



Killed, including children, in China after a school bus crashes into crowd



Belling	27	22	LR	Los Angeles	35	23	SNY
Colombo	30	28	LC	Melbourne	20	19	SNY
Dhaka	33	27	SNY	Moscow	23	8	SNY
Dubai	38	32	SNY	New York	24	16	SNY
Houston	30	25	LR	Singapore	31	26	LR
Istanbul	30	22	SNY	Toronto	23	16	SNY
London	21	15	LR	Washington	24	16	SNY



Xavier Bertrand leads the race to become the PM of France

PARIS

FRANCE's President Emmanuel Macron was on Tuesday considering a former right-wing minister to lead a new government after almost two months of deadlock, sources with knowledge of the discussions said.

The search has been on for a new premier after the left in early July became the largest bloc in a hung parliament after snap polls, followed by Macron's centrists and the far right. Prime Minister Gabriel Attal has resigned but stayed on as a caretaker during the Olympics and Paralympics.

But the pressure is mounting to name a new premier by October 1, when a fresh government must file a draft budget law for 2025, a task that Attal's cabinet cannot accomplish.

The president on Monday met ex-minister Xavier Bertrand, from the right, as well as former premier Bernard Cazeneuve, from the centre left, as two potential candidates.

He was still "testing both hypotheses" on Tuesday, sources at the presidency said.

Leaders of the right-wing Republicans (LR) party in a meeting with Macron on Tuesday morning said they supported a nomination of Bertrand as long as he had sufficient backing from lawmakers, LR sources said.

But in a blow to his chances, the far-right National Rally (RN), the largest single faction in the new National Assembly with 126 seats, said it would back a no-confidence motion against Bertrand if he was appointed. "The wind seems to be blowing in Xavier Bertrand's favour," the source said.

Bertrand, 59, is the right-wing head of the northern Hauts-de-France region. AFP

50 killed, 219 injured as Russian missiles hit military unit, hospital

The strike on the central-eastern city of Poltava came on the day Putin visited Mongolia

POLTAVA

TWO ballistic missiles blasted a military training facility and nearby hospital Tuesday in Ukraine, killing at least 50 people and wounding more than 219 others, Ukrainian officials said, in one of the deadliest Russian strikes since the war began. The strike hit the central-eastern city of Poltava, the capital of the region of the same name, partially destroying a building used by the Poltava Military Institute of Communications, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said.

"People found themselves under the rubble. Many were saved," Zelenskyy said in a video posted on his Telegram channel. He said ordered "a full and prompt investigation." Shattered bricks were visible inside the closed gates of the institution, which was off-limits to the media, and pools of blood could be seen just outside. Hours after the missile

strikes, the smell of smoke had spread through town. Roads were covered in glass shards from shattered windows.

Poltava Gov Filip Proinin announced said 219 people were wounded. Up to 18 people may be buried under the rubble, he said. Poltava is about 350 kms southeast of Kyiv, on the main highway and rail route between Kyiv and Ukraine's second-largest city, Kharkiv, which is close to the Russian border.

The missiles hit shortly after an air-raid alert sounded, when many people were on their way to a bomb shelter, Ukraine's Defense Ministry said, describing the strike as "barbaric."

Rescue crews and medics saved 25 people, including 11 who were dug out of the rubble, a Defense Ministry statement said. Poltava Gov Filip Proinin announced three days of mourning starting Wednesday.

"A great tragedy for Poltava region and entire Ukraine," Proinin wrote on his Telegram page. "The enemy certainly



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- Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Ukraine President

The strike came on the day that Russian President Vladimir Putin visited Mongolia. There was no indication that his hosts would heed demands to arrest him on an international warrant for alleged war crimes.

Zelenskyy repeated his appeal for Ukraine's Western partners to ensure swift delivery of military aid. He has previously chided the U.S. and European countries for being slow to make good on their pledges of help. He also wants them to ease restrictions on what Ukraine can target on Russian soil with the weapons they provide. Some countries fear that hitting Russia could escalate the war.

"Ukraine needs air defence systems and missiles now, not sitting in storage," Zelenskyy wrote. "Long-range strikes that can protect us from Russian terror are needed now, not later. Every day of delay, unfortunately, means more lost lives," he said.

must answer for all (its) crimes against humanity," he said.

After 9 years, 77-yr-old ex-Volkswagen CEO faces trial for dieselgate

BRAUNSCHWEIG

FORMER Volkswagen CEO Martin Winterkorn went on trial Tuesday for his role in the "dieselgate" scandal, nine years after the saga first plunged the German auto titan into crisis.

VW admitted in 2015 that it had installed software to rig emissions levels in millions of vehicles worldwide, setting off one of Germany's biggest post-war industrial scandals.

