



17 candidates are set to compete for Poland's presidency, the electoral commission announced



Beijing	21	7	SNY	Los Angeles	19	8	LR
Colombo	32	25	LR	Melbourne	20	13	LC
Dhaka	35	26	LC	Moscow	13	3	LC
Dubai	36	26	SNY	New York	22	13	TDS
Houston	31	24	LC	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	16	8	SNY	Toronto	18	4	LC
London	19	10	LC	Washington	28	18	TDS

China punches back as Trump's tariffs shake markets, announces tit-for-tat

Announces 34% levy on all American imports beginning April 10

BANGKOK

COUNTRIES and industries were scrambling Friday to respond as President Donald Trump's latest tariffs hikes upend global trade and markets across the world.

China took the toughest approach so far, responding to the 34% tariff imposed by the US on imports from China by matching it with a 34% tariff on imports of all US products beginning April 10.

Trump was swift to criticize Beijing's move. "China played it wrong, they panicked — the one thing they cannot afford to do," he wrote in a social media post, adding: "My policies will never change. This is a great time to get rich."

Countries were taking different approaches as they sought a way to deal with the potential disruption to trade and supply chains. Taiwan's president promised to provide support to industries most vulnerable to the 32% tariffs Trump ordered in his "Liberation Day" reciprocal tariffs announcement.

Vietnam, where the US is a major trade partner, said its deputy prime minister would visit the US for talks on trade.

Some, like the head of the EU's European Commission, have vowed to fight back while promising to improve the rules book for free trade.

Others like Britain said they were hoping to negotiate with the Trump administration for



Cargo containers line a shipping terminal at the Port of Oakland | AP

relief.

As with earlier counter-moves to US trade penalties, Beijing hit back with targeted action, as well as its universal 34% tariff on all products from the US.

The Commerce Ministry in Beijing said it will impose more export controls on rare earths, which are materials used in high-tech products such as computer chips and electric vehicle batteries.

Included in the list was samarium and its compounds, which are used in aerospace

manufacturing and the defense sector. Another element called gadolinium is used in MRI scans.

China's customs administration said it had suspended imports of chicken from two US suppliers, Mountaire Farms of Delaware and Coastal Processing. It said Chinese customs had repeatedly detected furazolidone, a drug banned in China, in shipments from those companies. Additionally, the Chinese government said it has added 27 firms to lists of companies subject to trade sanc-

Trump says things are 'going very well'

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump offered a rosy assessment after most stock markets dropped sharply Thursday over his tariff call. "I think it's going very well. The markets are going to boom, the stock is going to boom, the country is going to boom," he said when asked about the markets as he left the White House. Speaking with reporters aboard Air Force One, Trump said that he would be open to using tariffs to negotiate with countries and that it would depend on whether they had something "phenomenal" to offer in return. AP

tions or export controls.

For good measure, China also filed a lawsuit with the World Trade Organization, saying the US tariffs were "a typical unilateral bullying practice that endangers the stability of the global economic and trade order."

Business groups said they viewed the challenge as a chance to improve India's competitiveness. "At a time when global trade dynamics are shifting rapidly, Indian exporters must be equipped with the right policies, strategies, and support to compete effectively," SC Ralkan, head of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, said in a statement. AP

Trump wants 'direct talks' with Iran, sets two-month deadline

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said Thursday he wanted "direct talks" with Tehran on a nuclear deal, after he threatened to bomb Iran if it develops nuclear weapons.

Trump has given Iran's leaders a two-month deadline to reach an agreement on the country's nuclear programme, which has strained relations with Western nations for several decades.

Western countries, including the United States, have long accused Iran of pursuing a nuclear weapon, which Tehran has denied, insisting its enrichment activities were solely for peaceful purposes.

"I think it's better if we have



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direct talks," he told reporters onboard the presidential plane Air Force One. "I think it goes faster and you understand the other side a lot better than if you go through intermediaries."

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said last week that Tehran would not engage in direct talks with Washington

"until there is a change in the other side's approach towards the Islamic republic".

Trump in his first term ripped up a 2015 nuclear deal negotiated by predecessor Barack Obama and reimposed crippling sanctions on Iran.

The deal, sealed between Tehran and world powers, had required Iran to limit its nuclear ambitions in exchange for sanctions relief.

Khamenei responded by saying that US threats "will get them nowhere" and warned of reciprocal measures "if they do anything malign" against Iran.

Trump last week said "there will be bombing" of Iran if it does not drop its efforts to develop nuclear weapons. AFP

EXPRESS READ

UK comedian Russell Brand charged with rape, assault

LONDON: British police on Friday charged Russell Brand with rape and sexual assault following an 18-month investigation sparked when four women alleged they had been assaulted by the controversial comedian. London's Metropolitan Police force said Brand, 50, faces one count of rape, one of indecent assault, one of oral rape and two of sexual assault. The alleged offenses involve four women and took place between 1999 and 2005 in central London and the English seaside town of Bournemouth. Police said the investigation remains open and urged anyone with relevant information to contact the force. In September 2023, British media outlets published claims by four women of being sexually assaulted or raped by Brand. AP

Israeli strikes kill 17 as ground troops enter Northern Gaza

DEIR AL BALAH

ISRAELI strikes killed more than a dozen people in the Gaza Strip early Friday, as Israel sent more ground troops into the Palestinian territory to ramp up its offensive against Hamas.

At least 17 people, some from the same family, were killed after an airstrike hit the southern city of Khan Younis, according to hospital staff. Hours later, people were still searching through the rubble, looking for survivors.

The attack follows days of Israeli strikes, which have killed at least 100 people, as it intensifies operations, intended to pressure Hamas to release its hostages. On Friday, Israel said it had begun ground activity in northern Gaza, in order to expand its security zone.

Israel's military had issued sweeping evacuation orders for parts of northern Gaza before expected ground operations. The UN humanitarian office said around 280,000 Palestinians have been displaced since Israel ended the ceasefire with Hamas last month.

In recent days, Israel's vowed to seize large parts of the Palestinian territory and establish a new security corridor across it. To pressure Hamas, Israel has imposed a month-long blockade on food, fuel and humanitarian aid that has left civilians facing acute shortages as supplies dwindle — a tactic that rights groups say is a war crime. Israel said earlier this week that enough food had entered Gaza during a six-week truce to sustain the territory's roughly 2 million Palestinians for a long time.

Hamas says it will only release the remaining 59 hostages — 24 of whom are believed to be alive — in exchange for the release of more Palestinian prisoners, a lasting ceasefire and an Israeli pullout from Gaza. The group has rejected demands that it lay down its arms or leave the territory.

The predawn strike on Friday hit a three-story building. In addition to the dead, the attack wounded at least 16 people from the same family.

"We don't know how to collect them and how to bury them. We don't know whose remains these are. They were burned and dismembered," said Ismail Al-Aqqad, whose brother died in the strike, as well as his brother's family. On Thursday, more than 30 bodies, including women and children, were taken to hospitals in and around Khan Younis, according to hospital staff. AP



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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

First Floor YMCA Building, Oppo Astoria Hotels, 70 feet Road, Ellis Nagar, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. Pin : 625016. ro1015@sib.co.in, Ph : 0452-2300205

Ref: RO/SAR/SN/2/2025-26 Date: 03.04.2025

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.

Borrower/Guarantor: 1) Mr. Paul Sengol Raj S, No.5/14 Kattivayal Panjayathu, Ettukudi, Thiruvadanai, Ramanathapuram - 623404. 2) Mr. Ivan Solvaro, S/o. Mr. Paul Sengol Raj, No.5/14 Kattivayal Panjayathu, Ettukudi, Thiruvadanai, Ramanathapuram - 623404. 3) Mrs. Kalaiarasi M, W/o. Mr. Paul Sengol Raj, No.5/14 Kattivayal Panjayathu, Ettukudi, Thiruvadanai, Ramanathapuram - 623404.

Office address: No.39, Visuvanapuram 5th Street, Gnanoolivapuram, Madurai - 625016.

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., Madurai West Branch (Secured Creditor), the symbolic possession (Item No.1) & physical possession (Item No.2,3&4) 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 23.05.2025 for recovery of an amount of Rs.2,00,61,227.85 (Rupees Two Crore Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Seven and Paise Eighty Five Only) as on 02.04.2025 with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Madurai West Branch (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s).

Name of Property Owner	Item No.	Description of property
Mr. Paul Sengol Raj S	1	All that part and parcel of house plot admeasuring 1708 Sq.ft bearing Plot No.4 and all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in T.S.No.1333/2 of Arapalayam Village, Madurai West Taluk, Madurai District and owned by Mr. Paul Sengol Raj S, more fully described in registered deed of Sale No.3102/2019 dated 14-08-2019 of SRO Arasaradi and bounded on North: 33 feet Road at T.S.No.1333/2, East: Property belongs to Nishnuthen and others, South: Property at T.S.No.1333/2, West: Property at T.S.No.1333/1 belongs to Nagu.
	2	All that part and parcel of house plot admeasuring 1543 Sq.ft bearing Plot No.127 situated in "Jubilee Town 2000 Nagar" and all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Sy.No.2/2A, 2/2B, 3/1 & 3/2 (more particularly at 2/2A & 3/1) of Parasuramanpatti Village, Madurai North Taluk, Madurai District and owned by Mr. Paul Sengol Raj S, more fully described in registered deed of Sale No.4981/2019 dated 27-11-2019 of SRO Thalakulam and bounded on North: 20 Feet Road and Government Tharisu, East: 30 Feet Road and Government Tharisu, South: Plot No.126, West: Plot No.128.
	3	All that part and parcel of house plot admeasuring 3440 Sq.ft [Comprised of 1710 sq.ft and 1730 sq.ft] bearing Plot No.231 & 232 situated in "Sri Vipul Nagar" and all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Sy.No.266/11, Re.Sy.No.266/11 of Therku Theru Village, Melur Taluk, Madurai District and owned by Mr. Ivan Solvaro, more fully described in registered deed of Sale No.860/2019 dated 22-04-2019 of SRO Thamarapatti and, Boundaries of Plot No.231 admeasuring 1710 sq.ft, North: Plot No.234, East: Plot No.230, South: 30 feet Road, West: Plot No.232. Boundaries of Plot No.232 admeasuring 1730 sq.ft, North: Plot No.233A, East: Plot No.231, South: 30 feet Road, West: 40 Feet Road.
	4	All that part and parcel of house plot admeasuring 8790 Sq.ft [Comprised of 1758 sq.ft, 1758 sq.ft, 1758 sq.ft and 1758 sq.ft] bearing Plot No.226 to No.230 situated in "Sri Vipul Nagar" and all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in Sy.No.266/11, Re.Sy.No.266/11 of Therku Theru Village, Melur Taluk, Madurai District and owned by Mr. Paul Sengol Raj S, more fully described in registered deed of Sale No.275/2020 dated 10-02-2020 of SRO Thamarapatti and, Boundaries of Plot No.226 admeasuring 1758 sq.ft, North: Plot No.239, East: Plot No.225, South: 30 feet Road, West: Plot No.227. Boundaries of Plot No.227 admeasuring 1758 sq.ft, North: Plot No.238, East: Plot No.226, South: 30 feet Road, West: Plot No.228. Boundaries of Plot No.228 admeasuring 1758 sq.ft, North: Plot No.237, East: Plot No.227, South: 30 feet Road, West: Plot No.229. Boundaries of Plot No.229 admeasuring 1758 sq.ft, North: Plot No.236, East: Plot No.228, South: 30 feet Road, West: Plot No.230. Boundaries of Plot No.230 admeasuring 1758 sq.ft, North: Plot No.235 East: Plot No.229, South: 30 feet Road, West: Plot No.231.

Reserve Price	Item No.1: Rs.1,28,10,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Eight Lakh Ten Thousand Only) Item No.2: Rs.28,55,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only) Item No.3 & Item No.4: Rs.73,38,000/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Item No.1: Rs.12,81,000/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty One Thousand Only) Item No.2: Rs.2,85,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Five Hundred Only) Item No.3 & Item No.4: Rs.7,33,800/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Only)
Bid Increment amount	Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of E-auction	23.05.2025 from 02.00 PM to 03.00 PM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank	Nil Encumbrances from 15.09.2020 to 28.12.2022 for Item No.1 Nil Encumbrances from 15.09.2020 to 01.04.2025 for Item No.2 Nil Encumbrances from 15.09.2020 to 28.12.2022 for Item No.3 & 4

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 (Mobile No.9894647220) or The South Indian Bank Ltd., Madurai West Branch (Mobile No.8590837832) during working hours.

Place: Madurai AUTHORISED OFFICER

CHANGE OF NAME

K. KALAIYANI MUTHU SARAVANAKUMAR (old Name) Aged about 44 Years, W/o. M.Muthu Saravanakumar, residing at RH-8, Meenakshi Avenue, Kalai Nagar 1st Main Road, Kalai Nagar, Madurai - 625 017, Tamil nadu, Shall henceforth be known as **KALAIYANI MUTHU (New Name).**

KALAIYANI MUTHU SARAVANAKUMAR. Madurai, 04.04.2025

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Notice Inviting Tender

UPNEDA invites Online Bids from Prospective Bidders through e-tender Portal for Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of Solar PV Power Packs of 200 watt with Li FePo4 battery (including 5 nos. LED Lights, One DC Ceiling Fan and a 25watt DC Power plug with mobile Charging USB) including 5 years comprehensive warranty Maintenance for various houses of the state of Uttar Pradesh as per specification given in Scope of Work of Bid Document.

S.No	Name of Work	Tentative Quantity (Nos)	Estimated Cost including GST (Rs)	EMD Amount (Rs.)
1	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of Solar PV Power Packs of 200 watt with Li FePo4 battery (including 5 nos. LED Lights, One DC Ceiling Fan and a 25watt DC Power plug with mobile Charging USB) including 5 years comprehensive warranty Maintenance for various houses of the state of Uttar Pradesh. Bid No: 01/UPNEDA/ Solar PV Power Packs /2025	10000 Nos	Rs 37.94 Crores	Rs 76.00Lakhs

The work completion time for all the above work is 4 (four) month from the date of issuance of work order. The Bid document is available at e-tender Portal from 05.04.2025 Interested bidders may view, download the Bid document, seek clarification and submit their Bid through e-tender Portal (https://etender.up.nic.in) upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:-

(a)	Availability of tender document on e-tender Portal	From : 05.04.2025
(b)	Bid submission end date & Time	On: 23.04.2025 upto 6:00 pm
(c)	Pre-Bid meeting date & Time	On: 09.04.2025 upto 12:30 pm
(d)	Online technical Bid Opening date & time	On: 24.04.2025 at 11:30 am
(e)	Financial Bid Opening date & time (Only of technically qualified bidders)	Shall be intimated later
(f)	Venue of opening of technical & financial Bids	UPNEDA Head Office, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

UPNEDA invites Online Bids from Prospective Bidders through e-tender Portal for Empanelment of Vendor for Identification of State Government Buildings having sanctioned load 25 kW and above, Preparation of Feasibility Report, and Evaluation of Grid Connected Solar Rooftop Installation Potential for each State Government Building across all the 75 Districts of Uttar Pradesh, in Accordance with the Scope of Work defined in this RFP Document.

S.No	Name of Work	Tentative Quantity (Nos)	Estimated Cost including GST (Rs)	EMD Amount (Rs.)
2	Empanelment of Vendor for Identification of State Government Buildings having sanctioned load 25 kW and above, Preparation of Feasibility Report, and Evaluation of Grid Connected Solar Rooftop Installation Potential for each State Government Building across all the 75 Districts of Uttar Pradesh. Bid No: 01/UPNEDA/ Government Building Survey/2024-25	10000 Nos	Rs 4.00 Crores	Rs 8.00 Lakhs

The work completion time for all the above work is 2 (two) months from the date of issuance of work order. The Bid document is available at e-tender Portal from 03.04.2025 Interested bidders may view, download the Bid document, seek clarification and submit their Bid through e-tender Portal (https://etender.up.nic.in) upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:-

(a)	Availability of tender document on e-tender Portal	From : 03.04.2025
(b)	Bid submission end date & Time	On: 25.04.2025 upto 6:00 pm
(c)	Pre Bid Meeting	On: 15.04.2025 at 12:30pm
(d)	Online technical Bid Opening date & time	On: 26.04.2025 at 3:30 pm
(e)	Financial Bid Opening date & time (Only of technically qualified bidders)	Shall be intimated later
(f)	Venue of opening of technical & financial Bids	UPNEDA Head Office, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010

Director, Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency, (UPNEDA) reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of Director UPNEDA will be final and binding.

Director, UPNEDA

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