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Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
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Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Iran says it is reviewing new US proposals

TEHRAN: Iran's Supreme National Security Council said in a statement that Pakistan's army chief, serving as an intermediary, presented the proposals to Iran when he recently visited Tehran, and they were still under review. It was not revealed what was in the proposals. The council said Iran has yet to respond, but further talks would require the US to abandon "excessive demands and adjust its requests to the realities on the ground."



IRAN TURNS UP THE HEAT, CLOSES HORMUZ AGAIN OVER U.S. BLOCKADE

Emphasises it would continue to block transit through strait as long as US blockade of Iranian ports remained

CAIRO/ANTALYA

Iran reversed its decision to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and fired on a tanker attempting to pass the waterway on Saturday. It also warned that it would continue to block transit through the strait as long as the US blockade of Iranian ports remained in effect.

Confusion over the critical choke-point threatened to deepen the energy crisis roiling the global economy and push the two countries toward renewed conflict, even as mediators expressed confidence a new deal was within reach.

Iran's joint military command said on Saturday that "control of the Strait of Hormuz has returned to its previous state... under strict management and control of the armed forces."

flagged cruise ship Mein Schiff 4 experienced a nearby splash while crossing near Oman. In a separate incident, the UKMTO said a container ship in the area was hit by an "unknown projectile," damaging some containers but causing no fire.

US's maximalist demands stall talks, says Iran official

Iran is not yet ready to hold a new round of face-to-face talks with US officials, a senior Iranian official said Saturday, citing Washington's refusal to abandon "maximalist" demands on key issues.

In an interview with *The Associated Press* on the margins of a diplomacy forum in Turkey, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Saad Khatibzadeh also said his country will not hand over its enriched uranium to the United States, rejecting claims made by Donald Trump.

"I can tell you that no enriched material is going to be shipped to United States," Khatibzadeh said. "This is non-starter and I can assure you that while we are ready to address any concerns that we do have, we're not going to accept things that are non-starters."

Trump says Iran cannot 'blackmail' US with Hormuz

Meanwhile, Trump on Saturday warned Iran not to "blackmail" Washington with its flip-flopping on the fate of the Strait of Hormuz, after Tehran declared the strategic waterway once again closed.

AFP/AP

US says 23 ships turned back since Iran blockade

WASHINGTON: The US military says it has forced 23 ships to turn around near the Strait of Hormuz since it imposed a naval blockade of Iranian ports. In a post on X, the Central Command said US forces are still enforcing the blockade "against ships entering or exiting Iranian ports and coastal areas." The blockade ordered by President Donald Trump started April 13 as part of US pressure on Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Macron blames Hezbollah for peacekeeper death

BEIRUT: A UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon came under attack with small arms fire Saturday morning leaving one French peacekeeper dead and three wounded, two of them seriously, France's president and the force known as UNIFIL said. Both President Emmanuel Macron and the UNIFIL force blamed Hezbollah, but the militant group denied involvement.

Indian-flagged tanker fired on, cruise ship threatened

Commercial vessels faced threats in the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday, maritime monitors said. A UK agency reported Iran's Revolutionary Guards fired at a tanker, while Vanguard Tech said an empty cruise ship was threatened while leaving the Gulf. The UK Maritime Trade Operations Centre said IRGC gunboats opened fire on a tanker north-east of Oman, but the vessel and crew were safe. Vanguard identified it as the India-flagged Sammar Herald, citing the captain's account that patrol boats approached without radio contact and fired shots, damaging bridge windows. Vanguard also reported that the Malta-



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Israel draws Gaza-style 'Yellow Line' in Lebanon

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL's military said Saturday it had established a "Yellow Line" demarcation in southern Lebanon, similar to one separating its forces from Hamas-held areas in Gaza, adding it had hit a "terrorist cell" operating near its troops along the line.

"Over the past 24 hours, IDF forces operating south of the Yellow Line in southern Lebanon identified terrorists who violated the ceasefire understandings and approached the forces from north of the Yellow Line in a manner that posed an immediate threat," it said, referring to such a line for the first time since a ceasefire came into effect.

