Ukraine, North Korea figure

in EU talks with South Korea

South Korea's President Yoon Suk Yeol

(C), with European Council President

Commission President Ursula von der

The leaders agreed to in-

crease cooperation in the face

of global threats that include

the war in Ukraine and North

Korea's banned weapons pro-

grammes, according to a joint

They condemned North Ko-

rea's "repeated illegal ballistic

missile launches as well as its

ongoing nuclear development

and references to the possible

use of nuclear weapons" and

expressed support for Seoul's

Charles Michel (L), and European

Leven in Seoul | AP

statement.

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EU freezes assets of Iran Revolutionary Guard's wing

TEHRAN

THE European Union on Monday imposed an asset freeze on the investment arm of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, over Tehran's brutal crackdown on protests over the death of Mahsa Amini.

The latest round of sanctions — the eighth imposed by the bloc over the repression came after Iran hanged three more men convicted in relation to the demonstrations.

The 27-nation bloc added the IRGC Cooperative Foundation, which handles the Guards' investments, to an EU asset freeze and visa ban blacklist for "funneling money into the regime's brutal repression."

The economic conglomerate, accused of serving as a slush fund for the paramilitary armed wing of Tehran's Islamic revolution, was sanctioned by the United States in January.

The EU also blacklisted the Student Basij Organisation, which it said acts as an enforcer for the Revolutionary Guards on university campuses.

Five regime figures, including three senior police commanders, a top cyber official, and a regional prosecutor were also added to the list.

The Iranian authorities brutally cracked down on protests that sprang up after the death in custody on September 16 of Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurd who was arrested in Tehran for allegedly breaching the Islamic Republic's strict dress rules for women. AFP

IRAN'S president on Monday

appointed a new official to take

over the post of secretary of

the country's Supreme Nation-

al Security Council, the high-

est-level body to deal with secu-

rity matters, replacing the

longtime powerful official Ali

Shamkhani after he was impli-

sued a decree replacing Sham-

khani who has faced persistent

corruption allegations "which

President Ebrahim Raisi is-

cated in a recent spy scandal.

TEHRAN

Wagner group decides to leave Bakhmut for good

Mercenaries will exit Ukrainian city by June 1, hand it over to Russia

KYIV

UKRAINE on Monday said it continued to fight for Bakhmut and still controlled a corner of the eastern city, as Russia's Wagner said it would transfer control of the ruined hotspot to the Russian army by June 1.

Ukraine has denied that Bakhmut has fallen to Russian forces, saying it is hanging on to one area of the city and that battles are ongoing.

Both Wagner and the regular Russian army said over the weekend that Bakhmut has fallen to them.

"The fighting continues," Ukraine's deputy defence minister Ganna Malyar said, a day after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Bakhmut was "not occupied" by Russia.

Malyar said Kyiv's troops retained control of the "Airplane" district of Bakhmut.

"The battle for the dominant heights on the flanks—north and south of the suburbs—continues," she added.

The head of Russia's mercenary group Wagner, whose fighters have spearheaded Moscow's storming of Bakhmut, announced on Saturday that the city had fully fallen to his fighters.

On Monday, he said the mercenaries would leave Bakhmut by June 1 and hand over control to regular Russian troops.

"Wagner will leave Artemovsk (Bakhmut) from May 25 to June 1," Yevgeny Prigozhin said in an audio recording on Telegram.

Prigozhin said the mercenar-



A destroyed residential house following a strike in the village of Tsirkuny, Kharkiy region on Monday | AFP

Anti-terror regime in Russia's Belgorod region

Russia on Monday introduced an "anti-terror regime" in Belgorod after Moscow accused a sabotage group of crossing over from

Ukraine. "In order to ensure the safety of citizens in Belgorod, the legal counter-terror regime has been introduced today," governor Vyacheslav Gladkov said.

ies had set up "defence lines" on the western outskirts of the city before a planned transfer of control to the Russian

"If the ministry of defence does not have enough personnel, we have thousands of generals," said Prigozhin, who has been embroiled in an increasingly public spat with the Russian military leadership.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, Europe's largest atomic power station, spent hours operating on emergency diesel generators Monday after losing its external power supply for the seventh time since Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbor, the head of the UN nuclear watchdog said.

"The nuclear safety situation at the plant (is) extremely vulnerable," Rafael Grossi, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said.

Hours later, national energy company Ukrenergo said on Telegram that it had restored the power line that feeds the plant. Agencies

Iran sacks security chief linked to spying scandal

The burnt dormitory of a school in

others injured. National Security Adviser Gerald Gouveia said the figure was revised after doctors revived a very critical patient that "everyone

efforts to persuade Pyongyang to give up such weapons.

"We shared the understanding that North Korea's nuclear and missile development poses a serious threat to global security beyond the Korean Peninsula, and agreed to closely cooperate for the international community's united response to North Korea's provocations," Yoon said.

The trio of leaders also agreed to boost trade ties with more talks on issues "including supply chain resilience and... export controls and economic coercion."

North Korea has launched about 100 missiles since the start of 2022, many of them nuclear-capable weapons that place the US mainland and South Korea within striking distance. Experts say North Korea believes its expanded weapons arsenal will help it wrest concessions from its rivals. Agencies

thought was dead."

The department said 14 stu-

dents died at the scene and five

others at a local hospital. Offi-

cials said two children remain

in critical condition and four

have severe injuries. Six stu-

dents were flown to Georget-

own for treatment, while five

others remain at a hospital in

Mahdia, with another 10 under

The school serves mostly In-

President Ali said officials

digenous children aged 12

through 18, Gouveia said.

FIRE RAZES SCHOOL IN GUYANA, KILLING AT LEAST 19 KIDS

GEORGETOWN

as long as it takes."

A nighttime fire raced through a dormitory in Guyana early Monday, killing at least 19 students and injuring several others at a boarding school catering to remote, mostly Indigenous villages.

LEADERS of South Korea and

the European Union agreed on

Monday to increase pressure

on Russia over its war against

Ukraine and condemn North

South Korean President Yoon

Suk Yeol met with European

Council President Charles

Michel and European Commis-

sion President Ursula von der

Leyen in Seoul, after the three

leaders attended the weekend

summit of the Group of Seven

leading industrialised nations

increase the collective pressure

on Russia, particularly through

effective implementation of the

respective restrictive meas-

ures," they said in a joint state-

ment. "We are committed to

support Ukraine's recovery

and reconstruction and remain

resolved to support Ukraine for

"We agree to maintain and

in Hiroshima, Japan.

Korea's ballistic missile tests.

"This is a horrific incident. It's tragic. It's painful," President Irfaan Ali said, adding that his government was mobilising all possible resources to care for the children. The fire broke out shortly af-

ter midnight in the dormitory building of a secondary school in the southwestern border town of Mahdia.

Officials initially said 20 students were killed but later updated the toll to 19, with several



Mahdia, Guyana on Monday | AP

were contacting parents and mobilising psychologists to help deal with those affected by the fire. "I cannot imagine the

observation.

pain right now of the parents," he said. "This is a major disaster."

he denied" as well as scrutiny because of close ties with a British-Iranian man hanged on

EXPRESS READ

Imran Khan receives luxury tax notice

Lahore: Pakistan's former premier Imran Khan received on Monday a luxury tax notice of PKR 14 lakh for his Lahore residence. The challan issued by the Department of Excise and Taxation to Imran for his Zaman Park residence, where he currently resides, is to be paid by Monday.

PIO jailed for drugs supply conspiracy in UK

London: A 41-year-old Indianorigin woman has been sentenced to four years and eight months imprisonment by a UK court for her role in a large-scale conspiracy to supply drugs in the country. Mandeep Kaur was found guilty to supply Class A or banned drugs and possess criminal property.

Militants blow up empty Pakistan girls' schools

Peshawar: Militants detonated explosives inside two empty girls' schools in northwestern Pakistan overnight, destroying nine classrooms. The twin attacks on the girls' schools took place on Sunday night in the Hassu Khel and Gul Mosaki areas of North Waziristan.

