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# Trump warns Iran to accept proposed nuclear deal

Tehran signals defiance amid stalled negotiations as economic strain deepens

**TEHRAN**

US President Donald Trump warned Tehran on Wednesday that it should "get smart soon" and capitulate to Washington's demands for tight controls on its nuclear programme, as a US naval blockade turned the screws on Iran's economy.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said congressional Democrats are "the biggest adversary we face" as he parried questioning from lawmakers on Wednesday for the first time since the launch of the war against Iran. And the Pentagon's chief financial officer released a detail Democrats have been demanding, saying the war has cost an estimated \$25 billion and counting. However, US press reports suggested Trump has already decided to reject Iran's latest proposed deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

The news sent oil prices higher once again. At around 1335 GMT, a barrel of Brent crude for June delivery was up 5.16 per cent at \$117, its highest level since the fragile ceasefire between the United States and Iran came into effect on April 8. According to the Wall Street Journal, Trump intends to pursue the blockade of Iranian ports until Tehran is forced to dismantle its nuclear programme. "Iran can't get their act together... They better get smart soon," Trump posted on his social media platform, above a mocked-up picture of himself toting a rifle in front of explosions wrecking a desert fortress and the slogan: "No more Mr Nice Guy."

**US may extend Iran blockade**

The United States could extend its naval blockade of Iran for months more, oil executives were told in a meeting with Donald Trump, a White House official said on Wednesday.



Israeli tanks and military vehicles standing along the road between destroyed houses in southern Lebanon near the border with Israel. Lebanon's army said an Israeli strike killed a soldier and another person in the south, despite a ceasefire | AFP

Participants at a White House meeting, which took place Tuesday and was first reported by *Axios*, discussed "the steps President Trump has taken to alleviate global oil markets and steps we could take to continue the current blockade for months if needed and minimise impact on American consumers," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

On Wednesday, the Iranian rial fell to historic lows against the dollar, while Tehran residents speaking to *AFP* journalists in Paris reported a sense of despair.

"Every time in recent years that negotiations have taken place, the economic situation of the people has only gotten worse. Sanctions have either started or intensified," a 52-year-old architect told *AFP*, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"They go to negotiate and come back with even more sanctions, and the issue is always nuclear. There's no talk about people, the economy, or freedom..." he said.

**Iran warns war not over**

Iranian army spokesman told state TV on Tuesday that "we do not consider the war to be over", saying Tehran had "no trust in America". "We have many cards that we have not yet used... new tools and methods of fighting based on the experiences of the past two wars, which will definitely allow us to respond to the enemy more decisively" should the fighting resume, Amir Akraminia said in an interview. Efforts to end the war have stalled in recent days. The latest Iranian proposal, passed along by Pakistan and studied by Trump administration officials in a meeting Monday, laid out red lines including on nuclear issues and Hormuz, according to Iran's Fars news agency. *AFP*



**ISRAELI STRIKES KILL DOZENS IN LEBANON AS CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS MOUNT, TALKS STALL**

BEIRUT: Israeli airstrikes across southern Lebanon have killed more than 20 people over two days, including civil defence workers, even as a fragile ceasefire holds. The Lebanese army reported wounded troops, marking the first such incident since the truce. Joseph Aoun condemned the attacks and insisted Israel must fully implement the ceasefire before direct talks. Israel said it struck Hezbollah targets and destroyed tunnels, while the group claimed retaliatory drone and rocket attacks. The truce remains shaky amid evacuation orders and continued bombardment. Separately, Lebanese authorities detained former Palestinian ambassador Ashraf Dabbour on corruption charges upon arrival in Beirut, acting on an Interpol Red Notice linked to alleged illicit property sales tied to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

**IAEA SAYS IRAN'S ENRICHED URANIUM LIKELY REMAINS AT ISFAHAN DESPITE AIRSTRIKES**

UNITED NATIONS: Most of Iran's highly enriched uranium likely remains at the Isfahan nuclear complex, despite airstrikes during last year's war, said Rafael Grossi. Satellite images show damage but suggest material may still be stored in tunnels. Inspections have not resumed since the conflict. The International Atomic Energy Agency estimates Iran holds 440.9 kg enriched to 60%, with about 200 kg at Isfahan—close to weapons-grade potential. The agency seeks access to sites including Natanz Nuclear Facility and Fordo Fuel Enrichment Plant. Talks on removing or diluting the uranium have been discussed with partners, including Russia. Grossi stressed inspections are essential, while stalled US-Iran negotiations hinge on political will despite mutual interest in a deal.

