

GLOBAL VOICE

Iraq PM Al-Sudani meets Saudi Crown Prince Salma

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani and Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman held a meeting in the Saudi city of AlUla, during which the parties agreed to coordinate actions regarding the events in Syria, the Iraqi prime minister's office said.

"The Iraqi Prime Minister and the Crown Prince agreed at a meeting in AlUla on the importance of coordinating joint actions regarding the consequences of what is happening in Syria and intensifying efforts to counter regional and international challenges in a way that would contribute to strengthening regional security and stability in the entire region," the



office said in a statement on Wednesday.

Al-Sudani "reaffirmed Iraq's desire for the unity of Syrian territories, non-interference in Syria's internal affairs, respect for the free will of the Syrians

and ensuring the participation of all representatives of the Syrian people in the fate of the country," the statement added.

In addition, Al-Sudani "expressed Iraq's readiness to cooperate with its brothers and

friends in the region for the sake of its stabilization and security, as well as to eliminate any conflicts in the region," the office said.

Syria's armed opposition captured Damascus on December 8. The Russian Foreign Ministry said that Syrian President Bashar Assad stepped down and left the country for Russia, where he and his family were granted political asylum.

Mohammed al-Bashir, who ran an Idlib-based administration formed by HTS and other opposition groups, was named interim prime minister last week. He said that the interim government would govern Syria until March 2025.



EU membership Turkey's strategic goal: Prez Tayyip

Membership in the European Union remains a strategic goal for Turkey, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday during a joint press conference with the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in Ankara.

"We are leaving behind a year in which contacts with the European Union and its member states have increased. First my minister of foreign affairs [Hakan

Fidan] participated in the informal meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs ministers after an interval of five years, then we [Erdogan] met with madame President von der Leyen at the European Political Community Summit that was held in Budapest. Both in these meetings and in the context between our institutions we have always stated the following, European Union membership remains a strategic goal

for Turkey," Erdogan said.

Turkey signed the Ankara Agreement, or the Agreement Creating an Association Between the Republic of Turkey and the European Economic Community (EEC, the predecessor of the EU), in 1963 and applied for full membership in 1987. The negotiations on Turkey's accession to the EU began in 2005 but have repeatedly suspended due to disagreements.

Lanka will never be threat to India's security: Prez Anura

Visiting Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake stated that Sri Lanka will never allow its territory to be used in a way that threatens the security of India and the stability of the region, during his talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

In his first bilateral visit to India after taking over his post in September, President Dissanayake thanked India for the aid provided and reassured India of Sri Lanka's commitment to safeguard Indian interests. "I have also given an assurance to the Prime Minister of India that we will not allow our land to be used in any way in a manner that is detrimental to the interest of India. The cooperation with India will certainly flourish and I want to reassure our continued support for India," he said in his media statement.

In a post on X after his talks with PM Modi, the Sri Lankan President posted: "It is a privilege



to visit India on my first overseas trip as President and I am grateful to PM @narendramodi for supporting Sri Lanka during the economic crisis and for aiding debt restructuring.

"We discussed trade, defence, energy, BRICS, UNCLCS, and stopping illegal fishing during our meeting today. I invited PM Modi to visit Sri Lanka and assured India that Sri Lanka's territory would not be used against India's security interests." During the talks, the Sri Lankan president broached the contentious issue of Indian fishermen using bottom trawlers and fishing in Sri Lankan waters.

"We want to find a durable and sustainable solution to the fishermen's issue that has become a plague for both our countries. There are bottom trawling systems being adopted by the fishermen in that area and that needs to be put an end to because that will spell doom to this industry," he said in his media statement.

Recalling India's help during the financial crisis, Dissanayake said, "We faced an unprecedented economic crisis some two years ago and India supported us immensely to come out of that quagmire. It has also helped us immensely after that, especially in

the debt-free structuring process. I know that Sri Lanka secures a very significant place in the foreign policy of India. PM Modi assured us full support and he also assured us that he will always protect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Sri Lanka." Following the talks, the two sides signed some outcomes.

