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

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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. *Agencies*

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 hit

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.

TEN DAYS ON, FIVE RESCUED FROM SUBMERGED 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. He declined to speculate on the condition of the two who remained unaccounted for. 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. *AFP*

(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

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

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.

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*

22 dead as truck carrying refugees crashes in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL

A truck carrying Afghan refugees returning from neighbouring Pakistan overturned on a highway in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing at least 22 people and injuring about 36 others, most of them 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, including many who were born in Pakistan and had spent decades living and working there. *AP*

A man carries an injured girl to a hospital in Jalalabad | AFP

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

S. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER (S)	OUTSTANDING DUES	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	DATE OF POSSESSION	DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(IES) / SECURED ASSET(S)
1.	**Mr. Sanjai Gandhi A** S/o. Annamalai, **Mrs. Kavitha G** W/o. Sanjai Gandhi A, Plot No. 49A, Vikas Township, N.Pudupatty, Mohanur Union, Namakkal - 636905 **Also at :** No:2/9, Kaspa, Thirumalaipatti Post, Rasipuram, Sarkar Nattamangalam, Namakkal – 637403 **Also at :** **Mrs Kavitha G** W/o. Sanjai Gandhi A, 49A, Vikas Township, N.Pudupaty, Namakkal - 637020	**Rs.8,13,647/- as on 31.07.2025***	**16.09.2025**	**27.05.2026 (Symbolic Possession)**	All part and parcel of land with building situated in Namakkal Registration District, Namakkal Joint-2 Sub-Registration District, N.Puthupatty Village, S.F.No.453/2C, P.A.0.50, P.Hec.0.20.0, extent of land and other survey lands jointly have been converted into house sites, and named as "VIKAS TOWNSHIP", in the said layout Plot No.49 totally 1200 Sq.ft, now divided into 49A and 49B. in this Plot No.49A, within the following boundaries : **Boundaries:** East of - Plot No.49 B, West of - Plot No.48, North of - 23 feet wide East-West road, South of - Plot No.54. **In this at Centre:** East-West on the both side - 25 ft., North-South on the both side - 40 ft. Admeasuring 1000 Sq.Feet or 92.90 Sq.mtr of land with building thereon present and future including all other rights to use the common pathway as per the sale deed and easement rights.

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However, since the borrower(s) mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Date : 27.05.2026
Place : Namakkal

Sd/-
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For HDFC Bank Ltd.

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MEGA E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India had taken possession of the following schedule mentioned properties on the dates mentioned below, under sec. 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, pursuant to the demand notice dated as mentioned below, issued under Sec 13(2) of the said Act, in the following loan accounts with right to sell the same for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder. And whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues by the borrower / guarantor / mortgagor, the undersigned, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) (a) of the Said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the **website : https://baanknet.com**

Branch : Hosur Branch. Name of the Loan Account : Borrower : M/s.Suba Garments, Represented by Sole Proprietor, Mr.M.M.Gopi. Regd: Address: 50/8A1, Opp to Luk India, Raikottai Road Hosur.. **Present Unit Address:** No. 136/1, 1st Floor, No.4, Shanthi Nagar East, Inner Ring Road, Hosur – 635109. **Residential Address of Proprietor of Mr. M M Gopi, S/o M K Madhaiah Chetty,** D.No. 3/157B, Matlampatty Village, Baisuhalli Majara, Karimanagalam Taluk, Dharmapuri Dist., Tamilnadu – 635111. **Guarantor: Mr. M M Raja, S/o M K Madhaiah Chetty,** D. No. 3/142, Matlampatty Vilage, Baisuhalli Majara, Karimangalam Taluk, Dharmapuri Dist, Tamilnadu. **Amount Due : Rs.2,40,53,972.10 as on 29.05.2026** and interest plus other charges thereon. **Demand Notice Date : 06.07.2022. Physical Possession taken on : 16.09.2025. Description / Schedule of Property :** Sy No 336: Baisuhalli Village of Karimangalam Taluk Dharmapuri Joint II Sub Registration District of Dharmapuri, Dry Extent Hec 2.61.0 Asst Rs 7.25 np (In Ac 6.45 cents) out of this **TAK No 1:** An extent of Ac 0.58.50 Cents (or) measuring an area of 25506 Square feet. Boundaries: East: Land Belonging to M M Gopi, West: 30 Feet Road, North: SY No 329 belonging to Chenna Krishnan and Subashini, South: Land belonging to MM Gopi. **TAK No 2:** An extent Hec.0.58.50 Cents (or) measuring an area of 25506 square feet. Boundaries: East: Land belonging to M M Gopi, West: 30 Feet Road, North Land belonging to M M Gopi, South Land belonging to M M Mahendiran. Sy No 114/1: Boomandahalli Village of Karimangalam Taluk, Dharmapuri Joint II Sub Registration Dist and Dharmapuri Registration Dist of Dharmapuri Dist and also attached to the village panchayat limits of Boomandahalli and Union council of Karimangalam. Item I: Dry Extent Hec 0.20.00 Asst Rs 0.12 np (In Ac 0.49 cents). Sy No 114/2: Item II: Dry Extent Hec.0.62.0 Asst rs 0.38 np (In Ac 1.53 cents) Item I and II comprises total area of Ac 2.02 cents out of this an extent of Ac 0.50 cents (or) 2024 Sq mtr(or) measuring an area of Hec.0.20.24. Boundaries: East Land belonging to Silambarasan, West: Land belonging to Poongavaram and others ad Land belonging to Kesavan, North: Panchayat Thar Road, South: Land belonging to Arjunan. **The properties belonging to Mr.M.M.Gopi, S/o. M.K.Madhaiah Chetty. Reserve Price : Rs.76,05,000.00. EMD : Rs.7,60,500/-. Bid Increase Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-. Date of Auction : 17.06.2026. Time of Auction : 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM with auto extension of 10 minutes. Date of Inspection of the Property : On all working days between 11.06.2026 and 15.06.2026 between 10 AM and 4 PM with the prior appointment of branch manager. Last Date of Remitting EMD : 17.06.2026 up to 1.00 PM. Central Bank of India, Hosur Branch : Authorized Officer / Chief Manager Mobile No : 8489903009.**

TERMS & CONDITIONS : 1. The auction sale will be online E-Auction/Bidding through website **https://baanknet.com** the above specified date & time (with unlimited auto extension of 10 minutes till the conclusion of sale). **2.** Bids shall be submitted through online on or before **17.06.2026 - 1.00 p.m. 3.** The E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". **4.** Intending bidders are required to go through the website **https://baanknet.com** for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **5.** Successful bidder/purchaser will remit TDS @ 1% on sale proceeds on immovable property/ies of value Rs.50.00 lacs and above as per Sec 194 IA of the income tax Act 1961 and deposit the same by furnishing the challan in Form 26QB and submit the Original receipt of TDS Certificate to Bank. **6.** For further any property related query may contact **Central Bank of India, Hosur Branch : Authorized Officer / Chief Manager - Mobile No. 8489903009. Chief Manager - RO : 8489903057, Central Bank of India, Regional Office, Coimbatore, recvcoimro@centralbank.co.in** during office hours during the working days and after Registration by the bidder in the web portal, intending bidder/purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in Web Portal before last date of submission of the bid viz 1) Copy of NEFT/RTGS Challan, 2) Copy of PAN Card, 3) Identification (KYC) viz self attested copy of Voter ID Card / Driving Licence / Passport etc., 4) Copy of proof of address, without which the bid is liable to be rejected.

Date : 29.05.2026
Place : Hosur

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