10,000 prisoners,
including foreigners to be released from jails in Vietnam, to mark its recent parliamentary elections

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	25	17	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	31	26	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	14	13	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	22	17	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	26	19	SNY	Toronto	21	12	SNY
London	30	19	SNY	Washington	23	18	SNY

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

Supreme Leader's adviser accuses US president of betraying democracy

White House indicates Trump is close to deciding on a deal; final pact yet to be reached, says Iran

DUBAI

AN adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader on Saturday accused US President Donald Trump of "betraying diplomacy", as uncertainty persisted over a possible agreement between Washington and Tehran to end their conflict.

Mohsen Rezaei, a former commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, said Trump was "betraying diplomacy for the third time" by maintaining a naval blockade and imposing conditions on negotiations.

"By continuing the naval blockade and making excessive demands in negotiations, he has once again proven that he is not inclined toward negotiation and is pursuing other objectives," Rezaei wrote on X.

His remarks came as the United States reiterated that it was prepared to resume military action if necessary. Speaking at a defence summit in Singapore, US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said Washington was "more than capable" of restarting the war, while US Central Command said American forces remained "present and vigilant" across the region.

WAR WATCH

The White House has signalled that Trump is close to deciding on a proposed framework for a deal. However, Tehran denied that a final agreement had been reached.

US sources told AFP that the framework was awaiting Trump's approval following a White House Situation Room meeting on Friday. Trump has said any agreement must meet his key conditions, including a commitment by Iran never to develop nuclear weapons and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei rejected Washington's demands, saying the Islamic Republic had "said goodbye to the language of 'must' 47 years ago". While exchanges of messages between the two sides were continuing, "no final agreement has been reached", he said.

Trump has claimed that Tehran would remove mines from the Strait of Hormuz and reopen the vital shipping route without imposing tolls, while the United States would lift its blockade.

However, Iranian media reports disputed those assertions, saying no such provisions were included in the proposed agreement and rejecting claims regarding the destruction of Iran's enriched uranium stockpiles.

The negotiations follow US strikes on Iran's Bandar Abbas port and retaliatory attacks this week. Iran's state media said air defences had shot down a drone allegedly belonging to the "US-Zionist aggressor enemy". *Agencies*

(Top) Screen grab shows two men being hugged after they were rescued; (inset) a rescue team freeing a man trapped inside a semi-submerged cave in central Xaysomboun province, northeast of the capital Vientiane | AFP

10 DAYS ON, FIVE RESCUED FROM LAOS CAVE

VIENTIANE

FOUR more men trapped in a semi-submerged Laos cave for 10 days were freed on Saturday, rescuers said, after one was successfully brought to the surface a day earlier, but two remained missing.

Lee Kian Lie, a Malaysian rescue diver, told AFP via Messenger that the four were freed after water was pumped out of the cavern.

A video he took from the scene showed teams under a makeshift tent attending to four people lying on stretchers and covered with thermal blankets.

"Important they already out," Lee said. The Thailand Rescue Diver Facebook page said in a post that "rescue officials were able to bring out four more people trapped" at about 3.10 pm (0810 GMT) on Saturday. "A total of five people have now been rescued, while two remain missing," it said.

Seven men had been trapped in the cavern in a remote mountainous area of central Xaysomboun province since May 20, when flash floods stranded them as they searched for gold, early state media reports said. They were trapped after heavy rains triggered flash flooding that blocked the exit of the cavern. Five of the men were located alive on Wednesday, huddling in a narrow shaft around 984 feet from the cave mouth. Rescuers guided a bedraggled and muddy man over unsteady ground to safety on Friday.

Water pumped from cave

Rescue efforts had focused on pumping out the monsoon flood waters that trapped the men. Rescuers had expressed optimism earlier on Saturday about their chances of freeing the four. Lee, part of a specialist cave-diving team, said hopes were rising as water was pumped out and supplies sent in. There was no update on the two people still unaccounted for. The Lao Saychai Foundation posted a video to its Facebook page on Saturday of the man rescued the day before, identified only as Meud, who said the two missing men had gone about 500 metres deeper into the cave than he had. *AFP*

Hegseth backs Pacific allies, strikes softer tone on Beijing

SINGAPORE

US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth assured Pacific allies on Saturday that Washington remained committed to the region, but toned down previous comments calling China a threat.

Speaking to a group of world leaders, diplomats and top security officials at the Shangri-La defense conference in Singapore, Hegseth said that the region "has profound implications for US security and prosperity" and that Washington's priority was to "achieve a lasting and favorable balance of power in the Pacific."

It was his second time addressing the forum, hosted by the International Institute for Strategic Studies. Last year, he raised the ire of Beijing by warning of rapidly developing threats from China, particularly its aggressive stance toward Taiwan. He said China is actively training daily to take Taiwan.

This year, however, the meeting comes about two weeks after Donald Trump visited Chinese leader Xi Jinping in Beijing, following which Trump called Xi a "great leader" and said that they were going to have a "fantastic future together." *AP*

Iran preparing 'grand' funeral for Khamenei

TEHRAN: Iranian authorities are preparing for a "grand" state funeral for slain supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, months after plans were delayed by the war with the United States and Israel, state media reported on Friday. A special headquarters has been set up to organise the ceremony, though no date has been announced. Officials said preparations were under way for a large public turnout once the funeral is formally scheduled.

Agencies warn of fuel crunch as shipping falters

WASHINGTON: The heads of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and International Energy Agency warned of growing risks to global fuel security if oil shipping through the Strait of Hormuz does not return to normal.Global oil inventories depleting at record pace due to Iran war The agencies also warned that rising energy and fertiliser prices were disproportionately affecting lower-income countries and threatening food security.

Israel pounds southern Lebanon, issues evacuation alerts despite talks

ADLOUN

ISRAEL's air force and artillery struck areas close to a strategic mountain housing a Crusader-built castle in southern Lebanon on Saturday as fighting raged in villages close to the southern city of Nabatieh.

Israel's military issued evacuation warnings for more than a dozen villages in southern Lebanon, a day after Lebanese and Israeli military officials held their first direct talks in decades at the Pentagon.

The situation in southern Lebanon was discussed during a meeting Saturday between Lebanon's president and prime minister who said in a statement later that they will intensify their contacts to make Israel stop demolition and bulldosing of homes and historical sites as well as its evacuation warnings.

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency reported Israeli airstrikes and artillery shelling near the Crusader-built Beaufort castle that is about 15 kilometers (9 miles) from the Israeli border and overlooks wide parts of southern Lebanon. The strategic castle was held by Israeli troops for 18 years until they withdrew from Lebanon in May 2000.

Smoke rising after an Israeli air strike on the village of Maifadoun | AFP

Israeli troops have been advancing for days in villages close to the castle, including Yohmor and Zawtar al-Sharqieh near the city of Nabatieh after they crossed the strategic Litani River, which the Israeli military has used as a de facto boundary.

Large areas to the south are under Israeli military control, despite an April 17, US-brokered ceasefire. NNA reported airstrikes on different parts of southern Lebanon including in the village of Ansar that killed three people. A drone strike on a road linking the village of Ebba with Nabatieh wounded two Lebanese soldiers, the army said in a statement.

Hezbollah, meanwhile, said its fighters fired rockets at northern Israel's largest city, Kiryat Shmona, on the border with Lebanon. The group said its attack was in retaliation for airstrikes that killed civilians in Lebanon. Hezbollah later said it also fired rockets toward the northern city of Safed.

Among those killed in southern Lebanon on Friday were a Syrian family who died in an Israeli airstrike on the coastal village of Adloun, north of the city of Tyre. *AP*

WHO chief visits Ebola epicentre in DR Congo

BUNIA

THE head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) on Saturday visited eastern Congo's Bunia, a city at the heart of an outbreak of a rare type of Ebola, where the virus is spreading faster than the response.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is expected to visit a treatment centre and meet local authorities, health workers and affected families in Bunia. The best way to address this is to provide all the support to fight the disease and to continue offering every assistance needed," WHO's director-general told reporters on Friday. *AP*

22 dead as truck carrying refugees crashes in Afghan

KABUL

A truck carrying Afghan refugees returning from Pakistan overturned on a highway in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing at least 22 people and injuring about 36 others, mostly women and children, officials said.

The accident occurred in Laghman province on the main highway linking Kabul, the Afghan capital, with Nangarhar province, said Abdul Malik Niazai, the spokesperson for the provincial governor. He said among the dead were 10 children and five women.

The provincial director of public health. Aminullah Sharif, said 22 people were killed and about 36 injured. He said the accident occurred when the truck fell into a ditch after the driver fell asleep. The passengers were among thousands of Afghans who recently returned from Pakistan, which launched a crackdown on migrants in 2023, and has since deported or pressured many to leave. Iran also intensified expulsions of Afghan migrants around the same time. Since then, millions of Afghans have returned home from the two countries . *AP*

EXPRESS READ

SL suspends monk accused of child abuse

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka's powerful Buddhist clergy on Saturday suspended senior monk Pallegama Hemarathana, who faces child sexual abuse charges, following weeks of public pressure. The 71-year-old was arrested this month over allegations that he abused a 15-year-old girl at a temple in Anuradhapura. He was later granted bail. The Malwatta chapter suspended him and named an acting chief. He headed the revered Atamasthana shrines.

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SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002, (hereinafter referred to as Act) r/w proviso to rule 8(6) of the SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002(hereinafter referred to as Rules)

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/charged to the Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor), the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **15-06-2026 at 11:00 AM** for recovery of below mentioned amount due to the The Federal Bank Ltd.

Branch: Moonnupeedika Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantors/ Defaulter: **(1). Mr. Chulliparambil Shimshad,** S/o Razak Chulliparambil Mammunny, **(2). Mrs.Farisa,** W/o Shri.Chulliparambil Shimshad, Both residing at: Chulliparambil House, Chakkarapadam, Perinjanam, Thrissur-680686

Due Amount: **Rs.3,98,24,587.10 (Rupees Three Crore Ninety Eight Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Seven and paisa Ten Only)** as on 15-06-2026 (i.e. Rs.3,90,28,463.58/- under Housing loan account No.15177300002606 and Rs.7,96,123.52/- under Personal loan account No.15177600003395) as claimed in the OA filed before DRT-2, Ernakulam along with further interest/costs/charges

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of land having an extent of 4.05 Ares in Sy. No. 2020/PT12 along with building and all improvements there on situated in Thrissur Village, Thrissur Taluk, Thrissur District Kerala State. **Bounded on: North:** Property of Lakshmi Ammal; **East:** Corporation Road; **South:** Property of Puthanmanayil Appukuttan Pilla; **West:** Property of Puthanmanayil Appukuttan Pillai.

Reserve Price: **Rs.1,75,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakh Only)**

EMD Amount: **Rs.17,50,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**

Date & time of Auction: on 15-06-2026 at 11:00 AM

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the website of The Federal Bank Ltd i.e. https://www.federalbank.co.in/web/guest/tender-notices

Place: Thrissur, Date : 30-05-2026

For The Federal Bank Ltd., (Authorised Officer under SARFAESI Act)

ICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This 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/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Arjun Warrier Krishnan (Borrower) Loan Account No. LBTHR00006839398 TBTHR00006817442	Vacant Land With Land Area 9149 In 8.5 Ares (21 Cents) In Survey No. 362/ 6-1 Nenmanikara Village, Mukundhapuram Taluk, Thrissur District- 680301. Bounded on The North: Pathway And Land South: Balance Land, 5m Private Road Access And Property of Chirayath Jiyon East: Property of Shyama West: Property of Avannali Vijayan	Rs. 55,48,211/- As on May 25, 2026	Rs. 35,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,50, 000/-	June 17, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 12:00 PM	June 24, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency <M/s Matex Solutions Private Limited>. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by June 23, 2026, before 05:00 P.M., else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024 Branch on or before June 23, 2026, before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before June 23, 2026, before 05:00 P.M along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank , Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edapally, Cochin- 682024 Branch on or before June 23, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at "Cochin".

