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## US defence secy Austin seeks talks with China

### **SINGAPORE**

**UNITED States Secretary of** Defense Llovd Austin told a gathering of top security officials Saturday that war with China was neither imminent nor unavoidable, despite rapidly escalating tensions in the Asia-Pacific region, stressing the importance of renewed dialogue between him and his Chinese counterpart in avoiding "miscalculations and

misunderstandings." Austin's comments at the Shangri-La defense forum in Singapore came the day after he met for more than an hour on the sidelines with Chinese Defense Minister Dong Jun, the first in-person meeting between the top defense officials since contacts between the American and Chinese militaries broke down in 2022 after then-US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan, infuriating Beijing.

Neither side budged from their longstanding positions on Taiwan which China claims as its own and has not ruled out using force to take and on China's sweeping claims in the South China Sea, which has led to direct confrontations between China and other nations in the region, most notably the Philippines. While declining to detail the specifics of their conversation, Austin said the most important thing was that the two were again talking.

## Biden pushes for truce, says Hamas incapable of attacking Israel again

US prez details three-phase deal proposed by Israel to end war; Hamas says viewing it positively

#### WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Friday detailed a three-phase deal proposed by Israel to Hamas militants that he says would lead to the release of the remaining hostages in Gaza and could end the grinding, nearly 8-month-old Mideast war.

Biden added that Hamas is "no longer capable" of carrying out another large-scale attack on Israel as he urged Israelis and Hamas to come to a deal to release the remaining hostages for an extended cease-fire. The Democratic president in remarks from the White House called the proposal "a road map to an enduring cease-fire and the release of all hostages".

Biden said the first phase of the proposed deal would last for six weeks and would include a "full and complete cease-fire", a withdrawal of Israeli forces from all densely populated areas of Gaza and the release of a number of hostages, including women, the elderly and the wounded, in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

American hostages would be released at this stage, and remains of hostages who have been killed would be returned to their families. Humanitarian assistance would surge during the first phase, with 600 trucks being allowed into Gaza each day.

The second phase would include the release of all remain-



Remains of a UN-run school in the Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip that was damaged in Israeli strikes | AFP



34 arrested after protest at US museum New York City police said Saturday that they had 34 people in custody following a

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pro-Palestinian protest at the Brooklyn Museum, which reported damage to some artwork. Hundreds of protesters marched to the museum on Friday afternoon, set up tents in the lobby and unfurled a 'Free Palestine' banner from the building's roof before police moved in to make arrests

ing living hostages, including male soldiers, and Israeli forces would withdraw from Gaza.

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"And as long as Hamas lives up to its commitments, the tem-

porary cease-fire would become, in the words of the Israeli proposal, the cessation of hostilities permanently," Biden

The third phase calls for the start of a major reconstruction of Gaza, which faces decades of rebuilding from devastation caused by the war. The 4-1/2 page Israeli proposal was trans-

mitted to Hamas on Thursday. Meanwhile, congressional leaders on Friday invited Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to deliver an address at the US Capitol. The invitation from House Speaker Mike Johnson, a Republican, and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, has been in the works for some time though there is great concern, especially among the Democrats, about Israel's pursuit of the war.

No date for the speech was set.Biden acknowledged that keeping the Israeli proposal on track would be difficult, saying there were a number of "details to negotiate" to move from the first phase to the second.

One roadblock to overcome during the first phase would involve the two sides agreeing on the ratio of hostages to prisoners to be released during the next phase, according to a senior Biden administration official who briefed reporters on the condition of anonymity.

plan laid out by Biden.

Israeli military confirmed that its forces are now operating in central parts of Rafah in its expanding offensive in the southern Gaza city.

## S Africa's ANC looks for allies to form govt after losing majority

#### **JOHANNESBURG**

SOUTH Africa's ruling ANC faced a search for allies to help it form a new government on Saturday after it lost its threedecade-old absolute majority in a watershed election.

With 99% of the votes from Wednesday's election counted, President Cyril Ramaphosa's African National Congress had only 40%, a catastrophic slump from the 57.5% it won in 2019. This marks a historic turning point for South Africa as the party has enjoyed an absolute majority since 1994, when liberation leader Nelson Mandela led the nation out of white-minority rule

and into democracy. The ANC must now either negotiate a coalition government, or at least persuade other parties to back Ramaphosa's re-election in parliament to allow him to form a minority government reliant on other parties for support to pass budgets and legislation.

"We have been talking with everybody even before the election," ANC's deputy secretary general Nomvula Mokonyane said, saying the party's Hamas, meanwhile, said it NEC decision-making body course of action after final re-Biden's remarks came as the sults are announced. "It's about ensuring that the stability both in government and stability in our country." She would not be drawn on whether the party might replace Ramaphosa after the party's

record poor showing, saying: "For now, it's not an issue." As votes continued to be validated, data from the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) showed the centre-right Democratic Alliance (DA) held second place with 21.71%, slightly up on its 20.77% showing in 2019 election.

The party, which governs Western Cape province and has promised a free market agenda at odds with the ANC's left-wing traditions.

Asked about the chances of a coalition with the ANC, Helen Zille, the DA party chairwoman, said: "Negotia-

tions haven't started but some channels have been opened, individuals talking to individuals."

She also did not rule out allowing the ANC to attempt to rule alone, telling AFP: "A minority government would be something completely new in South

Africa but it is an option

amongst others". But it was not a surge by the DA that cut into the ANC's vote share. In third place was former president Jacob Zuma's uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) on 12.6%, a surprise score for "views positively" the Israeli would meet to decide on a a party founded just months ago as a vehicle for the former

> Malema and Zuma are former ANC members and some observers have suggested that they would be more natural partners for the ruling coalition.

ANC chief.

# Russia targets Ukrainian energy sites in massive overnight attack

## **SINGAPORE**

RUSSIA fired a combined 100 missiles and drones at Ukraine overnight in a barrage that targeted energy sites across the country, Ukrainian officials said on Saturday.

Russia has launched dozens of aerial attacks at Ukraine's power facilities throughout the war, causing significant damage and energy shortages as Ukraine's stretched air defences struggle to repel the waves of drones and missiles.

"The enemy launched 53 missiles of various types and 47 attack drones," the air force said, adding that it shot down 35 of the missiles and all but one of the drones.

Two thermal power plants were damaged in the attack, the DTEK operator said, without specifying where they were located. "It was another extremely difficult night for the Ukrainian energy sector. The enemy struck two of our thermal power plants. The equipment was seriously damaged," the company said in a statement on Telegram.

It was the sixth major attack on DTEK thermal power plants



Ukraine's Energy Minister German Galushchenko said

since mid-March, it added.

Russia had targeted sites in five regions — Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovograd, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zaporizhzhia — stretching from near the eastern frontlines to Ukraine's west, which borders the European Union.

The ministry warned that power restrictions were likely

on Saturday evening as a result of the attacks. President Volodymyr Zelensky said Moscow was trying to "exploit" a lack of "determination" among Ukraine's key Western backers and repeated his call for more air defence systems. "Russia's main goal is to normalise terror, to exploit the lack of sufficient air defence and determination of Ukraine's partners,"

## SL nabs handler of IS suspects sent to India

## **COLOMBO**

SRI Lankan Police have arrested the suspected handler of the four of its nationals who were arrested at Ahmedabad airport in India for their alleged links with the banned Islamic State (ISIS) outfit.

The Criminal Investigation Department arrested Pushparaja Osman, 46, on Friday in Colombo. Sri Lanka Police recently announced a cash award of Rs 2 million for any credible information on his whereabouts.

Police had issued a wanted notice and a video of him seeking information from the public. The CID arrested him and he was believed to have made telephone contact with the four people arrested at the Ahmedabad airport, the police said.

The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad arrested four Sri Lankans with links to ISIS at the airport in Ahmedabad. The four men took an Indigo flight from Colombo to Chennai on

Commenting on the investigations so far the police spokesman Nihal Thalduwa said that police were unable yet to verify that the four are linked to ISIS. "If they had promoted the ISIS ideology in Sri Lanka is yet to be established," he said.

Last month, the Sri Lankan authorities launched a high-powered operation to investigate the four Sri Lankans arrested in Gujarat.

## 4 Pak soldiers killed in blast in restive province

Peshawar: At least four Pakistan Army soldiers were killed while three others were injured in an IED blast in the country's restive northwest region, police said. The incident occurred late on Friday evening when the security forces were on patrolling duty in the Sra Bangla and Tarkhanan area of the country's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The injured were immediately shifted to hospital and admitted, said the police

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Known Encumbrances: Nil to the knowledge of the Bank

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Village, Nedumangad Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram District, owned by Sri. Thajudeen A and Smt. Rahiyanath Beevi. BOUNDED: East : Property of Mr. Hashim, South : Road, West : Property of Shujahith, Nazer & Others, North : Property of Town Juma Masjid Reserve Price: Rs.42,00,000.00 EMD: Rs.4,20,000.00 Sri.Ramdas N & Smt.Sajitha S, W/o Ramdas N, both residing at Vilayil Veedu, Vilayoorkonan

Vellalloor P.O., Kilimanoor, Thiruvananthapuram : 695601 Due Amount: Rs.76,93,768.56 (Rupees Seventy Six Lacs Ninety Three Thousand: Seven Hundred Sixty Eight and Paisa Fifty Six

TION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES: All part and parcel of land having an extent of 24.20 Ares of land & Residentia building, comprised in Re Sy No: 223/1 described as property 1, 1.48 Ares of land in Re Sy No: 214/7-1 described as All part and parcel of land measuring 4.45 Ares of property comprised in Re. Sy. No. 222/12-1 in Block No. 38 of Vellalloor Village, Chirayinkeezh

Boundaries: property 2: On the East by : Road, On the South by : Properties of Mr. Noorudeen, On the West by : Property of Mr. Ramdas On the North by : Properties of Mr.Noorudeen, Boundaries: property 3 : On the East by : Property of Baby, On the South by : Properties

of Smt.Indira and Mr.Ramadas, On the West by : Property of Mr.Rajendran, On the North by : Properties of Mr.Rajendran Known Encumbrances: Nil to the knowledge of the Bank Reserve Price: Rs.38,00,000.00 EMD: Rs.3.80,000.00

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further interest and costs Known Encumbrances: Nil to the knowledge of the Bank DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that part and parcel of land with building thereon, measuring 2.60 Ares in Re Sy No 32/5 located in Avanavanchery Village, Chirayinkeezhu Taluk, Trivandrum District in the name of Sri. Sumesh. BOUNDARIES: East: Property of Smt.Sulekha, South: Property of Smt.Sulekha, West: Property of Shri Suresh,

Reserve Price: Rs.40,50,000.00

Name of the Borrower/ Mr.Biju Kumar S, S/o Sasi S, Thottathil Veedu, Kaduvayil, Mamam, Attingal, Trivandrum, Kerala, 695101 and Smt. Seema, W/o S Bijukumar, Sreepadmam, NR Anganwadi , Attingal P O, Trivandrum, Kerala Due Amount: Rs.12,99,035.98 (Rupees Twelve Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Thirty Five and Paisas Ninety Eight Only) as on 31-05-2024 plus further interest and costs DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All part and parcel of land having an extent of 1.21 Ares, comprised of Old Sy No: 1444/B-2-3 along with single storied building in Avanavanchery Village, Chirayinkeezhu Taluk, Thiruvananthapuram

EMD: Rs.4,05,000.00

District owned by Mrs.Seema B. BOUNDED: North : Property of Sumathy, South : 3.00 wide Road, East : Property of Anitha Known Encumbrances: Nil to the knowledge of the Bank Reserve Price: Rs.13,50,000.00 EMD: Rs.1,35,000.00

Date & time of e-Auction: 21.06.2024 between 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till sale is concluded) Last Date for Submission of bid application with EMD: 18.06.2024: 5.00 PM

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INSPECTION OF DATE AND TIME OF PROPERTIES: Prior appointment with authorised

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# Indian-origin boy eyes record with Rubik's Cube

A British Indian schoolboy who created a giant artwork depicting Prime Minister Rishi Sunak by using his Rubik's Cube-solving skills is eyeing a speed record entry into the "Guinness World Records" this year. Henil Soni, 11, was recently awarded with an Inspire Award by the British Youth International College (BYITC) at an event in the UK Parliament complex for his mastery of the Rubik's Cube as a "testament to his sharp intellect and unwavering determination".

The pupil of the Two Village C of E (VC) Primary School at Harwich in Essex, south-east England, is excited at the prospect of taking his cube-solving to the next level. "I am deeply honoured to receive the In-

spire Award at the British Parliament. BYITC's recognition has provided me with a platform to showcase my achievements, and winning the Rubik's Hero in the Academics Category has been a profound milestone in my journey," Soni said. From solving the Rubik's Cube since the age of five to creating intricate portraits out of several of them, the schoolboy's family has been nurturing his unique talent. In August, he wants to showcase his speed-solving prowess and create a massive cube mosaic of Narendra Modi.

"I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to attempt breaking the Guinness World Record on August 4 in India, where I will demonstrate my speedsolving prowess with the Rubik's Cube," added Soni. PTI

Place: Trivandrum

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