5,000
missing more than two weeks after floods hit Nepal

GLOBAL WEATHER

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

COUNTRY	Max	Min		COUNTRY	Max	Min	
Australia (Canberra)	20	5	LC	Singapore	32	28	SNY
Indonesia (Bali)	29	19	LR	South Korea (Seoul)	24	19	LR
Italy (Rome)	30	18	LC	Switzerland (Bern)	24	9	LC
Japan (Tokyo)	28	20	LR	Thailand (Bangkok)	32	25	LR
Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	32	25	SNY	Türkiye (Ankara)	32	14	LC
Maldives (Male)	28	27	TDS	UAE (Dubai)	37	32	SNY
Mauritius (Port Louis)	26	19	SNY	Vietnam (Hanoi)	30	24	LC

Saudi shuts Red Sea oil pipeline after drone attack

Iran-backed militias blamed for attack on pipeline serving as alternative to Strait of Hormuz route

BAGHDAD

SAUDI Arabia's Ministry of Energy said on Friday that it had shut down a major cross-country oil pipeline leading from major oil fields in the east to the Red Sea in the west because of drone attacks originating in Iraq, where Iran supports powerful militias.

Built in the 1980s, the East-West pipeline has played a key role in Saudi Arabia's ability to continue exporting oil following the disruption of the Strait of Hormuz during Iran's war with the US and Israel.

The shutdown comes as Houthi rebels in Yemen have seized coastal territory near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, threatening Saudi oil exports through a key shipping lanes.

"The East-West pipeline in the Riyadh and Medina regions was subjected to several attacks on Thursday morning," the official told the SPA news agency, adding: "The pipeline was stopped as a precaution, and the attacks resulted in some injuries."

Several Arab countries including Kuwait, the UAE, Oman and Egypt, condemned the attack, according to the Saudi state news agency.

Iraq's government raced Saturday to contain the fallout of the attack by Iran-backed militias. Though an umbrella group of Iran-backed militias in Iraq denied their involvement, Iraq's government confirmed the attacks had originated from its territory, pledged to investigate and dismissed two senior officials.

Iran has said a regional meeting is planned Monday between Iran and other Gulf countries about talks between Tehran and Oman — located on the other side of the Strait of Hormuz — on managing shipping there.

Commercial ship traffic remains low on what had been considered an international waterway before the war. Iran has expressed interest in having ships pay fees for transit. It has said traffic into the Persian Gulf from the Gulf of Oman would pass entirely through Iranian waters, while the outbound route would pass partly through Iranian waters and partly through Oman's territorial waters.

"The waterway would be opened up on the condition that the U.S. will terminate its blockade," Iran's president said in his interview with the Indian broadcaster. Bahrain on Saturday, however, said it will not attend any group meeting including Iran before the restoration of diplomatic relations between the countries. *Agencies*

Satellite image shows black smoke billowing over the desert southeast of Medina along the general route of Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline | AFP

Big blow

The East-West pipeline has played an important role in Saudi Arabia's ability to export oil following this year's disruption of the Strait of Hormuz. By early June, Saudi Arabia had more than doubled oil export via this pipeline

CHINESE SAT IMAGES HELPED IRAN STRIKE U.S. FORCES: REPORT

WASHINGTON

CHINESE entities supplied Iran with satellite images of a base in Jordan before and after an attack that killed three US soldiers, *The Wall Street Journal* reported — an incident that could deepen tensions between Washington and Beijing.

On July 17, Iran launched missile strikes on the Muwaffaq Salti Air Base in Jordan, which houses US forces. Three US Army soldiers were killed.

WAR WATCH

The unnamed US officials quoted by *The Wall Street Journal* did not name the Chinese entities involved, and did not suggest that Beijing was directly to blame.

But US officials have raised the matter with their Chinese counterparts, and it could come up again when US President Donald Trump welcomes Chinese President Xi Jinping to the White House on September 24.

Chinese officials asked for proof of the transfer of satellite imagery when prodded by the US officials, and refused to acknowledge that Chinese companies were involved in providing Tehran with satellite images, the Journal reported late Friday. Trump has warned Beijing not to sell weapons to Iran, and in May, Washington sanctioned three China-based satellite firms for enabling Iran's military operations.

Days after the attack, Secretary of State Marco Rubio met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. Asked whether China was providing Iran with targeting information, Rubio said, "nothing that China has done has in any way changed the trajectory of the conflicts we're having with Iran."

