



83.9 million

Passengers travelled through Heathrow airport in 2024 setting a record

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Beijing	2	-8	SNY	Los Angeles	23	7	SNY
Colombo	31	24	LR	Melbourne	26	15	LR
Dhaka	27	16	SNY	Moscow	-2	-2	LC
Dubai	24	18	SNY	New York	0	-5	SNY
Houston	13	7	SNY	Singapore	29	25	LR
Istanbul	7	7	LR	Toronto	-5	-7	SNY
London	9	7	SNY	Washington	1	-6	SNY

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US proposes new curbs for export of AI chips

Tech firms slam move; Trump will have the final say as rules kick in only after 120 days

WASHINGTON

THE Biden administration is proposing a new framework for the exporting of the advanced computer chips used to develop artificial intelligence, an attempt to balance national security concerns about the technology with the economic interests of producers and other countries.

But the framework proposed on Monday also raised concerns of chip industry executives who say the rules would limit access to existing chips used for video games and restrict in 120 countries the chips used for data centers and AI products. Mexico, Portugal, Israel and Switzerland are among the nations that could have limited access.

Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said on a call with reporters previewing the framework that it's "critical" to preserve America's leadership in AI and the development of AI-related computer chips.

The fast-evolving AI technology enables computer makers to produce novels, make scientific research breakthroughs, automate driving and foster a range of other transformations that could reshape economies

and warfare. "As AI becomes more powerful, the risks to our national security become even more intense," Raimondo said.

The framework "is designed to safeguard the most advanced AI technology and ensure that it stays out of the hands of our foreign adversaries but also enabling the broad diffusion and sharing of the benefits with partner countries."

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan stressed that the framework would ensure that the most cutting-edge aspects of AI would be developed within the United States and with its closest allies, instead of possibly getting offshored such as the battery and renewable energy sectors.

A tech industry group, the Information Technology Industry Council, warned Raimondo in a letter last week that a hastily implemented new rule from the Democratic administration could fragment global supply chains and put US companies at a disadvantage.

The framework includes 120-day comment period, the incoming Republican administration of President-elect Donald Trump could ultimately determine the rules for the sales abroad of advanced computer chips.

AP

Incoming prez-elect team screens loyalties of civil servants at WH

WASHINGTON

INCOMING senior Trump administration officials have begun questioning career civil servants who work on the White House National Security Council about who they voted for in the 2024 election, their political contributions and whether they have made social media posts that could be considered incriminating by President-elect Donald Trump's team, according to an official familiar with the matter.

At least some of these non-political employees have begun packing up their belongings since being asked about their loyalty to Trump after they had earlier been given indications that they would be asked to stay on at the NSC in the new administration, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive personnel matters.

Trump's pick for national security adviser, Florida Rep Mike Waltz, in recent days publicly signalled his intention to get rid of all nonpolitical appointees and career intelligence officials serving on



The White House in Washington | AP

the NSC by Inauguration Day to ensure the council is staffed with those who support Trump's agenda.

A wholesale removal of foreign policy and national security experts from the NSC on Day 1 of the new administration could deprive Trump's team of considerable expertise and institutional knowledge at a time when the US is grappling with difficult policy challenges in Ukraine, the Mideast and beyond.

Such questioning could

also make new policy experts brought in to the NSC less likely to speak up about policy differences and concerns.

The NSC staff members being questioned about their loyalty are largely subject matter experts who have been loaned to the White House by federal agencies the State Department, FBI and CIA, for example for temporary duty that typically lasts one to two years. If removed from the NSC, they would be returned to their home agencies. AP

TURKSTREAM PIPELINE

Russia says Ukraine attacked pipeline carrying gas to EU

MOSCOW

RUSSIA accused Ukraine on Monday of launching a drone attack on the infrastructure of a major gas pipeline that carries Russian supplies to Europe via Turkey.

The allegation — which Kyiv has not commented on — comes amid an escalating energy row between the two countries, almost three years after Russia launched its full-scale military offensive.

Kyiv halted the transit of Russian gas via Ukraine on January 1 — ending decades of energy cooperation that had brought billions of dollars to both countries — in a bid to cut off revenue for Moscow's army. Slovakia is facing the brunt of high gas price after Ukraine cut off supplies.

The Russian defence ministry said Ukraine had fired nine attack drones on Saturday at a gas compressor station in the village of Gai-Kodzor, near Russia's southern coast on the Black Sea.

The site is across from the annexed Crimean peninsula — heavily targeted by Kyiv throughout the three-year conflict. It said the facility was part of the TurkStream pipeline and accused Ukraine of trying to "cut off gas supplies to European countries". Slovakia facing the brunt of high gas price after Ukraine cut off supplies.

"All the drones were shot down," the defence ministry said in a statement.

"As a result of falling fragments of one drone, a building and equipment of a gas measuring station suffered minor damage," it added, saying there was no disruption to supply and the facility was working as normal.

