# Biden to visit Middle East, meet Saudi leader marking policy shift

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden will make history next month with a direct flight between Israel and Saudi Arabia where he will meet Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, abandoning efforts to ostracise the oil kingdom's de facto leader over the murder of a dissident.

The White House ended weeks of speculation on Tuesday, announcing that Biden will travel to Israel, the Palestinian West Bank and Saudi Arabia from July 13-16.

This will be Biden's first trip

to the Middle East as president and in addition to meetings with individual leaders in all three places, he will attend a regional Gulf Cooperation Council summit in Saudi Arabia.

There is widespread expectation that Biden hopes to secure a boost in Saudi oil production, in an attempt to tame spiralling fuel costs and inflation at home ahead of midterm congressional elections in which his Democratic party risks a drubbing.

Whatever the outcome, his meeting with the crown prince, often referred to as MBS, will mark a controversial policy



shift. As a presidential candidate, Biden said the 2018 murder and dismemberment of Jamal Khashoggi — a Saudiborn US resident known for writing critical articles about Saudi rulers in The Washington Post — had made the coun-

## 'Recalibration of relations'

Biden's meeting with MBS will mark a controversial policy shift. "We can expect the president to see the crown prince," a US official said, while rejecting the notion that Biden was retreating from his principles. US policy demanded recalibration of relations" after the Khashoggi murder, "not a rupture," the official said. The official pointed out that Saudi Arabia has been a strategic US partner for eight decades and is home to some 70,000 Americans.

try a "pariah." US intelligence findings released by the Biden administration identified MBS as the mastermind of the operation.

While the White House confirmed that "energy security" will be a topic in Saudi Arabia, officials stressed that the whole trip has broader diplomatic aims. Biden will engage with nearly a dozen leaders during the brief yet intense journey, demonstrating "the return of American leadership," a senior US official told reporters.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett in Israel, a country Biden first visited nearly 50 years ago as a young senator.

There will be emphasis on the lavish US support for Israel's armed forces. Biden will meet Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas, likely in Bethlehem, the US official said. Biden will stress "his lifelong commitment to a two state solution" for Palestinians and Israelis and restore US ties with Palestinians that were "nearly severed" under Donald Trump. The part of the trip that will

The tour starts with meeting make history comes at the end. Biden's flight from Israel to Jeddah will be the first by a US president from Israel to an Arab state that does not recognise the country. In 2017, Trump made the journey in reverse.

Once there, Biden will attend

the Gulf Cooperation Council. A priority for Biden will be maintaining the recently extended truce in Yemen, as well as deterring Iran, advancing human rights, and ensuring global energy, the official said.

Biden will also join a virtual summit of the so-called I2-U2 diplomatic group.

# After days of fierce battle, Russians control 80% of Severodonetsk city

All three bridges leading out of city destroyed; mass evacuation not possible now, says guv

## Britons on death row: UK didn't ask for Russia help

Moscow: The Kremlin said on Tuesday that London had not asked Russia to intervene and help save two Britons sentenced to death by pro-Moscow separatist authorities in eastern Ukraine, "They have not asked," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters. He said that such a request should be lodged with the separatist authorities of the breakaway region of Donetsk that tried Aiden Aslin and Shaun Pinner for fighting with the Ukrainian army. AFP

### Kyiv recovers 64 Azovstal fighters' bodies

Kyiv: Ukraine said on Tuesday it had received the bodies of 64 soldiers who died defending Mariupol's steelworks in an exchange with Moscow that saw Ukraine returning the remains of Russian troops. "Ukraine has recove-red the bodies of 64 heroic Azov-stal defenders for their dignified burial," the Ukrainian reintegr-ation ministry said in a statement. The ministry said the swap took place in the Zaporizhzhia region. AFP

## **NATO** leaders meet to discuss war

The Hague: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and a small group of leaders from alliance countries are meeting in the Netherlands to discuss Russia's war in Ukraine and to prepare for a summit in Spain later this month. The talks will likely also address applications by



An aerial view shows destroyed houses after a strike in the town of Pryvillya in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donbas on Tuesday | AFP

RUSSIAN troops control about 80% of the fiercely contested eastern Ukrainian city of Severodonetsk and have destroyed all three bridges leading out of the city but Ukrainian authorities are still trying to evacuate some wounded residents, a regional official said

Serhiy Haidai, governor of the eastern Luhansk region, acknowledged that a mass evacuation of civilians from Severodonetsk now is "simply not possible" due to the relentless shelling and fighting in the city Ukrainian forces have been pushed to the industrial outskirts of the city because of "the scorched earth method and heavy artillery the Rus-

sians are using," he said. There is still an opportunity for the evacuation of the wounded, communication with cal residents," he said, adding conference.

## Pope says Russia's 'ferocious' invasion perhaps provoked

Vatican City: Pope Francis praised the "brave' Ukrainians defending themselves from Russia's "ferocious" onslaught in an interview published on Tuesday, but said the war was "perhaps in some way provoked" by NATO. AFP

that Russian forces have not yet blocked off the strategic city.

About 12,000 people remain in Severodonetsk compared to its pre-war population of 100,000. More than 500 civilians are sheltering in the Azot chemical plant. In all, 70 civilians have been evacuated from the Luhansk region over the past 24 fours, the governor said.

"The situation is difficult," Ukrainian President Volody-

# Azot plant evacuations planned for today: Moscow

The Russian army said it would establish a humanitarian corridor on Wednesday to evacuate hundreds of civilians from the Azot chemical plant in the city of Severodonetsk.

"Guided by the principles of humanity, the Russian armed forces and the formations of the Lugansk People's Republic are ready to organise a humanitarian operation to evacuate civilians," the Russian defence ministry said on Tuesday.

The humanitarian corridor will be in place between 8am (0500 GMT) and 8pm Moscow time on Wednesday, the defence ministry said, adding the evacuees would be transported to the city of Syatovo in the separatist-held region of Lugansk.

Moscow also urged "militants of nationalist battalions and foreign mercenaries" at the plant to "stop senseless resistance" and lay down their arms. The Russian army said that Ukrainian authorities requested that civilians from the Azot plant be transported to Kyiv-controlled Lysychansk but said that the evacuation there was not possible because ies had been destroyed. AFP

## SOUTH KOREA Truckers refuse to back down on wage strike

Incheon: South Korean truck

drivers staged an eighth day of protests on Tuesday over wages and rising fuel costs, further snarling global supply chains with a strike that officials say has caused more than \$1 billion in losses. The industrial action has disrupted shipments and production for the crucial steel, petrochemical and automobile sectors, in an early test for new President Yoon Suk-yeol who has vowed to deal with labour

disputes "strictly". South Korea is the world's largest memory chip exporter and home to global chip powerhouse Samsung Electronics, as well as large car companies including Kia and Hyundai Motors. But the truckers say they are desperate due to sharp rises in fuel prices. AFP

# **ASIA MATTERS**

Around 60 oppn figures convicted in mass trial Phnom Penh: A Phnom Penh court convicted around 60 opposition figures, including an outspoken US-Cambodian activist, in a mass trial on Tuesday as long-serving leader Hun Sen cracks down on dissent ahead of national elections next year. Opposition leader Sam Rainsy, who has lived in France since 2015 to avoid jail for convictions. had another eight years added to his existing sentence. AFP

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claim on strait

Taipei refutes China's

Taipei: Taipei on Tuesday condemned China for saying the Taiwan Strait is not international waters, and accused Beijing of trying to endanger regional peace with its territorial claim over it. Taiwan lives under the constant threat of invasion by Beijing, which views the selfruled democratic island as part of its territory to be re-taken one day, by force if necessary. The narrow waterway that separates Taiwan and mainland China is a flashpoint, with Beijing often reacting angrily to passages by foreign warships. The United States and other countries view the Strait as international waters open to all. But on Monday, Wang Wenbin, a spokesman for China's foreign ministry, said "China has sovereignty, and jurisdiction over the Taiwan

# Musk to address Twitter staff this week

## WASHINGTON

BILLIONAIRE Elon Musk will address Twitter employees at a meeting this week, the companv confirmed on Tuesday, in a first since launching his troubled \$44 billion bid for the social media platform.

The meeting is set for Thursday and comes as Musk is in a standoff with Twitter's leadership over the service's user advocated a less restrictive apnumbers that have put the buyout in doubt. Twitter, referring to the gath-

ering, said "We can confirm this is true and happening." became public in April, Twitter has been roiled by uncertainty

Since Musk's takeover move over its future but also by concerns about being led by the mercurial Tesla chief. Musk has

proach to what users can post on Twitter and is on record saying he would lift the ban the platform slapped on former US president Donald Trump - a highly polarising decision.

