7 killed
in Israeli strike on Lebanon as hostilities continued despite ceasefire

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain HR: Heavy Rain LS: Light Snow TDS: Thundershower LC: Light Cloud SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

NATO rift deepens as US to pull 5,000 troops from Germany

Announcement comes days after Berlin said Washington being 'humiliated' by Iran

WASHINGTON

THE United States will withdraw 5,000 troops from Germany in the next six to 12 months, the Pentagon said Friday as a rift in transatlantic ties deepens over the West Asia war.

Trump had threatened to withdraw some troops from the NATO ally earlier this week after Chancellor Friedrich Merz said the US was being "humiliated" by the Iranian leadership and criticised Washington's lack of strategy in the war.

Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell said in a statement that the "decision follows a thorough review of the Department's force posture in Europe and is in recognition of theatre requirements and conditions on the ground."

Germany hosts several US military facilities, including the headquarters of its European and Africa commands, Ramstein Air Base and a medical centre in Landstuhl, where casualties from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq were treated. US nuclear missiles are also stationed in the country.

The number of troops leaving Germany would be 14 per cent of the 36,000 American service members stationed there.

German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius called it "foreseeable" that the US would withdraw troops from Europe and Germany, while he sought to stress mutual benefit from the US military presence on the European continent.

"The presence of American soldiers in Europe, and especially in Germany, is in our interest and in the interest of the US," Pistorius told the German news agency dpa, while adding that European allies needed to adjust their defence postures - and were doing so. "We Europeans must take on more responsibility for our security," he said, stressing recent efforts by Germany to boost its armed forces, accelerate procurement and develop infrastructure.

News of the troop withdrawal drew swift pushback from Democrats in Congress as well as a hawkish Washington think tank. They said the move will benefit Russian President Vladimir Putin and weaken US security interests.

The withdrawal "suggests American commitments to our allies are dependent on the president's mood," said Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The president should immediately cease this reckless action before he causes irreversible consequences for our alliances and long-term national security," Reed said. Trump wrote on Wednesday on social media that the US was reviewing possible troop reductions in Germany, with a "determination" to be made soon. *AFP*



File photo of US Army personnel participating in a military exercise at 7th Army Training Command Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany | AFP

Trump weighed similar action during first term

Donald Trump made a similar threat in his first term, saying he would pull about 9,500 of the roughly 34,500 US troops who were then stationed in Germany, but he didn't start the process, and Democratic President Joe Biden formally stopped the planned withdrawal soon after taking office in 2021

Nobel laureate Narges Mohammadi hospitalised in Iran

Detained Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi has been hospitalised in Iran, her supporters said, "following a catastrophic deterioration of her health". Mohammadi, who won the eace prize in 2023 in recognition of more than two decades of rights campaigning, was arrested in December in Iran's eastern city of Mashhad after speaking out against the country's clerical authorities at a funeral ceremony. Her supporters had been warning for months about her health, saying in late March that she had suffered a suspected heart attack but received inadequate medical treatment. In a statement posted by her foundation on Friday, they said she was "urgently transferred to a hospital in Zanjan today" after a rapid deterioration, "including two episodes of complete loss of consciousness and a severe cardiac crisis"



Narges Mohammadi

Renewed fighting with US likely: Iran

DUBAI/WASHINGTON

A senior Iranian military officer said on Saturday that renewed fighting with the US was "likely", hours after President Donald Trump said he was not satisfied with an Iranian negotiating proposal.

On Saturday morning, Mohammad Jafar Asadi, a senior figure in the Iranian military's central command, said "a renewed conflict between Iran and the United States is likely", in quotes published by Iran's Fars news agency.

"Evidence has shown that the United States is not committed to any promises or agreements," he added.

Iran's judiciary chief Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei said on Friday that his country had "never shied away from negotiations", but would not accept an "imposition" of peace terms.

The White House has declined to provide details on the latest Iranian proposal, but news site Axios reported that US envoy Steve Witkoff had submitted amendments to a previous one putting Tehran's nuclear programme back on the negotiating table.

The changes reportedly include demands that Iran not move enriched uranium from bombed sites or resume activity there during talks.

News of the Iranian proposal briefly pushed oil prices down nearly five percent, though they remain about 50 percent above pre-war levels amid the ongoing closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Iran has maintained a stranglehold on the strait since the war began, choking off major flows of oil, gas and fertiliser to the world economy, while the United States has imposed a counter-blockade on Iranian ports.

WAR WATCH

President Trump said the US Navy was acting "like pirates" as he described an operation seizing a ship amid the tit-for-tat American blockade of Iranian ports. "We... land on top of it and we took over the ship. We took over the cargo, took over the oil. It's a very profitable business," Trump said at a rally in Florida. "We're like pirates," he added to cheers from the crowd. "We're sort of like pirates. But we're not playing games."

The US announced a blockade of Iranian ports after the initial peace talks in Pakistan failed to achieve a breakthrough.

Meanwhile, unidentified attackers hijacked an oil tanker on Saturday off the coast of Yemen in the Gulf of Aden and directed it towards Somalia, the Yemeni coast guard said.

According to the agency, the tanker EUREKA was seized off Yemen's Shabwa province by a group who "boarded, took control of it, then steered it... in the direction of the Somali coast".

The coast guard, affiliated with Yemen's internationally recognised government, vowed to probe the attack. "The location of the tanker has been determined, and work is under way to monitor it and take the necessary measures in an attempt to recover it..." *Agencies*



An anti-US billboard referring to President Donald Trump and the Strait of Hormuz, installed on a building at the Valiasr Square in Tehran on Saturday | AFP

Govt building new infra to stop flooding in Sylhet district

DHAKA

PRIME Minister Tarique Rahman on Saturday initiated a riverfront development project along the Surma River in Bangladesh's Sylhet district, according to a media report.

The project focuses on constructing flood protection infrastructure and improving the river banks through beautification measures, state-owned news agency Bangladesh Sangbad Sangsthan (BSS) reported.

The project is part of wider efforts by the government to strengthen urban infrastructure in riverine areas, and it aims to mitigate the catastrophic damage caused by floods, especially during the monsoons, in the Ganga-Brahmaputra delta region.

EXPRESS READ

Pope urges US Catholics to keep donating

Vatican: Pope Leo XIV on Saturday encouraged some of the wealthiest US Catholics to keep on giving to support his charitable works, in an audience that confirmed how the election of the first US-born pope has invigorated American Catholics and their donations. The Chicago-born Leo met with the members of The Papal Foundation

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UK govt weighs ban on pro-Palestinian protests

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Keir Starmer said in an interview broadcast on Saturday that banning some pro-Palestinian marches could be justified, especially when they call for the intifada to spread.

Labour leader Starmer is under pressure to act after a spate of antisemitic incidents, including this week, when two men were stabbed in the north London suburb of Golders Green, which is home to a large Jewish community.

A 45-year-old British national who was born in Somalia was remanded in custody when he made his first appearance in court on Friday accused of attempted murder.

Starmer visited the scene of the attacks and a Jewish volunteer ambulance service on Thursday and was booed by some locals, who accused him of not doing enough to protect them.

They also denounced pro-Palestinian activists holding marches in British cities, which began after Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack on Israel that sparked the war in Gaza.

The prime minister, a former human rights lawyer and chief public prosecutor whose wife is of Jewish origin, said many Jewish people had told them they were affected by "the repeat nature" of the protests. *AFP*



Keir Starmer

BOOKLESS BOOKSTORE

New York welcomes first audio-only book shop

NEW YORK

AUDIOBOOK giant Audible opened what it billed as the first 'bookless bookstore' in New York on Friday as industry statistics show more American consumers embracing the format.

There is no rustle of pages or stacks of best-selling novels at the pop-up store opened by the Amazon subsidiary on the Lower East Side in Manhattan.

"This is a physical place entirely dedicated to bringing audio storytelling to life," Audible CEO Bob Carrigan said during a press tour of the "Audible Story House" on Thursday.

It was a slightly "wild idea" which "took quite a bit of imagination," Carrigan said, adding that the month-long pop-up aims to "bring audiobooks to life in this environment where you can browse, you can connect with people."

According to the Audio Publishers Association, audiobook sales reached $2.22 billion in the United States in 2024, nearly doubling over past five years. Each tile plays a short excerpt and the full title can be accessed on Audible app.

The platform, which dominates the audiobook market, offers paid subscriptions, individual purchases and free access to some titles for Amazon account holders. The venue also has a room lined with speakers for headphone-free listening, as well as a "Listening Bar" where "Story Tenders" will "guide attendees in finding the perfect audiobook for their tastes and interest." *AFP*

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
MSME BRANCH, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District

VEHICLE FOR E-AUCTION SALE (HYPOTHECATION)

Borrower Name : Mr. Duvvuru Krishna Teja Reddy, S/o. D.Ranil Kumar Reddy, Eepuru, Mittapalem, Muthukur, Nellore - 524323.