"In order to eliminate the threat... forces attacked the terrorists in several areas," it said, noting that the military was authorised to act against threats.

"Actions taken in self-defence and to remove immediate threats are not restricted by the ceasefire," it said. In a separate statement later on Saturday, the military said the air force



Excavators remove rubble from buildings destroyed in Israeli airstrikes on Thursday as rescuers search for victims in the city of Tyre, southern Lebanon | AP

had eliminated a "terrorist cell" operating near troops in southern Lebanon.

"The IDF eliminated a terrorist cell operating in proximity to IDF soldiers in southern Lebanon, in the area of the forward defence line," it said, referring to the Yellow Line.

It did not say how many militants were killed.

The IDF said it struck a shaft and Hezbollah fighters entering it, with a hit confirmed. Since the October 10 ceasefire, Gaza has been split by a "Yellow Line" dividing Israeli- and Hamas-controlled zones.

AFP

Aus to get Japanese stealth frigates in \$6 billion deal

SYDNEY

JAPAN agreed on Saturday on a deal to provide Australia's navy with the first of almost a dozen stealth frigates, part of a wider military build up by Canberra aimed at boosting its long-range firepower to deter China. Under the deal announced last year and billed as one of Japan's biggest defence export deals since World War II, Australia will pay Au\$10 billion (\$6 billion) over the next 10 years to acquire the fleet of stealth frigates.

Defence Industry Pat Conroy said. "We are working closely with Japanese and Australian industry partners as we acquire one of the most, if not the most, advanced general-purpose frigates in the world," he added.

Australia is striving to expand its fleet of major warships from 11 to 26 over the next decade. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries was awarded the tender over Germany's Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems. Mogami-class warships are advanced stealth frigates equipped with a potent array of weapons.

Japan is deepening cooperation with US allies in the Asia-Pacific region that, like Tokyo, are involved in territorial disputes with China. Both Japan and Australia are members of the "Quad" group alongside India and the United States.



EXPRESS READ

Guinea restores access after social media blackout

CONAKRY: A blackout on several social media sites in Guinea, which is ruled by an authoritarian government, was lifted Friday, bloggers and other users in the west African nation said. Guinean authorities have not officially commented on the restrictions, which were first announced Thursday by ABLOGUI, an association of Guinea bloggers. The group said it had observed a blackout on Facebook, Messenger, YouTube and TikTok starting Wednesday. Guinea is ruled by President Mamady Doumbouya, a former army general, who came to power in a 2021 coup and was elected last December in a vote that excluded all major opposition leaders.

Gunman kills six, takes hostages in Kyiv, shot dead by cops

KYIV: A gunman who killed six people in Kyiv before taking hostages in a supermarket was shot dead by police, Ukrainian officials said. Interior Minister Ihor Klymenko said the attacker opened fire on the street, killing four people, then entered the store and killed another. A sixth victim later died in hospital, Mayor Vitali Klitschko said. Police negotiators spoke with the gunman for about 40 minutes before special forces stormed the building after he failed to respond. He was killed while resisting arrest.

Pak urges realistic approach on US-Iran talks

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN's efforts to resolve the conflict between the US and Iran have been going on with a "realistic and positively optimistic" approach, official sources said on Saturday, while emphasising "a deal is only done when it's done".

As Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Asim Munir wrapped up their respective visits to West Asia, reports began to circulate about the

second round of talks in Islamabad. It is not yet clear when the next round of talks will take place. "As all eyes are set on the next round of Peace Talks in Islamabad, there is a need to remain realistic and positively optimistic. However, what also must be understood is that a deal is only done when it's done," an official source said.

Meanwhile, Foreign Ministers of Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkiye, and Egypt have discussed ways to enhance cooperation in "key areas of

mutual interest" in a third consultative meeting held in Antalya. "The Foreign Ministers expressed a shared commitment to advancing this partnership, deepening coordination and expanding collaboration across key areas of mutual interest," it said.

Munir concludes Iran visit

Pakistan's Chief of Defence Forces Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir has concluded his three-day visit to Iran as part of Islamabad's efforts to resolve the US-Iran conflict.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

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 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Kerala State Co-Operative Bank Ltd. (secured creditor), will be sold on below date, "As is where is" and "As is what is" Condition for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Kerala State Co-Operative Bank Ltd. from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

- Branch: Attukal; Loan No. 102860357000886**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: (1). Sri. Gireesh. A.S. (2). Smt. Saraswathy. R. TC 39/1584, Mannamparambil Veedu, T.N. Puram lane, Kilipallam, Manacadu. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Gireesh; South: Property of Mini; East: Road; West: Property of Chandramohan, Swamy.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 31,42,000/- (Rupees Thirty one lakh and forty two thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 50,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 5,00,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10282200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001028.
- Branch: Paraniyam; Loan No. 107260357001224**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Binumul. O.J, Mount Carmel, Paraniyam, Vazhimukku, Puthiyathura. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Baijuman, way. South: Property of Sasi & Jaya. East: Property of Beena. West: Property of Jayakumar, Immanuveil.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 14,28,000/- (Rupees Fourteen lakh and twenty eight thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 23,60,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 2,36,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10722200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001072.
- Branch: Paraniyam; Loan No. 107260474000037**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: (1). Sri. Shaji. C. (2). Smt. Bindu Rani. P. Palottumle Puthen Veedu, Arunamangal, Poovar. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** 161/3. North: Property of Samuel; South: Property of Shaji Christudas; East: Property of Babu; West: Property of Samuel, Christudas. **Boundaries:** 161/20-1. North: Property of Bindukumar; South: Property of Davidson; East: Property of Sunil; West: Property of Christudas.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 7,25,000/- (Rupees Seven lakh and twenty five thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 13,50,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,35,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10722200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001072.
- Branch: Peringamala; Loan No. 107460357000638**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Sri. Renjith. O.J, Padmavisom Veedu, T.C. 16/1397, Jagathy People Nagar, Kanneetumukku, Thycadu. P.O. Pin-695014, Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Gopi; South: Property of Steephenson & Saji; East: Property of Sebastian Chulan; West: Property of Bijukumar.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 21,26,000/- (Rupees Twenty one lakh and twenty six thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 20,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 2,00,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10742200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001074.
- Branch: Aruvippuram; Loan No. 102464362000361**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Lekha. A. Sneha Bhavan, Aluvila, Eluvila. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** 161/3. North: Property of Samuel; South: Property of Steephenson & Saji; East: Property of Sebastian Chulan; West: Property of Bijukumar.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 9,30,000/- (Rupees Nine lakh and thirty thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 11,29,350/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,12,935/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10242200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001024.
- Branch: Aruvippuram; Loan No. 102464362000146**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: (1). Smt. Jenet. J.R. (2). Sri. George. R. both residing at: R.S. Cottage, Kollarivila, Mambazhakkara, Perumbhazhuthoor. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Road; South: Property of Sasidharan Nair; East: Property of Varghese; West: Property of Sasidharan Nair.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 12,01,000/- (Rupees Twelve lakh and one thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 11,50,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,15,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10242200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001024.
- Branch: Aruvippuram; Loan No. 102460357000464**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: (1). Smt. Rani. T. Bathel Bhavan, Kodiparambu, Manathara, Mambazhakkara, Perumbhazhuthoor. P.O., (2). Sri. Thankarajan. Chakkalackal Veedu, Chenkal, Perumbhazhuthoor, Neyyattinkara. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Vijayan; South: Property of Sahadevan & Sijin; East: Common way; West: Property of Vinil.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 7,90,000/- (Rupees Seven lakh and ninety thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 8,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 80,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10242200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001024.
- Branch: Aruvippuram; Loan No. 102460357000608**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Sri. Francis. Manathara Rodarikathu Veedu, Mambazhakkara, Perumbhazhuthoor. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Nadavazhy & Property of Raveendran; South: Property of Chandran. East: Property of Maniyan; West: Property of Babu.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 4,25,000/- (Rupees Four lakh and twenty five thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 4,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 40,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10242200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001024.
