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# Trump administration pauses flow of intel to Kyiv

Comes a day after Don said Zelenskyy is ready for talks on ending war and finalisation of mineral deal with US

#### WASHINGTON

The US has paused its intelligence sharing with Ukraine, cutting off the flow of vital information that has helped the war-torn nation target Russian invaders, but Trump administration officials said Wednesday that positive talks between Washington and Kyiv

mean it may only be a short suspension.

Information about Russia's intentions and military movements has been critical to Ukraine's defense and a strong indication of support from the US and other Western allies. The suspension comes after Trump paused military aid to Ukraine and is another indication of how he has transformed America's relationship with close allies.

"We have taken a step back and are pausing and reviewing all aspects of this relationship," national security adviser Friends.

Mike Waltz said Wednesday. Comments from top Trump administration officials suggest the pause is part of the broader negotiations between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to negotiate a peace deal with Russia, and that he said.

intelligence could begin flowing to Ukraine again soon.

CIA Director John Ratcliffe called the suspension a "pause" and said it came after the disastrous meeting between Trump and Zelenskyy in the Oval Office last week. Ratcliffe said Trump wanted to know that Zelenskyy was serious about peace.

> "On the military front and the intelligence front, the pause that allowed that to happen will go away, and I think we'll work shoulder to shoulder with Ukraine as we have," Ratcliffe said.

telligence sharing.

Ukraine could soon

be receiving intelli-

gence from the U.S.

once Zelenskyy shows

to Trump he is serious

about participating in

talks on Trump's terms,

Waltz said on Fox News

Donald Trump The CIA declined to respond to questions about the change in in-



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"I think if we can nail down these negotiations and move towards these negotiations and, in fact, put some confidence building measures on the table, then the president will take a hard look at lifting this pause."

#### US to wage war on Mexican drug cartels

Washington: US President Donald Trump vowed Tuesday to "wage war" on Mexico's drug cartels, which he accused of rape and murder as well as "posing a grave threat" to national security. "The cartels are waging war on America, and it's time for America to wage war on the cartels, which we are doing," he told Congress in his first address since returning to power. The warning came hours after Trump slapped 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada

# GERMANY EYES REARMAMENT AS DIVIDE WITH U.S. DEEPENS

#### **BERLIN**

GERMANY is set to rearm in a way not seen since World War II after likely next chancellor Friedrich Merz said his government would vastly increase defence spending.

Conservative Merz and his probable future coalition partners from the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD) said Tuesday they wanted to ease Germany's strict constitutional "debt brake" to boost the defence budget by hundreds of billions of euros over the next years.

The announcement came just over a week after national elections and while Europe is fretting over its own defence and a weakening of the US security umbrella.

The plans were revealed as part of speeded-up talks between Merz's centre-right CDU/CSU bloc and the Social Democrats over a possible

new governing alliance. Their tempo was stepped up further after Friday's televised row between US President Donald Trump and his dymyr Zelensky, with the White House subsequently freezing aid to Kyiv.

"There are moments in which the history of a country takes an unexpected turn," the Zeit newspaper said on Wednesday, adding that Merz's plans "may turn out to be one such moment".



party, leaves after a meeting at the Chancellery in Berlin on Wednesday | AFP

cist who had previously baulked at financing public spending through large-scale debt, has quickly changed his tune given the head-spinning pace of events.

Ukrainian counterpart Volo- summit on Thursday to discuss Ukraine and defence, had been waiting for action from Berlin after months of political paralysis since the collapse of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's government in November.

> According to Manuela Schwesig, a senior Social Democrat and member of the

gotiations, said she expected Germany to at least double its defence budget to 100 billion euros (\$107 billion) per

Merz and his partners also Germany's EU partners, want to set up a 500-billionwho are gathering for a key euro fund to upgrade Germany's creaking infrastructure and help drag the country out of two straight years of recession.

If the plans succeed, they could be a "real game changer" and also "quickly overcome Germany's economic stagnation", said Sebastian Dullien, director of the IMK economic research institute.

### Merz, a longtime Atlantiparty's team for coalition ne-US in direct talks with Hamas US tax agency weighs firing half of its staff to secure release of hostages

THE US administration of Donald Trump is reportedly holding direct talks with Hamas to secure the release of American hostages held in Gaza, Axios reported quoting highly-placed sources.

