's remaining touches would be a cause for pure celebration.

"Whatever comes next is something to enjoy... I love playing football, it's been my passion since I was little," Messi said.

Courtesy of De Paul, fans have been given an unlikely, extended period of stardust spreading in sky blue and whites. For a large chunk of the past decade and a half, it was Messi and Argentina, as the country could never own him in spirit due to the feeling that he could hardly replicate his club accolades in national colours.

But the story since the Qatar triumph, sandwiched between two continental silverwares, is all about Argentina's Messi and, now in full force, Messi's Argentina.

Public funds must serve people

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programmes, Tarique said there would be no shortage of funds if money laundering was curbed.

"If we all keep our eyes and ears open, no one will be able to launder the country's assets abroad. We will use that money to improve people's lives. People's money will be spent on the people, not smuggled out of the country," he said.

"Let our pledge on this joyous day be one thing: work for the country and put Bangladesh first."

The prime minister also coined a new slogan: "Korbo kaaj, gorbo desh, shobar jonno Bangladesh" ("We will work, we will build the country -- Bangladesh for all").

The PM formally inaugurated the programme's third phase by handing over Family Cards to 10 women representing beneficiary families.

He also distributed Tk 200,000 each in housing grants for tea workers, scholarships for their children, and financial assistance cheques for people with disabilities.

Tarique said his government's sole objective was to improve people's lives.

"We have to build this country ourselves. The 40 crore hands of our 20 crore people must be turned into productive hands. Only then can we transform Bangladesh," he said.

He criticised those who described the budget as anti-people despite the government's decision to remove duties on 60 essential products.

"This is a people's budget. We have allocated funds for ordinary working people, yet some describe it as an anti-people budget," he said, arguing that such criticism undermines efforts to improve people's lives.

"When a budget contains measures for the welfare of citizens and relief for consumers, can those who oppose it truly claim to be friends of the people? The answer is no," he said, urging people to remain alert to what he called attempts to create confusion and instability both inside and outside parliament.

He said public unity was essential to sustaining development and protecting democracy.

"If people remain united, no conspiracy can succeed, and no one will be able to undermine democracy in Bangladesh," he said.

The prime minister also claimed that forces opposed to democracy had historically worked together while maintaining their differences in public, while the BNP had always stood by the people.

"The greatest strength of the BNP is the people. That is why we always say that the people are the source of all power," he said.

State Minister for Social Welfare Farzana Sharmin, Moulvibazar district BNP Convener Faizul Karim Mayun, lawmaker Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury, Additional Secretary Kamal Uddin Biswas, and beneficiaries Shiuly Rani Das and Wajeda Begum also spoke at the programme, which was chaired by Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Minister AZM Zahid Hossain.

WC single-day

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of the competition!" said Gianni Infantino, the FIFA president, in a statement.

"16 June 2026 will go down in FIFA World Cup history! I cannot thank our fans enough for bringing color, atmosphere and emotions to this tournament. The most inclusive FIFA World Cup 2026 continues to show just how much our game is loved and how Football Unites The World!"

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পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা/২০২৫ এবং সংশোধিত নীতিমালা-এর প্রচলিত আইন ও বিধি অনুযায়ী হবিগঞ্জ জেলার রেশন স্টোরের জন্য ২০২৬-২০২৭ অর্থবছরের ১ম, ২য়, ৩য় ও ৪র্থ কোয়ার্টারের (জুলাই /২০২৬ হতে জুন/২০২৭)-এর রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় এবং নিলাম বিক্রয় সংক্রান্তে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী, সরবরাহকারী ও ঠিকাদারের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিযোগীতামূলক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

