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Beijing	28	15	SNY	Los Angeles	19	13	LC
Colombo	33	27	SNY	Melbourne	15	9	SNY
Dhaka	39	28	SNY	Moscow	19	11	LR
Dubai	31	26	SNY	New York	14	5	SNY
Houston	28	23	LC	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	23	14	LC	Toronto	6	3	SNY
London	12	5	LR	Washington	11	10	LR

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# Senate OKs aid, Ukraine to get US weapons in hours

President Biden signs legislation that earmarks \$61 billion of the \$95 billion war assistance for Kyiv; Israel, Taiwan too part of the basket

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden signed into law on Wednesday a \$95 billion war aid measure that includes aid for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.

The announcement marks an end to long, painful battle with Republicans in Congress over urgently needed assistance for Ukraine.

"We rose to the moment. We came together and we got it done," Biden said at White House event to announce the signing. "Now we need to move fast, and we are." But significant damage has been done to the Biden administration's effort to help Ukraine repel Rus-

sia's brutal invasion during the funding impasse that dates back to August, when the Democratic president made his first emergency spending request for Ukraine aid. Even with a burst of new weapons and ammunition, it is unlikely Ukraine will immediately recover after months of setbacks.

Biden said the transfer of an initial aid package of military assistance will begin in a matter of hours the first tranche from about \$61 billion allocated for Ukraine, according to US officials.

It is expected to include air defence capabilities, artillery rounds, armoured vehicles and other weapons to shore up



A file photo of 155 mm M795 artillery projectiles stacked in Scranton. The Pentagon could get weapons moving to Ukraine within days as it has a network of storage sites in the US and Europe | AP

Ukrainian forces who have seen morale sink as Russian President Vladimir Putin has racked up win after win.

But longer term, it remains uncertain if Ukraine after months of losses in Eastern Ukraine and sustaining massive damage to its infrastructure can make enough progress to sustain American political support before burning through the latest influx of money.

"It's not going in the Ukrainians' favour in the Donbas, certainly not elsewhere in the country," said White House national security spokesman John Kirby, referring to the eastern industrial heartland where Ukraine has suffered set-

backs. "Mr. Putin thinks he can play for time. So we've got to try to make up some of that time." Russia now appears focused on Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city. Russian forces have exploited air defence shortages in the city, pummeling the region's energy infrastructure, and looking to shape conditions for a potential summer offensive to seize the city.

House Speaker Mike Johnson delayed a vote on the supplemental aid package for months as members of his party's far right wing threatened to move to oust him if he allowed a vote to send more assistance to Ukraine. AP



Timur Ivanov | AP

## Russian deputy defence minister arrested for taking bribe

MOSCOW

A top Russian military official arrested on suspicion of accepting a bribe was sent to pre-trial detention on Wednesday after appearing before a court in central Moscow, court officials said in a statement.

Timur Ivanov, 48, one of Russia's 12 deputy defence ministers, was arrested Tuesday evening, Russia's Investigative Committee said in a statement. It gave no further information, apart from specifying that Ivanov is suspected of taking an especially large bribe a criminal offense punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

According to a statement from the court, investigators told Moscow's Basmaniya court on Wednesday that Ivanov had conspired with third parties to receive a bribe in the form of unspecified property services 'during contracting and subcontracting work for the needs of the Ministry of Defence'.

An acquaintance of Ivanov's, identified as Sergei Borodin, was also arrested and ordered into pre-trial detention on the same charges, court officials said in a separate statement. Both men are to remain in custody until at least June 23.

According to the defence ministry's website, Ivanov was appointed to the post in 2016 by a presidential decree. He oversaw property management, housing and medical support for the military, construction and reconstruction of facilities. Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti quoted Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov as saying that both President Vladimir Putin and Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu were informed about Ivanov's arrest, which comes as Moscow's war in Ukraine continues into its third year. AP

## ByteDance gets a year from US to sell TikTok

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Wednesday signed a bill into law that would force TikTok's China-based parent company to sell the social media platform under the threat of a ban, a contentious move by US lawmakers that's expected to face legal challenges and disrupt the lives of content creators who rely on the short-form video app for income.

The TikTok legislation was included as part of a larger \$95 billion package that provides foreign aid to Ukraine and Israel and was passed in the Senate 79-18.

A decision made by House Republicans last week to attach the TikTok bill to the high-priority package helped expedite its passage in Congress and came after negotiations with the Senate, where an earlier version of the bill had stalled.