TurkStream runs for 930 kms under the Black Sea from the Russian resort city of Anapa to Kiyikoy in northwestern Turkey, before connecting to overground pipelines that run up through the Balkans to Europe. After the claimed attack, EU member Hungary, which receives Russian gas via the route, called on its "security and operability" to be "respected by all".

"The security of energy supply is a sovereignty issue, so any action that threatens the security of our energy supply must be seen as an attack on sovereignty," Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto said.

The 27-member EU has been reducing its dependence on Russian gas since Moscow launched its full-scale military offensive on Ukraine in February 2022. Despite imports via pipeline having fallen, several European countries have increased their purchases of Russian LNG. AFP

'Sanctions on Russian oil to destabilise global market'

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin said on Monday that the latest US sanctions on Russia's oil sector would "destabilise" the global energy market, after Washington imposed punitive measures on Russian company Gazprom Neft. "Such decisions cannot but lead to a certain destabilisation of the global energy market," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

President Joe Biden's administration announced that it's expanding sanctions against Russia's critically important energy sector, unveiling a new effort to

inflict pain on Moscow for its grinding war in Ukraine as President-elect Donald Trump gets set to return to office vowing to quickly end the conflict. The outgoing Democratic administration billed the new sanctions as the most significant to date against Moscow's oil and liquefied natural gas sectors, the driver of Russia's economy. Officials said the sanctions, which punish entities that do business with the Russians, have the potential to cost the Russian economy upward of billions of dollars per month.

More than 180 oil-carrying vessels that are suspected to be part of a shadow fleet utilized by the

Kremlin to evade oil sanctions as well as traders, oil field service firms and Russian energy officials are also targeted by the new sanctions. Several of the vessels targeted are also suspected of shipping sanctioned Iranian oil, according to the Treasury Department.

"Putin is in tough shape right now, and I think it's really important that he not have any breathing room to continue to do the god-awful things he continued to do," Biden told reporters.

In the move coordinated with Washington, the UK also slapped sanctions on Russian energy firms. AP/AFP

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of AHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

Sl No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Date of Possession
1	(COMBINE LOAN CODE NO. 23000000565 Davanagere Branch) Sankappa G H (Borrower) B Shankaramma (1st Co Borrower) Kiran S (2nd Co Borrower)	All that part and parcel of the residential property bearing site No. 1894/1 and 1894/2 situated at AK colony, Channagiri Taluk, Davanagere District Site No. 1894/1, measuring East To west 15 feet and North To south 58 feet, Totally 870 Sq.Fts and Site No. 1894/2, Measuring East To West 15 feet and North to south 58 feet totally 870 sq.ft. With a building/House Comprising Ground Floor and 2 Upper Floors with BUA of 1090 sq.ft constructed there on and Bounded by Bounded on: East By :Property of Karibasappa, West By : Property of Iliyaz, North By :Property of Nachimuthappa and Vacantsite And South By :Road.	09-10-2024 ₹ 5,51,364.00 (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Four Only)	10-01-2025

Place : Davanagere
Date : 14.01.2025

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

EXPRESS READ

Impeached prez Yoon to receive 3% salary hike

Seoul: Suspended South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol will receive a scheduled pay rise, official documents showed on Monday, despite an impeachment trial and investigation into his ill-fated martial law declaration.

6.8 magnitude quake strikes Japan

Tokyo: A 6.8-magnitude earthquake struck southwestern Japan late on Monday, causing two small tsunamis in the area but no damage reported. The quake struck at a depth of 36 kms around 18 kms off the coast of Miyazaki prefecture in the Kyushi region around 9.19 pm.

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 12.01.2025	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	45439430000223 & 45439410000167	1) Mr. Mouneshwara P M 2) Mrs. Jayasheela P M 3) Mrs. Asha P M	24.04.2024	09.07.2024	Rs.24,58,067/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Sixty Seven Only)	01.02.2025 Time 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.23,55,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only)	Rs.2,35,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Only)	15.02.2025 @ 02:00 PM	14.02.2025, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Details of Secured Assets: All the piece and parcel of the Site No.42, Property No. 5211, Old Assessment No.5844/5771/5211, Current Assessment No.5844/5771/5211, PID No. 22-119-T08, Measuring 9.144018 X 13.716027 Mts i.e.125.41905 Sq. Mts Located at T08, Northern Portion of Block No.21, 6TH Ward, 3RD Cross Road, Honnali Taluk Davangere District. The Same boundaries as under: Towards East: Site No.41, Towards West: Site No.43, Towards North: Site No.64, Towards South: Pattan Panchayath Road.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted 'On Line'. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/S. 4 Closure at the web portal <https://bankauctions.in> & <http://foreclosurereindia.com>. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact M/S. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulu Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in or srinivas@bankauctions.in.

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (6362952653), Mr. Umesh (8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (7400445147). To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/Guarantor/s/Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 14.01.2025, Place: Davangere

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited