500 Ebola cases
have now been confirmed in the deadly outbreak raging in central Africa, a WHO overview showed

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

Stress test for truce as Iran, US exchange strikes

Bahrain, Kuwait intercept incoming missiles; Tehran says US endangers regional security, lacks will for stability

CAIRO

IRAN fired ballistic missiles and drones toward Bahrain and Kuwait early on Saturday, Bahrain's government said, adding that they were intercepted. It called on Tehran to immediately cease attacks on Gulf neighbors that it deemed a "serious escalation." Iran's foreign ministry said the US early on Saturday attacked surveillance facilities on Qeshm Island and near Sirik that it said were used to protect borders and "ensure the security of navigation in international waters." Tehran called the attack a violation of the fragile ceasefire.

The latest exchange of fire came as the Trump administration pressed Iran to make a deal to end the war that has strained the global economy and threatened a hunger crisis in some of the world's most vulnerable countries.

WAR WATCH

The US military earlier said it shot down several Iranian missiles and drones launched toward the Strait of Hormuz and Gulf Arab allies, and struck some of the Islamic Republic's coastal surveillance radar sites in response.

"The attack drones posed an immediate threat to regional maritime traffic," U.S. Central Command said on social media. It confirmed it hit radar sites, including an island in the strait, "to defend against further attacks." Iran's Revolutionary Guard said it targeted the Ali Al Salem air base, which hosts US forces in Kuwait, and the US Navy's 5th Fleet in Bahrain, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. The US military said there were no reports of harm to US personnel.

Earlier in the week, Iranian drones heavily damaged a passenger terminal at Kuwait's main airport, killing one person and wounding dozens.

The US military kept up its blockade on Iranian ports in response to Tehran's chokehold on the crucial corridor for global oil and natural gas shipments, which has sent energy prices spiking and posed political problems for President Donald Trump's Republican Party ahead of midterm congressional elections. *AP*

Iran denounces political pressure from IAEA

TEHRAN: Iran on Saturday accused the International Atomic Energy Agency of using its latest report as a "tool of political pressure" after the watchdog raised concerns over lack of access to Iranian nuclear sites. Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi said the Israeli-US strikes on nuclear facilities had hindered inspections and undermined nuclear safety. The IAEA warned that the restricted access posed a proliferation concern and urged prompt verification activities.

Lebanon starts revival of its second airport

QLAYAAT: Lebanon on Saturday launched the rehabilitation of Rene Mouawad Airport in Qlayaat, aiming to open the country's second international airport within months. Transport Minister Fayez Rasamny said the facility, near the Syrian border, could begin operations by November after decades of delays. Initially serving destinations including Istanbul, Dubai and Mersin, the airport is expected to boost connectivity.

3 Lebanese soldiers killed in Israeli attack days after US-brokered deal

BEIRUT

An Israeli strike on a vehicle in southern Lebanon killed three soldiers, Beirut's military said on Saturday, days after the countries agreed a conditional truce during talks in the United States. Israel has launched an operation into Lebanon to root out the Tehran-backed armed group Hezbollah, which dragged Lebanon into the wider West Asia war by launching missiles on behalf of its sponsor.

Lebanon has vowed that it will disarm Hezbollah over time, but has also denounced Israel's invasion, accusing it of employing scorched earth tactics to drive civilians out of southern towns and villages.

In the latest incident, the Lebanese army said, two officers and a soldier were killed in a strike on a military vehicle on the road between Khardali and Nabatieh. The Israeli military said the vehicle targeted was "moving suspiciously" in "an active combat zone" in an area it had ordered evacuated ahead of operations. But it insisted it "operates against the Hezbollah terrorist organisation, not against the Lebanese army" and added that it was "reviewing the incident".

Hezbollah dubbed the attack a "heinous crime" and accused the Lebanese government of exposing its own country to bloodshed through its "complete surrender to the enemy's demands in Washington".

A ceasefire that took effect on April 17 has been repeatedly violated, with Israel and Hezbollah accusing each other of breaching the truce. A fresh US-backed deal calls for Hezbollah to halt attacks and withdraw from the border area, but the group has rejected it, insisting on a full Israeli pullout from Lebanon.

The Lebanese army said Saturday that "the continuation of the deliberate and repeated brutal Israeli aggression... is aimed at thwarting all efforts to reach a solution".

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun also denounced the latest attack, calling it a "flagrant violation of Lebanese sovereignty... despite Lebanon's efforts in the Washington negotiations to put an end to the continued Israeli aggression that goes unchecked". On Saturday, Israel renewed evacuation orders for five villages in Lebanon's south and east, telling residents to move north of the Zahrani River. *AFP*

People inspect the damage following Israeli bombardment on a building in the village of Saksakiyeh in southern Lebanon | AFP

INFANT KILLED IN WEST BANK SHOOTING

HEBRON: A seven-month-old Palestinian boy was killed and his parents wounded after Israeli troops opened fire on their car near Hebron in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said. The infant, Sam Fahd Abu Haikal, was struck by a bullet that also injured his mother, who remains in critical condition. Israel's military said soldiers fired after perceiving the vehicle as a threat and later found those wounded were uninvolved civilians. The incident is under review, with calls for accountability growing.

Ukraine showcases deep-strike ability, hits St Petersburg

MOSCOW

RESIDENTS of St Petersburg were told not to leave their homes after a large-scale Ukrainian drone attack targeted Russia's second-largest city Saturday morning, underscoring Kyiv's growing ability to hit deep inside Russia.

The attack came a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin refused an offer to meet his Ukrainian counterpart.

St Petersburg Gov. Alexander Beglov said three people sustained minor injuries in the attack. He advised residents not to go outside and warned of possible disruptions to mobile internet service, while regional Gov. Alexander Drozdenko said 141 drones were shot down over the surrounding Leningrad region in what he called an "unprecedented attack."Russia's Defense Ministry said its air defenses shot down 376 Ukrainian drones.

"Last night, our drones covered a distance of about 1,000 kilometers to the St Petersburg region — to the enemy navy's arsenals and a base in Kronstadt," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on X, adding that drones also hit an oil depot in Russia's southern Krasnodar region.

The attack on St Petersburg dealt a fresh blow to Putin's efforts to portray the war as distant. A Ukrainian drone strike set an oil terminal ablaze and hit a nearby naval base hours before the St Petersburg International Economic Forum opened. Putin said Russia would bolster air defences against Ukrainian drone attacks. He also rejected Zelenskyy's proposal for direct talks, saying he saw "no point" in a meeting. Zelenskyy's letter, his first public message to Putin since 2022, criticised the Russian leader's long rule and included jibes about his age.

Responding to Putin's dismissal of the proposed meeting, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said Saturday that things would "only get worse for Russia."

"Failures will get more humiliating," he wrote on X, warning that there are "no safe places in Russia that can be exempt" from Ukrainian long-range attacks, and that the intensity of attacks "will continue to grow." *AP*

A plume of black smoke is seen over the port of St Petersburg, Russia, after a Ukrainian drone attack on Wednesday | AP

Pope warns Spain against fanning flames of polarisation, urges unity

MADRID

Pope Leo XIV urged Spaniards on Saturday to stop "fanning the flames of polarisation" as he arrived in Spain at a moment of political turmoil for the Socialist-led government and a credibility crisis for the Catholic Church.

The American pope, who has Spanish ancestors, travelled to Spain dozens of times as a priest, but this is the first visit by a pope in 15 years. It signals Leo is returning papal attention to Europe's Christian roots after Pope Francis largely stayed away from the traditional centers of Christianity in favour of smaller Catholic communities farther away. Leo is seemingly keen to bring his message of peace, unity and human dignity to a continent sorely polarised over migration, Russia's war in Ukraine and anxiety over artificial intelligence.

Pope Leo XIV is welcomed by Spain's royals at Madrid's Royal Palace | AP

The pope opened his week-long trip in Madrid, greeted at the airport by the country's Catholic monarchs, King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia, and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. He told reporters, while travelling, that he was particularly heartened by reports of a spiritual awakening among young people in the once-staunchly Catholic but now secularised country.

During his welcome address, Leo appealed to Spaniards, especially political leaders, to put polemics aside and invest in educating young people to appreciate diversity and complexity rather than shunning them. He appealed to Spain's place at the heart of Christian Europe to serve as a model for the rest of the continent. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

'Green card pain eased after industry push'

WASHINGTON:Strong lobbying by American business leaders with the US government over its new policy on green cards led to a softening of stance on the issue, with officials dealing with immigration assuring industry leaders that most work visas would remain unaffected, The Washington Post reported.The pushback from the business leaders, including from technology and artificial intelligence sectors, soon after the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) rolled out a policy. In the ensuing days, multiple private discussions over the phone and email took place among businesses, industry groups and CEOs with the White House and the departments of Homeland Security, Labour and State, The Washington Post reported. PTI

NAME CHANGE

I, JAYA BHARATHI MUTHU KUMAR, born on 20.08.2001 (native district: sivagangai) residing at 57/7, Dharmaraj Nagar, Lakshmi kudil, Thevar colony, Melachokkanatha puram, Bodinayakkanur Taluk, Theni District, Tamilnadu shall henceforth be known as JEYA BHARATHI MUTHUKUMAR.

- JAYA BHARATHI MUTHU KUMAR

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LAVANYA SENTHIL RAJAN (Old Name)

Date : 04.06.2026
Place : Madurai

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH GePNIC e_Procurement Notice

1 Name of the work : Construction of Road Works - 02 Nos.
2 Class of contractor : "A" Class & Special Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.
3 Estimated Cost : Various from Rs.466.36 Lakhs to Rs.851.34 Lakhs (Approximately).
4 Details of projects : As per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD - Online - 22/2026-27	10.06.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	30.06.2026 up to 5.00 P.M.	29.06.2026 up to 2.00 P.M.	01.07.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated separately

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda

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Kim inspects North Korea's repaired warship, vows bigger nuke-armed navy

SEOUL

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un observed sea trials of a new warship repaired after a failed launch last year and vowed to accelerate efforts to build a nuclear-armed navy, state media said Saturday, showcasing his expanding military capabilities ahead of a visit by Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said Kim visited the 5,000-ton destroyer Kang Kon on Thursday as it underwent capability tests. Photos released by the agency showed him accompanied by his increasingly prominent teenage daughter, believed to be named Kim Ju Ae, whom South Korean officials say may be being groomed as his successor. Kim Jong Un called for "rapidly developing" naval forces capable of playing a larger role in the country's nuclear deterrent and dealing a "deadly blow at the enemy any moment under the water or on the water," KCNA said. He said the navy was a key focus of a new five-year defense plan approved at a ruling party congress earlier this year, which he said includes building larger 10,000-ton-class destroyers and developing unspecified "underwater secret weapons." The agency did not report any direct remarks by Kim about Washington or Seoul amid persistent tensions over his nuclear ambitions and a prolonged freeze in diplomacy. *AP*

Kim Jong Un, left, and his daughter observe the sea trials of its destroyer Kang Kon in North Korea | AP

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Inviting Expression of Interest from Diagnostic Centres in Madurai to Undertake PET/CT.
EOI Notice No. SR. SR-MDU0MEDL (CONT)/1/2024 dated 05.06.2026.

Sealed document along with the annexure in the prescribed format are invited from the Diagnostic Centres/Hospital to undertake PET/CT Scan in Madurai for extending investigative facilities to Railway patients and eligible dependents for a period of two years on par with Central Government Health Scheme rates (CGHS rates applicable to Tier-II (Y City).

EOI Notification Document Download Start Date	05.06.2026
EOI Notification Document Download End Date	26.06.2026 at 13:00 hrs
Tender Submission Start Date	26.06.2026 at 13:00 hrs
Tender Submission End Date	26.06.2026 at 15.00 hrs

EOI document can be downloaded from the website www.sr.indianrailways.gov.in. Corrigendum, if any issued at a later date, can be viewed at the above website.

Chief Medical Superintendent
Southern Railway, Madurai,
For and on behalf of the President of India.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(Project Organisation)

1.	Tender Notice No & Date	Proj1MS_PRS_2026_03 Dated: 05.06.2026
2.	Name of the Tender	Provision of Routers and Switches with Perpetual License and 3 Years Comprehensive Warranty for PRS Modernisation at Tier-2 & Tier-3 Locations and Last Mile Connectivity of all PRS Locations over Southern Railway
3.	Tender value in Rupees	Rs. 298037388.40
4.	Bid Security (EMD) in Rupees	Rs. 5960800.00
5.	Validity offer	90 days from the date of opening of tender
6.	Closing Date & Time	30.06.2026 before 15.00 hrs
7.	Period of completion	09 (Nine) Months.

Note: The detailed Tender Notice, Tender document along with terms & conditions and if any corrigendum to the tender is issued can be accessed through (www.ireps.gov.in).

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. / Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any (Mortgaged by _____) Total Dues.	Date and Time of E-auction - 1.Reserve Price 2.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3.Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical) Property Inspection date & Time.
1.	**Borrower : M/s.Kalaiselvam Modern Rice Mill,** Through its Proprietor **Mr.S Selvam** having mill at 46/1, Bangala Oorani, Puduvayal, Sivagangai-630108. **Guarantor: Mrs.Pushpavalli, W/o Selvam,** No: 3-3-1/1 High School Road, Puduvayal Village, Karaikudi Taluk, Sivagangai.	Outstanding amount : **Rs.3,13,32,974.64 as on 31.05.2026** + further interest and Other charges thereon. **Description of properties :** Equitable Mortgage of Property – Rice Mill - land admeasuring 0.32.0Ares equivalent to 34296sq.ft., in Old Sy No. 85/7, New Sy No.85/7A, Patta No.755 (As per Settlement deed) of land and Rice Mill building with plant and machinery thereon situated at Puduvayal Village, Sakkottai Group, Sakkottai Union, Karaikudi taluk, Karaikudi Joint -I Sub Registrar, Karaikudi Registration district and standing in the name of Mr.S.Selvam S/o Shanmugam (Proprietor of this firm) **Boundaries :** East of North-South street, South of East-west Street, West of Property belongs to RM.PL.U.RM.Udaiyappa Chettiar his sons Chinnakaruppan @ Muthu, Ramasamy, North of East-West Street within this a building bearing Door.No.7 and 7A, Tax Assessment No.451, Old Assessment Nos.495, 448, 496, New Assessment Nos.537, 608, 539 respectively.	**29-06-2026 10.00 am to 6.00 pm** **Reserve Price: Rs.3,16,67,000/- EMD: Rs.31,67,000/- Bid Increase amount Rs.1,00,000/-**	**24-06-2026 & 25-06-2026 11.00 am to 3.00 pm** **Physical** SCAN HERE

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