The idea of Musk taking over witter has also stoked protest from critics who warn his stewardship will embolden hate groups.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES

# "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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/Guarantor/s/Se-cured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. / Lot No	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor / Mortgagors	Description of immovable property	time of E- Auction	Reserve Price, EMD and Bid Increase Amount.		
1	Mr. Upas M U, S/o Unni- krishnan MN, Mr. Unnikrishnan M N, S/o Narayanan, Mrs. Sarala P R, Wio Unnikrishnan MN. All are residing at: Manakulamparambil House, Evannur, Cheroor PO, Viyyur Vil- lage, Thrissur	ing thereon situated at Re Sy No 61/78 (Old Sy No 562) in Viyyur Village, Thrissur Taluk, Thirssur Sub District, Thrissur District, property	28.07.2022 2 PM to 5 PM		11.0965888	25.07.2022 3 to 4 PM

<u>auction.htm</u> and <u>https://ibapi.in</u>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized 2335138,2335294 Mobile94468 99241 Date: 15-06-2022, Place: Thrissur

# PICICI Home Finance

Corporate Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ICICI HFC Tower Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059, India Branch Office: ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, 1st floor, Prasad Arcade, Building No. 28 / 127 / 5, Patturakkal Junction, Shornur Road,

Thrissur - 680022 [See provi [See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization 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.

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 Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., 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.		Details of the Secured asset(s)	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price	Date and Time of	Date & Time of
	Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	with known encumbrances, if any	•	Earnest Money Deposit	Property Inspection	Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Vidhya K V (Borrower) Shanu C (Co-Borrower)	Re Sy No 127/14, Thrissur Taluk, Kaiparambu Village,	Rs. 14,34, 424.00/-	Rs. 8,81,409/-	28th June, 2022	30th June, 2022
	Loan Account No. LHTHR00001315749	Thrissur District	(As on 7th June, 2022)	Rs. 88,141/-	11:00 AM to 03:00PM	02:00 PM to 03:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net/EPROC/) of our auction agency Auction Tiger. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till 29th June, 2022 before 5:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, 1st floor, Prasad Arcade, Building No. 28 / 127 / 5, Patturakkal Junction, Shornur Road, Thrissur - 680022 on or before 29th June, 2022 before 04:00 PM. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer as per above mentioned time then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, 1st floor Prasad Arcade, Building No. 28 / 127 / 5, Patturakkal Junction, Shornur Road, Thrissur - 680022 on or before 29th June, 2022 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.- Auction" payable at Thrissur.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of

tenders, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 7021072869. The Authorized 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 https://www.icicihfc.com/ Authorised Officer ICICI Home Finance Company Limited Date: June 15, 2022 Place: Thrissur

# Macron appeals for solid HDB INAMEIAL parliament majority

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron appealed to voters on Tuesday to give him a "solid majority" in Sunday's parliamentary polls, warning against adding "French disorder to global disorder.' Speaking as he departed

from Paris to visit French troops dispatched to Romania in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Macron said "the months ahead will be difficult" but called for people to back him in the name of "the higher national interest" and "common sense."

Macron's visit this week to Romania and neighbouring Moldova has come under fire at home, landing ahead of the second round of crucial parliamentary elections in which his centrist majority is at risk.

"Emmanuel Macron has planned a trip abroad for three days... after anaes-



thetising the campaign by refusing any debate, he saw the second round as a done deal," Jean-Luc Melenchon, leader of the leftwing NUPES alliance, told Le Parisien daily.

The incumbent had already been charged by opponents with sitting out April's presidential vote, bringing home a solid but unspectacular win against far-right chief Marine Le

Appearing to bet on a similar strategy in this month's parliamentary poll, his Ensemble (Together) alliance suffered in Sunday's first round while NUPES and the far right made gains. AFP

# EXPRESS READ

# UK defends Rwanda migrant deportation

London: The UK government on Tuesday defended its controversial policy to send asylum seekers to Rwanda, even as the entire senior leadership of the Church of England branded it shameful and immoral. Foreign Secretary Liz Truss insisted the first flight to Kigali would take off no matter how many people were on board. According to the charity Care4Calais, only seven migrants are expected to be deported on Tuesday night. AFP

# HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahamedabad- 09: Branch Office: M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd, Chaithanya Building, 2nd floor, Opp.Swapnil Apartments, K.K Road, Kadavanthra, Ernakulam-682017, Kerala AUCTION SALE NOTICE CUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE (To the Borrower /Co-Applicant / Public in General)

(Under Rule 8(6) R/w with Rule 9 (1) of SARFAESI Act, 2002) The understaned Authorized Officer of HDB Financial Services Ltd, has taken over Possession of the following property, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, for the below mentioned loan account with a right to sell the

ame on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" Name and Address of the Applicant & Co-Applicant: 1) MEENAKUMAR K.R., KANJIRAPARAMBIL HOUSE, KARAYAMUTTAM NATTIKA TRIPRAYAR THRISSUR-680549- KERALA. 2) C.R. MANI, WIO MEENAKUMAR, KANJIRAPARAMBIL HOUSE, KARAYAMUTTAM NATTIKA TRIPRAYAR THRISSUR-680549-KERALA, Account No. 3882545, Total Outstanding Amount: Rs. 70,34,939 /- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Thirty four Thousand Nine Hundred thirty Nine Only) as on 23/09/2020, with further interest/incidental expenses /costs till the date of full

Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor:- NIL Details of Immovable Properties: All that piece and parcel of the land having extent of 4.86 ares of land laying in Re, Sy, No. 148/6 & 2.39 ares of land lying in Re. Sy. No. 148/4 of Perinjanam Village lobtained as per Sale Deed No. 402/2013 of Mathilakam S.R.O. together with Building no 12/343-B of Perinjanam Grama Panchayat situated at Kodungallur Taluk, lying in Sub Registation District of Mathilakam and in the Registratio District of Thrissur and is bounded by, as per Location Certificate No:3448/2017 issued by Village Officer Perinjanam dated:29/12/2017 & as per Sale Deed East: Potlekat Ajthkumar's Property, North: Maliyekkal Gopakumar's Property, West: Thottuparambath Subramanian's Property &

Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit Bid Incremental Amount		Auction Date & Time	EMD Last Date & Time	
Rs. 74,89,563/-	Rs.7,48,956/-	Rs.1,00,000/-	19/07/2022 at 11 a.m. to 12 Noon,	18/07/2022 up to 06:00 p.m	

https://www.bankeauctions.com Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes.

(2) The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: https://www.bankeauctions.com (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login (D & Password. The EMD shall be payable through Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "HDB Financial Service Limited" above After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; III) Proof of Identification/Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADING SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal https//www.bankeauctions.com) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact Mrs. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015, E-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com, Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126, Sales Enquiries sales@bankeauctions.com, 7291981129 • The intending bidders should be present in person for the Auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. No Authorized person allowed. • The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from the Manager, Mis.HDB Financial Services Ltd, Chaithanya Building, 2nd floor, Opp.Swapnil Apartments, K.K.Road Kadavanthra, Emakulam-682017, Kerala. The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the tender form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to the Authorized Officer, HDB Financial Services Limited, together with a Pay Order/Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reservi Price, drawn in favor of "HDB Financial Service Limited" on or before 6pm on the 18/07/2022 of Tender-cum-Auction sale hereby notified For inspection of the Property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact: , Mis.HDB Financial Services Ltd, Chaithanya Building, 2nd floor, Opp.Swapnil Apartments, K,K Road Kadavanthra, Emakulam-882017, Kerala –Manoj Panicker (8589972288) & Raj C R (9745105218). The Propertyles is sold on "As-is-where-is" and "As-is-what-is" condition basis. • The sealed Tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders by 11am on the 19/07/2022 of Tender-cum-auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the same will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorized Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct, an Auction among the interested bidders who desire to Quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of HDB Financial Services Limited. • The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on the same day or not later than next working day on completion of sale and the balance amount or 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of Sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. At any cost it shall not be refunded. If the successful bidder, fail to make the payment of 25% of the entire bid amount as mentioned above, the next successful bidder will be considered and entitled to complete the sale. • The sale certificate will be issued by the Authorized Officer in favor of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. • The successful purchaser shall bear the chargesifees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, Registration Fee etc., as applicable under law. • The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, Electricity Charges and other Dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government undertaking and Local bodies. • The Authorized Officer has absolute right to accept or reject Tender or Bid any or all the offers and adjourn/postpone/cancel the Auction withou assigning any reason thereof and also modify any terms and conditions of the sale without assigning any reason thereof and also to modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

Place: Kochi Date: 15/06/2022 **Authorised Officer** M/s.HDB Financial Services Limited.