Winterkorn faces charges including fraud over the use of the so-called defeat devices, which made cars appear less polluting in lab tests than they were on the road, and could be jailed for up to 10 years if convicted. He resigned as head of the VW group - whose brands range from Porsche and Audi to Skoda and Seat - shortly after the crisis began but attempts to bring him to trial had so far



Martin Winterkorn

failed. Now 77, he was supposed to stand trial in 2021 alongside four other VW executives but proceedings against him were split off and postponed due to his poor health.

Upon arrival at the regional court in the city of Braunschweig, close to VW's historic Wolfsburg headquarters, Winterkorn told reporters he was doing "quite well".

He "rejects the accusations levelled against him", his lawyer Felix Doerr told reporters at the court.

He briefly addressed the court at the start of the hearing to confirm his personal details, speaking slowly and leaning on a chair for support. Questions about Winterkorn's health hang over the proceedings, with reports saying he had to undergo an operation in mid-June.

Some 89 hearings have been scheduled through September 2025. Winterkorn faces several charges. AFP

'Spamouflage' network mimics Americans online

WASHINGTON

WHEN he first emerged on social media, the user known as Harlan claimed to be a New Yorker and an Army veteran who supported Donald Trump for president. Harlan said he was 29, and his profile picture showed a smiling, handsome young man.

A few months later, Harlan underwent a transformation. Now, he claimed to be 31 and from Florida. New research into Chinese disinformation networks targeting American voters shows Harlan's claims were as fictitious as his profile picture, which analysts think was created using artificial intelligence. As voters prepare to cast their ballots this fall, China has been making its own plans, cultivating networks of fake social media users designed to mimic Americans. Whoever or wherever he really is, Harlan is a small part of a larger effort by US adversaries to use social media to influence and upend America's political debate.

The account was traced back to Spamouflage, a Chinese disinformation group, by analysts at Graphika, a New York-based firm that tracks online networks. Known to online researchers for several years, Spamouflage earned its moniker through its habit of spreading large amounts of seemingly unrelated content alongside disinformation. AP



A house demolition is carried out by Israeli forces in the Palestinian village of Kafr Dan, west of Jenin in West Bank, on Tuesday | AFP

Netanyahu snubs Biden, says he'll stay the course

JERUSALEM

CONCERN mounted on Tuesday over the chances of securing a Gaza truce, after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed making any "concessions" in stalled talks towards a hostage release deal. After a day of nationwide protests on Monday, Netanyahu told a televised press conference he would "not give in to pressure" to renege on demands in indirect negotiations with Hamas to end the war, now in its 11th month.

"These murderers executed six of our hostages," said Netanyahu, who has increasingly faced accusations that he is prolonging the war for political gain.

US President Joe Biden on Monday met negotiators working alongside Qatar and Egypt to try to forge a truce deal, and replied "no" when asked by reporters if he thought Netanyahu was doing enough to secure a hostage deal.

"I will not give in to pressure," Netanyahu told the press conference, saying Israel must control Gaza's border with Egypt to stop Hamas from rearming.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces were operating on Tuesday in the northern West Bank, nearly a week into military raids in the occupied territory that the Palestinian health ministry said killed at least 27.

An Israeli air strike overnight that the military said targeted militants in Tulkarim killed a 15-year-old Palestinian, said a hospital source.

In total, "there are 30 martyrs and about 130 wounded in the West Bank since Wednesday," when the Israeli military launched a series of coordinated raids, the Palestinian health ministry said in a statement.

The toll includes three deaths in the Hebron area in the southern West Bank, in incidents unrelated to the raids in the north. On the seventh day of Israel's major "counter-terrorism" operation in the northern West Bank, the focus remained in the Jenin area.

The military on Monday said its forces had killed 14 militants in Jenin and apprehended "25 terrorists". In a separate incident, a girl was killed. AFP

Government of Tamil Nadu
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT,
DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, COIMBATORE

(PMGSY) - Periodic Renewal of PMGSY under Incentive Grants 2023-2024

Retender Notice

Roc.No.3011/2024/D1 Dated:03.09.2024.

- For details, visit www.pmgstyenderstn.gov.in
- E-Bids are invited by the Additional Collector(Development), DRDA, Coimbatore Districts For Periodic Renewal of PMGSY Roads, package wise, in two cover system.
- The package wise bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.pmgstyenderstn.gov.in from 03.09.2024 to 10.09.2024.
- Common Date and Time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening.

(i) Last Date and Time for downloading and Submission of Bid Documents : 10.09.2024 Upto 3.00 PM
(ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents : 10.09.2024 4.00 PM onwards

Additional Collector (Dev), Coimbatore.

DIPR/3474/TENDER/2024

5104 ASC Bn (MT)
PIN : 905104
c/o 99 APO
25 May 2024

5104/14860644 F/ST-12 (Civ)
No 14860644F CMD (OG)
V Shunmugaiah, 2/294 'A' Pasumpon Nagar
Village - North Panavadali Chatram
Post Office - Panavadali Chatram
Police Station - Sankarkovil
District - Ttunelveli State - Tamil Nadu PIN 627956

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

- This is to inform No 14860644F CMD (OG) V Shunmugaiah, r/o 2/294 'A' Pasumpon Nagar Village - North Panavadali Chatram, Post Office - Panavadali Chatram, Police Station - Sankarkovil, District - Ttunelveli, State - Tamil Nadu, PIN - 627956 wherever he is
- Whereas, you were enrolled on 11 Jun 2010 (FM) as CMD (OG) in 756 (I) Tpt PI ASC (Civ GT).
- And whereas, you were granted 21 days Earned Leave (EL) wef 06 May 2019 (F/N) to 26 May 2019 (A/N) with permission of prefix on 05 May 2019. On telephonic request by you, you were granted an extension of 15 days Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) wef 27 May 2019 to 10 Jun 2019 (A/N) but you failed to re-join duty by due date i.e 11 Jun 2019. (F/N). Following reminders letters were issued to you with a copy to your Next of Kin (NOK) to rejoin duty
- Despite reminders to you and your next of kin, you did not join duty and no response has been received except a letter dated 07 Sep 2023 duly signed by your father named as Sri Veluswamy. You did not rejoin duty till date after expiry of said leave and you have been absenting yourself from duty since then.
- And whereas, the above facts of the case were placed before the Court of Inquiry which is of the opinion that due to your continued absence from duty, your further retention in service is not desirable as per rule 25 of CCS (Leave) Rule, 1972.
- Now therefore, you are called upon to submit your defence in writing as to why your service should not be terminated due to continuous absence of more than four years, under the provisions of Army Act Section 20 (b) read with Army Rule 17.
- Your reply should reach this office within 30 days of publication of advt, failing which it will be presumed that you have nothing to state in your defence and action as deemed appropriate will be taken ex-parte. A copy of the declaration made by the Court of Inquiry regarding your absence is enclosed herewith.

Mihir Kumar Jha)
Col
Commanding Officer

CBC 10622/11/0026/2425

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Ref: RO/SAR/SN/82/2024-25 Date: 02.09.2024

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) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

- Mr. Bhavani S M Eddwin Jose, Prop.: M/s. Bhavani Traders, 8/70-1, S.M. Building, Perinchakom, Chenkody PO, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu - 629177. Also at: 4-50, Jose Iliam, Perinchakom Chenkody PO, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu - 629177. Also at: 17-242, SM Complex, Muttaiakadu, Kumarapuram Post Kanyakumari Tamilnadu 629164.
- Mr. S. M. Godwin Jose, Janna Iliam, 4/71-1 Perinchakom Chenkody PO, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu - 629177.
- Mrs. Jobina Bavani Eddwin Jose@Jobina, 24-15, Medavilai, Muttaiakadu, Kumarapuram, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu - 629177. Also at: 4-50, Jose Iliam, Perinchakom, Chenkody PO, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu-629177.
- Mr. Selvaraj Muthaiyan, Meecode, Perinchakom, Chenkody PO, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu - 629177. Also at: 4-50, Jose Iliam, Perinchakom, Chenkody PO, Kanyakumari, Tamilnadu - 629177.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Thuckalai (Secured Creditor), the symbolic possession (Item No.1 to 4) & physical possession (Item No.5 & 6) of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" basis, "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on 27.09.2024 for recovery of an amount of Rs.3,34,51,531.66 (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Four Lakh Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One and Paise Sixty Six Only) as on 01.09.2024, with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Thuckalai Branch (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s).

Name of Property Owner	Item No.1: Mr.Bhavani SM Eddwin Jose Item No.2: Mr. Godwin Jose Item No.3: Mr.Bhavani SM Eddwin Jose Item No.4: Mr.Bhavani SM Eddwin Jose Item No.5: Mr.Bhavani SM Eddwin Jose Item No.6: Mr.Bhavani SM Eddwin Jose
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Description of property: Item No.1: All that part and parcel of Land admeasuring 1.50 cents along with Building bearing Door No.17/239, 240, 241, 242, 242/1 of Kumarapuram Special grade Panchayath having a total built in area of about 1439 Square feet, along with all other construction, improvements, Easement Right existing and appurtenant thereon, in Re Sy No.533/4A in Kumarapuram (Kothanallor) Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District owned by Mr.Bhavani S M Eddwin Jose, more fully described in the Sale Deed No.926/2006 dated 29.03.2006 of Sub Registrar Office - Thuckalay and bounded on North: Property of Chandrasekharan Nair, South: Property of Chellaiyan, East: Property of Sarojam, West: Road.

Item No.2: All that part and parcel of Land admeasuring 17.50 cents along with Building bearing Door No.4-71/1 of Verkilambi Town Panchayath having a built in area of about 1092 Square feet, along with all other construction, improvements, easement right existing and appurtenant thereon in Re Sy No.545/12A in Meecode Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District, owned by Mr. Godwin Jose, more fully described in the Settlement Deed No.108/2005 dated 17.01.2005 of Sub Registrar Office - Verkilambi and bounded on North: Road, South: Property of Vincent, East: Property of Justin Jose, West: Property of Ponnayyan.

Item No.3: All that part and parcel of Land admeasuring 8.50 cents along building bearing Door No.4/50 of Verkilambi Panchayath having a plinth area of about 2905 Square feet under construction with all other construction, improvements, easement right existing and appurtenant thereon in old Sy 1831, Re Sy No.543/16 in Mekode Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District, owned by Mr. Bhavani S M Eddwin Jose more fully described in the Settlement Deed No.243/2018 dated 29/01/2018 of Sub Registrar Office - Verkilambi and bounded on North: Property of Iyyakkann & Selvaraj, South: Road, East: Property of Mohandass, West: Property of Temple

Item No.4: All that part and parcel of Land admeasuring 5 cents along building bearing Door No.8/70/1 of Verkilambi Town Panchayath having a built in area of about 1100 Sq Ft with all other construction, improvements, easement right existing and appurtenant thereon in old Sy 1821 Re Sy No.545/12A in Mekode Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District, owned by Mr. Bhavani S M Eddwin Jose, after sale of a portion out of land of 10 cents more fully described in the Settlement Deed No.107/2005 dated 17.01.2005 of Sub Registrar Office - Verkilambi and offered portion bounded on North: Property sold to Ani, South: Property of Mureskan, East: Road, West: Property of Justin Jose.

Item No.5: All that part and parcel of Land admeasuring 40 cents along with all construction, improvements, easement right existing and appurtenant thereon in old Sy No.3515, Re Sy No.393/8 in Kumarapuram (Kothanallor) Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District (covered by Patta No.5088 Vilavand) owned by Mr. Bhavani S M Eddwin Jose, more fully described in the Sale Deed No.2069/2010 dated 28.06.2010 of Sub Registrar Office - Thuckalay and bounded on North: Property of Chellakkann & Parameswaran (Land in RS No.393/1,2), South: Panchayath Road & Property of Mr. Bhavani S M Eddwin Jose (Land in RS No.393/17A), East: Property of Joseph & Sivan Nadar (Land in RS No.393/3,7), West: Anathalachi Kulam (Land in RS No.393/1 & RS No.393/9)

Item No.6: All that part and parcel of Land admeasuring 49.20 cents with all construction, improvements, easement right existing and appurtenant thereon in Old Sy No 1184A, Re Sy No.101/12A in Thuckalay Village, Kalkulam Taluk, Kanyakumari District, owned by Mr. Bhavani S M Eddwin Jose, more fully described in the Settlement Deed No.351/2018 dated 29.01.2018 of Sub Registrar Office - Thuckalay and bounded on North: Property of Alphonsa, Swami & Rethinamoni, South: Panchayath Pathway, East: Panchayath Pathway & Property of Rajan, West: Property of Sulthan.

Reserve Price	Item No.1: Rs.31,96,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Only) Item No.2: Rs.69,66,000/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Only) Item No.3: Rs.93,28,000/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Only) Item No.4: Rs.29,01,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh One Thousand Only) Item No.5: Rs.45,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Only) Item No.6: Rs.77,49,000/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Item No.1: Rs.3,19,600/- (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Only) Item No.2: Rs.6,96,600/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Only) Item No.3: Rs.9,32,800/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Only) Item No.4: Rs.2,90,100/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Thousand One Hundred Only) Item No.5: Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) Item No.6: Rs.7,74,900/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Only)
Bid Increment amount	Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of E-auction	27.09.2024 from 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank	Nil Encumbrances from 01.04.2015 to 25.04.2022 for Item No.1 Nil Encumbrances from 01.01.2004 to 11.05.2022 for Item No.2 & 4 Nil Encumbrances from 01.04.2010 to 27.04.2022 for Item No.3 Nil Encumbrances from 01.01.2004 to 25.04.2022 for Item No.5 & 6

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. www.southindianbank.com. Details also available at <https://bankauctions.in> For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact Authorised Officer (Ph. No.0452 2300205 / 98946 47220) or The South Indian Bank Ltd., Thuckalai Branch Mobile No.63838 56282 during working hours.

Place: Madurai. Authorised Officer