Financial assistance scheme to 100 new students each annually from University of Jaffna and Eastern University until the end of academic courses of the beneficiaries; Grant assistance of USD 14.9 million for the signaling project in Maho-Anuradhapura section; Protocol Amending the Agreement between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Government of India for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income; and MoU between National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), Government

of India and Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) on Training and Capacity Building Programme for Civil Servants of Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka has announced that they will lift the vehicles import ban which was put in place in 2020 to ease the pressure on foreign exchange reserves due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

By the gazette issued on Wednesday the importation of public transport vehicles have been allowed for the first time since early 2020.

The Ministry of Finance said the policy to ban vehicle imports was implemented with the intention of easing the pressure on foreign exchange reserves due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic downturn of 2022.

President Anura Kumara Dissanayake addressing Parliament recently said the importing cars for private use will be allowed from February 2025.

However, the decision is subject to rules so as to protect the island nation's effort to build foreign reserves.

All importers must sell their imports within three

Lanka lifts vehicle import ban after 4 years



months, if not a three per cent fee would be charged.

These conditions have been imposed with the intention of safeguarding foreign exchange reserves of the country by way of discouraging importation of an excessive number of vehicles and keeping unnecessary stock of motor vehicles by the importers while spending substantial amounts of foreign exchange," a statement said.

The vehicle importers' association hailed the move. They had lobbied the government

Lanka must build up its forex reserves to prevent a crisis similar to 2022 when shortage of foreign reserves led to the absence of fuel and essentials.

The IMF in recognition of Sri Lanka's recovery from the economic downturn had allowed vehicle imports as a measure of increasing state revenue by way of import duties.

Depleted foreign reserves in April 2022 led to an unprecedented economic crisis in Sri Lanka, forcing the island nation to announce its first-ever sovereign default.

extensively to lift the import ban.

The IMF bailout conditions dictate that Sri

UK, Italy, Japan JV for supersonic jets

The UK defence contractor BAE Systems, Italy's Leonardo and Japan Aircraft Industrial Enhancement (JAIEC) launched a joint venture on Friday to develop a next-generation supersonic fighter jet, which will replace the Eurofighter Typhoon.

"BAE Systems (UK), Leonardo (Italy), and Japan Aircraft Industrial Enhancement Co Ltd (JAIEC), have reached an agreement to form a new company under a business joint venture for the Global Combat Air



Programme (GCAP)," the joint statement read.

The venture will be responsible for the design, development and delivery of the next-generation combat aircraft and will provide maintenance throughout its service life, which is expected to extend beyond 2070.

The venture is expected to be established by mid-2025. Each company will hold a 33.3% share in it, with the branches located in each of the three countries. The first CEO will be from Italy.

In December 2022, the leaders of Japan, Italy and the United Kingdom agreed on a joint development of a new fighter jet to replace the F-2 jets in Japan and the Eurofighter Typhoons in Italy and the UK. In December 2023, the UK, Italy and Japan inked an international agreement

within the Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP) military program to develop a stealth fighter with supersonic capability that is expected to enter service by 2035.

China reveals hypersonic drones

A new video has revealed a remarkable first in hypersonic flight – an unmanned Chinese MD series aircraft being launched in near space from a high-altitude balloon, reaching a speed of Mach 7 before landing safely to be reused later.

The full video, released by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), showcases the trials of the MD series

and the drone developers behind the aircraft. The team from the Institute of Mechanics (IMECH) at CAS, known as the "Qian Xuesen Young Scientist Task Force", were the same specialists who achieved the first horizontal landing of the hypersonic drone in 2020. Hypersonic flight is a field of intense global strategic competition in advanced aerospace technology.

France to continue training Ukraine army

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron have agreed to continue training of the Ukrainian armed forces in France and discussed the possible deployment of Western troops in Ukraine, Zelenskyy said on Thursday.

Zelenskyy and Macron held a meeting in Brussels on Wednesday. During his visit, the Ukrainian president also met with other European leaders, as well as NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, whom he thanked for supporting Kiev.

