

Araghchi’s offer to mediate comes after militia strikes Riyadh airport

Iran’s Houthi-Saudi talks bid

New York: Iran has offered to mediate between Saudi Arabia and the Tehran-backed Houthi militia in Yemen, after a string of deadly attacks on the kingdom, warning that overlapping conflicts in the region had no military solution.

The Iranian foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, made the offer to his Saudi counterpart, Faisal bin Farhan, during a telephone call on Sunday night, according to a statement posted on social media by the Iranian minister’s office.

“Insisting on a military approach and ignoring a political solution will further complicate the current situation,” the statement, posted on Araghchi’s Telegram channel, said. Araghchi said Iran stood “ready to provide any assistance to help initiate a dialogue” between the two sides.

The Saudi government said that the two ministers had spoken, though it made no reference to any mediation offer

from Iran. The call was a day after the deadliest attack on a Persian Gulf country since the start of the US-Israeli war with Iran.

On Saturday, a Houthi strike on an airport in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, killed at least 13 people, with hundreds injured.

Attack probe

Saudi Arabia has launched an investigation to determine how its air defences failed to intercept a barrage of missiles and drones fired by the Houthi rebels, including the attack on Riyadh airport, two regional officials said on Monday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to comment publicly, said the initial probe showed that Yemen’s Houthi first fired multiple drones to pave the way for a mix of cruise and ballistic missiles to reach King Khalid International Airport.



Surveillance footage shows people in a queue moments before the attack at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh on Saturday. (Saudi ministry of media/Handout via Reuters)

The Houthis possess ballistic missiles and advanced systems fitted with warheads that can change direction during flight and pose a challenge to Patriot interceptors and other defense systems used by the Saudis.

One of the officials said the investigation also aims to find out why air defence systems did not provide earlier warn-

ing of the attack in which the Houthi missiles and drones flew over 1,000km to reach Riyadh.

Airport closed

Riyadh’s King Khaled International Airport in Saudi Arabia will remain closed until 9pm GMT on October 17, according to a Notice to Air Missions (NOTAM) issued on Monday,

following a series of deadly attacks by the Houthis.

UK finger at Tehran

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham said on Monday a security incident at a US-run military air base in England was “almost certainly” directed by Iran’s Revolutionary Guard.

Burnham has previously said there are strong indications Iran was linked to the apparent plan to attack RAF Fairford last month. Seven men have been arrested and released on bail as counter-terror police investigate.

On Monday, the British government summoned the Iranian ambassador to express displeasure at “Iran’s continued attempts to undermine the security of the United Kingdom and international partners through its criminal networks, proxy groups and state-backed malign activity”.

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A flood-affected area in Gorkha district of Nepal on Sunday. (Reuters)

100 stranded in Nepal flood

Kathmandu: More than 100 foreign trekkers are stranded in different locations after a river flood in central Nepal over the weekend swept away hiking trails and bridges, an official said on Monday.

Authorities rescued 321 people, including 12 foreigners, on Monday after a pre-dawn landslide during the weekend in Gorkha district, about 100km west of Kathmandu, blocked the Budhi Gandaki River, leading to downstream flooding. The army said the rescue operation would continue on Tuesday, even as the water level in the river had receded.

The river is a tributary of the Trishuli River, downstream from another tributary where a glacier collapse caused a catastrophic flood in August that killed 1,457 people, with thousands still missing.

There were no reports of fatalities in the flood, but five villagers were out of contact after black muddy sludge and debris washed away homes and damaged infrastructure, including three hydroelectric plants, national disaster authorities said.

Bhuvan Raj Ojha, an official of the Manaslu Conservation Area Project that includes

a popular trekking route, said there were more than 100 foreign trekkers stranded in different areas who could not return because part of the trail had been swept away.

“Those hikers who want to return because of the flood need to be rescued. Those who want to continue their trekking can do so from locations that are safe,” Ojha told Reuters from Gorkha.

“There are restaurants and tea houses along the route. They are safe.”

The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development said the latest flood may have been triggered by the failure of a temporary river blockage created by a landslide, according to preliminary accounts from Nepal’s authorities reviewed by ICI-MOD.

“This event is another reminder of how exposed mountain communities and river corridors remain to sudden, cascading hazards,” Pema Gyamtsho, director-general of ICIMOD, said.

“While response efforts must remain the immediate priority, understanding what triggered this flood will be critical for reducing future risks and strengthening resilience.”

Reuters

Russia hit energy targets: Ukraine

Kyiv: Russia hit at least six energy targets during a night and morning of deadly airstrikes across Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Monday, adding this showed Moscow had no interest in an energy ceasefire announced by US President Donald Trump.