The revised legislation extends the deadline, giving ByteDance nine months to sell TikTok, and a possible three-month extension if a sale is in progress. The bill would also bar the company from controlling TikTok's secret sauce: the algorithm that feeds users videos based on their interests and has made the platform a trend-setting phenomenon.

TikTok did not immediately return a request for comment Tuesday night.

The passage of the legislation is a culmination of long-held bipartisan fears in Washington over Chinese threats and the ownership of TikTok, which is used by 170 million Americans.

For years, lawmakers and administration officials have expressed concerns that Chinese authorities could force ByteDance to hand over US user data, or influence Americans by suppressing or promoting certain content on TikTok. AP

# IDF readies 2 reserve brigades for Rafah attack

TEL AVIV

THE Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on Wednesday said it was readying to deploy two reserve brigades for missions in the Gaza Strip, as the military appeared to move ahead with plans for an offensive in the southern Gaza city of Rafah as it seeks to remove the Hamas terror group from its last major redoubt in the enclave, *The Times of Israel* reported.

The 679th "Yiftah" Armored Brigade and the 2nd "Carmeli" Infantry Brigade, which had been operating on the northern border, were set to take responsibility for areas of central Gaza that have remained under Israeli military control since troops largely pulled back from other areas of the Strip earlier this month, according to an Army Radio report.

The move will free up Nahal Brigade troops currently holding the central corridor to join the rest of the 162nd Division in preparing for future operations, including planned offensives in Rafah and central Gaza, military sources have said.

The IDF said the two reserve brigades "prepared in recent weeks for their mission in the Gaza Strip."

"They practiced battle techniques and learned the main insights and lessons from fighting and maneuvering in the Gaza Strip so far," the military said. The mobilized brigades were to be placed under the 99th Division. During the first few months of the IDF's ground offensive, the division had been

**WAR WATCH**  
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 201

**DEATH TOLL SO FAR**  
**36,130**

**Ship off Yemen attacked by Houthis**

A ship near the strategic Bab el-Mandeb Strait saw an explosion in the distance Wednesday, marking what may be a new attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels through the crucial waterway for international trade. The explosion comes after a relative lull from the Houthis after they launched dozens of attacks on shipping in the region over Israel's ongoing war on Hamas.

**Woman trying to attack soldiers with knife shot**

The Israeli military says its forces shot dead a Palestinian woman after she allegedly ran toward Israeli soldiers with a knife in the southern West Bank on Wednesday. The military said it took place at Okfim junction near the Palestinian city of Hebron. No soldiers were injured. Palestinian authorities identified the slain woman as 20-year-old Maimuna Harahsheh. AP

tasked with the so-called Netzarim corridor in the central Gaza Strip, an east-west route. One of the brigades will again be deployed to the east-west belt dividing the Strip in two, while the second will secure a pier being built by the United States on central Gaza's coast aimed at boosting deliveries of humanitarian aid, according to Army Radio. The corridor, built around a road south of Gaza City, enables the IDF to carry out raids in northern and central Gaza while allowing Israel to control access to the north for Palestinians seeking to return after fleeing south. Victory in the Gaza war is impossible without taking Rafah, crushing the terror group, and recovering any hostages there, Israel has said. Israeli officials have said Hamas has six remaining battalions in the Gaza Strip, including four in the southern city of Rafah and two more in central Gaza, in the Nuseirat and Deir al-Balah camps.

# Subianto Indonesia's president-elect after court rejects appeals

JAKARTA

INDONESIA'S electoral commission formally declared Prabowo Subianto president-elect in a ceremony on Wednesday, after the country's highest court rejected challenges to his landslide victory lodged by two losing presidential candidates.

Subianto, who is currently defense minister, won the election with 58.6% of the votes, or more than 96 million ballots, more than twice the amount received by either of the other two candidates. But his rivals alleged that his victory had depended on large-scale fraud and widespread state interference.

Authorities blocked streets leading to the General Election Commission compound, where more than 4,200 police and soldiers were deployed. Wearing matching long-sleeved white shirts,



Prabowo Subianto waves at media members during his formal declaration as president | AP

Subianto and vice president-elect Gibran Rakabuming Raka waved to their supporters as they arrived at the building. "The race has finished... the tough contest, with sometimes heated debates, is over," Subianto said during the ceremony, attended by the country's political elite, including rival candidate Anies Baswedan and his running mate Muhaimin Iskandar.