"I expressed gratitude [to Macron] for France's preparation of one brigade for our army, and we agreed to continue this cooperation and prepare one more brigade. We

hope other partners will join this effort by contributing to equipping additional Ukrainian brigades," Zelenskyy said on X. The two leaders continued to elaborate on Macron's initiative of deploying Western troops to Ukraine "that could contribute to stabilising the path to peace," the Ukrainian president added.

Macron said after a conference on Ukraine hosted in Paris in February that Western leaders had discussed the possibility of sending troops to Ukraine, adding that a consensus had not yet been reached, "but nothing can be ruled out." Although some EU leaders dismissed the proposal, Macron reiterated that the option should remain on the table.

HDFC BANK Registered Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400 013 and having one of its office as Retail Portfolio Management at HDFC Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, I-Think Techno Campus, Kanjurmarg (East), Mumbai - 400042.

We understand your world

SALE INTIMATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE OF SECURITIES PLEDGED TO HDFC BANK LTD.

The below mentioned Borrowers of HDFC Bank Ltd. (the "Bank") are hereby notified regarding the sale of securities pledged to the Bank, for availing credit facilities in the nature of Loan/Overdraft Against Securities.

Due to persistent default by the Borrowers in making repayment of the outstanding dues as per agreed loan terms, the below loan accounts are in delinquent status. The Bank has issued multiple notices to these Borrowers, including the final sale notice on the below-mentioned date whereby, Bank had invoked the pledge and provided 7 days' time to the Borrower to repay the entire outstanding dues in the below accounts, failing which, Bank would be at liberty to sell the pledged securities without issuing further notice in this regard. The Borrowers have neglected and failed to make due repayments, therefore, Bank in exercise of its rights under the loan agreement as a pledgee has decided to sell / dispose off the Securities on or after **26th December 2024** for recovering the dues owed by the Borrowers to the Bank. The Borrowers are, also, notified that, if at any time, the value of the pledged securities falls further due to volatility in the stock market to create further deficiency in the margin requirement then Bank shall at its discretion sell the pledged security within one (1) calendar day, without any further notice in this regard. The Borrower(s) shall remain liable to the Bank for repayment of any remaining outstanding amount, post adjustment of the proceeds from sale of pledged securities.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Borrower's Name	Outstanding Amount as on 17 th Dec 2024 (In Indian Rupees)	Date of Sale Notice
1	XXXX0120	UNNAMALAI S M	20,331.78	18-Dec-24
2	XXXX0439	V RANGANATHAN	135.93	18-Dec-24
3	XXXX5931	M PUSHPA	9,98,684.81	18-Dec-24
4	XXXX8806	R RANGASAMI	18,22,803.07	18-Dec-24
5	XXXX9173	SHEELA DWARAKA NATH	7,50,224.69	18-Dec-24
6	XXXX1408	AJAY JAIN	4,51,066.54	18-Dec-24
7	XXXX0376	V GANESH	3,14,449.00	18-Dec-24
8	XXXX9796	M PATTATHARASI	3,25,205.44	18-Dec-24
9	XXXX1902	C LALITHA	4,47,136.00	18-Dec-24
10	XXXX3175	GAYATHIRI R	2,66,817.66	18-Dec-24
11	XXXX7470	D MILAAPCHAND KHATOD	3,41,890.74	18-Dec-24
12	XXXX1874	ISRAEL LIVEK PRASAD A	13,957.71	18-Dec-24
13	XXXX4533	ROHINI AJAY PATHAK	5,24,133.00	18-Dec-24
14	XXXX0510	K RAYAPPAN	67,211.79	18-Dec-24
15	XXXX6876	J VAISALI	2,22,113.60	18-Dec-24
16	XXXX9175	K VIGNESH	64,932.60	18-Dec-24
17	XXXX6900	KARISHMA SUNIL GUPTA	4,34,136.68	18-Dec-24
18	XXXX1868	SUCHITRA PRASHANT DUSANE	1,33,103.00	18-Dec-24
19	XXXX5200	MADHAN KUMAR	86,066.77	18-Dec-24
20	XXXX5804	DR N THANGARAJU	1,26,448.59	18-Dec-24
21	XXXX8400	VINOD KARUNAKARAN	13,938.12	18-Dec-24
22	XXXX8125	S KARTHIKEYAN	20,150.07	18-Dec-24
23	XXXX4502	MALAVIKA JAYARAM	3,84,685.48	18-Dec-24
24	XXXX8856	SAKSHI MEHTA Y	2,14,625.79	18-Dec-24
25	XXXX6361	K S SHETTY	10,11,895.08	18-Dec-24
26	XXXX3301	V SENDILNATH	8,96,879.83	18-Dec-24
27	XXXX8772	ARJJEET CHAUDHRY	4,58,109.80	18-Dec-24
28	XXXX0078	SUNDARAMCHETTIAR RANGANATHAM KANDASAMY	20,472.50	18-Dec-24
29	XXXX7271	M VIJAYAKSHMI	31,662.00	18-Dec-24
30	XXXX9811	KARTHIK BABU S V	7,89,221.82	18-Dec-24
31	XXXX9712	ARIVUSUDAR WIFE OF BALAKRISHNAN	4,04,055.82	18-Dec-24
32	XXXX3997	S SOBANA	4,92,679.82	18-Dec-24
33	XXXX8648	RAVICHANDRAN B	5,98,083.82	18-Dec-24
34	XXXX9673	HIEEYA CHAWDA	9,07,806.82	18-Dec-24
35	XXXX4597	BALAMURUGAN ARUMUGAM	2,74,643.82	17-Dec-24

Date : 20.12.2024
Place : TAMIL NADU

SHIVALIK SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD.
Registered Office : 501, Salcon Aurum, Jasola District Centre, New Delhi - 110025
CIN : U65900DL2020PLC366027

AUCTION NOTICE

The following borrowers of Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd. are hereby informed that Gold Loan/s availed by them from the Bank have not been adjusted by them despite various demands and notices including individual notices issued by the Bank. All borrowers are hereby informed that it has been decided to auction the Gold ornaments kept as security with the Bank and accordingly **30th December 2024** has been fixed as the date of auction at **03:00 pm** in the branch premises from where the loan was availed. All, including the borrowers, account holders and public at large can participate in this auction on as per the terms and conditions of auction.

S. NO	Branch	Account No.	Acct Holder name	Father's/ Spouse Name	Address	Ac opening Date	Payoff
1.	CHENNAI	104142510638	C V VARMA	S/O VEERAKUMAR	NO 7 2 KALINGARAYAN 2ND LAN, OPP CEMETRY ROAD WASHERMENPET CHENNAI/TAMILNADU 600021	17-05-2024	85342.64
2.	CHENNAI	104142511016	SHANTHI DEIVASIGAMANI	S/O DEIVASIGAMANI	12/6,ANNA STREET BHARATHIYAR NAGAR VIRUGAMBAKKAM, CHENNAI TAMILNADU 600092	16-08-2024	201404.71
3.	CHENNAI	104142511017	RAJESH DEIVASIGAMANI	S/O DEIVASIGAMANI	12/6, ANNA STREET BHARATHIYAR NAGAR VIRUGAMBAKKAM, CHENNAI TAMILNADU 600092	16-08-2024	192333.40
4.	CHENNAI	104142511018	VARUNA S	S/O SHANMUGAM	10 A, DHURAI SAMI NAGAR PONNERI, THADAPERUMPAKKAM THIRUVALLUR TAMILNADU 601204	16-08-2024	124546.95
5.	CHENNAI	104142511019	BALAKRISHNAN M	S/O MASILAMANI	NO 15/7,14TH STREET TANSI NAGAR VELACHERRY CHENNAI/TAMILNADU 600042	16-08-2024	198272.95

Auction date is 30th December 2024 @ 03:00 pm.

The Bank reserves the right to delete any account from the auction or cancel the auction without any prior notice.

Authorised Officer, Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd.