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U.S.-VENEZUELA
OPERATION KILLS
LEADER OF TREN
DE ARAGUA GANG

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CARACAS: The leader of the transnational gang Tren de Aragua was killed in a joint operation by the United States and Venezuela, authorities in the United States said on Friday. Founded in Venezuela, Tren de Aragua has been designated a terrorist organization by the US and is also active in Colombia, Peru and Chile.

“There were clashes with members of these criminal structures, in which Hector Rustenford Guerrero Flores, alias ‘Nino Guerrero,’ was neutralized,” Venezuela’s Ministry of Communications said in a statement.

The ministry said the “joint operation” took place in the southeast of Bolivar state, and involved “specialized technological support” and intelligence exchange between the United States and Venezuela.

US President Donald Trump said earlier Friday that American forces carried out a deadly strike on the gang leader.

“At my direction, the United States Southern Command delivered a swift and lethal kinetic strike to successfully execute Nino Guerrero,” a post on Trump’s official Truth Social platform said.

The attack “was coordinated closely with our friends in Venezuela, with whom we are working very well,” the post read, appearing to refer to the interim leadership of Delcy Rodriguez, who has been in place since the US removed Nicolas Maduro from power in January.

“As a result, Tren de Aragua terrorists no longer have safe haven in Venezuela or anywhere else,” the post read.

The social media post was accompanied by a 10-second video, showing an overhead view of a building surrounded by greenery before an explosion is seen, sending up a cloud of smoke. No people are clearly visible in the footage. US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth also confirmed that the kinetic strike hit “a Tren de Aragua compound.”

US bans advanced Anthropic AI models for foreign nationals

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SAN FRANCISCO: Anthropic said on Friday it will “abruptly disable” its most advanced AI models for all users after the US government ordered it to suspend access to the models for foreign nationals, citing national security concerns.

The company received the export control directive to suspend access to Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all foreign nationals, without being given specific details of its national security concern, Anthropic said in a statement.

It is Anthropic’s understanding that the government believes there is a method of bypassing, or “jailbreaking,” a safeguard that would prevent Fable 5 from being used in identifying software vulnerabilities, the company said.

The order comes just as a previous dispute between Trump administration officials and IPO-bound Anthropic showed signs of easing across parts of the US government.

Anthropic’s relationship with the government ruptured this year after it refused to allow the US military to use its AI models for domestic surveillance and fully autonomous weapons systems. The government responded by putting Anthropic on a supply chain blacklist, set to take effect later in the year.

The action also marks a major escalation of US efforts to halt foreign adversaries’ AI capabilities. For years, US export controls have focused on the chips and tools that power AI rather than on restricting foreign access to AI itself.

Anthropic said the government has given it only “verbal evidence of a potential narrow,

non-universal jailbreak”.

“We disagree that the finding of a narrow potential jailbreak should be cause for recalling a commercial model deployed to hundreds of millions of people,” the company said.

The government directive and Anthropic’s response highlight growing tension between AI developers and regulators over how to assess risks from so-called “jailbreaks,” or methods used to bypass model safeguards.

As recently as Wednesday, Anthropic had called for greater US oversight of AI, including the

ability to block models with unacceptable risks. It said, however, the government action on Friday did not follow principles of fair and fact-based regulation.

The Pentagon’s chief information officer, Kirsten Davies, said in a post on X that the Defense Department supported prioritizing national security.

“Some things are simply more important than revenue cycles, clickbait, and pre-IPO valuation. America First. Always,” Davies said.

Anthropic confidentially filed for a US IPO last month, edging ahead of rival OpenAI in the race to reach public markets.

Earlier this week, Anthropic rolled out an AI model named Claude Fable 5, representing a new tier of capability it calls “Mythos-class.” The model is accompanied by guardrails barring its use in risky areas such as cybersecurity, which some users

have complained are “overly broad,” Anthropic said.

Experts have said that Mythos models, in the wrong hands, could dramatically accelerate sophisticated cyberattacks, particularly in sectors such as banking that rely on complex, interconnected, and often decades-old technology systems.

Anthropic said it had worked with the US government, among others, on safety ahead of the Fable launch and that models from rival AI providers showed a similar ability to unearth minor bugs in code.

“The net effect of this order is that we must abruptly disable Fable 5 and Mythos 5 for all our customers to ensure compliance. Access to all other Anthropic models will not be affected,” Anthropic said. Anthropic said that it believed there was a “misunderstanding” and that it is working to restore access.

After US govt clears it, Paramount, Warner Bros deal to go ahead

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WASHINGTON: The US Justice Department’s Antitrust Division said it has cleared Paramount Skydance Corp’s planned \$110 billion acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery, saying it was unlikely to harm competition or consumers.

DOJ said it spent eight months evaluating how the transaction would affect streaming video services, traditional television and the film industry, weighing input from across the entertainment industry.

“The extensive investigatory record reviewed by the Division suggests that the impact of the transaction will be to increase competition across the media and entertainment ecosystem, with benefits for American consumers and workers,” the Justice Department wrote in a statement released on Friday.

Paramount CEO David

Ellison’s father, billionaire Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison, has cultivated ties with President Donald Trump, and the company has hired former Trump officials.

Assistant Attorney General Omeed Assefi had said that politics would “absolutely not” drive the DOJ’s review of the transaction.

Paramount issued a statement thanking the DOJ for its review of the transaction, which it said would allow the company to better compete in an industry defined by an intense scramble for audiences, talent, technology and investment.

“We remain focused on completing the transaction as soon as possible and delivering its benefits to consumers, creators and the entertainment industry as a whole,” Paramount said.

The Federal Communications Commission has not yet approved a petition seeking approval for foreign interests.

US and Iran likely to sign initial deal within 24 hours: Pakistan

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DUBAI/WASHINGTON: The United States and Iran have agreed on a framework for a peace deal after more than three months of war and are expected to sign the initial deal in the next 24 hours, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on Saturday. Sharif, whose country has been mediating in the war, said Pakistan was preparing for an electronic signing that would be followed by technical-level talks next week.

The US and Iran had signalled on Friday that an agreement to end their war was close, with a senior US administration official

saying both sides had agreed on a text and that Washington expected to sign an initial deal in coming days.

“We are closer to a peace deal than ever before. With finalisation likely expected in the next 24 hours, Pakistan is preparing for the electronic signing of the peace deal immediately after, followed by technical level talks next week,” Sharif wrote on X.

“We are confident that this historic peace deal will form a strong foundation for lasting peace.”

The war began with joint US-Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28. Iran then fired on US military targets in the Gulf and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon

fired at Israel, triggering a renewal of conflict between Israel and the Iran-aligned group. The war has killed thousands of people, mostly in Iran and Lebanon, and sent global energy prices sharply higher.

What is in the deal?

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said on Friday that while changes in the deal were still possible, the tentative agreement showed his country had emerged stronger from the conflict.

“Iran is the winner of the war with the US,” he said on state television on Friday.

Hours after those remarks, US forces shot down multiple Ira-

nian one-way attack drones heading toward the Strait of Hormuz, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the drones had posed a threat to commercial traffic. US Central Command later confirmed the action and said the waterway was open.

The proposed memorandum of understanding calls for reopening the strait and lifting the US naval blockade on Iranian ports, sources on all sides of the talks said. Negotiations over Iran’s nuclear program - US President Donald Trump’s stated rationale for starting the war - would take place afterwards.

Protest on British king’s birthday



Protesters hold placards showing Britain’s former prince Andrew and late US sex offender Jeffrey Epstein during the King’s Birthday Parade in London on Saturday.

AFP

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Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Properties

(Appendix-IV-A)

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 8(6) & 6(2) along with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002.

E-Auction Date & Time: 29-06-2026 & 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM

Last Date of EMD and Document Submission: 27-06-2026 Upto 5:00 PM.

Property Inspection Date & Time: 27-06-2026 & 10:00 AM to 04:00 PM

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 constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” for realization of Bank's dues by sale of the said properties/Asset, secured creditor from respective borrower(s) and guarantor(s).The reserve price and earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the below against the respective properties/Assets.

The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website “<https://baanknet.com/>”.

Sr. No.	Branch Name & Address of Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor Name	Details of Immovable Property	Demand Notice Outstanding Amount	Date	Min. Reserve Amount EMD Amount BID Increase Amount	QR Code for Property Image/ Video	QR Code for Property Location	QR Code for Service Provider
1.	BO- Khatima. 1. Mrs. Puja W/O Chiranjeev Batra, Punjabi Colony, Khatima, Dist - U. S. Nagar, Pin - 262308. (Borrower/ Mortgagor) 2. Mr. Chiranjeev Batra S/O Sahab Chandra, Punjabi Colony, Khatima, Dist - U. S. Nagar, Pin - 262308 (Co-Borrower) 3. Mr. Mohd. Ayub S/o Abdul Shakoor, H. No. 1563, Mohalla - Umarukhurd Anshik, Islamnagar, Khatima, Dist - U. S. Nagar, Pin - 262308 (Guarantor).	1. Details of the property mortgage:-Residential property measuring 133.82 sqmtr bearing Khata No-60 Khet No-202 min. Situated at village-Bhitaura, Tehsil-Sitarganj, Distt- U.S.Nagar belonging to addressee No-1 Shri Mrs. Pooja Batra w/o Chiranjeev Batra. 2. Through Sale Deed dated-25.10.2016 in the office of sub registrar at Bahi No-1 Zild no-1065, pages from 367 to 382 at serial no-5449 which was registered in the office of sub registrar Sitarganj, U.S. Nagar. Bounded: On the North-12 Ft. Road, By On the South - Plot Of Rizwan, By On the East-Plot Of Akhlaq, By On the West-Plot of Ayyub.	20-08-2019	Rs. 14,91,663.00 + Plus other interest & charges.	Rs. 5,85,000.00 Rs. 58,500.00 Rs. 10,000.00			
2.	BO- Khatima. 1. Shri. Sabbu S/o Nihaluddeen, H.No.165 Kha, Umarukhurd, Khatima, Udham Singh Nagar, Pin-262308. (Borrower/Mortgagor) 2. Mrs. Farjana W/oSabbu Umarukhurd Anshik, Khatima, Udham Singh Nagar, Pin-262308 (Borrower). 3. Shri Irshad Hussain S/o Abrar Hussain, R/o Ward no.1, Goutia, Khatima Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand-262308 (Guarantor).	Details of the property mortgaged - Residential property bearing Khata No.88, Khet No.46, measuring 92.93 Sqm situated at Vill- Pachpera, Tehsil- Khatima, Udham Singh Nagar belonging to addressee No.1 Shri. Sabbu S/o Nihaluddeen vide Sale Deed dated 01-09-2012 in Book No.1, Zild No.457 Pages from 293 to 310, Serial No.4084 in the office of Sub Registrar Sitarganj, Distt- Udham Singh Nagar. Property bounded as: East: Plot of Mohd. Ahamad, West: Plot of Mohd. Ahamad, North: Plot of Seller, South: Kacha Rasta.	08-08-2017	Rs. 15,64,255.00 + Plus other interest & charges.	Rs. 5,34,000.00 Rs. 53,400.00 Rs. 10,000.00			