# Protocol breached, talk with Charles revealed

**LONDON**

In the world of diplomatic faux pas, it could have been a lot worse. At Tuesday's state dinner honouring King Charles III and Queen Camilla, Donald Trump said that during a private meeting earlier in the day the British monarch had agreed with him that Iran should never be allowed to have nuclear weapons.

"We're doing a little West Asia work right now... and we're doing very well," Trump told the audience. "We have militarily defeated that particular opponent, and we're never going to let that opponent ever — Charles agrees with me, even more than I do — we're never going to let that opponent have a nuclear weapon." While many Britons would agree with the president's sentiment, the comment triggered mild consternation among pundits in the UK.

In Britain, you see, this just isn't done. By convention, people aren't supposed to relay private conversations with the monarch. That is partly because the king has to remain above the political fray, but also because the sovereign doesn't have the ability to wade into a public debate and correct the record if he's misquoted. "Generally, as a matter of protocol, I think I would expect discussions between heads of state to be



Britain's King Charles III toasts with President Donald Trump | AP

sort of behind the scenes, in those closed meetings, for those to be sort of kept private," said Craig Prescott, an expert on constitutional law and the monarchy at Royal Holloway, University of London. "And, you know, this was something that the UK government wanted to avoid."

There had been a fair amount of jitters before the king's trip to the United States, which comes amid Trump's very public frustration with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer over his failure to support US actions in the Iran war. Like all royal visits, this is a carefully choreographed diplomatic event carried out at the request of the U.K. government, which hopes that warm relations between the king and Trump, who seems to love all things royal, can help repair the rift.

# China to grant zero tariffs to African allies from May 1

**BEIJING**

CHINA will expand zero-tariff treatment to all African countries that have diplomatic ties with Beijing, starting May 1, an official announcement said.

The announcement specified that for products under tariff quotas, only the in-quota tariff rate will be reduced to zero, while the out-of-quota tariff rate will remain unchanged.

From May 1, 2026, to April 30, 2028, China will grant zero-tariff treatment, in the form of a preferential tariff rate, to 20 African countries that have established diplomatic ties with China and are not classified as the least developed countries, the Customs Tariff Commission of the State Council, China's central cabinet, said.

During the two-year implementation period, China will continue to promote the negotiation and signing of the agreement of China-Africa Economic Partnership for Shared Development with relevant African countries, it said. China's zero-tariff policy applies to 53 African countries, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian told a media briefing here. "China will continue to negotiate and sign economic partnership agreements for common development with relevant African countries", Lin said. *PTI*

**EXPRESS READ**

**Attack injures two in London's Jewish region; cops term act of terror**

LONDON: Two Jewish men were stabbed and injured on a London street on Wednesday, in what police called an act of terrorism. Police arrested a 45-year-old man on suspicion of attempted murder in the city's latest antisemitic attack. The Metropolitan Police said the attack in the Golders Green area left two men, ages 34 and 76, hospitalised with knife wounds. Counterterrorism police are investigating whether the stabbings are linked to recent arson attacks on synagogues and other Jewish sites in the British capital. Politicians condemned the stabbings. Prime Minister Keir Starmer said that "attacks on our Jewish community are attacks on Britain," and called a meeting of the government's emergency committee to discuss the response.

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**BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, 2nd Floor, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 2nd block, Bengaluru-560011, email: tecsouthpalike@gmail.com

No: EE /BSSC/TE & M Cell/TEND/04/2026-27 Date: 29.04.2026

**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER**  
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)  
(Through GoK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

The Executive Engineer, Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell, BSSC, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BSSC invites tenders from eligible Contractors firm registered in Bengaluru South City Corporation or equivalent registration with Labour Department or any State Government Organizations as detailed in the table below.

S.N.	Name of the work
1	Selection of Agency for Implementation, Operation and Maintenance of On-street Smart Parking Management System on Identified Streets in Jayanagara Constituency under PPP Mode (42 roads covering nearly 31.65 km of road length, approx. 914 car slots and 3835 two wheeler slots). EMD : Rs.9,50,000/-. Concession Period of Contract : 3 Years.

Calendar of events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal from 02.05.2026. 2) Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 08.05.2026 at 15.00 Hrs. 3) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before 16.00 hours on 15.05.2026. 4) Technical Bids will be opened on 16.05.2026 after 16.30 hrs.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer - Zone 1 & 2  
Traffic Engineering and Mobility Cell

**IN CHEMMANI**

# SL court orders resumption of mass grave excavation

**COLOMBO**

A Sri Lankan court has ordered the recommencement of excavation work on a mass grave in Chemmani, on the outskirts of Jaffna, which first came into focus during the LTTE conflict in the 1990s, seven months after it was halted.

The excavation work in Chemmani in the Northern Province came to a halt in September last year due to the pending new allocation of funds by the Ministry of Justice. The Jaffna magistrate's court was told on Tuesday that LKR 2.1 million allocation has been made available so that work can be resumed.

The court granted permission for diplomatic representatives from the EU, France, Germany, Italy and Romania to be present for observations at the excavation site. When the second stage of work was halted after 45 days, 240 skeletal remains had been excavated.

Apart from the skeletons, 14 piles of bones and items such as feeding bottles for infants, a doll, toys and children's bags and shoes were dug out. The work was to be carried out over eight more weeks as per the report submitted by the judicial medical officer of Jaffna to the magistrate dated August 14. *PTI*



Troops march during a rehearsal for the Victory Day military parade in St Petersburg, Russia | AP

# In a first, Russia marks Victory Day parade without heavy weapons

**MOSCOW**

RUSSIA's traditional parade marking the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II will take place next week without tanks, missiles and other military equipment, the Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement.

It will be the first time in nearly two decades — and in Russia's 4-year-old war in Ukraine — that no military equipment will rumble through Moscow's Red Square on May 9, the day Russia celebrates its most important secular holiday. The Kremlin has used it to showcase its military might and global clout, and it is a source of patriotic pride.

Victory Day parades on Red Square have involved military equipment and various weaponry every year since 2008. Smaller parades are held elsewhere across the country, including in cities like St. Petersburg.

The ministry cited the "current operational situation" as a reason for excluding military equipment, as well as cadets, from this year's parade on the 81st anniversary of the victory. Ukraine has launched drone attacks deep inside Russia to counter Moscow's more than 4-year-old invasion.

While the ministry did not elaborate, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Wednesday blamed Ukraine, accusing it of "terrorist activity," in an apparent reference to the drone strikes. *AP*

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1) Calendar of events, Description: For submission of queries Date : 07.05.2026 Time: 1700hrs, Pre-Bid meeting Date : 15.05.2026 Time : 1100 hrs, Last date of Submission of Bids Date : 30.05.2026, Time : 1700 hrs, Opening of Technical Bid Date : 01.06.2026, 1100 hrs, Opening of Financial Bid date : 03.06.2026 Time : 1100 hrs, 2) The financial bids of the bidders, those who have qualified in Technical bid will only be opened. 3) The RFP Documents along with terms and conditions, Eligibility Criteria and other technical details can be downloaded from the e-portal website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. 4) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of Rs. 200000.00. Bidders has to pay through e-Portal by e-payment mode. 5) KKRTC reserves the right to accept or reject tender without assigning any reason thereof. 6) For more details on terms and conditions etc contact DTO, Central Office-7760992047/ 7760992024

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**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

"APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (b)]"  
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 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:-

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR S: (1). Mr. G. Elayadevan, S/o. C. Ganesan, No.6, 2nd Floor, Sindhu Apartment, Pushpa Colony, Gangga Street, Saligramam, Chennai-600093. (2). Smt. E. Gandhi, W/o. G. Elayadevan, No.6, 2nd Floor, Sindhu Apartment, Pushpa Colony, Gangga Street, Saligramam, Chennai-600093.

Total Dues : Term Loan 2654060006747, Rs. 17,14,180.73/- plus applicable interest and Bank charges from 26-04-2026

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY (Mortgaged by G. ELAYADEVAN, S/o. C. GANESAN)

Residential building situated in Thiruvaur District, Kumbakonam Registration District, Valangaiman Sub Registrar Office, Valangaiman Vattam, Kiliyur village No.29/1, Item No.1: The Punjai property extent 13Ares comprised in R.S.No.541/7, Item No.2: The Punjai property extent 16 Ares comprised in R.S.No.541/8. Boundaries: East by Magalir Valagam, West by Makaliamankovvil, South by Harikrishnan Nanjai, North by Keezha Theru.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.65,10,000/- EMD : Rs.6,51,000/- BID INCREASE : Rs.25,000/-  
Last date for EMD payment : 07-06-2026

**Date & time of E-AUCTION 08.06.2026, 2.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M.**  
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Possession Type : Constructive | Property Inspection date & Time : 15.05.2026, 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)] (For immovable property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 19.01.2026 calling upon the borrower M/s Spinneret Logistics Solutions Private Limited represented Mr.Guruprasad S (Director), Mrs.V Latha D/o T Vijayendran (Director) and Mrs. Maheswari (Director), to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being Rs.40,24,738.78/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Seventy Eight only) as on 31.12.2025, plus interest there on within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers & Address: 1. M/s Spinneret Logistics Solutions Private Limited, Address-1) 3/344, Gangai Street, Cholan Nagar, Ammachattaram, Kumbakonam, Tanjore, TN 612103. Address-2) No.13 Baby Nagar Main Road, Baby Nagar, Madambakkam Guduvanchery Chengalpattu - 603 202. Address-3) GF, 174 2C 2A Anumepally, Zuvuvadi Hosur, Tamil Nadu 635109. 2. Mr.Guruprasad S, S/o Sugavaneswaran (Director) Address-1) 3/344 Gangai St, Cholan Nagar, Ammachattaram, Thanjavur, Tamil nadu - 612103. Address-2) No.12, Usha Nagar, 2nd street, Ullagam, Chennai 600091. 3. Mrs. Maheswari (Director) Plot no 31A, D.No. 14A1, 9th cross st, Thiruvalluvar Nagar Kodungayur, Chennai - 600118. 4. Mr. Sugavaneswaran R (Guarantor) 3/344 Gangai Street, Cholan Nagar, Ammachattaram, Kumbakonam Taluk Thanjavur - 612003. 5. Mrs. V. Latha D/o T Vijayendran (Director) Flat No.302 3rd floor, Satyanarayana puram, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh 517501.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this 28<sup>th</sup> April of the year 2026.

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 Canara Bank for an amount of Rs.41,86,003.40/- (Rupees Forty One Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Three and Paise Forty Only) as on 25.03.2026 and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Name of the Holder: Mr. Sugavaneswaran R (As per Sale Deed Doc. No. 1118/1997 dated 05.08.1997). All that piece and parcel of land and building comprised in R.S.No:11/4-Part Door No.3/344, Plot No.81, as per patta new Survey No.29/15, measuring an extent of 2252 sq.ft land with built up area an extent of 475 sq.ft @Gangai Street, Cholan Nagar, Chakkuvambaluram, Amma Chattram Village, Thiruvannam Post, Kumbakonam Taluk presently Thiruvannamthur Taluk, Thanjavur District, TN 612103 and being bounded as per the below, Boundaries: North: Plot No.80, South: Plot No.82, East: 20 Feet Road, West: Plot No.74; Extent of Land: East to West on Northern Side: 55.00 feet, East to West on Southern Side: 52.60 feet, North to South on Eastern Side: 40.00 feet, North to South on Western Side: 40.00 feet. Extent of Land: 2252 sqft The Property lies within the Sub Registrar's Office at Thiruvannamthur. CERSAI ID : 400058743466

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