

TRUMP THREATENS 'HIGHER LEVEL' BOMBING OF IRAN

WASHINGTON
President Donald Trump issued an ultimatum yesterday

for Iran to accept a deal to end the war or face renewed, more intense US bombing, in the latest of a series of abrupt policy shifts.

"Assuming Iran agrees to give what has been agreed to, which is perhaps a big

assumption, the already legendary Epic Fury will be at an end," Trump posted on his Truth Social platform, "using the US name for its campaign against Iran."

"If they don't agree, the bombing starts, and it will be, sadly, at a much higher level and intensity than it was before," he added.

Trump's post came after US news outlet Axios reported that Washington and Tehran were close to agreeing on a one-page memorandum of understanding to end the war and set a framework for more detailed nuclear negotiations.

Trump late Tuesday announced a pause in a US military operation to guide stranded commercial ships through the Strait of Hormuz — after only a day — citing a chance to seal a deal to end the war.

The US leader said Washington's blockade of Iranian ports would remain in place as Tehran kept up its own closure of the vital trade route, which has rocked markets and spiked fuel prices.

Trump wrote on social media that the decision to halt his so-called "Project Freedom" a day after it began came after requests from "mediator Pakistan and other countries", saying "Great Progress has been made toward a Complete and Final Agreement" with Tehran.

"We have mutually agreed that, while the Blockade will remain in full force and effect, Project Freedom... will be paused for a short period of time to see whether or not the Agreement can be finalised and signed," Trump wrote late Tuesday.

But Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, a key figure in initial talks held in Islamabad last month, was optimistic Trump's "courageous leadership and timely announcement" could foster a deal.

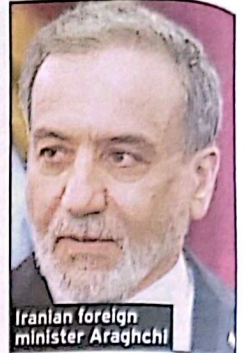
"We are very hopeful that the current momentum will lead to a lasting agreement that secures durable peace and stability for the region and beyond," he said in a post on X.

Washington is now confident that it is close to reaching a deal with Tehran to reopen the crucial waterway and halt the conflict, US news outlet Axios reported Wednesday, citing two US officials.

It reported both sides are close to agreeing on a "one-page memorandum of understanding to end the war" and start a 30-day period of talks that could take place in



US president Trump



Iranian foreign minister Araghchi



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Geneva or Islamabad.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Beijing on Wednesday, his first trip to Tehran's close ally since the beginning of the war.

Araghchi said in an interview aired on Iranian state TV that the pair reviewed "the negotiations that are currently underway" to end the war.

After the talks, Wang called for an end to hostilities and for both countries to reopen the Strait of Hormuz "as soon as possible," his ministry said.

Before the visit, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, a vocal China critic, called on Beijing to put pressure on Araghchi to end the blockade of the crucial waterway, which he said was leaving Iran "globally isolated."

TERRIFYING

Trump's conciliatory tone came hours after Rubio said the US had completed its offensive operations against Iran.

Araghchi was in China days before Trump is also scheduled to visit on May 14 and 15 to

meet President Xi Jinping — a trip he had delayed due to the war.

The Iranian minister later held a phone call about the war with his Saudi counterpart, Iranian media said, as back-channel diplomacy to find a solution continues.

One Tehran resident told Paris-based AFP journalists that the prospect of any deal with the current government was "terrifying".

"We've gone through so much hardship and suffering, and no achievements for people?" said translator Azadeh, 43. "I honestly just hope they finish this regime."

Meanwhile, with the situation still in flux, "the psychological pressure is intense," she added. Progress in talks has largely stalled as Tehran maintains its grip on the Hormuz Strait, giving it key leverage.

Despite Rubio's announcement of the end of "Operation Epic Fury", the standoff in the vital waterway has led to claims of attacks by both sides. Commodity ship traffic through the Hormuz since Monday fell to its lowest level since the beginning of the war, according to data from marine analytics firm Kpler.

'HIGH ALERT'

Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth said Washington was "not looking for a fight" over the waterway, while warning that any more attacks would be met with a "devastating response."

Washington and Gulf countries have drafted a UN Security Council resolution demanding Tehran halt attacks, disclose mine locations and end efforts to charge tolls, Rubio said, with a vote expected in the coming days.

On Iran, Israel's military chief of staff Eyal Zamir said the country would respond "with force" to any Iranian attack and remained "on high alert across all fronts".

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SEMBABULE DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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PREQUALIFICATION FOR WORKS, SERVICES, SUPPLIES & FRAMEWORK CONTRACTS PLUS LOCAL REVENUE COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT FOR FY 2026-2027

Sembabule District Local Government invites interested individuals and companies to submit applications for prequalification for the following areas during the financial year 2026-2027 as listed below:

A. ANNUAL FRAME WORK CONTRACTS

1. Supply of fuel, oil, lubricants, tires, tubes, batteries and servicing of motor vehicles.
2. Supply of roofs, roofing materials, plumbing, electrical and other road construction materials like murrum/gravel, sand, road line, etc.
3. Repair and servicing of computers, photocopyers, generators, printers, photocopies, cameras, and other IT related accessories.
4. Press and media services.
5. Supply and fixing of spare parts and consumables for road unit.
6. Repair of Motor Vehicles.
7. Repair and Servicing of Motorcycles.
8. Supply of office stationery, computerization.

9. Computer consumables, photocopying / secretarial services and other office tools and utensils.
10. Supply of various agricultural inputs covering livestock health, poultry, fisheries, seeds plus other specialized machinery and tools.
11. Hire of vehicles and road equipment.
12. Supply of meals, refreshments and conference facilities.
13. Supply of sundries (small office cleaning equipment like, soap, buckets, brooms, mopping, jerry cans, hoses, gumboots, etc).
14. Supply of specialized medical equipment's and essential drugs.
15. Compound clearing and maintenance (Reserved for S.I.G) Women Registered Group at the District.
16. Repair of boreholes.

17. General Construction of Buildings, Renovations, electrical & Civil Works.
18. General water works.
19. Design of piped water systems.
20. Consultancy Services.
21. Supply of new motorcycles.
22. Supply of firefighting equipment.
23. Water harvesting equipment (plastic tanks, valley tanks, and shallow wells).
24. General supplies.
25. Supply of livestock, poultry, and other animals.
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E. LOCAL REVENUE COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT (Advertised for the entire FY 2026-2027)

S/N	Sub County/Town	Revenue Source	Revenue Price in UG Shs for 06 months	Non-Refund-able fees in UG Shs
01	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Goods Market	604,000	30,000
02	Mukono Sub-County	Meat Slaughtering fees	604,000	30,000
03	Mukono Sub-County	Mukono Goods Market	524,000	30,000
04	Mukono Sub-County	Mukono Meat Slaughtering fees	524,000	30,000
05	Lupatula Sub-County	Lupatula Sub-County Goods Market	504,000	200,000
06	Lupatula Sub-County	Lupatula Sub-County Meat Slaughtering fees	504,000	100,000
07	Lupatula Sub-County	Lupatula Meat Slaughtering fees	1,008,000	30,000
08	Lupatula Sub-County	Lupatula Meat Slaughtering fees	1,008,000	30,000
09	Kawanda Sub-County	Kawanda Meat Slaughtering fees	830,000	30,000
10	Kawanda Sub-County	Kawanda Sub-County Goods Market	8,820,000	100,000
11	Kawanda Sub-County	Kawanda Meat Slaughtering fees	2,016,000	50,000
12	Kawanda Sub-County	Kawanda Goods Market	980,000	30,000
13	Kawanda Sub-County	Kawanda Meat Slaughtering fees	420,000	30,000
14	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	13,104,000	100,000
15	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Goods Market	4,200,000	50,000
16	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	440,000	30,000
17	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	960,000	30,000
18	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Sub-County Goods Market	490,000	30,000
19	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	350,000	30,000
20	Mukono Sub-County	Mukono Meat Slaughtering fees	3,500,000	50,000
21	Mukono Sub-County	Mukono Meat Slaughtering fees	1,700,000	30,000
22	Mukono Sub-County	Mukono Meat Slaughtering fees	2,000,000	50,000
23	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	35,784,000	150,000
24	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	12,180,000	100,000
25	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	1,680,000	30,000
26	Lwemulira Sub-County	Lwemulira Meat Slaughtering fees	756,000	30,000
27	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,512,000	30,000
28	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	600,000	30,000
29	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	500,000	30,000
30	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	700,000	30,000
31	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	200,000	30,000
32	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	13,180,000	50,000
33	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,680,000	30,000
34	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	2,016,000	30,000
35	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,260,000	30,000
36	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,680,000	30,000
37	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,194,000	30,000
38	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,512,000	30,000
39	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	450,000	30,000
40	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	440,000	30,000
41	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	237,500	30,000
42	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	40,320,000	200,000
43	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	13,440,000	100,000
44	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	823,200	30,000
45	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	3,000,000	50,000
46	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	924,000	30,000
47	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,260,000	30,000
48	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,680,000	30,000
49	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	823,200	30,000
50	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	1,428,000	30,000
51	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	82,000	30,000
52	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	600,000	30,000
53	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	6,300,000	50,000
54	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	5,040,000	50,000
55	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	300,000	30,000
56	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	3,024,000	50,000
57	Mukono Sub-County	Kabondo Meat Slaughtering fees	2,520,000	50,000

Conditions of tender for A, B and C:

Applicants must endorse in their applications photocopies of the following documents:

- Certificate of Incorporation/Registration
- Valid Trading License
- Valid Tax Clearance Certificate
- Documentary Evidence of past performance and qualifications of key staff
- Beneficial Ownership Form
- Memorandum and Articles of Association
- VAT registration Certificate (Where applicable)
- Powers of Attorney
- Bid Securing Declaration
- More detailed requirements shall be contained in the prequalification bid documents to be obtained from Procurement and Disposal Unit office-Sembabule District.

Detailed Terms and Conditions for D shall be in the bidding documents obtainable only from PDU Office. Any bid that shall not be issued and recorded by PDU, shall be rejected.

Each item should be applied for separately. Bidders shall pay a non-refundable administrative fee as shown in the table for each item applied.

Payments shall be made to URA using IRAS to generate PRN. Contact Mr. Mulindwa Denis (Internal Auditor) for more guidance on Tel No: 0719122275 or 0779922275

After payment, present evidence to the District Cashier to obtain a general receipt which you will subsequently present to PDU to be registered and obtain a bid document.

After receiving the bid document, the number of copies required including the original bid document, are (02) two, which must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Original" or "Copy" indicating the subject of procurement and addressed to:

The Head Procurement & Disposal Unit, Sembabule District Local Government, P.O. Box 1388 Masaka.

Bid submission deadline should not be later than 22/05/2026 at 11:00 AM in C.Os Board room at the District Administration Block. This will be in the presence of bidders or their representatives who may wish to attend.

Late bids shall be rejected.

More details will be contained in the bid documents which will be obtained from the PDU office.

The Planned Procurement Schedule is as follows:

Activity	Date
a) Publish bid notice	07/05/2026
b) Pre-Bid Meeting	14/05/2026
c) Closing/Opening of bids	22/05/2026
d) Evaluation process	25/05/2026 to 05/06/2026
e) Display and communication of best evaluated bidder notice	11/06/2026 to 23/06/2026
f) Signing of contracts & prequalification notification letters	24/06/2026

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