3.	BO- Khatima. 1. M/s Mahi Poultry Needs Traders through its Prop. Sh. Jahagir Ahmad S/o Sh. Abdul Kalim (Borrower). 2. Sh. Jahagir Ahmad S/O Sh. Abdul Kalim, Ward no.2, Goutia, Khatima, Distt. U.S.Nagar (Borrower/Mortgagor). 3. Sh. MazidSalmani S/O Sazid Salmani Khatima, U.S.Nagar, Uttarakhand - 262308 (Guarantor). 4. Sh. Sartaj Hussain S/o Ashafaq Hussain, H.No.182, Rajkiya Tharu Inter College, Ward-1, Aajar Nagar, Khatima, U.S.Nagar-262308 (Guarantor). 5. Sh. Sabbu S/O Nihaluddin, Ward no.11, Newbasti, Islam nagar, Umrukhard, Khatima, U.S.Nagar, Uttarakhand-262308 (Guarantor) 6. Sh. Irfan S/O Mehandi Hasan, Ward no.1, Islam Nagar, Umrukhard, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand-262308 (Guarantor).	Details of the property mortgaged - Residential property bearing Khata No.105, Khet No.46 min, measuring 105.94 Sqm situated at Vill-Pachpera, Tehsil- Khatima, Dist- Udham Singh Nagar belonging to Sh. Jahagir Ahmad S/o Sh. Abdul Kalim vide Sale Deed dated 30-12-2015 in Book No.1, Zild No.944 Pages from 323 to 344, Serial No.7043 in the office of Sub Registrar Sitarganj, Distt- Udham Singh Nagar. Property bounded as: In CC limit facility& In Housing loan facility East: Old Khatedar, Mohd Tahir etc, West: Plot of Mohd Tahir, Mohd. Ahamad, North: Rasta 12ft, South: Plot of Cemetery.	08-08-2017	Rs. 25,92,390.00 + Plus other interest & charges.	Rs. 7,10,000.00 Rs. 71,000.00 Rs. 10,000.00			
4.	BO- Khatima. 1. Sh. Mohammad Wasim Siddiqui S/o Mohammad Idarish, H.No-1719, Umarukhurd anshik Khatima, Udham Singh Nagar, Pin-262308 (Borrower/Mortgagor). 2. Smt. Jainab Jaha w/o Mohd Wasim Siddiqui H.No-1719, Umarukhurd anshik Khatima, Udham Singh Nagar, Pin-262308 (Borrower). 3. Sh. Mohammad Aslam Ansari S/o Mohammad Akhtar H. No-28, Rajkiya Tharu Inter college ward, Jahagir Nagar Khatima, Udham Singh Nagar, Pin-262308 (Guarantor).	Details of the property mortgaged - Residential property measuring 109.20 sqm bearing Khata No. 60, Khet no. 202 min situated at Village Bhitora, Tehsil Sitarganj, Distt U. S Nagar belonging to addressee no.1 Mohammad Wasim Siddiqui S/o Mohammad Idarish through Sale deed dated 22-05-2015 registered at Bahi no. 1, Zild no. 850, pages from 235 to 256 at serial no. 2898 registered in the office of Sub registrar Sitarganj, U.S. Nagar. Property bounded as: East: Plot of Ayub, West: Plot of Meena, North: Rasta 14 Feet wide, South: Land of Jaswant Singh.	16-10-2017	Rs. 15,74,642.00 + Plus other interest & charges.	Rs. 5,03,000.00 Rs. 50,300.00 Rs. 10,000.00			

Name of Authorized Officer for Khatima- Shri Puneet Kumar- 9878505960.

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DETAILS OF ACCOUNT IN WHICH REMAINING AMOUNT AFTER EMD IS TO BE DEPOSITED THROUGH RTGS/NEFT: A/C NAME- NEFT PARKING ACCOUNT; A/C NUMBER- 80175040070003; IFS CODE- PSIB0008017 FOR DETAILED TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE SALE, PLEASE REFER TO <https://punjabandsindbank.co.in/module/sarfaesi-list> & <https://baanknet.com/>

This notice is also to be treated as 15 days statutory sale notice to borrowers and Guarantors (L/Rs) Under Rule 8(6) Security Interest (Enforcement). Rules-2002.

Place: Khatima

Date: 12-06-2026

Authorized Officer, Punjab & Sind Bank