

Israel accepts US-backed truce plan, Hamas gives cool response

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AGENCIES ISRAEL, 30 MAY

Israel has accepted a new U.S. proposal for a temporary ceasefire with Hamas, the White House said Thursday.

U.S. President Donald Trump's special envoy, Steve Witkoff, expressed optimism earlier this week about brokering an agreement to halt the Israel-Hamas war and return more of the hostages captured in the attack that ignited it.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters that Israel "backed and supported" the new proposal.

Hamas officials gave the Israeli-approved draft a cool response, but said they wanted to study the proposal more closely before giving a formal answer.



"The Zionist response, in essence, means perpetuating the killing and famine," Bassem Naim, a top Hamas official, told The Associated Press. He said it "does not respond to any of our people's demands, foremost among which is stopping the war and famine."

Nonetheless, he said the group would study the proposal

"with all national responsibility."

Hamas had previously said it had agreed with Witkoff on a "general framework" of an agreement that would lead to a lasting ceasefire, a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, an influx of aid, and a transfer of power from the militant group to a politically independent committee of Palestinians.

Here's what's known about the emerging negotiations that aim to bring about an extended truce in the war in exchange for hostages that remain in captivity:

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has refused to end the war until all the hostages are released and Hamas is either destroyed or disarmed and sent into exile. He has said Israel will control Gaza indefinitely and facilitate what he refers to as the voluntary emigration of much of its population.

Palestinians and most of the international community have rejected plans to resettle Gaza's population, a move experts say would likely violate international law.

Hamas has said it will only release the remaining hostages — its only bargaining chip — in return for more Palestinian

prisoners, a lasting ceasefire and a full Israeli withdrawal. It has offered to give up power to a committee of politically independent Palestinians that could oversee reconstruction.

Hamas is still holding 58 hostages. Around a third are believed to be alive, though many fear they are in grave danger the longer the war goes on. Thousands of Palestinians have been killed since Israel renewed its airstrikes and ground operations after ending a ceasefire in March.

The dispute over whether there should be a temporary ceasefire to release more hostages — as Israel has called for — or a permanent one — as Hamas wants — has bedeviled talks brokered by the U.S., Egypt and Qatar for more than a year and a half, and there's no indication it has been resolved.

Chaos and gunfire erupt as starving Palestinians seek food at new distribution sites

AGENCIES GAZA STRIP, 30 MAY

Chaos erupted again Thursday as tens of thousands of desperate Palestinians in the Gaza Strip tried to collect food from distribution sites run by a new U.S.- and Israeli-backed foundation. Multiple witnesses reported a free-for-all of people grabbing aid, and they said Israeli troops opened fire to control crowds.

In central Gaza, Associated Press video showed smoke bombs arching through the air around a distribution center, and gunfire was audible as an Israeli tank moved nearby. Witnesses said it was Israeli troops who fired the projectiles to clear large crowds of Palestinians after the center ran out of supplies Thursday.

"I came to get a sack of flour ... a sardine tin or anything," said Mahmoud Ismael, a man on crutches from an earlier leg injury who said he walked for miles to get to



the center, only to leave empty-handed.

"There is no food in my house, and I can't get food for my children," he said.

Turmoil has plagued the aid system launched this week by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, which runs three distribution centers in the territory. Israel has slated GHF to take over food distribution in Gaza despite opposition from the United Nations and most humanitarian groups.

Over the past three days, there have been reports of gunfire at GHF centers, and Gaza health officials have said at least one person has

been killed and dozens wounded.

The Israeli military said it has facilitated the entry of nearly 1,000 truckloads of supplies into Gaza recently and accused the U.N. of failing to distribute the goods. It claimed Hamas was responsible for the crisis by stealing aid and refusing to release the remaining hostages.

The military's spokesman, Brig. Gen. Efeef Deffrin, said the army will continue "to provide for the humanitarian needs of the civilian population while taking necessary steps to ensure that the aid does not reach the hands of Hamas."

Macron will kick off Singapore security conference with Hegseth in attendance

AGENCIES SINGAPORE, 30 MAY

French President Emmanuel Macron and U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth are among the world leaders, diplomats and top defense officials in Singapore this weekend for a security forum that will focus on China's growing assertiveness, the global impact of Russia's war on Ukraine and the flare-up of conflicts in Asia.

