



Turkey's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan with Qatar's prime and foreign minister at the Amiri Diwan Annex in Doha



PTB chairman Raoul Hedebouw (C) takes part in a march against social destruction and for peace, called by the Belgian far-left party, in Brussels



Afghan refugees sit beside a vehicle upon their arrival on Pakistan at the Afghanistan-Pakistan border crossing in Spin Boldak



A Filmmaker Francis Ford Coppola waves to the audience upon arriving at the 50th AFI Life Achievement Award tribute to him at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles

Russia launches 150 drones at Ukraine as Trump doubts Putin's peace intentions

AP, KYIV: Russia launched a sweeping drone assault and airstrikes across Ukraine early Sunday, killing at least four people, officials said, after US President Donald Trump cast doubt over Russian President Vladimir Putin's willingness to end the war.

Three people died and four were wounded in airstrikes on Kostyantynivka in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine, the regional prosecutor's office said.

Another person died and a 14-year-old girl was wounded in a drone attack on the city of Pavlohrad in the Dnipropetrovsk region, which was hit for the third consecutive night, Gov. Serhii Lysak said.

The attacks came hours after Russia claimed to have regained control over the remaining parts of the Kursk region that Ukrainian forces seized in a surprise incursion in August 2024.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky (R) meets with US President Donald Trump at St Peter's Basilica at The Vatican

Ukrainian officials said the fighting in Kursk was still ongoing.

Trump said Saturday he doubts Putin wants to end the more than 3-year-old war, expressing new scepticism a peace deal can be reached soon. Only a day earlier, Trump had said Ukraine and Russia were "very close to a deal."

"There was no reason for Putin to be shooting missiles into civilian areas, cities and towns, over the

last few days," Trump wrote in a social media post as he flew back to the US after attending the funeral of Pope Francis at the Vatican, where he met briefly with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. Trump also hinted at further sanctions against Russia.

The Trump-Zelensky conversation was the first face-to-face encounter between the two leaders since their heated Oval Office meeting at the White House



Rescuers rest at the site of a destroyed residential building following a Russian missile attack in Kyiv

on February 28.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Sunday the coming week would be "very critical," and that the US would need to "make a determination about whether this is an endeavour that we want to continue to be involved in."

Asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" about possible concessions to Russia, Rubio emphasised the need to be "grownups and realistic." "There is no military solu-

tion to this war. The only solution to this war is a negotiated settlement where both sides are going to have to give up something they claim to want and are going to have to give the other side something they wish they didn't," he said.

Russia fired 149 exploding drones and decoys in the latest wave of attacks, the Ukrainian air force said, adding that 57 were intercepted and another 67 jammed.

Thousands pay respects before Pope Francis' tomb in Rome

AP, VATICAN CITY: Roman Catholic faithful began visiting the tomb of Pope Francis on Sunday, filing past the simple white tomb in St. Mary Major Basilica a day after he was bade farewell by the powerful of the world and a crowd of hundreds of thousands.

A single white rose was placed on the tomb that said "Franciscus" — the pope's name in Latin. A light cast its warm glow over the tomb and a reproduction of the late pontiff's pectoral cross on the wall above it.

People filed past, many crossing themselves or snapping photos with their phones. Ushers urged them to keep moving to accommodate the thousands who flocked to the Rome basilica to see the tomb, forming a long line outside.

"Pope Francis for me was an inspiration, a guide," said Elias Caravahal.

Caravahal lives in Rome but was unable to pay his



People queue to visit Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica hosting the tomb of Pope Francis, on the first day of its opening to the public, in Rome

respects to Francis when the body was lying in state in St. Peter's Basilica after his death on Easter Monday at the age of 88. He said he visited the tomb "to thank him for what he has done."

The tomb was opened on the second of nine days of official mourning for Francis, after which a conclave will be held to elect the next pope.

A special Mass was also celebrated in St. Peter's Square on Sunday by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the

Vatican's secretary of state. Parolin is considered a possible contender to be the next pope due to his prominence in the Catholic hierarchy.

No date has yet been set for the conclave, but it is expected to start between May 5 and May 10. Cardinals who travelled to Rome for Francis' funeral will be meeting regularly this week ahead of the conclave as they start to chart a way forward for the 1.4 billion-strong Catholic Church.

UK counter-terror police probe crossbow, firearm attack in England

PTI, LONDON: Britain's counter-terrorism police are investigating an attack involving a crossbow and a firearm, which resulted in two women being seriously injured in northern England.

West Yorkshire Police said its officers were called at the scene in the city of Leeds on Saturday to find two women injured and a 38-year-old man with a self-inflicted injury. All three were rushed to hospital, with the man held under arrest and the two weapons being recovered from the scene.

The police said extensive enquiries continue to establish the full circumstances of the "serious incident" and explore any potential motivation.

The assault has not been designated a terrorist attack as West Yorkshire

Police said the force is "keeping an open mind as we are gathering as much information as possible to find out exactly what happened."

"Although our enquiries are still at a very early stage, the circumstances surrounding this incident have resulted in Counter Terrorism Policing taking the lead for this investigation," said Detective Chief Superintendent James Dunkerley, Head of Counter Terror Policing North East.

"From the enquiries undertaken so far, there is no evidence to suggest anyone else was involved in the attack, and, at this time, we are not looking for anyone else in relation to the incident," he said.

An extensive cordon remains in place in the Otley Road area of Leeds as the investigation continues.

Four dead, 13 injured in Algeria landslide

AFP, ALGIERS: Four people have died and 13 others injured in a landslide in Algeria's western coastal city of Oran, authorities said on Sunday.

The landslide occurred late Saturday in the city's Hai Essanoubir district, the civil defence agency said.

It said the four "deceased were between five and 43 years old", and that "13 other victims, aged between 12 and 75, suffered various injuries".

Authorities did not comment on the reasons behind the landslide, which the interior ministry said "caused the collapse of five tin houses".

With no one still missing from the landslide, the ministry said the death toll was "final".

US deploys anti-ship missiles in Philippines, stages drills near China flashpoints

AP, BATAN ISLAND (PHILIPPINES): The US military has deployed an anti-ship missile launcher for the first time on Batan Island in the Philippines, as Marines unloaded the high-precision weapon on the northern tip of the archipelago, just a sea border away from Taiwan.

US and Philippine forces separately unleashed a barrage of missile and artillery fire that shot down several drones acting as hostile aircraft in live-fire drills on Sunday in Zambales province facing the disputed South China Sea.

The mock battle scenarios over the weekend in the annual Balikatan exercises between the US and its oldest treaty ally in Asia, the Philippines, not only simulated real-life war.

They were also staged near major geopolitical



A US Marine Air Defense Integrated System, or MADIS, fires at a drone during a live-fire joint Philippines-U.S. military exercise at the Philippine Navy training camp in San Antonio, Zambales province, northern Philippines

hotspots, which have become delicate frontlines in the regional rivalry between China and the US under former President Joe Biden and now Donald Trump.

About 9,000 American

and 5,000 Filipino military personnel took part in the combat maneuvers. At least 260 Australian personnel also joined, with smaller observer delegations from Japan and other countries.

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People stand next to a Mini John Cooper Works displayed during the 21st Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition in Shanghai, on Sunday

FPIs inject Rs 17,425 cr in a week
NEW DELHI: Foreign investors have infused Rs 17,425 crore in the country's equity markets last week, supported by a combination of favourable global cues and strong domestic macroeconomic fundamentals. This came following a net investment of Rs 8,500 crore in the preceding holiday-truncated week ended April 18.

currency		bullion	
US Dollar	85.38	Silver (Rs/Kg)	96,198
British Pound	113.68	Gold (Rs/10gm)	95,032
Euro	97.09		
Russian Ruble	1.03		
Kuwaiti Dinar	278.49		
Bahraini Dinar	227.08		
Qatari Riyal	23.45		
Emirati Dirham	23.24		
Omani Rial	221.85		
		markets	
		Sensex	79212.53
		Nifty	24039.35

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Insurance Amendment Bill set for monsoon session

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Insurance Amendment Bill, which proposes 100% FDI in the insurance sector, may be introduced in Parliament in the upcoming monsoon session, sources said.

