



8 civilians
killed in drone attack in
Sudan's North Kordofa region



COUNTRY	Max	Min	COUNTRY	Max	Min
Australia (Canberra)	19	2	SNY	Singapore	32 28 SNY
Indonesia (Bali)	27	18	LR	South Korea (Seoul)	30 24 LR
Italy (Rome)	34	22	SNY	Switzerland (Bern)	32 12 LC
Japan (Tokyo)	26	21	LR	Thailand (Bangkok)	32 27 LR
Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	33	26	LC	Türkiye (Ankara)	22 13 LC
Maldives (Male)	30	28	LC	UAE (Dubai)	39 33 SNY
Mauritius (Port Louis)	25	19	SNY	Vietnam (Hanoi)	30 26 LR

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow
• TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

TRUMP'S 'SHORT' IRAN WAR HITS 6-MONTH MARK

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump arrives at an awkward moment for his presidency on Friday as the US-Israel war against Iran reaches the six-month mark, a notable milestone for a conflict that the Republican leader repeatedly assured Americans would be a "little excursion" lasting a matter of weeks.

The war isn't over; though Trump claims that through bombs and blockade, he has already devastated Iran's leadership, military and economy.

And this week his administration said it would turn its focus to increasing economic pressure — rather than military action — to try to finish off Iran. The shifting strategy centres on threats to punish any country or entity that continues to conduct business with Tehran.

The turn to using sanctions as the cudgel of choice comes as the administration weighs diminished munitions stockpiles after months of war, sparking concerns that the prolonged conflict could undermine US military readiness in other parts of the globe.

As the conflict grinds on, Trump's talk of finding a quick end to the war also ap-

pears to be fading. He stressed this week that he's "not in a hurry" to get Iran back to the negotiating table, and he continues making the case that the Islamic Republic's leadership is on the ropes.

"They're not paying their troops. They're in deep trouble. They have very little capacity," Trump told reporters Thursday. "We don't want to speak to them. We're not looking to meet or anything," he said.

It's unclear how — or if — Trump will address the six-month anniversary of a conflict that has already cost the United States more than USD 37.5 billion and done damage to his popularity ahead of critical November elections for his party. The president is spending Friday in Houston, where he'll honour the Artemis II NASA crew for their 10-day mission around the moon earlier this year.

Meanwhile, Iran left the door open to diplomacy on Friday, but only if Washington abandons its pressure campaign.

"Putting diplomacy back on track isn't impossible. It hinges on US understanding of one simple fact: pressure doesn't work," Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi posted on X. **AFP**



EXPRESS READ

US court: Pentagon's ban of Anthropic unlawful

Washington: A US federal judge ruled Thursday that sanctions imposed by the Trump administration against AI giant Anthropic were illegal, finding that the government punished the company in a row over military use of its technology. Anthropic infuriated Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth in February by insisting its technology should not be used for mass surveillance or fully autonomous weapons systems. President Donald Trump in response ordered every government agency to stop using Anthropic's products, while Hegseth labelled the company a "supply chain risk" to national security. "The empty invocation of national security is not a blank check to punish and retaliate against government critics," Judge Rita Lin said in a 59-page decision seen by AFP.

Russia steps up attacks, residents urged to flee

Kyiv: A drone attack early Friday killed one man in Kherson, hours after authorities urged residents to leave as intensifying Russian attacks on the southern Ukrainian city risk cutting power supplies ahead of the long winter. Russian forces are positioned on the opposite bank of the Dnipro River, which borders the city briefly occupied by Moscow in 2022, making it particularly vulnerable to shelling. The drone attack early Friday in Kherson's Korabelnyi district killed a 61-year-old man who was taken to hospital with a "penetrating chest wound", Yaroslav Shanko, the head of the Kherson city administration, said. Three others wounded were taken to hospital in the Dniprovsky district. **AFP**

Greece scrambles fighter jets after Turkish drone seen over airport

ATHENS

GREECE scrambled F-16 fighter jets Friday as a drone reported to be from Turkey flew over one of the country's airports, media and a military source said. "A Turkish drone illegally penetrated" Greek airspace near the northeastern port of Alexandroupolis, near the border with Turkey, "prompting the immediate air force mobilisation," state broadcaster ERT-news said.

European countries are on heightened alert for drone incursions after several high-profile incidents recently linked to the Ukraine-Russia war, which is now dominated by armed unmanned aircraft.

Greece and Turkey, though both in NATO, also have tensions between them stemming from competing claims over land and sea boundaries. Greek authorities have counted an increasing number of drone incursions since 2025.

ERTnews reported that the drone on Friday flew near the runway at Alexandroupolis airport as a passenger plane prepared to depart, and the "Greek F-16s that were on standby took off immediately".

News outlet Ekathimerini reported that the passenger aircraft was told to use a different runway. **AFP**



President Donald Trump arrives on Marine One at the Ellipse near the White House on Friday, August 21 | AP

WH construction blamed for Trump copter's close call with jet

WASHINGTON

THE ongoing White House construction contributed to radio problems that kept air traffic controllers from hearing calls warning that President Donald Trump's helicopter was getting ready to take off, so they cleared an airline jet to take off just as Marine One took to the air earlier this month, federal investigators said Thursday.

The week before the president's helicopter got too close to that Envoy Air jet near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, air traffic controllers and Marine One pilots met to discuss controllers not receiving the standard three-minute warning call ahead of Marine One flights, according to a preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board.

KATHMANDU

FEARS of a second wave of flash floods loomed large in Nepal after authorities issued a fresh warning on Friday following an increase in the water level in the Bhotekoshi River area, as the death toll from the flood-related devastation crossed 547.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) said the rise in the water level at the same site raised the risk of another flood in the area.

The warning comes after a massive flash flood swept through Rasuwa and other parts of central Nepal on Wednesday, killing hundreds and causing widespread damage to settlements, roads, bridges and hydropower infrastructure.

"The water level mixed with mud has increased at the same place where the flash flood occurred on Wednesday, and there is a risk of more flooding in the area," the authority said in a fresh notice.

The NDRRMA urged people involved in search and rescue operations, as well as those staying in the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli areas for various rea-



People stand near a collapsed bridge after flash floods at Devhat in Nepal's Nuwakot district on Friday | AFP

sons, to remain highly alert and immediately move to safer places if they face any risk.

Earlier, Nepal Police issued an alert after receiving information that a water dam on the Tibetan side had burst again.

"Information has been received that the water dam on the Tibetan side has burst again," Nepal Police said. However, the Nepal government clarified there was no information about any dam bursting.

Government spokesperson and Education Minister Sasmita Pokharel said this while speaking to journalists following Friday's Cabinet meeting, according to the Onlinekhabar news portal. "There is no information that a dam has burst any-

Disaster caused by glacier collapse: China

China on Friday said the collapse of a high-altitude glacier in Nepal may have triggered the massive flash flood disaster that engulfed the Tibet-Nepal border, killing hundreds and causing widespread damage. "According to analysis, the disaster may have been triggered by the collapse of a high-altitude glacier in Nepal," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said

where. Since glaciers have broken off, water mixed with mud has overflowed in several places," Pokharel said. "No major immediate risk has been observed, but it is necessary to remain alert."

Pokharel said the government was maintaining continuous communication with the Chinese government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and had been informed that there was no major risk.

Chinese authorities have also said water flow in the Bhotekoshi River area of Nepal's Rasuwa district has increased, but maintained that a lake formed upstream was stable and had not burst, the *Rising Nepal Daily* reported. **PTI**

King Harald V, Norwegian monarch who 'modernised' royal house dies

OSLO

KING Harald V of Norway, who went into exile in the United States as a child during the Nazi occupation of his homeland and refused a string of potential brides from the European nobility so he could marry his long-time sweetheart, died Friday. He was 89.

Harald was Europe's oldest monarch. The popular king modernised the royal house, making it more open to the public and the media, but refused to follow in the footsteps of other aging monarchs who have abdicated in recent times. His son automatically became King Haakon VIII.

Like other royal houses in Europe, the Norwegian monarchs serve a largely symbolic role, enjoying celebrity status while real power in the democracy of 5.5 million rests with an elected parliament. Harald was crowned



People walk up the famous Karl Johans gate street leading up to the Royal Palace to pay tribute to the late monarch in Oslo. (inset) King Harald V | AFP, AP

after his British-born father, King Olav V, died in January 1991, and reigned during an oil-and-gas-driven economic boom in his country.

"A whole nation is in mourning and the people of Norway are left with a deep sense of gratitude for a long life in the service of Norway," Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said in a statement. "For more than three decades as monarch, Harald

V demonstrated an unwavering faith in the Norwegian people. He helped us to see the best in ourselves — and in one another."

Unlike other European royals who abdicated, Harald made it clear he intended to reign until his last breath. "The oath I've sworn before parliament lasts as long as my life, that's how simple it is," he said repeatedly.

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Under Rule 8 (1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described herein below of the Columns on the respective dates mentioned in Column [E] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under. The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges. Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of Borrower & Loan A/c No.	Date of Demand Notice	Outstanding Amount	Date of Possession
[A]	Loan Account No.: HE01GUN0000031760-1, Venkata Sudhakar Degala (Applicant), 2, Nalini Rani Galla (Co-Applicant), 3, Rohini Degala (Co-Applicant), No.1 to 3 are at: H.No.8-3-1111-2, Keshav Nagar, Sri Nagar Colony, Panigutta, Saraswathi Vidya mandir, Hyderabad, Telangana-500073. No.1 also at: Venkata Sudhakar Degala (Applicant), D.No.150/A, Ankireddy Palem Village, Nallapadu, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522004. 4. Lakshmi Oil Fillings (Represented by its Proprietor Venkata Sudhakar) (Co-Applicant), No.164C, 165B, 167A, Nallapadu Road, Bharat Petrol Bunk, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh-522003.	09-06-2026	Rs.4,60,42,682/- as on 09-06-2026 and interest thereon.	25-08-2026

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property belongs to VENKATA SUDHAKAR (Applicant)- All the Part and Parcel of the Property situated at Guntur District, Nallapadu Sub-District Guntur, New Municipal Corporation Area, Ankireddy Palem Village, D.No.150/A, out of Ac.1-50cits., in that an extent of 3337.1/2 Sq.Yds., with R.C.C Building, Godown, A.C.C. Godown with all fixtures and fittings there of **Bounded by: BOUNDARIES:** North: G.T.Road, East: Property fell to the share of Degala Rohini to some extent and property fell to the share of Degala Venkata Sudhakar Schedule-A, 2nd Item, South: Municipal Road, West: Ramesh Kumar Toshniwal Mirchi Godown.

Date: 29-08-2026
Place: Hyderabad

Sd/- Authorised Officer
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Asset Charged to The Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Sarfaesi Act") read with Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules"). Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Guarantor (s) and Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged (collectively referred as "Property") to RBL Bank Ltd. ("Secured Creditor/Bank"), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under section 13(4) & section 14 of the SARFAESI Act read with the Rules, as detailed hereunder, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse Basis" on 07.10.2026, for recovery of the Bank's outstanding dues plus interest as detailed hereunder under Rules 8 and 9 of the Rules by inviting bids as per below e-auction schedule; Brief Description of Parties, Outstanding dues and Property

S. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor (s)	Amount as per Demand Notice Date of Demand & Possession Notice under SARFAESI Act	Inspection Date and Time	Reserve Price & EMD	Date/ Time of e-Auction/ Bid Increase Amount	Last Date for Receipt of Bids along with documents	Name of Authorised Officer/ Phone No./ Email Id
1	Mr. Killi Varaha Narasimham, Flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Suraksha Souvenir Ashok Nagar, Golden Habitat White Fields, Ashok Nagar, Hi Tech City, Hyderabad-500081. Also At: Duet India Hotels Hyderabad Pvt Ltd, Road No.2, Financial District, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana-500032 (Borrower & Mortgagor), 2) Mr. Pagilapalli Jayanthi, G-3-159/10/12, 1st Floor, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana-500034. Also At: 3-1-59, Main Road, Donakal, Warangal, Telangana-500381 (Co-Borrower)	Rs. 31,07,794.60/- (Rupees Thirty-One Lakhs Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Four and Paise Sixty-Four) as on 07.01.2026 Date of Demand notice: 08.01.2026. Date of Symbolic Possession: 14.05.2026.	30.09.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Rs. 68,34,000/- (Rupees Sixty-Eight Lakhs Thirty-Four Thousand Only) EMD: Rs.6,83,400/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Only) Incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	07.10.2026 11:30 A.M To 12:30 P.M	On or Before 06.10.2026 upto 5:00 P.M	Mr.Gunaseelan A 9600144498/ gunaseelan.a@rbl.bank.in
2	1) Mr. Suddala Raghu, No.5-3/28/47/29 And 30, Plot No.28&30,Rns Royal Meadows, Near Rns Dreams Homes, Boduppal Village And Municipality, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500092. (Borrower, Mortgagor & Co-Borrower), 2) Mrs. Narra Thiribona, No.5-3/28/47/29 And 30, Plot No.28&30, Rns Royal Meadows, Near Rns Dreams Homes, Boduppal Village And Municipality, Medipally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana-500092. (Co-Borrower), 3) Mrs. Shreevanz Surgicals, Rep By Its Prop: Mr. Suddala Raghu, No.5/3/1/R299, RNS No.298 & 299, RNS Colony, Boduppal, Hyderabad, Telangana-500092. (Borrower)	Rs.48,21,077.08/- (Rupees Forty-Eight Lakhs Twenty-One Thousand Seventy Seven and Paise Eight Only) as on 08.04.2025 Date of Demand notice: 08.04.2025. Date of Physical Possession: 23.07.2026	30.09.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Rs. 66,24,000/- (Rupees Sixty-Six Lakhs Twenty-Four Thousand Only) EMD: Rs.6,62,400/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty-Two Thousand and Four Hundred Only) Incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)	07.10.2026 11:30 A.M To 12:30 P.M	On or Before 06.10.2026 upto 5:00 P.M	Mr.Gunaseelan A 9600144498/ gunaseelan.a@rbl.bank.in

Details of the Property: All that the Plot No. 83 Part & 83/A Part [VL T No. 6020036366], in Survey No. 17, admeasuring 144 Sq. Yards, or 120.38 Sq. Meters, situated at Block No. 4, Swaroop Nagar, Uppal Khalsa Village, under GHMC, Uppal Circle, Uppal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, and bounded by: North: Plot No. 83 Part: South: Plot No.84. East: 25' Wide Road: West: Plot No. 83 Part & 83/A Part & House No. 2-20-97/36/A of N. Gowramma;

Terms and Conditions:

- The E-Auction Sale will be online through e-auction portal. The interested bidders are advised to go through the detailed terms and conditions of auction available on the website of <https://www.bankauctions.com> & <https://www.rblbank.com/pdf-pages/news> before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the Property and specification before submitting the bid.
- The interested bidders shall submit their EMD details and documents through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Demand Draft, issued by a Scheduled commercial Bank favouring "Authorised Officer, RBL Bank Ltd.", before 5:00 PM on or before 06.10.2026.
- Interested bidders may avail support/online training on E-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd Contact No: 7291981124/25/26. Contact Person Mr. Dharami Krishna Mob No: 9948182222, e-mail id: telangana@c1india.com and for any query in relation to Property, they may contact Mr.Gunaseelan A, Authorised Officer (Mob. No. 9600144498, email: gunaseelan.a@rbl.bank.in)
- The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, & / or to postpone/cancel the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT

The Borrower, Guarantor(s) and Mortgagor(s) are hereby notified to pay the aforementioned sum along with further interest thereon plus penal and other interest and amounts as per the Transaction Documents before the date of E-Auction failing which, the Property will be auctioned/ sold to recover the outstanding dues

Date: 29-08-2026, Place: Hyderabad

Sd/- Authorised Officer, RBL BANK LTD.