Belgian unions protest for worker protection

Brussels: Almost 20,000 Belgian trade union members mounted a demonstration on Monday to protest what they see as increasingly bad working conditions. The trade unions are irked by companies that seek to impose new contracts on workers that impact their social rights.



spying charges earlier this year in Iran. Shamkhani was a key player in negotiations with the West over Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, as well as years of tensions that followed then-President Donald

LONG-TERM DEAL

CASH-strapped Sri Lanka has

signed a long-term agreement

with Chinese oil and gas giant

Sinopec on important storage,

distribution and sale of petro-

leum products in the island na-

tion, President Ranil Wick-

remesinghe's office said on

state-owned Chinese company

—was reached months after the

two sides commenced their ne-

gotiations and Sri Lanka ap-

proved a proposal in March to

liberalise the fuel retail mar-

keting in the country with more

players from China, Australia

The island nation's fuel retail

under the Ceylon Petroleum Sri Lanka.

market was a state monopoly

Corporation (CPC) till

"Negotiations have

2003 when the Indian

Oil Company (IOC) was

been completed with

Sinopec Fuel Oil Lanka

Ltd and its parent compa-

ny in China and Singapore for

a long-term contract on impor-

tant storage, distribution and

sale of petroleum products in

the island nation," the state-

ment issued by the president's

The Cabinet had granted ap-

allowed to operate.

The deal with Sinopec—a

COLOMBO

and the US.

Chinese firm Sinopec to

sell fuel in Sri Lanka in

competition with IOC

Trump's 2018 decision to unilaterally withdraw America from the accord. Shamkhani's replacement

will be Ali Akbar Ahmadian, the former chief of the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard's strategic center. The decree, reported by the state-run IRNA news agency, offered no explanation for the change.

In a message on Twitter on Sunday night, as rumours about his position circulated, Shamkhani cryptically posted a verse by the 14th-century Persian poet Mohtasham Kashani. In January, Iran hanged British-Iranian Ali Reza Akbari, a

Lanka to complete debt

reworking by Sept: Prez

President Ranil Wickremesinghe

restructuring programme will be

beggar nation. None of us wants

to become a beggar nation. We

approached the IMF, as we have

nowhere else to go," he said. He

also assured that discussions on

the reworking of both domestic

2023, NewsFirst Lanka reported.

nopec, United Petroleum Aus-

tralia and RM Parks of USA in

collaboration with Shell Plc to

enter the fuel retail market in

However, as of now, the

deal has been reached

with China's Sinopec

only. The energy and

procurement commit-

tees had approved a rec-

ommendation to award

the three companies the li-

censes to operate. They will be

allocated 150 dealer-operated

fuel stations currently run by

The parties will be granted a

license to operate for 20 years to

import, store, distribute and

sell petroleum products in Sri

the CPC, a state fuel entity.

and external debt would be

completed by July or August

has said that Sri Lanka's debt

completed by September this

year. "A country becoming

bankrupt means that it is a

close ally of top security official Shamkhani, on spying charges.

Ahmadian will take over as Iran faces continued economic pressure from Western sanctions, challenges following months-long protests over the death of Mahsa Amini who died while in the custody of Iran's morality police, and a recent de-escalation with Iran's Gulf Arab neighbours, including Saudi Arabia.

Shamkhani had served in the position for just under a decade less than former president Hassan Rouhani's tenure of 15

PM LEE TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

SINGAPORE: Singapore PM Lee Hsien Loong said on Monday he tested positive for Covid-19 for the first time after returning home from work trips in Africa and Asia. Due to his age, the 71-year-old said he was prescribed the Paxlovid antiviral medication. "I tested positive for Covid-19 for the first time this morning," Lee said on facebook, where he posted a photo of a positive antigen rapid test. "I am generally feeling ok, but my doctors have advised me to selfisolate until I am asymptomatic." Lee was on a visit to South Africa from May 14 to 16, and Kenya from May 17 to 19

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Tender for total 07 Nos. of Works in respect of HW & HLC Division, TB Dam under in various categories are invited through 'e-Procurement'.

Bid Document downloading Start Date & Time: 23.05.2023 at 11:00 AM Bid Document downloading End Date & Time : 30.05.2023 at 3:00 PM Bid Submission End Date & Time : 30.05.2023 at 5:30 PM Date of opening of Commercial Stage: 31.05.2023 at 11:00 AM (IFB No.01/2023-24 to 03/2023-24 & 119/2022-23 (3rd Call)) Date of opening of PQ Stage 31.05.2023 at 11:00 AM (IFB No.04/2023-24 to 06/20230-24) Date of opening of Commercial Stage*: 02.06.2023 at 11:00 AM (IFB No.04/2023-24) Date of opening of Commercial Stage*: 02.06.2023 at 11:00 AM (IFB No.05/2023-24 & 06/2023-24) Date of opening of TQ Stage:

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Date: 23-5-2023

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED TENDERS - CUM - E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF M/s. VIKRAM HOSPITAL PRIVATE LIMITED Sale Notice under Rule 6 (2) and Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 r/w proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 - M/s Vikram Hospital Private Ltd.

E- Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable and Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) and 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, Mortgagor/s & Guaranton/s that the below described movable and immovable property mortgaged/hypothecated/charged to the Secured Creditor, the assession of which has been taken by the Resolution Professional appointed by NCLT, Bengaluru will be sold or

"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis on 16-06-2023, for recovery of Rs.117,76,41,226/- (Rupees One hundred seventeen crores, seventy six lakhs, forty one thousand two hundred twenty six only) as on 31-01-2023 along with further interest and costs due to Secured Creditor i.e., Pridhvi Asset Reconstruction and Securitisation Company Ltd., (PARAS) from M/s, Vikram Hospital Private Limited. (Company in liquidation) represented by its Liquidator and Guarantors: (i) Dr. S.B. Vikram; (ii) Dr. S. Bhaskar iii) Mr. S.N.Rajeshwar; and (iv) M/s. Prime Lifeline Healthcare Pvt Ltd. Sale of Schedule Properties will be held by adopting "Online Auction Sale" through the website

https://www.bankeauctions.com of the Service provider. The details of date of E-auction, last date of submission of Bid Form, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit, Bid increase amount and time of E-Auction are mentioned hereunder: SCHEDULE - A (Description of Movable Property) All the Movable assets comprising of Medical equipment, including office furniture & fixtures, electrical fittings, vehicles, etc., located in the property bearing Door No.46, New No.30/1 and Door No.3044, New No.D-31, (formerly

TB Site No.47). Vivekananda Road, Yadayagiri, Devaraia Mohalla, Mysuru-570020. The detailed list of equip and other assets will be available on the website "www.Paras.org.in" SCHEDULE - B (Description of Immovable Property)

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Details of E-Auction sale of Schedule A& B Properties as Single Lot (Lot-1)

Description of Properties	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Multiplier	Date and time of E-auction Sale as a single lot	Last Date for Submission of EMD & Bid Forms
Schedule - A - Movable Properties & Schedule - B - Immovable Property	Rs. 31.00 Cr.	Rs. 3.10 Cr.	Rs. 10.00 Lakhs	16-05-2023 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm*	14-06-2023 up to 4 pm
Details of E-A	uction sale	of Schedule A	& B Propertie	s as separate Lots	(Lot -2)
Description of Properties	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Multiplier	Date and time of E-auction Sale as a single lot	Last Date for Submission of EMD & Bid Forms
Schedule - A - Movable property	Rs. 3.00 Cr.	Rs. 30.00 Lakhs	Rs. 3.00 Lakhs	16-06-2023 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm*	14-06-2023 up to 4 pm
Schedule - B - Immovable	Rs. 28.00 Cr.	Rs. 2.80 Cr.	Rs. 7.00 Lakhs	16-06-2023 3.30 pm to	14-06-2023 up to 4 pm

'Time of E-auction - with an auto extension of 5 minutes each i.e., e-auction end time will be extended by 5 minutes each, if bid is made before closure of auction.

4.30 pm*

The e-Auction for Schedule -A and Schedule-B properties as a single Lot will be conducted on 16/06/2023 at 12.30 pm. In the event Schedule A& B properties are not sold in the said auction as a single lot, then above said Schedule A & B properties will be sold in separate lots on the same day i.e., 16/06/2023 at 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm respectively. However in the auction of separate lots, if Schedule-A property is sold, then only the auction of Schedule-B will be confirmed. If Schedule-A property is not sold, then the auction conducted for Schedule-B will be cancelled.

Encumbrances known to Secured Creditor if any: NIL The intending participants/bidders are advised to go through the website https://www.bankeauctions.com and also www.paras.org.in/tenders . For detailed terms and conditions of e-auction sale and are also required to contact the Service provider for online registration, user ID, password, help, procedure, online training about e-auction etc., for

submitting their bid forms and for taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Date: 18-05-2023, Place: Hyderabad Sd/- Authorised Officer

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