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee number 9655225532/8129501439.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : May 31, 2026
Place: Cochin & Thrissur

Authorized Officer, ICICI Bank Limited

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LIMITED TENDER NOTICE

No. Capt/542/26-M3/MTL 30.05.2026
Sealed competitive Tenders are invited from the reputed firms for the supply of Four Colour Ink (Sheet fed) Yellow 150kg, Majentha 150kg, Cyan 150kg, Black 150kg (Tender No.049/2026- 27/ MTL) Due date for submission of Tender is 02.06.2026. at 11 AM.
For details www.captkerala.com

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S. No.	Branch	Locker No	Customer Name	Locker rent arrears
1	AMBALLUR	7B	SREE MAHADEVA SHETHRAM	5400
2	ASHTAMICHIRA	21A	SHAFEEQ	5400
3	KADUKUTTY	S11	DHANESH / RESHMA	5400
4	THRISSUR MAIN	F-68	PRAKASH RAPHAEL / ANU PRAKASH	7500
5	TRIPRAYAR	28	HANEEF P A., SUBAIDA	5400
6	WEST FORT - TRICHUR	135	GOPALAKRISHNAN M N	7500
7	WEST FORT - TRICHUR	A/90	RUKSANA UMMER BABU	7500
8	WEST FORT - TRICHUR	A/56	SAJI N S AND SUBHA	7500
9	CHALISSERY	67	KABEER T M	5400
10	CHALISSERY	55	MOHAMMED RASWI P K	5400
11	KODUVAYUR	A17	NAJUMUDEEN P	5400
12	KODUVAYUR	A21	GIRIJA MENON	5400

Place: THRISSUR
Date :31.05.2026

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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 9(1) 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 that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged 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 16.06.2026 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

SL. No.	Name of the Branch, Name of the Account Name & addresses of the Borrower / Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagers of property(ies))	(A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 (B) Out standing Amount (C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 (D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/ Physical/ Constructive.	(A) Reserve Price (B) EMD (C) Bid Increase Amount
1	PNB, ARMB Ernakulam **M/s. Crescent Trading Corporation,** Sha Towers, Vadakkencherry, Palakkad-678683. **Mr. Ussan A.,** Noorjahan Manzil, Cheerambakavu, Vadakkethara, Anjumoorthy, Mangalam, Vadakkencherry, Palakkad-678682. **Mrs. Thanuja K.,** W/o Ussan A., Noorjahan Manzil, Cheerambakavu, Vadakkethara, Anjumoorthy, Mangalam, Vadakkencherry, Palakkad-678682	Terrace floor Truss work - Sheet roof construction and UDS at Sha Towers, Court Road, Alathur of land measuring 2.10 Ares (5.19 cents) in old Sy no.61/2 & 60/C3, Re Sy no. 313/4, Block No.28 in Alathur Village, Alathur Taluk, Palakkad district in the name of Mrs. Thanuja K. Boundaries: **North:** Court Road, **South:** Property of Usman, **East:** Property of Shaji, **West:** Property of Noorjahan.	**A)** 13(2)- 20.07.2017 **B)** Outstanding Amount as on 30.04.2026 - Rs. 2,75,79,303.19 (Rupees two crore seventy five lakh seventy nine thousand three hundred three and paise nineteen only) with further interest, cost and charges as applicable from 01.05.2026. **C)** Possession Notice- 12.10.2017 **D)** Physical possession.	**a) Rs.13,26,000/-** (Rupees thirteen lakh and twenty six thousand only) **b) Rs. 1,32,600/-** (Rupees one lakh thirty two thousand and six hundred only) **c) Rs.10,000/-** (Rupees Ten thousand only).

Last Date for Depositing EMD: Before 4.00 PM on 15.06.2026 | **Inspection of property with prior appointment with Authorised Officer: 12.06.2026**

Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors: As per NEC there is attachment by Arbitrator, Ayyanthole, Thrissur.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: **2.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" 3.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **4.** The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at anytime without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. **5.** The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. **6.** The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://Baanknet.com** on **16.06.2026** from 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM. **7.** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://Baanknet.com & www.pnb.bank.in.**

Place: Ernakulam
Date : 30.05.2026

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