Under pressure over high energy prices ahead of US midterm elections next month, Trump blindsided Kyiv and its European allies over the weekend by declaring that Ukraine and Russia had agreed not to hit each other’s energy systems.

“It is increasingly evident that Russia is unwilling to accept an energy ceasefire proposed by the United States

and intends to continue its terrorist air attacks against our people and communities,” Zelensky said on X.

“This is what happens when Russia sees the prospect of higher revenues for its war machine.”

In earlier comments by video link to a conference in Poland, Zelensky identified two of the targets as a gas facility and a petrol station, both hit by Russian drones.

Trump announced the purported energy ceasefire days after unveiling a deal to buy diesel from Russia, which Zelenskiy has criticised as a reversal of years of Western policy aimed at isolating Russia’s economy.

Reuters

ICE raids Democrat’s home before midterms

DEVLIN BARRETT, HAMED ALEAZIZ, ALAN FEUER AND ERNESTO LONDOÑO

New York: Federal agents executed a search warrant at the home of Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota on Monday, according to three people briefed on the matter, the kind of investigative step the justice department has long shied away from so close to an election.

The court-approved search of her Washington-area home comes after department of homeland security officials said in recent months that they were investigating Omar, a Democrat, over her family’s immigration paperwork. More recently, some federal investigators have also sought to investigate other issues, such as Omar’s finances, campaign funds and interactions with a foreign citizen, as *The New York Times* previously reported.

The three people who described the execution of the search warrant spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss it.

The search warrant, executed 22 days before Election Day, lists a series of potential immigration crimes under investigation, including false statements and fraud in immigration paperwork, as well as a general conspiracy charge, according to a person familiar with the document.

A justice department spokesperson said that homeland security investigations agents — a part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement — executed a judicially authorised search of a home in the Washington area, as part of an “ongoing federal criminal investigation”. The spokesperson declined to comment further.

Jackie Rogers, Omar’s spokeswoman, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Omar was born in Mogadishu, Somalia, in the early 1980s. Her family fled their hometown when she was around 8, as a civil war engulfed the country, according to a memoir she wrote. In the mid-1990s, after spending time at a refugee camp in Kenya, Omar and her relatives were admitted as refugees in the US.

Omar has long said that suggestions that she and her family committed immigration fraud were false and politically motivated.

New York Times News Service



Ilhan Omar. (Reuters file picture)

Bangladesh signs port deal with China

Dhaka: Bangladesh has signed a \$335.78 million concessional loan agreement with China to expand and modernise its southwestern Mongla Port, located about 80km west of the Indian border, according to a media report on Monday.

The agreement will finance the construction of two container terminals and dedicated cargo-handling yards at Mongla, Bangladesh’s second-largest seaport after Chattogram, as Dhaka seeks to expand the port’s capacity and infrastructure.

The loan agreement for \$335.78 million was signed between the Bangladesh government and the Export-Import Bank of China on Saturday, the state-run BSS news agency reported.

China will provide the loan at a concessional interest rate of 2 per cent, with a 20-year repayment period, including a five-year grace period, according to a statement by the Finance Ministry’s Economic Relations Division (ERD).

Nobel for ‘economic shock’ study

ESHE NELSON

London: The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded on Monday to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford, two American professors, for research that has helped guide policies aimed at reducing economic volatility.

Who are the winners?

Hall is a professor at Stanford University and Woodford is a professor of political economy at Columbia University. They were awarded the prize “for microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation”, the awarding committee said.

Hall studied consumer demand and spending to develop his models, while Woodford studied the supply side of the economy, looking at the price-setting behaviour of companies. Their research has helped shape a framework for politicians, central banks and others to implement timely economic policies during upturns and downturns.

They will receive 12 million Swedish kronor, about \$1.2 million, split equally between them.

Why did the committee say they received the prize?

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said their work helped to inform fiscal



Robert E Hall. (Reuters)

and monetary policy measures, by governments and central banks, that reduced volatility in economies, so that there were milder peaks and troughs.

Because of their research, “we are better equipped to deal with shocks in the economy, such as energy crises or sudden changes in how much households consume”, said John Hassler, chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences.

Hall and Woodford have revitalised so-called stabilisation policy, which was pioneered by John Maynard Keynes, the early 20th-century British economist. This year’s prize winners developed models using microeconomic foundations, a bottom-up approach that considers how the decisions of individual households and businesses affect the economy as a whole.

By doing this, they showed



Michael Woodford. (Reuters)

the importance of how real-world behaviour impacts policy and why it must be taken into account alongside broad economic variables like inflation and production. A critical aspect of their models rests on the idea that households and businesses make decisions based on what they believe will happen in the future. So when governments and policymakers communicate their economic plans, they can influence people’s expectations. That in itself can help steer the economy.

What did the laureates say about winning the prize?

Woodford said on the phone at the news conference announcing the award that he was elated. “It’s a tremendous honour,” he said. “It’s a surprise but I feel very good about it.”

He said his work was intended to “improve the foundations for discussion of eco-

omic policy”, contributing to the management of the economy as well as the public’s understanding of the economy. He added that one of the main themes of his work was helping policymakers to appreciate that it was important to understand the behaviour of individuals in the market: How they make decisions about spending and what they understand about future economic policy.

“One of the key goals of trying to develop an analytical framework was not simply to use it on people,” he said. “But to also talk to people about why the things that are being done are being done.”

Consider the immediate aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, when central banks were scrambling to deal with an economic downturn. Policymakers quickly lowered interest rates but it was not enough. Additional tools were developed, such as so-called forward guidance, in which central bankers made explicit statements about the likely future path of interest rates, Woodford said. “That was an important part of the policy response in the years in the years from 2009 onward, and I think it did contribute to better stabilization,” he added.

New York Times News Service

Poonch ‘blast’ kills 4 PoK residents

MUZAFFAR RAINA

Srinagar: Four residents of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) were killed in a suspected explosion along the LoC in Poonch amid competing claims over whether they were militants who died in an IED blast or civilians killed by Indian security forces.

Security forces in Jammu and Kashmir have not formally reacted to the development, but officials said on the condition of anonymity that the deaths were caused by a suspected IED blast in a forward village along the LoC in the Krishna Ghati sector of Poonch district.

They said the blast reportedly occurred in Satwal-Naki during the movement of a group of people along the Pakistan side of the LoC.

An official claimed the deceased were militants who died in a landmine explosion while trying to infiltrate.

Social media accounts linked to the Joint Awami Action Committee, which is spearheading the anti-establishment agitation in PoK, said the slain quartet were civilians who were killed by the Indian Army.

“In the area of Aamitwal, Mandla Madarpur, as a result of an IED blast carried out by the Indian Army, four of our young men were martyred, among whom is also included our great resistance comrade Faizan Sughra (Sagheer),” an X post by JAAC Updates AJK said. It said the four were installing water pipes when they were hit by the explosion.



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	B)Name of the Account	Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagors of property(ies))	F) Outstanding Amount	B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD)		
	C)Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantors Account	Name (mortgagors of property(ies))	G) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002	C) Bid Increase Amount		
1.	A) Soveke Road (319600) B) 1. M/s Samordips 2. Sh. Samrat Malakar C) 1. Prop. & Mortgagor: Sh. Samrat Malakar S/O Late Jiten Malakar At: H/2/40/333/407/78, Sreema Sarani South Babu Para Ward No26, Siliguri Distt - Darjeeling, West Bengal, Pin - 734005 2. Borrower: Sh. Samrat Malakar S/O Late Jiten Malakar Co-Borrowers: Smt. Nabanita Malakar W/o Sh. Samrat Malakar Smt Anita Malakar W/o Sh Jiten Malakar Address: Sreema Sarani, South Babu Para, Ward No 26, Siliguri Distt - Darjeeling, West Bengal, Pin- 734001	1) All that piece and parcel of Land "Classified as BASTU" and building there on in the name of Sh. Samrat Malakar S/O Late Jiten Malakar vide Registered Gift Deed No. 1-2184 dated 17.09.2010, recorded in Book no 1, CD Volume No. 11, pages from 3276 to 3285 for the year 2010, and one shop measuring 145 sq.ft. at ground floor of the aforesaid building in the name of Sh Samrat Malakar S/O Late Jiten Malakar vide Registered Conveyance Deed No. 1-1355 dated 02.07.2009, recorded in Book no 1, CD Volume No. 5, pages from 911 to 922 for the year 2009. Total area of land measuring 2.5 katha, recorded in R.S.Plot No.5192, Khatian No. 1566, J.L.No. 110(88), Touzi No.3(ja), Ward No 26 of Siliguri Municipal Corporation Mouza- Siliguri, Pargana- Baikunthapur, P.S. Siliguri, Distt- Darjeeling, West Bengal. Butted and Bounded as follows:- N-House of Bina Malakar S-House of N.C. Nandy E- Sree Maa Sarani Road 24 W- House of Patel Property owner- Sh Samrat Malakar S/O Late Jiten Malakar.	E) 18.07.2024 F) Rs. 1,03,76,530.74 + further interest and charges (amt. as mentioned in demand notice 13(2)) with further and charges. G) 21.10.2024 H) Symbolic	A) Rs. 1,15,93,530/- B) Rs. 11,59,353/- (02.11.2026) C) Rs. 25,000/-	D) 03.11.2026 From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	SA Case no. 1/2025 and 220/2024 pending at DRT Siliguri E) Not known to Bank
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