The draft bill is ready and will be placed before Cabinet for its approval soon, sources said, adding, after Cabinet nod the Department of Financial Services under the finance ministry would begin the process for introduction of the Bill in the Parliament.

The ministry hopes to table the Bill in Parliament during the upcoming monsoon session, sources said.

Monsoon session of Parliament usually commences in July.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in this year's Budget speech proposed to raise the foreign investment limit to 100% from existing 74% in the insurance sector as part of new-generation financial sector reforms.

"This enhanced limit will be available for those companies which invest the entire premium in India. The current guardrails and conditionalities associated with foreign investment will be reviewed and simplified," she had said.

The finance ministry has proposed to amend various

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provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938, including raising foreign direct investment (FDI) in the insurance sector to 100%, reduction in paid-up capital, and provision for composite licence.

The bill also proposes agents to be allowed to sell products from multiple insurers breaking away from the existing exclusivity model.

As part of comprehensive legislative exercise, the Life Insurance Corporation Act 1956, and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 will be amended alongside the Insurance Act, 1938.

The amendments to LIC Act proposes to empower its board to take operational decisions like branch expansion and recruitment.

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ic growth and employment generation.

Such changes will help enhance efficiencies of the insurance industry, enabling ease of doing business and enhancing insurance penetration to achieve the goal of "Insurance for All by 2047".

The Insurance Act, of 1938, serves as the principal Act to provide the legislative framework for insurance in India. It provides the framework for the functioning of insurance businesses and regulates the relationship between an insurer, its policyholders, shareholders and the regulator IRDAI.

The entry of more players in the sector would not only push penetration but result in greater job creation across the country.

Currently, there are 25 life insurance companies and 34 non-life or general insurance firms in India. These include companies like Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd and ECGC Ltd.

China lowers min amount for tax refunds for tourists to boost spending

AP, BEIJING: China announced a lower threshold for tax refunds for foreign tourists among a series of policies on Sunday to boost consumption as its economy comes under pressure during a trade war between Beijing and Washington.

Travelers can apply for a tax refund if they spend 200 yuan (about \$27) at the same store on the same day and meet other requirements starting Saturday, according to a joint statement by the Ministry of Commerce and other authorities. Previously, the minimum amount was 500 yuan (about \$69).

The upper limit for their tax rebate in cash also has been doubled to 20,000 yuan (\$2,745).

The government will expand the coverage of tax refund shops and streamline the procedures. Officials encourage some regions to set up refund points for travellers to get rebates immediately after their purchases in areas highly concentrated with tourists, the statement said.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHEEBA PULIKKAL SANKARAN Resident of H No 1130/9, Anganwadi Nagar, Penha De France, Porvorim, Bardez Goa has change my name from SHEEBA PULIKKAN SANKARAN to SHEEBA PULIKKAL SANKARAN Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents I will be known by new name of as SHEEBA PULIKKAL SANKARAN.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

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EMPAANELMENT OF ADVERTISING AGENCIES