"And now our people demand that political leaders

must work together and collaborate for the people's welfare and to eliminate poverty and corruption in Indonesia," Subianto said.

Subianto will take office in October, succeeding the popular Joko Widodo.

The Constitutional Court rejected the arguments saying the legal teams of the losing candidates had failed to prove allegations that Subianto's victory was the result of widespread fraud. AP

EXPRESS READ

### Smoke seen in ANA flight carrying 200

Oil sprayed from an All Nippon Airways plane as it landed Wednesday at Shin Chitose airport in northern Japan, but none of the 213 people on board was injured, officials said. The nonflammable oil from a control system evaporated as it contacted a hot engine, giving the appearance of smoke, ANA officials said. The leakage did not jeopardise the safety of those on board, they said. AP

### Raisi inaugurates hydro project in Lanka

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi on Wednesday inaugurated a \$514 million hydropower project in the southeastern region of Sri Lanka which was partly funded by Tehran and was long-delayed due to international sanctions on the oil-rich nation. This was the first visit by an Iranian president to Sri Lanka since an April 2008 visit by president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. PTI

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**Demand notice under sec 13(2) SARFAESI ACT 2002**

You the below mentioned applicant and co-applicants availed a loan facility by creating security interest in favour of our company. As per the records of the company, there are irregularities observed of the repayment of the loan amount due to the mentioned irregularities of the loan accounts stands as NON PERFORMING ASSET in the company's book of accounts and pertinent to mentioned out here in the event of the multiple defaults in the repayment of the funded amount. The company intimated all of you on the discontinuation of the agreement through the loan recall notice issued. However all of you continued defaulting the repayment of the funded amount without taking any efforts towards the closure of the loan account, for the recovery of the outstanding dues, issued Demand Notice 13(2) of the sarfaesi act 2002. The contents of which are being published herewith as per 13(2) of the act R/w 3(1) of the security interest enforcement rules 2002 by way of alternative service upon the Applicants & Co-Applicants since notice not served. Details of the Applicant /Co-Applicants /Guarantor outstanding dues Secured properties are as under:

**Applicant: ATHARV AUTOS—Loan Account Number: 14697821 Name of the applicant/Co applicants 1)ATHARV AUTOS, 29/1856, AYATHIL PO, KOLLAM-691917 2) VINOD KUMAR S, THIRUVATHIRA, VIVEKANANDA NAGAR 101, KILIKOLLOOR PO, KOLLAM-691904 3) RANJU VINOD, THIRUVATHIRA, VIVEKANANDA NAGAR 101, KILIKOLLOOR PO, KOLLAM-691904.**

**Demand Notice U/S 13(2) Dated: 17/04/2024, LRN DATE: 08/02/2023, NPA dated : 03/03/2024, Outstanding Due: Rs.22,15,703.03/-Rupees TWENTY TWO LAKHS FIFTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THREE AND THREE PAISE ONLY IN THE LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER 14697821 as on 15/04/2024.**

Details of the secured property: All that piece and parcel of land with all other improvements therein having an extent of 01.28 Ares of property which lies in Re Survey No.7955, BLOCK NO.15, OLD SURVEY NO.5161/1 (Thandapper Account No.25942) WITH BUILDING BEARING NO.25/1772 in the name of VINODKUMAR.S AND RANJU VINOD, AT KILIKOLLOOR VILLAGE, KILIKOLLOOR SUB REGISTRAR OFFICE, KOLLAM TALUK, KOLLAM DISTRICT AND BUILDING AT KOLLAM CORPORATION, and all other appurtenances / structures and rights thereto more fully described under the schedule of the SALE DEED No.1028/2016 dated 30/05/2016, Boundaries - North- ROAD, South- PROPERTY OF SADASHIVAN East- ROAD, West- PROPERTY OF ARAVINDAN Therefore the company calls upon to discharge in full your liabilities stated here in above within 60 days from the date of this notice. Your outstanding liability owing to the company as per the contractual rate on the advanced amount together with incidental expenses, cost charges, Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section 8 of the sec 13 Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured Assets. Any non compliance of Sec 13(1)(f) of the said act is an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said security property detailed in schedule above said of his notice without obtaining written consent of the company

PLACE: KOLLAM DATE: 25-04-2024

Sd/- Authorised officer FOR HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD

**HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED**

Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad- 38. Branch Office : : Ms.HDB Financial Services Ltd, First Floor, Creative Complex, Above ICICI Bank, Kadappakada, Kollam, Kerala

**AUCTION SALE NOTICE CUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (To the Borrower /Co-Applicant / Public in General)**  
(Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

The undersigned Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Ltd, has taken over Possession of the following property, under a Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"

**Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant:-** (1) JOEL TILES, JOEL TILES EP IX/766 EDAMULAKKAL PANACHAVILA KOLLAM KERALA-691535 (2) CHINNAMMA GEORGE, JOY BHAVAN EDAMULAKKAL PO PANACHAVILA EDAMULAKKAL EDAMULAKKAL KOLLAM -691530 (3) RACHEL GEORGE, JOY BHAVAN EDAMULAKKAL PO EDAMULAKKAL EDAMULAKKAL EDAMULAKKAL KOLLAM-691530 (4) JOHN GEORGE JOY BHAVAN EDAMULAKKAL PO EDAMULAKKAL EDAMULAKKAL KOLLAM-691001.

Account No. 5975232, Total Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,00,85,317.71/- (Rupees One crore eighty five THOUSAND three hundred seven and seventy one paise only) as on 26th July, 2023, with further interest/ incidental expenses/ costs till the date of full payment.

**Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor:-NIL**

**Details of Immovable Properties-SCHEDULE OF THE SECURITIES:-** All that piece and parcel of land having an EXTENT OF 9.35 ARES, COMPRISED IN RE SY NO. 323/2, Old Survey No. 476/5, Block No.29, ALONG WITH BUILDING BEARING DOOR NO EP 7/745, EP 7/315 of Edamulakkal Grama Panchayath, EDAMULAKKAL VILLAGE, Chadayamangalam SRO, Pathanapuram Taluk, KOLLAM-691530 obtained by John and Rachel by virtue of Settlement Deed No. 4477/1994 to John and Sale Deed No.4478/1994 (to Rachel) dated 08/12/1994. Boundaries - North: Road, South: Road, East: Way, West: Property of Saeidharan, Vikraman, Gopinathan

Reserve Price	Earliest Money Deposit	Bid Incremental Amount	Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time
Rs.4500632/-	Rs.4,50,063/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	14/05/2024 at 11 a.m. to 12 Noon,	13/05/2024 up to 06:00 p.m

**Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale:**

- The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://bankauctions.in/subarao@bankauctions.in>, [subarao@bankauctions.in](mailto:subarao@bankauctions.in), <https://bankauctions.in> Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes. 2. The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://bankauctions.in/subarao@bankauctions.in>, [subarao@bankauctions.in](mailto:subarao@bankauctions.in), <https://bankauctions.in> Mr. U.Subbarao, Regional Manager, subarao@bankauctions.in No.8142000061 and Mr. Manoj, No. 9515160004, Land line: 040-23736405, Mobile: 8142000062/66, info@bankauctions.in, (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://bankauctions.in/subarao@bankauctions.in>, [subarao@bankauctions.in](mailto:subarao@bankauctions.in), <https://bankauctions.in> through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Service Limited" above After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADED SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: [property@vehidieduriya.com](mailto:property@vehidieduriya.com) Pratap Singh Rajput, pratap@vehidieduriya.com, 886042010 Mobile: 8142000062/66, AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact Address: Mr. U.Subbarao, Regional Manager, subarao@bankauctions.in No.8142000061 and Mr. Manoj, No. 9515160004, Land line: 040-23736405, Mobile: 8142000062/66, info@bankauctions.in. 3. The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed. 4. The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, M/s HDB Financial Services Ltd, First Floor, Creative Complex, Above ICICI Bank, Kadappakada, Kollam, Kerala. The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before 6pm on the 13/05/2024 of the tender-cum-auction sale hereby notified. 5. For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: HDB Financial Services Ltd, First Floor, Creative Complex, Above ICICI Bank, Kadappakada, Kollam, Kerala - Umesh Kumar (9645099666) & Renjith C R (902088967). The Property/ies is/are sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis. 6. The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by 11am on the 14/05/2024. of Tender-cum-auction sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be confirmed on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of HDB Financial Services Limited. 7. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fails to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale. 8. The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. 9. The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law. 10. The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies. 11. The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction without assigning any reason therefor and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason therefor and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

Place: KOLLAM Date : 24/04/2024

Authorised Officer, Ms.HDB Financial Services Limited.