Two killed when a shooter opened fire on a hunting party in southern Norway

GLOBAL WEATHER

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

COUNTRY	Max	Min		COUNTRY	Max	Min	
Australia (Canberra)	27	9	SNY	Singapore	31	27	SNY
Indonesia (Bali)	30	19	LC	South Korea (Seoul)	27	18	LR
Italy (Rome)	27	14	LC	Switzerland (Bern)	25	7	SNY
Japan (Tokyo)	23	18	LR	Thailand (Bangkok)	26	24	LR
Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	31	24	SNY	Türkiye (Ankara)	24	10	LC
Maldives (Male)	29	28	LR	UAE (Dubai)	36	31	SNY
Mauritius (Port Louis)	28	21	SNY	Vietnam (Hanoi)	26	24	LR

Yemen govt declares major operation against Houthis

Comes as Iran-backed group makes fresh gains, encircling a government-held city and cutting off supply routes after days of heavy fighting

TAIZ

YEMEN'S leader announced on Sunday the start of a new military operation to retake all territory held by the Houthis, even as the group made fresh gains on the ground, effectively encircling a government-held city.

The announcement sets an ambitious goal for the embattled government, which recently lost large swathes of the country's Red Sea coastline and areas around the Bab al-Mandab Strait — a chokepoint for international shipping — after a lightning offensive by the Iran-backed Houthis.

Yemen's government has struggled to roll back the surge, even with the military support of Saudi Arabia, where the Houthis said they had attacked oil infrastructure in the capital yet again on Sunday.

Saudi-backed Yemen government soldiers inspect an area near the Jabal Han front, west of the city of Taiz amid fierce fighting with Houthis | AFP

"I announce today the start of military operations to retake the remaining territories of the republic and extend the authority of the state and its institutions across the entire national territory," Rashad al-Alimi, the head of Yemen's presidential council, said in a statement.

Alimi called on all the armed forces "to begin carrying out their assigned missions, in accordance with the approved plans, until the country is liberated from the grip of the Houthi terrorist militia".

The statement came just hours after the Houthis cut a vital supply route linking the besieged city of Taiz with the government's interim capital Aden, according to four security sources. The Houthi advance followed days of heavy fighting in and around the city.

"We were informed that the Houthis had taken control of the al-Safiya area, where they cut the main road and took control of the police station," a police source in the area told AFP.

Three sources with the Yemeni military also confirmed Houthi control over the area and the supply route, with traffic along the road halted and the group surrounding Taiz. *AFP*

Rebels claim fresh Aramco attack, Saudi coalition denies

SANAA/ RIYADH

YEMEN'S Houthi military spokesman Yahya Saree on Sunday said the group launched a ballistic missile and drone attack on Saudi energy giant Aramco's sites in capital Riyadh and the oil-rich Khurais area in the kingdom's east.

"Both operations successfully achieved their objectives," the spokesman said in a statement posted on X. "The strikes were precise, causing large fires at the targeted sites."

An AFP journalist saw flames at an oil facility near the Saudi capital. But the Saudi-led coalition battling the group called the claim "misleading".

A spokesperson for the Saudi-led coalition, General Turki al-Maliki, told Saudi-owned media outlet Asharq Al-Awsat late Saturday that the Houthis were "chasing imaginary victories". Earlier on Saturday the Houthis claimed to have attacked a site south of Riyadh belonging to Saudi oil giant Aramco. Last month the Houthis also claimed to have attacked an oil facility in the Saudi port city of Yanbu, a major oil terminal on the Red Sea.

Houthis launched an offensive last month, seizing coastal regions along the strategic Bab al-Mandab Strait. *AFP*

No military solution to West Asia conflict, Iran foreign minister tells US

WAR WATCH

TEHRAN

IRAN'S top diplomat insisted on Sunday that there would be no military solution to the United States' war against the Islamic republic, with talks on ending the conflict apparently at an impasse.

A campaign of heavy bombardment failed to bring a decisive close to the war launched by the US and Israel in late February, and Washington in recent weeks has dialled back military operations in favour of economic pressure.

The main point of contention remains Iran's attempt to blockade the Strait of Hormuz, a vital conduit for Gulf oil and gas where a UK maritime agency reported on Sunday another tanker struck by an unknown projectile.

"If our enemies again choose the path of military confrontation, our response will be stronger than before, and we will defend ourselves with even more force," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said at a gathering of foreign ambassadors."There is no military solution, nor any solution based on new sanctions," he continued, adding "only negotiations based on justice and fairness" could end the conflict. Iran has sought to impose its control over the vital shipping lane since the start of the war. *AFP*

Tanker hit in Strait of Hormuz, crew safe

The British maritime security agency UKMTO reported on Sunday that a tanker in the Hormuz "reported being struck by an unknown projectile, causing damage to the engine room", though the crew were reported safe and no environmental impact was recorded

Brazil votes in nail-biter polls watched closely by Trump

BRASÍLIA

BRAZILIANS started voting Sunday in a knife-edge race between President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Flavio Bolsonaro, in an election to decide whether Latin America's biggest nation follows a regional swing to the right championed by President Donald Trump.

From villages deep in the Amazon rainforest to the agricultural heartlands in the south and sprawling urban favelas, Brazilians are facing a familiar cast — with many forced to pick who they least dislike.

At almost 81 years old, the veteran leftist Lula is seeking a fourth and final term in office, warning voters that Brazil's sovereignty is at stake due to pressure from Trump.

"The people will have to choose between strengthening the democratic regime and barbarism," Lula said after voting in the state of Sao Paulo.

He is facing a tough battle with right-wing senator Bolsonaro, 45, the son of former president Jair Bolsonaro, who is serving a 27-year sentence for attempting a coup.

Flavio has centered his campaign on a message of change, while vowing to crack down on crime. *AFP*

Germany announces $1.5 bn aid for Kyiv

KYIV

UKRAINE and Germany have signed a $1.5-billion deal to help fight the surge in Russian drone attacks, while fresh strikes and air raid sirens greeted Chancellor Friedrich Merz on a solidarity visit Sunday.

The agreement worth more than 1.3 billion euros includes some 1 billion euros for weapons including combat drones.

A bridge in Kyiv was hit in a Russian attack, the city's mayor Vitali Klitschko said, soon after Merz's arrival.

"Impact on the road surface of the Northern Bridge. Emergency services are heading to the scene," the mayor wrote on Telegram. Air raid sirens had earlier blared, warning of drones approaching the city.

Merz, on a surprise visit to show European support as attacks increase, discovered the new reality of daily life in the Ukrainian capital.

Police officers inspect the damages following a Russian drone strike on the Northern Bridge in Kyiv on Sunday | AFP

Air raid sirens wailed repeatedly, including as Zelensky showed him the damage to the National Academy of Sciences, which was hit by a Russian attack drone on Monday, killing two. "We can see the entire pointlessness of this war at this place," noted Merz.

"These barbarous attacks on the civilian population of Ukraine must stop. These are war crimes that are being committed daily here." One blast that was heard across the city damaged the road surface of the Northern Bridge — one of several connecting the eastern and western parts of Kyiv over the Dnipro river, which have been struck repeatedly in the last four days.

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> Friedrich Merz, German chancellor

Round-the-clock attacks have hit residential areas, petrol stations, schools, rail and communications infrastructure, while the near-constant air raid sirens disrupt daily life and put people on edge.

As he arrived, Merz said that support for Ukraine was vital for European security. "If Russia is not stopped, its war machine will sooner or later turn against us," he claimed. *AFP*

Up to 500 French schools to be totally or partly closed today

NEW YORK

UP to 500 schools across France will be totally or partly closed on Monday because of a wave of student protests that has shaken the country, the education minister said on Sunday. Lessons will be "totally or partly suspended" in some "400-500" high schools as the security conditions "have not been fulfilled", said Education Minister Edouard Geffray on Sunday, adding that 24 schools had been "burned or ransacked" since the start of the movement. He described the closures as chiefly a security precaution ahead of large-scale protests that the leaders of the movement have called for Tuesday. The teens at French high schools say that their studies are being ruined by high teacher absences, overlong school days and dilapidated facilities, as well as other grievances. The movement began at a Paris school on September 17 but grew last week into nationwide protests. *AFP*

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **IDBI Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **20-11-2026** through E-auction between **10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.** for recovery of **Rs.7,84,719/- (as on 01-10-2026)** due to the IDBI Bank, Secured Creditor from **Shri.M.Selvam and Smt.S.Sudha.** The reserve price will be **Rs.45,00,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,50,000/-.**

Description of the Immovable property

Residential Property admeasuring land extent of 995 sq. ft. along with building constructed therein (built-up area – 756 sq. ft.), situated at Door No.5/327, Alagu Nagar, Kattur, Amani Kondalampatti Village, Salem – 636010.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.baanknet.com and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.idbi.bank.in

Date : 01.10.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Coimbatore **IDBI Bank Ltd.**

ASIA MATTERS

THAILAND

YOUTH FIGHT FOR RIGHT TO DISSENT

Fifty years after a student demonstration against dictatorship ended in a massacre, Thailand's latest generation of protesters say they still face threats including prosecution, jail or exile. Nutthanit Duangmusit, 24, spent several months in pre-trial detention before being convicted under Thailand's strict royal defamation law, among almost 300 people charged under so-called lese majeste since 2020. The monarchy remains widely revered in Thailand, a largely traditionalist society where a conservative government was elected this year.

MALAYSIA

GAMBLING SYNDICATE BUSTED, 41 ARRESTED

Police have busted a cockfighting gambling syndicate and arrested 41 during a raid in Batu Gajah. Perak police chief Comm Datuk Mohd Alwi Zainal Abidin said those arrested comprised 40 local men and an Indonesian national. "Police also seized several items and RM114,211 in cash believed to be linked to the illegal activity," he said.

INDONESIA

EXPECTED RHINO BIRTHS SPARK HOPE

Two critically endangered Sumatran rhinos have fallen pregnant at an Indonesian sanctuary, boosting hopes for the survival of one of the world's rarest and most threatened mammals, the government said on Sunday. Ratu, a female Sumatran rhino at the Way Kambas National Park on Sumatra island, has been pregnant with her fourth calf for 238 days — nearly half the gestation period. Ratu means "queen" in Indonesian. Ratu's daughter, Delilah, is more than 250 days into a pregnancy with her second calf, and both should give birth in May

Imran's party begins protest march as talks fail

ISLAMABAD

A march protesting against the imprisonment of former Pakistani prime minister Imran Khan kicked off in northwest Pakistan on Sunday after talks to avoid the demonstration stalled. Authorities have been preparing for weeks for the possible arrival of demonstrators in Islamabad, with the march planned by supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party originally slated for September 27 and then postponed until Sunday.

Videos posted on PTI's official social media showed supporters coalescing in different areas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, ruled by the party, and setting off in convoys.

Sohail Afridi, the chief minister for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said earlier on X that the demonstration in support of Khan would go ahead. Discontent over Khan's incarceration has mounted in recent months, particularly over the 73-year-old's medical treatment and access to him by doctors and family.

PTI has also called for the release of Khan's three sisters, whose arrests last month further heightened tensions. Opposition politician Allama Raja Nasir Abbas said last-minute talks between the government and representatives from PTI were in "deadlock". *AFP*

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PUBLIC NOTICE
GOLD AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the below mentioned borrowers and the general public that the said borrowers have availed loan facilities from IDFC FIRST Bank Limited (Bank) by pledging Gold ornaments and despite repeated reminders and notices, the borrowers have failed to repay the outstanding dues within the stipulated time under the facility. Accordingly, the Bank, in exercise of its rights, shall conduct a public auction of the pledged gold ornaments from **12-NOV-2026/13-NOV-2026/16-NOV-2026** for the recovery of its dues. Borrowers are hereby informed that this is the final opportunity to repay the entire outstanding dues along with the applicable relevant interest, charges and expenses before the Inspection/Bid date, failing which the pledged gold ornaments shall be sold through the auction as per the guidelines given by regulators.

LOAN ACCOUNT NO.	NAME OF BORROWER	BRANCH NAME
187656593	T SAKTHIVEL	VF HARUR IFBL
184634169	SURESH SHANMUGAM	BHAVANI IFBL
188424258	SUNDARAM V	MALLUR IFBL
187990126	VETRIVEL R	KOLLAMPALAYAM IFBL
188085718	SOWMIYA MURUGESAN	BHAVANI IFBL
187039431	A MADHESH	THARAMANGALAM IFBL
185912640	SATHIYA RAJASEKARAN	BHAVANI IFBL
186114231	PALANISAMY SANMUGAM	VALAPADI IFBL
183297602	TAMILVANI PERUMAL	HUSTHAMPATTY IFBL
186656889	SENTHAMARAI KUMAR	VF BOMMIDI IFBL
184504112	GOWRI GANGA VIJAYAKUMAR	EDAPPADI IFBL
185568351	PERUMAL RAMU	CUDDALORE NT IFBL
187108312	NARAYANAN K	CUDDALORE NT IFBL
173372504	GOWRI A	THIRUCHENGODU IFBL

In the event of the auction any surplus amount is realized from this auction, the same shall be refunded to the concerned borrower and if there is any deficit/shortfall post the auction, the balance amount shall be recoverable from the borrower through appropriate legal proceedings. IDFC FIRST Bank has the authority to remove any account from the auction without any prior intimation. Further IDFC FIRST Bank reserves the right to modify or defer the auction schedule to later date at its discretion, without serving any prior notice. Auction will be conducted in physical mode through its empaneled auction service providers **M/S Shriram Auto Mall India Ltd** from **10:00 am to 01:00 pm.** If the customer is deceased, all the conditions pertaining to auction will be applicable to their nominee/legal heir.

Terms & Conditions of Auction sale:
1) Sale of concerned gold ornaments shall be on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis.**
2) Intending bidders shall register with the Bank's authorized auction service provider and comply with the KYC requirements.
3) It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the ornaments and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder may inspect the ornaments in consultation with the branch manager.
4) The highest bid shall be subject to confirmation by the Authorized Representative of the Bank.
5) Successful bidder shall deposit the full sale amount within the stipulated time, failing which the amount already deposited shall be forfeited.
6) Gold Pouches once sold cannot be returned to seller under any circumstances and seller shall have no liability of whatsoever nature once the physical hand over of it is taken by the winning bidder/purchaser.
7) The Authorized Representative of the Bank reserves the right to accept/reject any bid or cancel/postpone the auction without prior notice or assigning any reason whatsoever.
8) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.

DATE : 05-10-2026 **Sd/-**
PLACE: TAMIL NADU **Authorized officer for IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
AMCC Krishnagiri (07494),
No.43 Krishnappa layout, Krishnagiri District - 635102.

(RULE – 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the authorized officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred Under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand notice dated 22.07.2026 calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor.

1. Shri. P. NAGARAJ S/O CHINNATHAMBI @ PERIYANNAN,
Thiruvayalur, Pochampalli, Krishnagiri District - 635206.

to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ABAL (37440510835) **Rs.20,05,189/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Five Thousand One Hundred And Eighty Nine only)** as on 22.07.2026 and interest thereon from 23.07.2026 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc., within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her Under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **1st Oct 2026.**

The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the movable property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, for an amount) **Rs.20,35,347/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred And Fourty Seven only)** as on 21.09.2026 and interest thereon from 22.09.2026 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc.

SCHEDULE 'A'

SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES SCHEDULE

Land Situate in Krishnagiri RD, Pochampalli SRD, Pochampalli Taluk in Vadamalampatti Village in

ITAM-1
S.No.165/1A(Patta no 1435) H.A.0.29.0 in New Sub Division S.No.165/1A3 H.A.0.22.5 in this a land measuring acre 0.50 situate within the following boundaries.
South- land of Murugan,
West- PWD Channel,
East- Land of Murugan,
North- Land of Murugan and Vaikkal.,

ITAM-2
S.No.165/1A(Patta no 1435) H.A.0.29.0 in New Sub Division S.No.165/1A3 H.A.0.22.5 in this a land measuring acre 0.06 situate within the following boundaries.
South- land of Murugan,
West- PWD Channel,
East- Land of Murugan,
North- Land of Murugan and Vaikkal.

Total Extend is 0.56 Cents
Inciuding a molded a house bearing Door No 1/285A bearing S.C.No.989.

Date : 01.10.2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place : AMCC Krishnagiri **Chief Manager**