Applications are invited from INS Accredited Advertising Agencies for Empanelment on Konkan Railway Corporation Limited. Application forms along with eligibility criteria, terms and conditions can be obtained from office of Chief Public Relations Officer, 5th Floor, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd, Belapur Bhavan, Plot No. 6, Sector-11, C.B.D. Belapur, Navi Mumbai 400614 on all working days between 10:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs. up to 18th May, 2025 and upto 10:00 hrs on 19th May 2025. The forms can also be downloaded from our website at www.konkanrailway.com → Department → Public Relations. Duration of Empanelment is for two years. Applications along with relevant documents as prescribed in the tender document in sealed cover must reach the above address on or before 12:00 hrs. on 19th May, 2025, after which applications will not be accepted. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any postal delay. **Date and Time of Opening of Application Form is 14:00 hrs. on 19th May, 2025.** Detailed information / instructions are available on Konkan Railway Corporation Limited website www.konkanrailway.com → Department → Public Relations. **Chief Public Relations Officer/KRCL**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that Property as described in the Schedules below, is proposed to be sold to my clients by (a) Mrs. Josefine Vaz e De Sa alias Josephine Vaz e D'sa (b) Mrs. Selma Reisita Fernandes alias Selma Reisita D Sa alias Selma Reisita De Sa and (c) Mr. John Anthony Jude Fernandes and (d) Mrs. Sandra Perpetua Assumpta D'sa alias Sandra Perpetua Assumpta Desal alias Sandra Perpetua Assumpta D'sa, free from all encumbrances of whatsoever nature. Any Person/Persons, Banks / Financial Institutions and/or any other Body / Institution, having any right, claim, interest or objection to the proposed sale by virtue of inheritance, charge, mortgage, lien/ title/ lease or any other mode, concerning the Property, as described in the Schedules herein below, are called upon to file their objections, accompanied with supporting documents, with the undersigned advocate **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections/ impediments to the sale and the sale transaction will be completed and the objections, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE - I
(a) Immovable property known as "Bilvachem Batta", bearing P.T. Sheet No. 102 of Chalta No. 4, admeasuring an area of 542 sq. mtrs., situated in ward Camarcasana, Bilou, Bardez, Goa, within the limits of Mapusa Municipal Council, not described in the Land Registration Office of Bardez but is part of the property enrolled in the Land Revenue Office of Bardez, at Mapusa under Matriz No. 4044 of the 2nd division and bounded as follows:
On the East: by a drain; On the West: by a road;
On the North: by property bearing Chalta No. 3 of P.T. Sheet No. 102 and
On the South: by property bearing Chalta No. 5, 6 and 7 of P.T. Sheet No. 102.

SCHEDULE - II
(b) Immovable property known as "Bilvachem Batta", bearing P.T. Sheet No. 101 of Chalta No. 61, admeasuring an area of 1125 sq. mtrs., situated in ward Camarcasana, Bilou, Bardez, Goa, within the limits of Mapusa Municipal Council, in which there exists a residential house bearing House No. 2194, inclusive of out house and outdoor toilet, not described in the Land Registration Office of Bardez but is part of the property enrolled in the Land Revenue Office of Bardez, at Mapusa under Matriz No. 4044 of the 2nd division and bounded as follows:
On the East: by Public Road; On the West: by Public Road;
On the North: by property bearing Chalta No. 59-A, 59 and 60 of P.T. Sheet No. 101;
On the South: by property bearing Chalta No. 62 and 63 of P.T. Sheet No. 101.

SCHEDULE - III
(c) Half right to a well bearing P.T. Sheet No.101 of Chalta No. 60, admeasuring 9 sq. mtrs., situated in ward Bilou, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa, within the limits of Mapusa Municipal Council. The said well is not described in the Land Registration Office of Bardez, Goa, but is part of the property enrolled in the Land Revenue Office of Bardez, at Mapusa under Matriz No. 4044 of the 2nd division and bounded as follows:
On the East: by property bearing Chalta No. 61, of P.T. Sheet No. 101;
On the West: by property bearing Chalta No. 61, of P.T. Sheet No. 101;
On the North: by property bearing Chalta No. 59, of P.T. Sheet No. 101;
On the South: by property bearing Chalta No. 61, of P.T. Sheet No. 101.

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