



Donald Trump

## English designated as US' official language

**WASHINGTON**

PRESIDENT Donald Trump has signed an executive order designating English as the official language of the US.

The order allows government agencies and organizations that receive federal funding to choose whether to continue to offer documents and services in language other than English.

It rescinds a mandate from former President Bill Clinton that required the government and organizations that received federal funding to provide language assistance to non-English speakers.

Establishing English as the official language will not only streamline communication but also reinforce shared national values, and create a more cohesive and efficient society," according to the order signed by Trump on Saturday.

"In welcoming new Americans, a policy of encouraging the learning and adoption of our national language will make the United States a shared home and empower new citizens to achieve the American dream," the order also states. "Speaking English not only opens doors economically, but it helps newcomers engage in their communities, participate in national traditions, and give back to our society."

More than 30 states have already passed laws designating English as their official language, according to US English, a group that advocates for making English the official language in the United States.

For decades, lawmakers in Congress have introduced legislation to designate English as the official language of the US, but those efforts have not succeeded.

Within hours of Trump's inauguration last month, the new administration took down the Spanish language version of the official White House website. *AP*

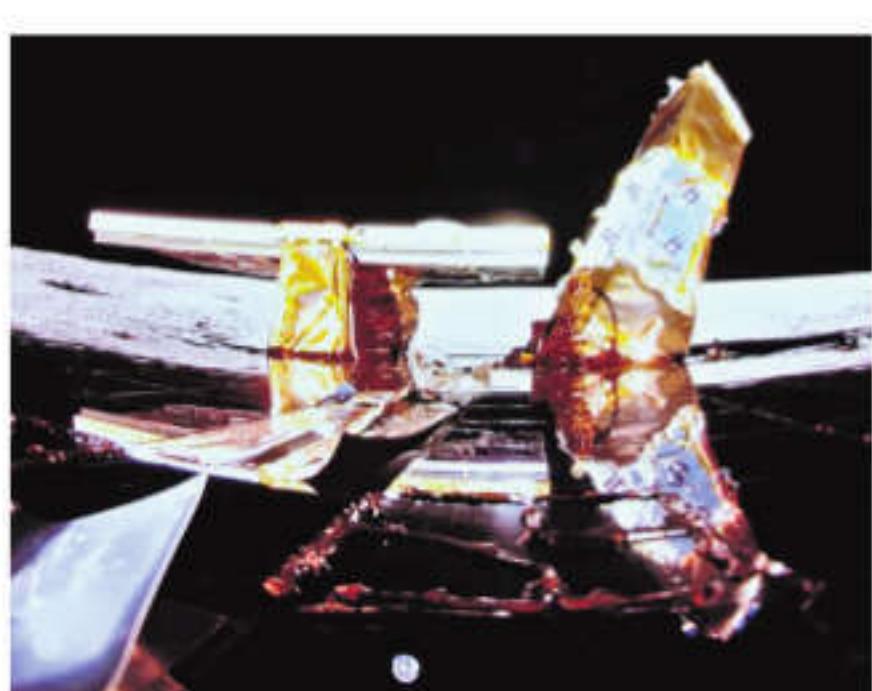
**EXPRESS READ****Iran sacks minister over economic woes**

Tehran: Iran's parliament sacked the country's Economy and Finance Minister Abdolnaser Hemmati on Sunday after impeaching him over soaring inflation and a plunging currency, state television reported.

**Imran seeks global help for democracy in Pak**

Islamabad: Imran Khan has appealed to the international community, particularly the United States, to reaffirm its commitment to democracy, human rights, and regional stability. He expressed deep concern over the alleged erosion of democracy in the country, in an article published in Time Magazine.

## Private US firm aces lunar landing on 1st mission

Private lunar lander Blue Ghost after touching down on the moon with a special delivery for NASA on Sunday | *AP***WASHINGTON****WASHINGTON**

A US company successfully landed its spacecraft on the Moon on Sunday, marking only the second private mission to achieve the milestone -- and the first to do so upright.

Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost Mission 1 touched down at 3:34 am US Eastern Time (0834 GMT) near Mons Latreille, a volcanic formation in Mare Crisium on the Moon's northeastern near side.

The mission control team in Austin, Texas, erupted in cheers as CEO Jason Kim confirmed that the space-

craft was "stable and upright."