Macron opens the conference with a keynote address Friday night that is expected to touch on all of those issues, as well as the pressure the hefty tariffs announced by U.S. President

Donald Trump's administration is putting on Asian allies.

It's Hegseth's first time to the Shangri-La Dialogue, hosted by the International Institute for Security Studies, which is taking place against the backdrop of heightened rhetoric between Beijing and Washington. The Trump administration has threatened China with triple-digit tariffs, and there's some uncertainty in the region over how committed the U.S. is to the defense of Taiwan, which also faces possible 32% American tariffs.

China claims the self-governing democracy as its own, and Chinese President

Xi Jinping has not ruled out taking it by force. China sends military aircraft, ships and spy balloons near Taiwan as part of a campaign of daily harassment, and currently has an aircraft carrier in the waters southeast of the island.

Hegseth told reporters before he boarded his plane for Singapore that Washington's policies were meant to deter a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

"We seek no conflict with anybody, including the Communist Chinese," he said. "We will stay strong for our interests. And that's a big part of what this trip is all about."

EU Urges successful political transition in Bangladesh

AGENCIES DHAKA, 30 MAY

Michael Miller, the European Union's Ambassador to Bangladesh, has stated that the EU wants a successful democratic political transition in the South Asian country, while it is not their role to advocate for holding an "early or late" general elections, local media reported on Friday.

Addressing reporters in Rajshahi, Miller stressed that the EU can bring its expertise to implement reforms in Bangladesh under the interim government led by Muhammad Yunus, highlighting the importance of respecting fundamental rights, the rule



of law, and following due process.

"We think any decision on a date for your election is a Bangladeshi decision. It is not for the European Union to have an opinion to press you to hold an early election

or late election. It is simply not, it is really not our business.

We want your political transition to be a successful transition. We can bring expertise to help implement your reform agenda," Bangladeshi media outlet UNB quoted

the EU Ambassador as saying.

Earlier this month, Miller said that necessary reforms should be completed in the country before holding the national polls. He had made these remarks during an interaction with members of the Diplomatic Correspondents' Association of Bangladesh (DCAB) held at the National Press Club in Dhaka.

"We hope that the political parties and the interim government will work together towards reforms," said Miller. He further said that the EU wanted the election to be held in a free, fair, and credible manner, in keeping with the international standard.

Responding to a question,

Miller said that the EU is also interested in providing assistance for elections, once the Bangladesh government decides when to hold it.

Meanwhile, during his ongoing visit to Japan, Chief Advisor Yunus reiterated that the country's next national election will be held any time between December and June next year.

"Yunus told former Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso that the election will be held between December and June. He has set a six-month time frame, and the election will be conducted within that period," said Chief Advisor's Press Secretary, Shafiqul Alam.

No emergency communication occurred before the fatal patrol plane crash: S Korean Navy

AGENCIES SEOUL, 30 MAY

Crew members aboard a maritime patrol aircraft that fatally crashed earlier this week had no communication with the ground control tower over an emergency situation until the last minute, the South Korean Navy said on Friday.

A Navy P-3CK patrol plane crashed on a mountain in



Pohang, about 270 kilometers southeast of Seoul, at 1:49 p.m. Thursday, six minutes after taking off for routine

training from a nearby air base, killing all four Navy officers aboard. No civilian casualties were reported.

"The last communication between the control tower and the aircraft occurred at 1:48 p.m., and there were no details indicating an emergency situation," the Navy said.

The aircraft was usually based on the southern island of Jeju but had flown to Pohang

for touch-and-go training due to heavy civilian air traffic at the Jeju airport.

The accident occurred when the aircraft was circling to the right after completing its first round of training, according to the Navy. The aircraft remained on a pre-arranged flight route, and the weather conditions in Pohang were favourable at the time of the accident, officials said.

Surveillance camera footage, provided by the Navy upon permission from the bereaved family members of the crew members, showed the aircraft flying on a seemingly normal operation and abruptly plummeting within a few seconds.

The 86-second video, comprising two clips filmed in separate locations, showed the aircraft suddenly nose-

diving into an area near a block of residential homes while flying on a circular route.

The armed service plans to determine the cause of the accident by comprehensively analysing the aircraft's track data, sound clips recorded on a cockpit voice recorder retrieved earlier in the day and debris of the aircraft.

Following an on-site probe, the Navy plans to transfer the wreckage of the aircraft to the Naval Air Command and conduct a joint investigation with civilian experts.