China is a top economic partner of Iran, buying much of its oil output, and also an important diplomatic backer. *Agencies*

Dario Amodei

Anthropic, OpenAI chiefs call for slowing AI development

NEW YORK

ANTHROPIC CEO Dario Amodei on Saturday called on artificial intelligence (AI) firms to slow down the development of the powerful technology, amid mounting worries over the risks of "superintelligent" computer systems.

His comments came a few days after AI researcher Jacob Coxon, who left OpenAI to join Anthropic, decided to leave the industry, accusing both US companies of "gambling with our lives" to develop models capable of self-improvement.

"We must slow the pace at which we improve the capabilities of AI models. Progress will still seem fast, and we must make wise use of the time we gain," Amodei wrote in a post on his personal website.

"AI brings risks, and because it is such a powerful technology, these risks are serious."

"Not building the technology deprives humanity of benefits or simply places AI in the hands of authoritarian powers, while building it too fast is reckless. We have sought a middle way," said Amodei. *Agencies*

Fire at a multi-storey residential building in the Ukrainian city of Odesa after Russian attacks on Saturday | AFP

Russian strikes kill four, wound dozens in Ukraine

KYIV

RUSSIAN strikes killed at least four people and wounded almost 60 across Ukraine on Saturday, Kyiv said, as Moscow steps up attacks ahead of another winter of war.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the country has been "under almost constant attack since last night", calling for an adequate reaction from allies.

US envoys visited both Moscow and Kyiv last week but announced no breakthrough in talks to end Russia's dragging invasion, now in its fifth year.

Ukrainian officials said two people were killed in the southern Zaporizhzhia region.

Steelmaker ArcelorMittal said two others were also killed at its plant in the central city of Kryvyi Rig.

"ArcelorMittal Kryvyi Rig reports that our plant was struck by a missile from the aggressor country last night," the global steel giant's subsidiary said in a statement on Telegram, adding that two bodies had been found.

"We emphasise our plant is a civilian facility in the mining and metallurgical industry, and we strongly condemn these insidious enemy attacks," the company went on, saying production facilities had also been damaged.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he would be willing to meet Russian leader Vladimir Putin at the G20 summit in Miami for talks on ending the war, in a media interview released Saturday.

But the Kremlin said it had not yet made a decision on whether Putin would attend the gathering of world leaders on December 14-15, and repeated the Russian leader's demand that Zelensky come to Russia for talks. *AFP*

CIA's 98' brief to prez spoke of Al-Qaeda plot involving planes

WASHINGTON

THE CIA released more than 70 presidential intelligence briefs related to Al-Qaeda and its leader Osama bin Laden on Friday, the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The release provides "unprecedented transparency on America's most sensitive intelligence publication from the years before and the day after one of the darkest moments in our history," the CIA said. "The products trace the story of CIA analysts' evolving understanding of Al-Qaeda and efforts to highlight and warn of Osama bin Laden's attack," it said.

Philippine ferry fire toll hits 76 as more bodies found

CORON

RESCUERS retrieved more remains from a passenger ferry in the Philippine that was gutted by fire, bringing the death toll on Saturday to 76.

Forty-three people survived the fire on Wednesday night among the 132 on board.

The ferry sailed from the capital, Manila, and was some 39 kilometres from its destination in Coron, in southwestern Palawan province, when the fire erupted. The cause has not been determined but the coast guard spokesperson quoted a survivor as saying it may have started from the cargo hold. The survivor recounted hearing a blast, with smoke and fire quickly spreading, fanned by the winds, officials said.

Tents were put up in the Port of Borac in Coron, where body bags were brought down from a ship that transported them from the ferry.

Commodore Noemie Cayabyab, the coast guard spokesperson, said authorities were looking for the ship's captain, who reportedly survived but is not listed among the survivors.

The multiagency maritime safety and criminal investigations will look into all angles, and the possible liability of the captain and crew, she added.

Cayabyab said survivors recounted the fire spread quickly, with no time to get life jackets. A tarpaulin that shielded the open areas of the ship from the rain "may be a possible contributing factor but we can't determine now if they were trapped inside," she added.

Investigators will also check if fire emergency procedures were followed, including if the captain sounded an alarm or gave a warning and instructions, and if the crew assisted the passengers.

Ferries are frequently used for transport in the Philippine archipelago. Sea accidents are not uncommon due to storms, badly maintained vessels, overcrowding and spotty enforcement of regulations, especially in remote provinces. *AFP*

Philippine coast guard personnel in protective suits unload body bags of victims of a ferry fire blaze at the port of Borac in Coron | AFP

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

HINDUJA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED Corporate office at"#167-169", 2nd Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai- 600 015.

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 9 (1)]

Mr.Raghu B S [ZRM] Mob .No:9886273806,Mr. M. Rama Krishna Murthy (RLM), Mob. No. 9515154512.

Public Notice For E-Auction Cum Sale (Appendix – IV A) (Rule 9 (1))

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to **Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHF) having its Corporate Office at 167-169, 2ND Floor, Little Mount, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015. and Regional Office at:- Hinduja Housing Finance Limited- 54-16-3/1, 3rd Floor, Central Excise colony , Road No:1, Loyala College Main Gate, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh-520008** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of HHF had taken the possession of the following propertyies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & ; AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** for realization of dues The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: **www.bankeauctions.com.**

Date of Inspection of property: 03-October -2026. 11.00 hrs -14.00 hrs | EMD Last Date 07-October -2026 till 5 pm.
Date/ Time of E-Auction: 08-October -2026. 11.00 hrs- 13.00 hrs. | Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-

	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)	Date of Physical Possession	Reserve Price	Total Outstanding as
1	1. Mrs. P.INDRA W/O P.KRANTHI KUMAR ... Borrower 2. Mr. P.KRANTHI KUMAR (Deceased) S/O P.MURAGAIAH.... Co-Borrower ALL ARE R/O DNO: 2-22 HARIZANAWADA PUTHALAPATTU, CHITTOOR (DT)-517124 LanNo:AP/CTR/CHTR/A000000148	07.09.2026 Demand Notice Date and Amount 22.05.2025 &Rs.10,37,758/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Eight Only)	Rs.16,27,047/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.1,62,704/-	On Date 09/09/2026 Rs.13,59,157/-
	Description of the Immovable property: Chittoor Dist, Chittoor Rural Sub-Dist, Chittoor, Thavanampalli Mandal, Punyasamudram Gramapanchayat, Punyasamudram Village Accounts, Punyasamudram Survey No:39/6, in that site Constructed RCC Building. Bounded By:- EAST : HOUSE AND SITE OF PAVANAMMA WEST : HOUSE OF MURAGESHAN NORTH: CC ROAD SOUTH : HOUSE OF VINAYAKAM In Between Measuring East- West 22 Ft, or 6.71Mts North-South 28 Ft, or 8.54 Mts, Admeasuring 616 Sq.Ft, or 68.44 Sq.Yds, of site Fully and that site Constructed RCC Building Admeasuring 577.5 Sq.Feets.			
2	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) 1. Mrs. Ponnathota Lakshmi devi W/O P.Pedda Konda Reddy.... Borrower 2.Mr. P. Santosh Kumar Reddy S/O P. RamakrishnaReddy .... Co-Borrower ALL ARE R/O : Hno: 1-32, Nelampadu (v), Chagalamarri(m), Kurnool Dist – 518553 LanNo:AP/KUR/KURL/A000001180	Date of Physical Possession 20.08.2026 Demand Notice Date and Amount 21.06.2025 & Rs. 10,19,974 /- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Four Only)	Reserve Price Rs.9,64,500/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.96,450	Total Outstanding as On Date 20/08/2026 Rs.11,52,992/-
	Description of the Immovable property: **ITEM No:1 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY** :All that part and parcel of House No:1-32-1, Admeasuring 120.33 Sq.Yds,in S.Y.No:135/1, of Nelampadu Village and GP, Chagalamarri (m) Allagadda SRO, SDO Nandyal Dist and Bounded By.ITEM No:1BOUNDARIES North : Donar Own Land & Donar Left 10 Feet Width Rastha. South : House of Shaik Mahaboob Basha. East : House of O.ChinnaLakshmi Reddy. West : House of O.Venkateswara Reddy **ITEM No:2 DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY** :All that part and parcel of House No:1-32-1, Admeasuring 42.22 Sq.Yds,in S.Y.No:135/1, of Nelampadu Village and GP, Chagalamarri (m) Allagadda SRO, SDO Nandyal Dist and Bounded By. ITEM No:2 BOUNDARIES North : Rastha. South : House of Mallamma, East : Above mentioned Item no:1 Property, West : Rastha.			
3	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s) 1. Mr. Vadde Ramanjineyulu, S/o. Venkata Ramudu ...BORROWER 2. Mrs. Vadde Gowthami ....Co- Borrower ALL ARE R/o. D.No: 1-314, Muttala Village, Atmakur Mandal, Anantapur District, - 515751 , LAN NO:AP/ANP/ANPR/A000000057	Date of Physical Possession 15.08.2026 Demand Notice Date and Amount 07-01-2025 & Rs. 8,11,495/-(Rupess Eight Lakhs Eleven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninty Five Only)	Reserve Price Rs.17,21,790/- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 1,72,197/-	Total Outstanding as On Date 18-08-2026 Rs.7,72,077/-
	Description of the Immovable property: Property situated in RD Anantapur and SRD of Anantapur Rural, within the fields of Goridindla/Muttala Village, Atmakur Mandal, Anantapur District, Babu Nature : Govt Dry, Sy No. 150/1B Paiki, A.C. 0.03, H.S. 0.012. Bounded by : East : Road South : Road West : House of Mangamma North : Road Measurements : East -West : 60 feet or 20.19meters North – South : 22 feet or 6.70 meters Extent : 3 cents or 146.66 Sq. Yards site with semifinished RCC Building.			

Mode Of Payment :- All payment shall be made by demand draft in favour of "Hinduja Housing Finance Limited" payable at Vijayawada or through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the account:- Hinduja Housing Finance Limited b) Name of the Bank:- HDFC., c) Account No:- Given above, d) IFSC Code:- HDFC0004989.

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E- AUCTION SALE:- 1.The Property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS".** As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2.Particulars of the property / assts (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ. 3.E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or nay representation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bid/s. 4.Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://www.bankeauctions.com Or Auction provided by the service provider **M/s. C1 India Private Limited,** who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform. 5.The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor /service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash own, power failure etc. 6.For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider **M/S C1 India Pvt Ltd ,Plot No- 68, 3rd floor Sector 44 Gurgaon Haryana -122003 (Contact no. 7291981124,25,26)Support Email** – Support@bankeauctions.com , **Mr. P.Dharani Krishna Mob. 9948182222. Email:** andhra@c1india.com. 7.For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://www.bankeauctions.com well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider. 8.For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE as mentioned above shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS in favor of **"Hinduja Housing Finance Limited"** on or before **07-10-2026.** 9.The intencing bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://www.bankeauctions.com) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the **Authorized Officer Hinduja Housing Finance Limited; R/O Door No. 15-12-12,E3, 2nd Floor, , Tilak nagar, Revenue colony, Kurnool Town & District, Andhra Pradesh-518003 latest by 05:00 PM** on **07-10-2026.** The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale- in the Loan **Account No as mentioned above for property of name as mentioned above. 10.**After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorized Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider **M/s. C1 India Private Limited** to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se bidding /auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice. **11.**Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the end time of e- auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension. **12.**Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone. **13.**Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorized Officer, **Hinduja Housing Limited, R/O Door No. 15-12-12,E3, 2nd Floor, , Tilak nagar, Revenue colony, Kurnool Town & District, Andhra Pradesh-518003** and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings. **14.**The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring **Hinduja Housing Finance Limited. 15.**In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale. **16.**At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorized Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount. **17.**The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorized officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorized Officer, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited. **18.**Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the property. **19.**Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of all taxes / charges. **20.**Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser. **21.**The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider. **22.**The decision of the Authorized Officer is final, binding and unquestionable. **23.**All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them. **24.For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited: Mr. C.Naga Narasimhulu, Mobile. No. 9885649400, V.Masthan vali :8885602419, M.Ramakrishna murthy: 9515154512. 25.**This publication is also 15 days notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above mentioned date / place.

Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Hinduja Housing Finance Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place :Kurnool, Date :11-09-2026 **Sd/-Authorised Officer, For Hinduja Housing Finance Limited**

WAR THROUGH LENS

Gaza film vies for top prize at Venice festival

VENICE

THE Venice Film Festival gets ready to hand out its top awards on Saturday after two weeks of often dark, violent programming including a chilling Israeli-made documentary about Gaza and an oddball drama starring John Malkovich.

"NAZA", which features Israeli whistleblowers analysing the mass killing of civilians in Gaza, earned a record 25-minute standing ovation at its premiere on Thursday and is the highest-scored film by international critics, according to film magazine Screen. But it faces competition from other movies, including poignant relationship study "Possible Love" by South Korean auteur Lee Chang-dong, and dark comedy "Wild Horse Nine" by director Martin McDonagh.

The latter features Malkovich playing a jaded CIA agent taking a break with a colleague on Easter Island in Chile ahead of the 1973 American-backed military coup there in a performance that has seen him tipped by critics for Oscar glory. "Irreverent, ironic, biting, and at times grotesque, Martin McDonagh's film is the gem of this selection," wrote Italian newspaper *La Stampa*.

As a director of one of the few films that had audiences laughing in Venice, director McDonagh said his acid sense of humour was his way of coping with the world. "The only way to deal with it is through humour and to try not to be ground down by it," he said. *AFP*