



13 killed

as gunmen attack pre-wedding party in Nigeria's Kaduna state



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Haifa refinery hit in Israel as war drags on

Authorities said fuel tank with 3,000 cubic metres of gasoline is burning; fuel is pumped out

HOW COUNTRIES ARE TACKLING FUEL SHOCK

As oil prices surge following disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, governments are rolling out measures to curb consumption and shield citizens

PRICE RELIEF & SUBSIDIES

UK flags action against profiteering; £53m aid for heating oil users

Ireland cuts fuel taxes, suspends levies; extends heating support

Vietnam removes fuel taxes to ease consumer burden

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Australia offers free public transport in Victoria and Tasmania

Philippines subsidises transport drivers, cuts ferry services

RATIONING & ETRICTIONS

Sri Lanka caps weekly fuel use; declares midweek public holiday

Slovenia imposes daily fuel purchase limits

Myanmar enforces odd-even vehicle rule, QR-based fuel tracking

Bangladesh rations fuel, expands planned power cuts

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Egypt enforces early closures, remote work, trims state fuel use

Thailand limits AC use, pushes work from home

Vietnam urges fewer trips, promotes public transport

Ethiopia prioritises fuel for essential sectors

EMERGENCY STEPS

Philippines declares national emergency; plans oil stockpiling



Firefighters attempt to extinguish a fire following a projectile impact on a refinery in Israel's northern city of Haifa | AFP

HAIFA

ISRAEL's fire and rescue service said its crews were working to extinguish a large blaze at the Haifa oil refinery after it was hit by debris from the interception of a projectile on Monday.

Television channels showed thick black smoke billowing into the sky from the site, while the fire service shared photos of a tank on fire. "The incident involves a fire at a tank containing 3,000 cubic metres of gasoline," the service said, adding that the gasoline was being pumped out of the tank.

Firefighters were operating at the scene "where debris from an interception was identified following the latest barrage", the service said, adding there were no casualties. The incident occurred shortly after the Israeli military said it had detected new incoming missiles from Iran.

It was not immediately clear whether the refinery had been hit by debris from a missile from Iran or Lebanon or from an intercepting Israeli projec-

tile. Footage acquired by AFP, filmed shortly after the impact, showed a plume of dark smoke rising above cylindrical tanks.

AFP journalists who arrived at the scene around an hour later said the smoke had dissipated and firefighters were working to manage the fire.

The refinery in Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, is located in a large industrial zone.

Israel's military had earlier said "search and rescue forces, both reserve and regular forces, are on their way to a site in northern Israel where reports of impact have been received", without specifying the precise location. Israeli media said the site was also hit on March 19 when Iran fired missiles towards Israel.

Iran defies Lebanon expulsion

Iran on Monday defied Lebanon's expulsion order for its ambassador by saying he would stay, further increasing tensions in a country in the crosshairs of the latest fighting be-

tween the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and Israel.

Lebanon had declared Ambassador Mohammad Reza Shibli "persona non grata" in an effort to weaken Iran's diplomatic presence and have a charge d'affaires at its embassy instead. But the deadline to leave the country was Sunday.

"Our embassy in Lebanon is active," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Es-mail Baghaei told journalists. "Our ambassador, following remarks made by relevant Lebanese bodies and the conclusions reached, will continue his mission in Beirut and he is still there."

Lebanese officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment. It was not clear what Lebanon might do next or how diplomatic relations might be affected.

The Iranian ambassador is reportedly in the embassy, where he is believed to have diplomatic immunity. **AFP/AP**



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Palestinians inspect a torched house following Israeli settlers' rampage through nearby Nablus-area villages, in West Bank village of Deir al-Hatab | AP

Israel pulls battalion over attack on CNN

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL's military said Monday it had pulled a battalion out of the West Bank after a soldier assaulted a CNN photojournalist last week in a village in the occupied Palestinian territory.

A CNN team was reporting on the aftermath of an assault by Israeli settlers and the establishment of an illegal outpost near the Palestinian village of Tayasir on Thursday when they were detained by Israeli soldiers, the Foreign Press Association said in a statement.

After the soldiers pointed their guns at the CNN crew, "an IDF soldier approached CNN's photojournalist from behind, placed him in a chokehold, slammed him to the ground, and damaged his camera", said the association, which represents hundreds of journalists in Israel and the Palestinian territories. CNN corroborated the details in

its own report on the incident, identifying the photojournalist as Frenchman Cyril Theophilos. "It was a violent assault on clearly identified journalists and a direct attack on press freedom," the FPA said.

On Monday, the military, in a rare move, withdrew a battalion from the West Bank following the incident. It was the second such incident involving CNN this month.

Budget passed, polls averted

Meanwhile, Israel's parliament passed its annual budget, ensuring Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government can complete its term until fall and avoid early elections. The \$270 billion budget includes a sharp rise in defence spending amid the Iran war. Opposition slams ultra-Orthodox funding amid ongoing wartime economic strain. **AP/AFP**

Gunmen kill over 70 people in South Sudan

JUBA

GUNMEN killed more than 70 people in South Sudan over a gold mining row on the outskirts of the capital over the weekend, police said Monday. A video of dozens of bodies lying on the ground was shared online, and a local journalist said many other victims are believed to have fled to the bushes. The gold mining site at Jebel Iraq in Central Equatoria State has in the past been the site of violent clashes involving illegal miners.

Gold mining in South Sudan is largely unregulated, with state governments operating their own sectors independently of national authorities.

Police spokesperson Kwaciwok Dominic Amondok said he would share more information about the attack once he gets more details. "All I know is that unknown gunmen attacked Jebel Iraq at a gold mine. There are more than 70 dead and many more injured," he said.

The Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army – In Opposition, or SPLM/A-IO, condemned the attack on Monday and blamed government forces, known as the SSPDF.

"Jebel Iraq lies within a zone that is entirely under the exclusive control of the SSPDF. Consequently, full responsibility for the massacre rests with the SSPDF forces that control the area," a statement from the opposition said. **AP**



Bodies lying on the ground on the outskirts of the capital, in Jebel Iraq, South Sudan | AP

Junta chief set for presidency in Myanmar

NAYPYIDAW

MYANMAR cleared the way on Monday for coup-leading general Min Aung Hlaing to become president and maintain his rule in civilian garb, with lawmakers nominating him as a vice-presidential candidate and the junta replacing him as military commander.

Min Aung Hlaing has ruled Myanmar since 2021 when he ordered a coup toppling the government of Aung San Suu Kyi—detaining the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, dissolving her party and triggering civil war. After five years of hardline rule, he oversaw heavily restricted polls that criminalised protest or criticism of the vote and returned a walkover win for pro-military parties in late January.

"This political manoeuvring signals that Hlaing intends to continue ruling the country with an iron fist," said analyst Naing Min Khant of the Institute for Strategy and Policy Myanmar think tank. "He fundamentally lacks legitimacy but desperately craves the facade of it." MP Kyaw Kyaw Htay nominated Min Aung Hlaing for vice-president on Monday, state media reported. **AP**

EXPRESS READ

China resumes N Korea flights after 6 yrs

BEIJING: China's flag carrier Air China on Monday resumed direct flights between Beijing and Pyongyang, marking a further easing of pandemic-era restrictions. The flight was welcomed by China's ambassador and diplomats, state media said. The move follows the resumption of passenger train services between the capitals earlier this month.

Air Canada CEO to step down

TORONTO: Air Canada said CEO Michael Rousseau will retire by the end of the third quarter after backlash over his English-only condolence message following a fatal crash in New York. The airline, based in French-speaking Quebec, had faced criticism from Prime Minister Mark Carney and Quebec leaders.