That stood in stark contrast to the first private lunar landing last February, which toppled over upon arrival, dulling the achievement of being the first US Moon touchdown since the crewed Apollo 17 mission of 1972. "We're on the Moon!" exclaimed Nicky Fox, associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

"We did do two hazard avoidance maneuvers on the way down -- that tells us that our software did work exactly as it needed to," she told reporters.



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Dubai	26	20	LR	New York	-2	-9	LS
Houston	17	6	LR	Singapore	30	25	LR
Istanbul	7	4	LR	Toronto	-7	-17	LS
London	7	2	SNY	Washington	11	7	SNY

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# Once-in-a-generation moment for Europe's security: UK

Starmer says many countries ready to help defend peace in Ukraine as UK holds summit

**LONDON**

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer on Sunday warned that European security faced a once-in-a-generation moment, as he hosted crisis talks in London on the Russian invasion of Ukraine, just days after a Kyiv-Washington clash.

Starmer said "Europe must do the heavy lifting" in securing peace in Ukraine, as he indicated that several countries were ready to help defend any truce. The British prime minister also again called for US backing to deter Russian President Vladimir Putin from violating any ceasefire, following talks with more than a dozen

leaders in central London. "Europe must do the heavy lifting, but to support peace in our continent, and to succeed, this effort must have strong US backing," Starmer told reporters after the meeting.

The British premier and France's President Emmanuel Macron have said they are prepared to deploy British and French troops to Ukraine to help preserve the peace in the event an agreement is signed to end the war. The pair are leading attempts to put together a group of countries who would contribute in different ways to the effort, referred to as a "coalition of the willing".

"A number of countries have

indicated today that they want to be part of the plan that we are developing," said Starmer, without naming the nations.

"I'll leave them to make their own statements about exactly how they want to make that contribution," he added.

Starmer said that those willing "will intensify planning now with real urgency".

"Not every nation will feel able to contribute, but that can't mean that we sit back," he added. US President Donald Trump has yet to commit to any security guarantees but Starmer added that discussions were on the basis "that it will have US backing". "I would not be taking this step down this

**NATO chief tells Zelenskyy to repair relations with Trump**

London: NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte has said he told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that he had to "find a way to restore his relationship with the American president" after the two leaders engaged in an extraordinary meltdown at the White House on Friday.

road if I didn't think that it was something that would yield a positive outcome in terms of ensuring that we move together, Ukraine, Europe, UK and US," he added. *AFP*

## Top US officials suggest Zelenskyy step down

**WASHINGTON**

TOP Washington officials suggested Sunday that Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy might have to step down if a peace deal is to be reached, underscoring President Donald Trump's stunning shift in approach to the war with Russia.

"We need a leader that can deal with us, eventually deal with the Russians, and end this war," National Security Advisor Mike Waltz told CNN.

"And if it becomes apparent that President Zelenskyy's ei-

ther personal motivations or political motivations are divergent from ending the fighting in this country, then I think we have a real issue."

His remarks and those of other key Republicans follow Trump's dramatic turn against Zelenskyy during a televised Oval Office meeting on Friday.

The unprecedently public spat resulted in Zelenskyy leaving the White House without the anticipated signing of a preliminary pact on sharing Ukrainian mineral rights. *AFP*

## Day after first phase of truce ends, Israel suspends aid delivery to Gaza

**JERUSALEM**

ISRAEL stopped the entry of all goods and supplies into the Gaza Strip on Sunday and warned of "additional consequences" if Hamas doesn't accept a new proposal to extend a fragile ceasefire.

Hamas accused Israel of trying to derail the existing ceasefire agreement and said its decision to cut off aid was "cheap extortion, a war crime and a blatant attack" on the truce, which took hold in January after more than a year of negotiations. Both sides stopped short of saying the ceasefire had ended.

The first phase of the ceasefire, which included a surge in humanitarian assistance, expired on Saturday. The two sides have yet to negotiate the second phase, in which Hamas was to release dozens of remaining hostages in return for an Israeli pullout and a lasting ceasefire.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that under the existing agreements Israel could resume fighting after the first phase if it believed negotiations were ineffective.

He said the ceasefire would only continue if Hamas kept releasing hostages, telling his Cabinet that "there will be no free lunches". He said Israel was "fully coordinated" with President Donald Trump's administration.

There was no immediate comment from the United States on the proposal announced by Israel or its decision to cut off aid.