- Branch: Aruvippuram; Loan No. 102464362000515**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Bindhu. S. Thinnavila Charuvila Veedu, Pulakkikonam, Dhalummukham. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Nadavazhy & Property of Rajesh; South: Property of Chellakuttan Nadar; East: Property of Nijanasheelan; West: Property of David.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 12,77,000/- (Rupees Twelve lakh and seventy seven thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 11,20,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,12,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10242200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001024.
- Branch: Kanjirankulam; Loan No. 104160357000982**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Aneesa S. Rajendran, Plavila Veedu, Kazhivoor, P.O., Kanjirankulam. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Sasidharan Nair; East: Property of Varghese; West: Property of Sasidharan Nair.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 10,30,000/- (Rupees Ten lakh and thirty thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 14,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,40,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10412200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001041.
- Branch: Kanjirankulam; Loan No. 104160357000265**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Syamala. C. Plankalavila Veedu, Thadathikulam, Kanjirankulam. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Bhaskaran; South: Public way & Property of Balakrishnan & Madhavan; East: Property of Karunakaran; West: Property of Pathrose.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 27,81,000/- (Rupees Twenty seven lakh and eighty one thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 28,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 2,80,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10412200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001041.
- Branch: Kanjirankulam; Loan No. 104160357001323**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Sheeba Beevi. A. Chavarode Veedu, Kalinkinnugham, Pullampara. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Sivanikutty; South: Property of Athira; East: Nadavazhy; West: Property of Pradeep.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakh only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 14,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,40,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10412200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001041.
- Branch: Venjaramoodu; Loan No. 109960357001288**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: (1). Sri. Sasidharan Pillai. (2). Smt. Lekhakumari, both residing at: Parankimamvila Veedu, Plavila, Pirappancode. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Sivanikutty; South: Property of Sivanikutty; East: Property of Sivanikutty; West: Property of Sivanikutty.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 11,30,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakh and thirty thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 11,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,10,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10992200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001099.
- Branch: Venjaramoodu; Loan No. 109960357001759**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Sheeba Beevi. A. Chavarode Veedu, Kalinkinnugham, Pullampara. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Sivanikutty; South: Property of Sivanikutty; East: Property of Sivanikutty; West: Property of Sivanikutty.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 20,57,000/- (Rupees Twenty lakh and fifty seven thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 18,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,80,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10992200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001099.
- Branch: Venjaramoodu; Loan No. 109960357001184**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Sri. Sudheer. A. Pulikuzhy Veedu, Kootummugham, Vellumannady. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Sivanikutty; South: Property of Sivanikutty; East: Property of Sivanikutty; West: Property of Sivanikutty.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 17,00,000/- (Rupees Seventeen lakh only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 17,00,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,70,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10992200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001099.
- Branch: Venjaramoodu; Loan No. 109960357000656**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Smt. Vidhya. C. Vidhya Bhavan, Kalamachal. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Sivanikutty; South: Property of Sivanikutty; East: Property of Sivanikutty; West: Property of Sivanikutty.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 16,50,000/- (Rupees Sixteen lakh and fifty thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 16,50,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 1,65,000/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10992200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001099.
- Branch: Venjaramoodu; Loan No. 109960357000737**
Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantor: Sri. Gireesh. S. Maruthy, Venjaramoodu. P.O., Thiruvananthapuram District. **Boundaries:** North: Property of Sivanikutty; South: Property of Sivanikutty; East: Property of Sivanikutty; West: Property of Sivanikutty.
Total Liabilities: Rs. 22,75,000/- (Rupees Twenty two lakh and seventy five thousand only) as on 31-03-2026 plus further interest, cost thereon from 31-03-2026.
Reserve Price: Rs. 33,44,000/- **EMD:** Rs. 3,34,400/- **Account number to which E.M.D. should be paid:** 10992200503601, IFSC Code: KSBK001099.

Encumbance of the above said properties: Nil to the Knowledge of Bank. The bidders shall verify them before submission of Bids.

Date & time of E-Auction: 29-05-2026, Between 11.00 AM & 3.00 PM

Website of E-Auction: https://www.bankauctions.com Date & time of Submission of E.M.D.: 25-05-2026, up to 4.00 PM

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