A Navy official said authorities will carry out the investigation without ruling out any possible causes, including a bird strike, turbulence or a sudden change in the weather, Yonhap news agency reported.

Russia to renovate Lenin's tomb in Red Square

AGENCIES MOSCOW, 30 MAY

Lenin's Mausoleum, the iconic structure from whose rostrum generations of Soviet and Russian leaders have inspected parades on the sprawling Red Square, is set to get a \$250,000 makeover as several parts of the building require urgent repair, reports said.

Russia's Ministry of Culture has signed a 20 million rubles (approx \$250,000) contract to restore the mausoleum, where Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin's embalmed body is on display, as an inspection reported several parts are crumbling and some have mould building up due to inadequate ventilation, RT reported, citing the tender records.

The restoration will address



structural damage and update the site for modern use, as per the project documents. Work is expected to be completed by mid-2027.

One of the most recognizable landmarks in Russia, the red granite and black labradorite structure, which was built in 1929-30, has undergone regular maintenance and has been closed on several occasions in recent years, including for public events.

As per RT, Lenin remains a divisive figure in Russian

history. While some view him as a visionary who led the 1917 October Revolution to establish a fairer society, others regard him as a tyrant responsible for mass repression and death.

The revolution sparked a civil war, after which Lenin's Bolsheviks consolidated control over much of the Tsarist Russian Empire. These territories were united in 1922 to form the Soviet Union. Lenin died two years later, in 1924, and his body has remained on public display since then.

TENDER

EAST COAST RAILWAY
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(1) e-Tender No.24-eT-DENC-SBP-25
NAME OF WORKS: EXECUTION OF CIVIL ZONAL WORKS IN SAMBALPUR (IN)- DUNGIRPALI (EX) SECTION FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30.06.2026 UNDER ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL ENGINEER/BARGARH.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Reference No. 2919 / I-33-PRMMCH-2025 / Dated. 29-05-2025
Sealed tenders are invited in the prescribed format from interested reputed Contractors / Caterers and firms having experience of running a mess or a canteen of more than 100 persons in renowned institution or public places, which must conform to the terms and conditions for running the staff canteen in PRMMCH, Rangamatia, Baripada. The Tender can be downloaded from the PRM Medical College official website (www.dmetodisha.gov. in & www.prrmmch.nic.in) from dt. 02-06-2025. The last date of submission of bid documents is dt. 23-06-2025 by 5.30 PM.

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'e'- Procurement Notice
NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. UIHEP/09/2025-26 DATED 29.05.2025
The Unit Head, UIHEP, Mukhiguda, Dist.-Kalahandi invites percentage rate bids in double cover system i.e. Cover-I (Technical Bid) & Cover-II (Price Bid) in Online mode from eligible contractors for the work as detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Estimated cost (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.) (online)	Class of Contractor	Cost of bid document (in Rs.) (online)	Period of contract
1.	Renovation of 08 No. 'E2' type quarter of UIHEP, Mukhiguda	47,30,479/- (Excluding GST)	47,30,000/-	'B' Class Contractor regd. with State Govt./Central Govt./MSE/ Railways	5,000/- + GST @18% = 7,000/-	Six (06) calendar months

Availability of tender document in the portal - From 01.06.2025 (10:00 Hrs) to 11.06.2025 (up to 13:00 Hrs).
Last date & time of submission of tenders in the portal : 11.06.2025 up to 13:00 Hrs.
The date & time of opening of the bid : 12.06.2025 at 11:00 Hrs. (Only Technical Bid)
The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen and tender document can be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal "https://tendersodisha.gov.in".

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Description of Work: RATE CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF (A) MEDICINES, (B) SURGICAL ITEMS & (C) CONSUMABLES, AGAINST DAY TO DAY LOCAL PURCHASE FOR DIVISIONAL RAILWAY HOSPITAL, SAMBALPUR FOR A PERIOD OF 02 (TWO) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONTRACT. RATE OF DISCOUNT IN PERCENTAGE OR AGAINST RUPEE 01 TO BE QUOTED FOR EACH GROUP SEPARATELY BY THE BIDDER.

Approximate procurement value during the year 2024-25 (per year): ₹ 9,60,000/-, EMD: ₹ 38,400/-, Period of contract: 02 years from the date of commencement of the work.

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