Hundreds of aid trucks have entered Gaza daily since the ceasefire began on January 19, and it was unclear what the immediate impact of the aid cutoff would be.

Israel said the new proposal, which it said came from US Mideast envoy Steve Witkoff, called for extending the ceasefire through Ramadan -- the Muslim holy month that began over the weekend.



**TOLL SO FAR**

**50,432**

**4 killed in Israeli strikes: Gaza ministry**

The ministry of health in Hamas-run Gaza said four people were killed and six others wounded in Israeli attacks Sunday after the first phase of a fragile truce in the territory drew to a close. "Since this morning, four dead and six wounded" have been brought to "hospitals in the Gaza Strip following Israeli attacks", the ministry said in a statement

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1. TCHHL0472 00100155151 51 & TCHN047220 0010015554 2 Mr. Prajith P Mrs. Resmi P S Rs. 7,31,379/- is due and payable by you under loan account No. TCHHL047200100155151 and an amount of Rs. 69,49/- is due and payable by you under loan account No TCHN0472200100155542 totaling to Rs. 8,00,870/- & 14-03-2024

Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule of the Property Kramanumber: 1; District: Thiruvananthapuram; Sub District: Malayinkeezhu; Taluk: Kattakkada; Village: Malayinkeezhu; Desam/Muri: Malayinkeezhu; Panchayath: Malayinkeezhu; Re.Sy.Block No.: 7; Re.Survey No.: 120/22-2-1-3; Old Survey No: 46/1B; Extent (Are / Sqm): 2.02 Ares; Nature of Property/Tharam: Janmam/Purayidam; Seller Pattaya Number: 30916; Property Description: All that piece and parcel of land having an extent of 2.02 Ares in Sy.No. 46/1B in Re.Sy.No.120/22-2-1-3 together with Residential building situated at Malayinkeezhu Panchayath in Malayinkeezhu Village in Kattakkada Taluk and all rights mentioned in the Sale Deed No.3652/2022 dated 3-10-2022 registered in the name of Mr.Prajith P in Sub-Registration District of Malayinkeezhu in the Registration District of Thiruvananthapuram. Boundaries: East: Private Road North: Property of Anukrunku West: Property of Jayalakshmi South: Property of Shiju.

2. 100063501 & 100063502 Mrs. PUSHPA C Mr. RAJAN C AMMA ENGINEERING WORKS Rs. 23,221/- is due and payable by you under Agreement No.100063501 and an amount of Rs. 15,324/- is due and payable by you under Agreement No. 100063502 totaling to Rs. 48,535/- & 15-02-2022

Description of the Immovable Property: Kramanumber: 1; District: Thiruvananthapuram; Sub District: Oruttambalam; Taluk: Kattakkada; Village: Malayaloor; Panchayath: Malayaloor; Re. Sy Block No.: 10; Re. Sy No.: 15; Re. Sy. Sub division: 4; Old Sy No.: 205; Old Sy No. Sub Division: 4B; Extent (Are / Sqm): 2.02 Ares; Nature of Avagasham - Tharam: Jemmon - Purayidam; Seller Thandaiper: No. 15734; All the piece and parcels of immovable property admeasuring 2.02 Ares in old survey number 205/04B and Re-survey number 15/4 and Block No. 10 of the Malayaloor village, Kattakkada Taluk with building bearing No. 15734 along with right of way situated in Oruttambalam Panchayath and all rights mentioned in the Sale Deed No.604/1/2020 registered in the name of Mr.PUSHPA C in Oruttambalam Sub Registrar Office in Thiruvananthapuram District. Boundaries: East: Private Road North: Canal West: Property of Indira Devi South: Property of Indira Devi. The bidders are advised to conduct due diligence before submitting the bid. The auction shall be subject to the outcome of the litigation.

3. 9881896 & 9945137 Mr. SHAHAR ABDUL JABBAR Mrs. SHERIN A Rs. 6,96222/- is due and payable by you under Agreement No. 9945137 and an amount of Rs. 7609575/- is due and payable by you under Agreement No. 9881896 totaling to Rs. 14,571982/- & 09-03-2022

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Kramanumber: 1; District: Kottayam; Sub District: Kottayam; Taluk: Kottayam; Village: Cheri: Mylavur; Panchayath: Thrikkovilattam Panchayath; Block No.: 23; Re. Sy. No.: 256 &