ক্রঃ নং	সংগ্রাহক সত্ত্বা ও তথ্যাদির বিবরণী	আগ্রহী দরদাতাদের জ্ঞাতব্য ও যোগ্যতার বিবরণী
০১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয় (পুলিশ বিভাগ) ।
০২	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
০৩	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	পুলিশ সুপার, হবিগঞ্জ।
০৪	কি কারণে দরপত্র আহবান	জেলা পুলিশ ও অন্যান্য, যুদ্ধাহত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও শহীদ পরিবার, দুদক ও এনএসআই-এর রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় বাবদ।
০৫	দরপত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	০১/২০২৬-২০২৭ খ্রিঃ তারিখ: ১৬/০৬/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ।
০৬	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
০৭	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত (পিএল খাত)	রাজস্ব খাত।
০৮	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	১৮/০৬/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ এর মধ্যে।
০৯	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	২৫/০৬/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে।
১০	দরপত্র সিডিউল দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৮/০৬/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ, ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১	দরপত্র বাক্স খোলা ও মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	দরপত্র বাক্স উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ২৮/০৬/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ, সময় ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা এবং মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ৩০/০৬/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ, সময় ১২.০০ ঘটিকা। দরদাতা অথবা তাহার প্রতিনিধির সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে।
অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা		
১২	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস	১। ডিআইজি, সিলেট রেঞ্জ এর কার্যালয়, সিলেট। ২। রেশন স্টোর, পুলিশ লাইন্স হবিগঞ্জ। ৩। পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, সিলেট।
	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিস	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ।
	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ।
১৩	প্রি টেন্ডার সভার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	২৩/০৬/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ, পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়ের সভাকক্ষ, হবিগঞ্জ।
১৪	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	হালনাগাদ (ক) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (খ) আয়কর সনদ, (গ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ, (ঘ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদ, (ঙ) অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা যা টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে।
১৫	মালামালের বিবরণ	

প্যাকেজ নং	আইটেম	পরিমান (মেঃ টন)	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	নিরাপত্তা জামানত	কাজ সম্পন্ন করার সময়
ক)	সরকারী খাদ্যগুদাম হতে উত্তোলিত গম পরিষ্কার পরিচ্ছন্ন করে পেষাইয়ে আটা ২ এবং ৫ কেজির স্বচ্ছ পলিপ্যাকে রেশন স্টোরে সরবরাহ করতে হবে। প্যাকেটের গায়ে স্পষ্টভাবে ওজন, উৎপাদনের তারিখ ও মেয়াদ উত্তীর্ণের তারিখ উল্লেখ করতে হবে।	৪০৮ (কম বেশী হতে পারে)	১,০০০/-	১,৫০,০০০/-	২০২৬-২৭ অর্থসাল। (০১ জুলাই/২০২৬ হতে ৩০ জুন/২০২৭)
খ)	পোলাও চাল।	০৩ (ঐ)	৪০০/-	৫০,০০০/-	
গ)	পরিবহন।	৮৫২ (ঐ)	৪০০/-	৫০,০০০/-	
ঘ)	লেবার।	৯১২ (ঐ)	৪০০/-	৫০,০০০/-	
ঙ)	জ্বালানী কাঠ/লাকড়ী।	২১ (ঐ)	৪০০/-	২০,০০০/-	
চ)	নিলামে পুরাতন চটের (৫০ কেজি ও ৩০ কেজি) ও প্লাস্টিকের (৫০ কেজি) খালি বস্তা বিক্রয়।	স্টক অনুয়ায়ী	৪০০/-	২০,০০০/-	
ছ)	অভ্যন্তরীণ লেবার।	বিতরণ অনুয়ায়ী	৪০০/-	২০,০০০/-	
জ)	রেশন কার্ড ও মাস্টার রোল ছাপানো ও বাঁধাইসহ সরবরাহ।	রেশন কার্ড বহি (১০০ পাতা) ২০ টি মাস্টার রোল বহি (১৮০ পাতা) ০৩ টি	৪০০/-	১০,০০০/-	

১৬	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর বিবরণ	
ক)	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	জনাব মোঃ তারেক মাহমুদ।
খ)	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	পুলিশ সুপার, হবিগঞ্জ।
গ)	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ।
ঘ)	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	ফোন ০২৯৯৬৬০৪৫২০ ফ্যাক্স ০২৯৯৬৬০৭১০৯
১৭	বিশেষ শর্তাবলী ঃ	
	ক) নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর আর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।	
	খ) মালামাল সংশ্লিষ্ট পরীক্ষাগারে প্রেরণ ও পরীক্ষার খরচাদি সংশ্লিষ্ট ঠিকাদার বহন করবেন।	
	গ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যাতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহন বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।	
	ঘ) দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যেকোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে।	
	ঙ) দরপত্রে পিপিএ/২০০৬ ও পিপিআর/২০২৫ এবং সংশোধিত নীতিমালা মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।	

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