The US has never before engaged directly with Hamas.

The talks were secret, and even Israel, was not kept in the loop. Axios report says Israel only learned about specific aspects through other channels.

There is one remaining American hostage in Gaza who is believed to still be alive. Hamas is also holding the bodies of a few American-Israeli hostages. Israel's new military chief Eyal Zamir said his country's mission to defeat Hamas remained unfinished as he took office Wednesday, with uncertainty hanging over the fragile Gaza ceasefire. Speaking before Zamir at a ceremony at military headquarters in Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel was "de-



Relatives of Israeli hostages taken captive by Palestinian militants in Gaza Strip mourn outside the morgue where his body has been kept | AFP

termined" to achieve victory in the multi-front war that began with Hamas's October 7, 2023

His remarks came after Arab leaders endorsed a plan to rebuild the Gaza Strip under the future administration of the Palestinian Authority, presenting an alternative to US President Donald Trump's widely condemned proposal to take over the territory and displace

its people. But the prospect of the PA governing Gaza remains far from certain, with Israel having ruled out any future role for the body in the territo-

ry ruled by Hamas since 2007. "Hamas has indeed suffered a severe blow, but it has not yet been defeated. The mission is not yet accomplished," Zamir said, amid a deadlock in negotiations on the next steps in the ceasefire with Hamas in Gaza.

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### WASHINGTON

THE IRS is drafting plans to cut its workforce by as much as half through a mix of layoffs, attrition and incentivized buyouts, according to two people familiar with the situation.

The layoffs are part of the Trump administration's efforts to shrink the size of the federal workforce through billionaire Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency by closing agencies, laying off nearly all probationary employees who have not yet gained civil service protection and offering buyouts to almost all federal employees through a "deferred resignation program" to quickly reduce the government

workforce. A reduction in force of tens of thousands of employees would render the IRS "dysfunctional," said

John Koskinen, a former IRS commissioner.

The federal tax collector employs roughly 90,000 workers total across the United States, according to the latest IRS data. People of color make up 56% of the IRS workforce, and women represent 65%.

Already, roughly 7,000 probationary IRS employees with roughly one year or less of service were laid off from the organization in February.

The organization also offered IRS employees along with almost all federal employees across the government — "deferred resignation program" buyouts, though IRS employees involved in the 2025 tax season were told earlier this month that they would not be allowed to accept a buyout offer from the Trump administration until mid-May, after the taxpayer filing deadline.

HOMECOMING

## Malala Yousafzai visits hometown first time after being shot at by Taliban

Malala Yousafzai

### **ISLAMABAD**

PAKISTAN'S first Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai on Wednesday visited her hometown in the troubled northwest of the country for the first functional government college for girls. time after being shot by the Taliban.

She flew by helicopter to Barkana in Shangla district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where she met her uncle, Ramazan, who recently underwent surgery in Islamabad after suffering from heart problems, and later visited her ancestral graveyard, *The Dawn* newspaper reported.

Local Karora Station House Officer (SHO) Amjad Alam Khan told *Dawn.com* that Malala was accompanied by her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, and her husband, Aseer Malik, who she married in 2021.

SHO Khan said she also visited the school and college she had established in Barkana in 2018 to provide free education to approximately one thousand girls in the district, which previously had no

> "Malala met students, inspected classes and spoke to students while urging them to study and make their future brighter," the SHO said, adding that the Malala Fund would ensure a high standard of education at the college free of charge. Malala also visited her maternal family, where she met education activ-

ist Shahzad Roy, who runs the Shangla Girls School and College under Zindagi Trust. Malala returned to Islamabad after her short visit.

This was her first visit to Pakistan since being shot was in 2018. Following that, she visited Pakistan in 2022, but not her hometown. PTI

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, **RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR** Tel- 0663-2548268, E-mail id- serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com e- Procurement No. 730 / Dated: 03.03.2025

The Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle Sambalpur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Road Agency (OSRRA) invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for Repair / Maintenance of the Rural roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for each of the following works from the eligible and approved contractors registered with State PWD / CPWD / MES / Railways. (The registered bidders of outside Odisha may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities of State Govt. before signing the contract.).

: Periodical maintenance of 5 year completed PMGSY Road under In-

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2. Class of Contractor			As mentioned in Annexure							
3. No of packages			06 Nos of Package							
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5. Bid submission fee			Rs.10,000/- (Non-Refundable) per set of package							
6. Mode of submission of tender			Only through online in website. www.pmgsytenders.gov.in							
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contractor shall be excluding GS1. 3. EMD Bid submission fee and original affidavits should be submitted at the O/o Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur Or O/o Executive Engineer/Superintending Engineer of Concern Rural Works Division

\* Details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.pmgsytenders.gov.in Subsequent modification/corrigendum/ Addendum if required shall be appeared in the website only.

OIPR- 25091/11/0039/2425 Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur

Flights halted due to air pollution

THAILAND: One of Thailand's main airlines is suspending flights between Bangkok and a northern province for more than a month because of poor visibility caused by air pollution, the carrier confirmed on Wednesday. Air pollution spikes in Thailand between December and April as farmers burn stubble to prepare land for the next crop season.

Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd., (Arcil) Acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil-SBPS-008-II Trust set up in respect Kallarackal Gold Super Market, Kallarackal Jewellers Angamaly, Mrs. Vincy Anto & Mr. K.O. Anto Arcil office: The Ruby, 10th floor, 29, Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400 028 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH ONLINE E-AUCTION IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURIT INTEREST ACT, 2002 (SARFAESI ACT) READ WITH RULES 6, 8 & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s) / Mortgagor (s), in particular, that the below described immovable & movable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited, acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcit - SBPS - 008- II Trust ("Arcil") (pursuant to the assignment of financial asset by South Indian Bank to Arcil vide registered Assignment Agreement dated August 04, 2021, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without recourse basis" by way of online e-auction, for recovery of outstanding dues of together with further interest, charges and costs etc., as detailed below in terms of the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rules 6, 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Name of the Kallarackal Maharani Gold Supermarket, Kallarackal Gold Super Market and Kallarackal Jewellers Angamaly 4. Mrs. Vincy Anto Mr. K. O. Anto Address: 1. Mr. K. O. Anto, Press Club Junction, M. G. Road, Kasaragod - 671121. Mrs. Vincy Anto, North Kottachery, Kanhangad – 671315. No. XXV/623, Main Road, Chalakudy & Also at Central Junction, Angamali – 680307. W/o K. O. Anto, Kallarackal House, CN68, Church Nagar, Angamali – 683572. Kaliarackal House, CN68, Church Nagar, Angamali – 683572 Name of the Vincy Anto Guarantors / John Padayattil Jaison K K Shali Jaison Wilson J Padayattii 8. Sony J Padayattil 9. Sunny J Padayattil and Co-Borrowers Legal heirs of Late Gangadharan - since deceased: Mr. Jayachandran. G iii. Mr. Sreekumar, G Mrs. Thankam Mrs. Nirmala, T vi. Mrs. Bindu. T Mrs. Vidhukala. T viii. Mr. Venugopal. G ix. Mrs. Chandrakala Kallarackal Maharani Gold Supermarket, Kallarackal Gold Super Market and amount as per Kallarackal Jewellers Angamaly: Rs.85,93,62,593.78/- (Rupees Eighty Five Crore Ninety SARFAESI Notices Three Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three and Seventy Eight Paise Only as on June 19, 2018 together with further interest thereon at contractual/documented rates dated 20.06.2018 and other incidental expenses from June 20, 2018 onwards till payment Kallarackal Maharani Gold Supermarket and Kallarackal Gold Super Market: Rs. 66,65,79,811,784 (Rupees Sixty Six Crore Sixty Five Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and Paise Seventy Eight only) as on June 19, 2018 together with further interest thereon at contractual/documented rates and other incidental expenses etc. Vincy Anto & K. O. Anto: Rs.4,15,16,139/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifteen Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Nine only) as on June 19, 2018 together with further interest thereon at contractual/documented rates and other incidental expenses etc. Arcil has taken physical possession as per provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 on May 11, 2022, Earnest Money Property no. 1: Rs.6,70,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seventy Thousand only) Deposit (EMD) Property no. 2 & 3: Rs. 1,46,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakh only) Property no. 4: Rs.8,12,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Twelve Thousand only) Property no. 5: Rs.61,73,000/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Seventy Three Thousand only) Property no. 6: Rs.26,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Sixty Lakhonly) The Earnest Money has to be deposited by way of RTGS Favouring "Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.", Current Account: 02912320000561, HDFC Bank Limited, Branch: Last Date for March 25, 2025 by 2:00 p.m submission of Bid & Property no. 1: Rs.67,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs only) Property no. 2 & 3: Rs. 14,60,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Crore Sixty Lakhs only) Property no. 4: Rs.81,20,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Twenty Thousand only) Property no. 5: Rs.6.17,30,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Seventeen Lakh Thirty Thousand only) Property no. 6: Rs.2,60,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Lakh only) Property no. 1: Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) & in such multiples

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known to ARCIL Encumbrances/Dues For Property no. 2 (a): PF Arrears claim amounting to Rs.21 lacs as on 23.04.2021 known to ARCIL Description of the Property No. 1: All that part and parcel of lands totally admeasuring 15.221 cents comprised in Secured Asset Re.Sy.No.343/10-2, 343/14-4 & 6 of Angamally Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District and all other improvements made thereon owned by Mr. John Padayattil and the entire property eing auctioned. bounded on: North by : Property of Mundadan Mathew East by : Property of Mundadan George

> and Municipal Road South by : Road West by : Property of Chirakkai Ouseph and Thomas Property no. 2 & 3: (a) All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 50:65 Cents comprised in Sy. No. 380/2A/4, 378/9/2 & 378/10B/2, 378/10/C/2, 379/3/12/1, 379/3/13/3, Block 11 Re.Sy.No.410/75, 410/15/2, 410/12/2 of Angamaly Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District with commercial building/s & movables and all other improvements made thereon, owned by Mr. K. O. Anto and Mrs. Vincy Anto and the entire property bounded on: North by : Property of Kannamparabath Sundaran and others East by : Property of Manekkudi and others South by Property of Thachil Jacob and others West by : NH 47 Road. (b) All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 2:174 cents comprised in Re.Sy.No.410/60; Block no.11 in Angamaly Village, Aluva Taluk, Emakulam District together with a commercial building & movables bearing No.VII/246 246A & 247 and all other improvements made thereon, owned by Mrs. Vincy Anto and the entire property bounded on: North by : Property of Johny others East by : Property of Chakiath Chathampilly Family South by : Private Path West by : NH 47 and MC Road Property no. 4: All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 3.64 Are (9 Cents) comprised in

Re Sy No.5/5/2, Block no. 12 in Angamaly Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District together with esidential building & movables and all other improvements made thereon owned by Mrs. Vincy Anto and the entire property bounded on: North by: Property of Tharian East by : Property of Anii, South by : Road West by : Road Property no.5: All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 42.68 Cents (equivalent to 17.28

Ares) comprised in Re Sy no. 179/10 of Kulathummel Village, Kattakada Taluk Thiruvanathapuram District and all other improvements made thereon owned by the legal heirs of Sangadharan, i.e. Mr. Jayachandran G, Mrs. Sasikala T, Mr. Sreekumar G, Mrs. Thankam, Mrs. Jirmala T, Mrs. Bindhu T, Mrs. Vidhukala T, Mr. Venugopal G and Mrs. Chandrakala more fully described in registered settlement deed No. 4711/1961 dated 10.11.1961 and registered deed of ransfer No. 6050/1963 dated 02.12.1963 of SRO Kattakada and the entire property bounded on: North by : Property of Krishnankutty Nair East by : Road South by : Property of Sammad

Property no.6: All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 70.30 Cents comprised it Re.Sy.No.6/5, Block no. 9 in Nedumbassery Village, Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District together with residential building bearing No.VIII/413C & movables and all other improvements made nereon, owned by Mrs. Vincy Anto more fully described in Registered Sale Deed No.6540/2007 fated 10.09.2007 of SRO Chengamandu and the entire property bounded on: North by Property of George East by : Property of James South by : Property of Dr. Joseph and Bernard West by: NH 47 and Property of others'

The Auction Sale is being conducted by the Authorised Officer under the provisions of SARFAESI Act with the aid and

The Auction is conducted as per the further Terms and Conditions of the Bid Document and as per the procedure set out therein. Bidders may go through the website of ARCIL, www.arcil.co.in and the link mentioned herein above as well as

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Authorized Officer Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.

Trustee of Arcil-SBPS-008-II Trust

Date: March 06, 2025

Place: Mumbai