REG. No.	MAKE / FUEL	MODEL/ K.M	Minimum Price	EMD
AP 39 VD 1155	MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD BLAZO48 HL BS6 P 67 CB ER/ DIESEL	2023 / 84240 km	Rs. 18,81,900/-	Rs. 1,88,190/-
AP 39 VC 4656	MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD BLAZO48 HL BS6 P 67 CB ER/ DIESEL	2023 / 77841 km	Rs. 18,81,900/-	Rs. 1,88,190/-
AP 39 VD 6888	MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD BLAZO48 HL BS6 P 67 CB ER/ DIESEL	2023 / 73061 km	Rs. 18,81,900/-	Rs. 1,88,190/-
AP 39 VC 4647	MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA LTD BLAZO48 HL BS6 P 67 CB ER/ DIESEL	2023 / 90634 km	Rs. 18,81,900/-	Rs. 1,88,190/-

Date & Time of E-Auction : 11-05-2026 at 11:00 AM to 4.00 PM
Last Date & Time of Submission of online bids : 11-05-2026, before 12.00 Noon
Bid increment Amount : Rs.5,000/-

TERMS & CONDITIONS : 1) Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"&"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** only and Vehicle will not be sold below reserve price. **2)** The Successful Bidder should deposit 25% (10+15%) of the sale amount Immediately and balance amount within 15 days of the sale. In case of default in payment, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited. **3)** The Bank shall reserve the right to cancel / Postpone the Auction without assigning any reasons. **4)** Vehicle available for Inspection during working hours from Monday to Saturday in working hours. **5)** For detailed Terms & Conditions of e-Auction available on the web portal of **https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration**, **and Toll free Number : +91 - 8291220220, Mail id : support.Baanknet@psballiance.com, for any vehicles related query may contact Chief Manager: Mobile No: 9949865463 (or) our Recovery Agent : Ph. No. 93978 67899.**

Date: 02-05-2026, Place: Nellore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, State Bank of India**

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH,
3rd Floor, Upstairs of KFC, Surya Prakash Square, Gurunanak Nagar Road, N.T.R. District, Vijayawada - 520008. A.P. Ph: 0866-2546922

Authorised Officer's Details: Name: Sri K.S.H Sastry (Chief Manager), Mobile No.89784 80704. For Vehicle Inspection : 99204 59242

VEHICLES FOR E-AUCTION SALE (HYPOTHECATION)

The below mentioned Borrower has availed loan facility for purchasing of vehicles. The borrower has defaulted in payment of EMI's of the loan. Bank has seized the vehicles and decided to sale these vehicles through online auction on the date mentioned below.

Borrower(s) Name : Smt. Kadiri Malleswari, D/o. K. Narayana (Late), D.No.10-1098-500-42A, Nizam Vali Colony, Kadiri, Sri Satya Sai District, Andhra Pradesh - 515591.

S.NO.	VEHICLE No.	MAKE / FUEL / COLOR	MODEL	Reserve Price	EMD
1	AP 39 UL 6197	ASHOK LEYLAND / WHITE BLUE GOLD / DIESEL / BUS/ STAGE CARRIAGES /	NOV-2022	Rs. 14,00,000/-	Rs. 1,40,000/-

Place of Vehicles Inspection : M/s. Rayalaseema Enterprises (Parking Yard) Kalyana Durgam Road, Kurugunta.

Date & Time of E-Auction : 13-05-2026 at 11:00 AM to 02.00 PM
Last Date & Time of Submission of online bids : 12-05-2026 by 04.00 PM.
Bid increment Amount : Rs.10,000/-

Terms & Conditions : 1) Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"&"AS IS WHAT IS & WHATEVER THERE IS" BASIS" only. 2)** Vehicles will not be sold below reserve price, **3)** The Successful Bidder should deposit 25% (10+15%) of the sale amount Immediately and balance amount within 15 days of the sale. In case of default in payment, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited. **4)** All kind of expenses relating to transfer of vehicles in the name of the successful bidder has to be borne by the bidder only. Vehicles for inspection during bank working hours from **04-05-2026 to 12-05-2026** onwards. **5) GST & TCS &** Other Charges are applicable as per Tax Norms. **6)** The Bank shall reserve the right to cancel / Postpone the Auction without assigning any reasons. **7)** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **State Bank of India**, the Secured Creditor's website **www.sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices. For Registration, EMD, Auction Details etc., visit https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb/bidder-registration** of the service provider : **M/s. PSB Alliance, Toll free Number: 8291220220.**

Note: Interested bidder may deposit Pre-Bid EMD with PSB Alliance before the close of e-Auction. Credit of Pre-bid EMD shall be given to the bidder only after receipt of payment in PSB Alliance's Bank acount and updation of such information in the e-auction website. This may take some time as per banking process and hence bidders, in their own interest, are advised to submit the pre-bid EMD amount well in advance to avoid any last minute problem.

Date: 02-05-2026, Place: Vijayawada **Sd/- Authorized Officer, SBI, SARB, Vijayawada**

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Tender for the following works is invited on-line through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha

Sl. No	Name of the work	Estimated cost (In lakh)	Time period of the work (in month)	Class of Contractor	EMD online (In Rupees)	Cost of Bid document (Rs.)
1	Integrated Tourism Development of Raghurajpur in the district of Puri (Retender)	1396.23	16 (Sixteen)	A & Special	13,96,230/-	10,000/- +18% GST

1. Availability of Bid document in Govt. portal from **dt.04.05.2026 to dt.18.05.2026 up to 5.00 PM.**
2. Last date of on-line submission of tender in the portal is **dt.18.05.2026 up to 5.00 PM.**
3. Date of opening of Technical Bid is **dt.19.05.2026 at 11.00 AM.**

All other details can be seen from bid documents available at Govt. web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/- GM (Civil)

ANDHRA PRADESH POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
LiFE Lifestyle for Environment
REGIONAL OFFICE: KADAPA
D.No.72/272-5-18, 1st Floor, Kurnool-Chittoor NH - 40 Road, Near Vinayaka Nagar Circle, Kadapa, YSR District -516 003,Ph:08562 - 244594 Email : rokdp-ee1@appcb.gov.in

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

In accordance with the Notification No. S.O.1533 dated September 14th,2006 and its subsequent amendments of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,Government of India, A.P.Pollution Control Board hereby issues Public Hearing Notification for proposed development of a Water Aerodrome at Gandikota, Jammalamadugu (M), YSR Kadapa District to be carried out in an extent of 0.3262 Ha (3262.17 sq. m.), with the project cost of Rs. 16.91 Crores at Gandikota, Jammalamadugu (M), YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh by M/s. Andhra Pradesh Airports Development Corporation Ltd.

The details of the Project as given by the proponent are as follows:

1. Name of the company with Address & Phone Number	M/s. Andhra Pradesh Airports Development Corporation Ltd., IHC Corporate, 4th Floor, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. Ph No.8143241178.
2. Location of the proposed establishment & Extent of Land	Water Aerodrome at Gandikota, Jammalamadugu (M), YSR Kadapa District. Total extent :0.3262 Ha (3262.17 sq. m.)
3. Name of the Authorised person to be contacted with address and Telephone Number	Smt. Dandagala Padmaja, CGM, M/s. Andhra Pradesh Airports Development Corporation Ltd., IHC Corporate, 4th Floor, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh Ph.No.8143241178(CGMT, APADCL)
4. Estimated Capital Cost of the Proposed project	Rs.16.91 Crores
5. Line of Activity	Development of Water Aerodrome
6. Date, Time & Venue of the Public Hearing	Date: 04.06.2026, Time :11.00A.M. Venue:Near Office of the Executive Engineer, Tatireddy Narasimha Reddy Reservoir, Canals Division, (M.R.C. Division), Mylavaram, YSR Kadapa District.

7. Place of availability of the Draft EIA/EMP and Executive Summary (Telugu & English) on the Proposed Project which are kept open for general public:
 i. Office of the Collector & District Magistrate, Kadapa, YSR Kadapa District.
 ii. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kadapa ,YSR Kadapa District
 iii. Office of General Manager, District Industries Center, Kadapa, YSR Kadapa District.
 iv. Office of the MoEF & CC, GoI., Integrated Regional office (IRO), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
 v. Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, V.R. Colony, Kurnool.
 vi. Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kadapa, YSR Kadapa District.
 vii. Office of the Tahsildar, Jammalamadugu(M),YSR Kadapa District.
 viii. Gram Panchayat Office, Gandikoata(V), Jammalamadugu(M), YSR Kadapa District.

The concerns of the local affected people, if any, on the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification in writing to the undersigned officer of the A.P.Pollution Control Board,YSR District and they can participate in the proceedings of the public hearing on the date and venue specified above.

Place : Kadapa
Date : 02.05.2026

Sd/-
Environmental Engineer, A.P.Pollution Control Board
Regional Office, Kadapa, YSR Dist.