

# PM to attend G7 Summit in Canada

NEW DELHI, June 6 (PTI)

**PRIME** Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said he will be attending the G7 Summit later this month in Canada and that he looked forward to meeting his newly-elected Canadian counterpart Mark Carney. Carney called up Modi as the Prime Minister thanked him for the invite to the Summit in Kananaskis.

Modi said on X, "As vibrant democracies bound by deep people-to-people ties, India and Canada will work together with renewed vigour, guided by mutual respect and shared interests. Look forward to our meeting at the Summit."

He also congratulated Carney on his recent election win. India's ties with Canada had turned frosty under the Government of Carney's predecessor Justin Trudeau over a host of issues, including the activities of Khalistani separatists in the country.

# Trump-Musk feud deepens

## Trump tariffs will cause a recession in second half of year, says Musk

WASHINGTON, June 6 (IANS)

TESLA and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on Friday said that Donald Trump's aggressive new trade tariffs could trigger the recession by the second half of this year.

The statements came as the public feud between the world's richest man and US President escalated further.

"The Trump tariffs will cause a recession in the second half of this year," Musk posted on his X platform.

"If America goes broke, nothing else matters," he added.

The face-off between them sent shockwaves through the financial markets, with Tesla's stock plunging over 14 per cent

### Elon Musk pulls back on threat to withdraw Dragon spacecraft

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)

AS PRESIDENT Donald Trump and Elon Musk argued on social media on Thursday, the world's richest man threatened to decommission a space capsule used to take astronauts and supplies to the International Space Station. A few hours later, Musk said he wouldn't follow through on the threat. After Trump threatened to cut Government contracts given to Musk's SpaceX rocket company and his Starlink internet satellite services, Musk responded via X that SpaceX "will begin decommissioning its Dragon spacecraft immediately." It was unclear how serious Musk's threat was, but several hours later — in a reply to another X user — he said he wouldn't do it. The capsule, developed with the help of Government contracts, is an important part of keeping the space station running.



# ~~I appreciate that your countries stood by India:~~ Jaishankar at India-Central Asia Dialogue



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan Bakhtiyor Odilovich Saidov during a meeting, in New Delhi. (PTI)

NEW DELHI, June 6 (ANI)

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, while delivering his opening remarks at the 4th India-Central Asia Dialogue, thanked the Central Asian countries for their support in condemning the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

"I appreciate that your countries stood by India and condemned the heinous terrorist attack that took place in April in Pahalgam," Jaishankar said.

Jaishankar acknowledged that India's ties with Central Asian countries have evolved over sev-

eral millennia.

"We have marked three decades of our contemporary diplomatic ties with our Central Asian partners in 2022. We have worked together and laid down the legal and institutional framework, which has provided the foundation to further our mutually beneficial cooperation with each other individually, as well as collectively. Our cooperation with Central Asian countries received a quantum boost with Prime Minister Modi's back-to-back visits to all five Central Asian capitals in July 2015," he recounted.



# Bangladesh to hold election by April 2026: Yunus

DHAKA, June 6 (PTI)

BANGLADESH'S Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Friday announced that the national election will be held in the first half of April next year, according to a media report.

The announcement comes amid recent protests by the former premier Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) demanding elections by December this year.

During a televised address to the nation, Yunus said the Election Commission will provide a detailed roadmap in due course, the 'Dhaka Tribune' newspaper reported.

"There is immense public and political interest regarding the timing of the election. As I've

said before, it will be held between December and June. The Government is working to ensure an environment conducive to a credible election within this timeframe," he said.

Yunus, who took charge after the toppling of the former premier Sheikh Hasina's Awami League Government in August last year, said that the Government's key responsibility is to hold a clean, peaceful, festive, and inclusive election.

"Our goal is to prevent future crises. That requires institutional reform. Without ensuring good governance in the institutions directly linked to the electoral process, all the sacrifices made by students and citizens will be

in vain," Yunus said.

He reiterated that the current administration was formed with three mandates: reform, justice, and election. "We believe that by the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr, we will

reach a broadly acceptable position on reforms and justice — particularly in addressing crimes against humanity, as part of our collective duty to the martyrs of the July uprising," he said. On May 28, former

premier Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) intensified pressure on the Yunus-led interim government as tens of thousands of youths staged a massive rally demanding elections by December.



# Russian missile, drone attack across Ukraine kills 3 in Kyiv

KYIV, June 6 (AP)

**RUSSIA** bombarded six regions of Ukraine in one of its largest aerial attacks of the three-year war, Ukrainian officials said on Friday.

The nighttime assault lasted for hours and killed three emergency responders in the capital Kyiv, according to authorities.

The barrage included 407 drones and 44 ballistic and cruise missiles, Ukrainian air force spokesperson Yuriy Ihnat said. Ukrainian forces said they shot down about 30 of the cruise missiles and up to 200 of the drones.

Ukrainian cities have come under regular bombardment since Russia invaded its neigh-

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bour in February 2022. The attacks have killed more than 12,000 civilians, according to the United Nations.

"Russia doesn't change its stripes," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

Zelenskyy, as well as the Ukrainian Interior Ministry and the general prosecutor's office, said three emergency workers were killed in Kyiv while responding to the Russian strikes. "They were working under fire to help

people," the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

The war has continued unabated even as a US-led diplomatic push for a settlement has brought two rounds of direct peace talks between delegations from Russia and Ukraine. The negotiations delivered no significant breakthroughs, however, and the sides remain far apart on their terms for an end to the fighting.

Ukraine has offered an unconditional 30-day ceasefire and a meeting between Zelenskyy and Russian leader Vladimir Putin to break the deadlock. But the Kremlin has effectively rejected a truce and hasn't budged from its demands.