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Tender Notice No. RWF/W/25-26/22 dtd. 28.03.2026

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No: APMDC/HO/P&C/House Keeping/SCM/2026/, Date: 31.03.2026

APMDC invites E-tender from reputed Agencies for "Selection of Agency for Providing Housekeeping Services for Weighbridge and Portable Cabins at APMDC Suliyari Coal Mine Area". For more information on the eligibility criteria, tender fees, timelines and other details, please visit e-procurement website of GoAP (www.tender.approcurement.gov.in) or APMDC website (www.apmdc.ap.gov.in). The tender document is available for downloading from 31.03.2026 and the last date for bid submission is 20.04.2026 by 17:00 Hrs.

Place: Vijayawada **Sd/- Managing Director,**
Date: 31.03.2026 **The A.P. Mineral Development Corporation Limited**
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Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another

Before the Central Government,

Regional Director (South-Western Region), Bangalore

In the matter of Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and Clause (a) of Sub-Rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 AND in the matter of JC HR TECH PRIVATE LIMITED having its registered office at Room No. XI/23, Ruffi-Yaath, M.O. Road, Aluva, Ernakulam, Kerala, India – 683 101

Applicant Company/Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting on March 26, 2026 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from "State of Kerala to the State of Karnataka".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered Office of the Company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director (South Western Region), Bangalore, Ministry of Corporate Affairs at the address at 'E' Wing, 2nd Floor, Kendriya Sadana, Kormangala, Bangalore-560 034, Karnataka within Fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant Company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Address: Room No. XI/23, Ruffi-Yaath, M. O. Road, Aluva, Ernakulam, Kerala, India – 683101

Date: 27-3-26 **for and on behalf of JC HRTECH PRIVATE LIMITED**
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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(b) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/pledged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table here in below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against respective properties.

The auction will be held on 17-04-2026 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM			
Name of the Branch, Name of the Account, Name & addresses of the Borrower / Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Property Mortgaged / Owner's Name (Mortgagors of Properties)	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI Act 2002	B) Outstanding Amount, C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI Act 2002, Nature of Possession
PNB, ARNB ERNAKULAM	(1): EM of part and parcel of 148 cents of property consisting of land and cashew factory in Re. Sy. No. 138/10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of Kulappam Village, Annikkara, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu owned by Late Radhakrishna Pillai. Boundaries: North: Property of Velakutti; South: Property of Lalitha; East: Rubber plantation; West: Tar Road. (2): EM of part and parcel of property comprising 4.51 Acres (11.40 Cents) of land in Re. Sy. No. 711/17, 711/21-1 of Kilikiloor Village, Kollam Taluk and District. Boundaries: North: Nalunakshi Amma; East: Property of Udayakumar; South: Property of Rasheeda; West: Property of Girja Devi.	A) 13(2)- 29-12-2017 & 30-07-2022	B) Outstanding Amount as on 31-01-2026: Rs. 28,78,57,373.40 (Rupees Twenty eight crore seventy eight lakhs fifty seven thousand three hundred seventy three and paise forty only) with further interest, Cost and charges as applicable.
M/s Chothy Enterprises, Pratheshksha Nagar 24, Kilikiloor, P.O. Kollam-692004. Shri. Unnikrishnan R. Prop. M/s. VBL Exports, Mrs. Sujatha, both residing at: Vadakkumbhagathu Veedu, Kanimelicherry, Kilikiloor, P.O. Kollam-691004. Mrs. Sreeletha Devi, Mrs. Sreelekshmi, both residing at: Indira Bhavan, Kundara P.O. Kollam-691501.	(3): EM of part and parcel of property comprising 50.80 Acres in Re. Sy. No. 348/8 of Sooranad Village, Kunnathoor Taluk, Kollam District. Boundaries: North: Property of Velayudha kunju; South: Drainage & Property of Chellappan; East: Road; West: Property of Salimkumar.	C) Possession/Notice- 07-05-2018 & 31-03-2023	D) Symbolic Possession.
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