



8,150 long-range drones were launched by Russia in May, up 24% from April, according to reports

GLOBAL WEATHER		SUNNY		SNY	
Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3



A French army NH90 helicopter flies over the oil tanker Tagor, which is under international sanctions and was traveling from Russia in the Atlantic Sea | AP

# French Navy boards flag-hopping ship linked to Russia

BREST

FRANCE said on Monday it had detained a Russia-linked oil tanker in the Atlantic, with the Kremlin comparing the latest seizure aimed at tackling Moscow's sanctions-busting shadow fleet to "international piracy". Since September, France has boarded three other ships believed to belong to the shadow fleet, used by Russia to circumvent Western sanctions on its fossil fuel exports imposed over the Kremlin's 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

The Tagor was detained on Sunday morning in international waters with the help of Britain and other partners, after its Russian captain refused to comply with orders, prosecutors said. President Emmanuel Macron posted a video of the seizure, which showed commanders rappelling from a helicopter onto the ship.

"We consider these acts illegal. They border on international piracy," said President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov. "Russia is taking measures to ensure the safety of its cargo".

Suspected of carrying Russian or Iranian oil despite international sanctions, the

## Macron touts record €93bn investment haul

PARIS: President Emmanuel Macron said he was expecting "record" foreign investment amounting to 93 billion euros (\$108 billion) at an international conference Monday, including for artificial intelligence and data centres. Around 200 executives from around the world are expected at the Versailles palace west of Paris for Macron's annual "Choose France" event. Last year's conference set a record of 20 billion euros (\$23.3 billion) in announced projects. But money already pledged for this year is set to surpass the combined 87 billion euros raised over the past eight years, according to Macron's office

Tagor is linked to petroleum shipping magnate Mohammad Hossein Shamkhani, according to open-source database Opensanctions.org.

According to French authorities, the Tagor was on its way from Murmansk in northwestern Russia when it was boarded. AFP

# Tehran halts peace talks with US as Israel expands Lebanon offensive

Washington bombs Iranian military sites over drone incident; Iran targets US soldiers in Kuwait

DUBAI

Iran's Tasnim news agency said Tehran was suspending all exchanges with mediators in peace talks with the United States on Monday, blaming Israel's ongoing invasion of Lebanon. The announcement came as the United States said it had bombed radar and drone sites in Iran after Tehran shot down an American drone over the weekend. Iran then said it targeted American soldiers in Kuwait with missiles, which the US says it shot down.

The nominal ceasefire between Iran and the US has been repeatedly tested with such back-and-forth attacks, even as officials from both countries try to negotiate an end to the war. It's not clear how close they are to a deal — and there is always the risk that an attack could derail those talks.

In the meantime, Iran has maintained its chokehold on the Strait of Hormuz, disrupting global energy supplies and driving up the price of fuel around the world, with far-reaching consequences. A cargo ship came under attack off Iraq Monday afternoon, the British military said.

Fighting has also escalated between Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah,



Cars sit in traffic on a highway as residents flee following an Israeli threat to strike Dahiyeh, Beirut's southern suburbs, Lebanon | AP

## ISRAEL ORDERS STRIKES AS HEZBOLLAH LAUNCHES FRESH ATTACKS

BEIRUT: Israel ordered strikes on Beirut's southern suburbs on Monday after accusing Hezbollah of repeated ceasefire violations, prompting residents to flee the area. The move came a day after Israeli troops advanced deeper into Lebanon and Hezbollah launched rockets towards northern Israel. Overnight Israeli strikes in southern Lebanon killed six people, while Israel said it intercepted projectiles fired from Lebanon. The escalation threatens efforts to sustain the fragile ceasefire and complicates negotiations involving Iran, which insists any wider truce agreement must also cover Lebanon. Talks between Israel and Lebanon are due in Washington on Tuesday.

despite their nominal ceasefire. Israel has extended its occupation deep into Lebanon, and Hezbollah — which joined the war in support of its main backer, Iran — continues to launch

drones into Israel.

Iran sets conditions for talks

"Given the continuing crimes of the Zionist regime (Israel) in Lebanon and considering that

# Bangladesh, Cyprus in the race for UNGA 81st presidency

UNITED NATIONS

BANGLADESH and Cyprus will face off this week in a closely-watched election for the President of the 81st session of the UN General Assembly.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman and Cyprus' Special Envoy for Multilateralism Ambassador Andreas Kakouris are vying to lead the 193-member General Assembly during its 81st session, which begins in September.

The General Assembly, the chief deliberative, policy-making and representative organ of the United Nations, will vote on June 2 to elect its next president for a one-year term.

Under the regional rotation system, the President of the 81st session will be elected from the Asia-Pacific Group. The election comes a day before the General Assembly chooses five new non-permanent UN Security Council members for 2027-28.

The successful candidate will succeed current General Assembly President and former German foreign minister Annalena Baerbock, who is only the fifth woman to hold the post in the UN's 80-year history. Rahman was sworn in as Bangladesh's Foreign Minister in February this year. Earlier, he served as National Security Adviser and High Representative for the Rohingya issue in Bangladesh's interim government led by Muhammad Yunus. PTI

## EXPRESS READ

### Intl arbitrators reject Rwanda's \$134 mn claim

THE HAGUE: A panel of international arbitrators has rejected a multimillion-dollar claim by Rwanda against the UK linked to a refugee resettlement deal that Prime Minister Keir Starmer scrapped after taking office in 2024. The deal, struck in 2022 by Rishi Sunak, involved sending migrants who arrive in the UK as stowaways or in boats to the East African country.

### 6 dead as drunk driver rams car into SL crowd

COLOMBO: At least six people were killed and 13 others injured after a pickup truck driven by an allegedly intoxicated motorist rammed into a queue of revellers, who were celebrating the Buddhist festival Wesak, on the outskirts of Sri Lanka's capital. Three men and as many females died in the accident, police said.

### Pro-Trump candidate leads in Colombia's presidency race

BOGOTA

TOUGH-ON-CRIME outsider Abneraldo de la Espriella took the lead in Colombia's presidential race in the first round of voting Sunday night, setting up a runoff with Ivan Cepeda, an ally of Colombia's outgoing President Gustavo Petro who questioned the results of the election. With no candidate taking an outright majority of the vote, the election will head to a second round in June.

But Cepeda and Petro sowed doubt in the results of the first round, claiming without evidence that hundreds of thousands of votes were manipulated and that foreign actors manipulated the poll results. Cepeda said he was waiting for electoral authorities to scrutinize the results before accepting the election. "Only when the vote-counting commissions have fully clarified what happened will we comment on tonight's results," Cepeda said. AP

## ASIA MATTERS

### SOCIAL MEDIA CURBS FOR TEENS IN FORCE

Malaysia: Malaysia will require major social media platforms to verify users' ages and bar children under 16 from registering accounts under new online safety rules that took effect on Monday. The requirements apply to providers with at least eight million users in the Southeast Asian country — including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube.

### WORD NERDS COMPETE FOR SCRABBLE TITLE

Thailand: A \$10,000 top prize brought some 450 serious Scrabble players from 30 countries to the Thai capital at the weekend for back-to-back matches at the four-day Causeway Challenge. The game demands eidetic knowledge of the English vocabulary and maths to exploit the points letters are assigned. "I'm not the best player in the room, but I won," said a participant.

**STATE BANK OF INDIA**  
BRANCH: ELAVAMTHITTA, Rajans Centre, PG No. 1, Elavamthitta, Pathanamthitta-686625

**PUBLIC NOTICE ON AUCTION OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS**

The following customers have committed default of the below mentioned pledged gold articles in the above mentioned branch. State Bank of India, which have been retained/returned/undelivered after sending a notice due to the expiry of the term, and which have not been returned by the concerned party, and which have not been returned after payment and closing the account by the date of the notice, will be auctioned publicly at the State Bank of India, Elavamthitta Branch of the bank on **03.07.2026 at 04.00 pm**

Name & Address of the Borrower & Account Number  
Smt. Sobha Selvarajan, W/o. Selvarajan, Manivassathu Thumpamon North, Thumpamon North P.O., Muthuvayal, Pathanamthitta, Loan A/c. No. 4352244293

The details of the tenders and the auction conditions are published on the notice board of the branch. The auction sale is subject to the final decision of the Bank Branch at its own discretion reserves the right to cancel/postpone the auction.

01.06.2026  
Branch Manager (Sd/-)

**INDIAN BANK**  
ZONAL OFFICE, ERNAKULAM  
II & III Floor, Ram Meena Building Vattanjambalam Junction, SA Road, Kochi-682016  
Ph: 0484-2351627, 2382403

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR LEASING OF OFFICE PREMISES**

Indian Bank, a Public Sector Bank invites tenders under 2 bid system (Technical & Financial) from owners of Commercial premises willing to offer on lease basis (Ready built/Premises under construction and raising completion) at the below mentioned location measuring 1100-1200 sq.ft. carpet area preferably in Ground Floor with parking for a lease period of 15 years for shifting of their existing Harippad & Mallappally Branch.

**HARIPPAD & MALLAPPALLY**

The tender forms can be obtained from the following address between 10.00 am and 05.00 pm (only during working days) from **03.06.2026-22.06.2026** or from the Banks website [www.indianbank.in](http://www.indianbank.in). The tenders should be submitted in two cover system consisting of Technical Bid and Financial Bid in two separate sealed covers super scribing "Tender for new Premises - Technical Bid" and "Tender for new Premises - Financial Bid". The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all offers without assigning any reasons whatsoever. Last date for submission of bids at the below mentioned address is **22.06.2026, 05.00 PM**. The Technical bid should be enclosed with refundable EMD of Rs.2500/- by way of DD/BPO favouring Indian Bank, Ernakulam. Incomplete tenders/late tenders/Tenders not accompanied with requisite EMDs/Tenders not in the form Specified are liable to be rejected.

Contact Nos.: 0484-2351627, 2382403, Details can be obtained from our Website: [www.indianbank.in](http://www.indianbank.in)

(Sd/-) Zonal Manager, Indian Bank,  
Zonal Office, Premises Dept., II & III Floor, Ram Meena Building Vattanjambalam Junction, SA Road, Kochi-682016, Ph: 0484197331

Place: Kochi  
Date: 01-06-2026

**ICICI Bank** Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye Pass Road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024

**PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**  
(See proviso to rule 8(6))  
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earned Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Sethukumar B (Borrower) Mrs. Vijayakumari (Co-Borrowers) Loan Account No. TBKOM00006205314/LBKOM00006236873	Vacant Land In 5.91 Ares (14.5 Cents) of In Re. Sy No. 380/711, Pandalam Thekkarakkara Village, Adoor Taluk, Pathanamthitta District - 691555 Bounded on The North By: Road South By: K.I.P Canal East By: Property of Renu Johnson West By: Property of Chandrasekaran And Kamalasanam	Rs. 12,08,518/- (As on 26.06.2026)	Rs. 15,50,000/- (As on 26.06.2026)	June 18, 2026 From 10:00 AM To 12:00 PM	June 25, 2026 From 10:30 AM To 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website <assets.matexauctions.com> of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Private Limited. The Mortgagees/Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by June 24, 2026, before 05:00 P.M., else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule. The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earned Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024 Branch on or before June 24, 2026, before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before June 24, 2026, before 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/are unable to submit his/her offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank, Pushpamangalam Estate, NH Bye pass road, Edappally, Cochin - 682024 Branch on or before June 24, 2026 before 05:00 P.M. Earned Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at 'Cochin'.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee number 9655225532/8129501439. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/nhp45](http://www.icicibank.com/nhp45)

Date: June 02, 2026  
Place: Pathanamthitta  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

**SUNDARAM HOME** - Sundaram Finance Group -  
Regd Office: No. 21, Patulus Road, Chennai - 600002.  
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014  
Branch Office: Alexander Memorial Building, Marine Drive, (Opp. Rainbow D.No. 11/3597, 2nd Floor, Elizabeth Bridge), Ernakulam, Kochi - 682 031.

**POSSESSION NOTICE**  
Issued Under Sec 13(4) read with Appendix IV and Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 13-02-2026 calling upon the Borrower Mr. Bajju M K, Co-Borrower Mrs. Tina C to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand notice being Rs. 32,57,786/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six Only) being the amount due and payable under the Loan Account number KOC20250362 as on 13-02-2026 along with further interest, cost and Other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment within 60 days from the date of publication of the notice on 19-03-2026.

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount as mentioned above, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of Sarfaesi Act on this 27-05-2026.

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

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the Secured property shall be subject to the charge of SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED for an amount Rs. 33,71,346/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Three Hundred Forty Six Only) as on 27-05-2026 along with further interest, Cost and Other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the property having a total extent of 1.62 Ares along with the building bearing No. 12/384/B, comprised in Resurvey No. 364/1-5, in Old Survey No. 363/5, in Block No. 26, situated in Kizhakkambalam Village, Kunthannur Taluk, in Ernakulam District, along with all the fittings and appurtenant thereto and bounded on the East by: Property of Suprabha, North by: Property of Johnson, West by: Property of Subadhra and South by: 4 Meter wide Private Road within the Registration District of Ernakulam and Sub Registration District of Puthan Cruze which is more fully and particularly described in the Title Deed No. 6137/2024.

Date: 27-05-2026 for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORIZED OFFICER

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Name and Address of the Borrower, Co-Borrower & GPA	Secured Debt (Rs.)	Reserve Price fixed for the Property	Place for Title Verification
Mr. Rajesh Daniel (Borrower), Sathesh Bhavanam, Kurathikad, Thekkarakkara P.O., Alappuzha - 690107	Rs. 55,43,841/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty One Only) as on 02.06.2026 along Further Interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment.	Rs. 51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Only)	Sundaram Home Finance Limited, First Floor, Kandathil Building, Kadappakkada Post, Kadappakkada, Kollam - 691008.
Mr. Rajesh Daniel (Property - 2), Valthoor Sherin Villa, Near Mukkavala Junction, Bharanikkavu Po, Alappuzha-690503.	Rs. 51,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Only) as on 02.06.2026 along Further Interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment.	25% of the Bid Amount	Sundaram Home Finance Limited, No. 23, 2nd Floor, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034.

**DESCRIPTION OF SECURED PROPERTY: SCHEDULE:** All that piece and parcel of the property having an extent of 3.68 Ares along with the building bearing No. 6/109, in Re Survey No. 178/12-1, in Old Survey Nos. 62/25-2 and 62/25-1, in Block No. 14, situated in Kattanam Village, Mavalikkara Taluk, in Alappuzha District, along with all the fittings and appurtenant thereto and bounded on the East by: Property of VM Varghese, North by: Property of Georgekutty, West by: Property of Appanar and South by: 3.70 Meter wide private road, within the Registration District of Alappuzha and Sub Registration District of Baranikkavuvich which is more fully and particularly described in the Sale Deed No. 1860/2024.

Note: The intending purchasers are requested to verify the documents inspect the property and participate in the auction after satisfying about the title, nature and condition for property. Refund will not be given after sale confirmation, in case if there arises any dispute regarding the title or nature of the property.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale of Property of Mr. Rajesh Daniel, Loan Account No. KLM20250049, please refer to [www.sundaramhome.in/uploads/files/sale\\_notice/KLM20250049.pdf](http://www.sundaramhome.in/uploads/files/sale_notice/KLM20250049.pdf)

Contact Person: Mr. Vivek P B - 9961555869 for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORIZED OFFICER

Date: 02-06-2026