Opinion poll shows Trump leads Biden in 6 of 7 states

Voters doubt president's capabilities, dissatisfied with the economy

WASHINGTON

AHEAD of the upcoming US election scheduled for November, President Joe Biden is trailing behind his main opponent Donald Trump in six of the seven battleground states, according to a latest opinion poll.

Voters are broadly dissatisfied with the national economy and there are deep doubts about Biden's capabilities and job performance, the survey conducted by the Wall Street Jour*nal* revealed.

Trump leads between two and eight percentage points in six battleground states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina. However, Biden is leading Trump by three points in Wisconsin.

In every state in the survey, negative views of the president's job performance outweigh positive views by 16 percentage points or more, with the gap topping 20 points in four states. By contrast, Trump earns an unfavourable job review for his time in the White House in only a single state Arizona where negative marks outweigh positive ones by 1 percentage point, WSJ reported.

According to Real Clear Politics, which keeps tracks of all the major national polls, Trump and Biden are in a neck-to-neck fight this fall. An average of major national polls shows that Trump is leading Biden by 0.8 percentage points.

"Biden and Trump both easily became their party's presumptive nominees last month,



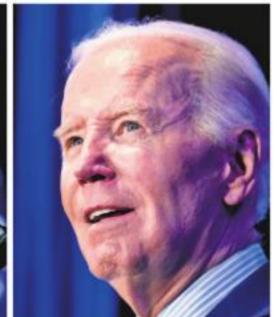
(Left) Donald Trump (Right) Joe Biden

Let the youngest man win the November election

The polling results also mirror recent concerns over the president's physical fitness. About 48% of voters believe the 77-year-old Trump is more fit to serve as president, while only 28% view the 81-year-old Biden as having the mental and physical fitness to serve another four-year term as president

but each candidate will face a long and difficult campaign in a rematch of the 2020 contest. In a race expected to be razortight, a handful of battleground states will likely determine the winner," The Hill newspaper said Wednesday.

A new Franklin and Marshall poll in Pennsylvania illustrated a different result in the crucial battleground, Fox News reported. The survey indicated Biden topping Trump by 10



points in a head-to-head showdown. But the president's lead shrank to just two points when voters were asked about a mul-

ti-candidate field. The survey was conducted March 20-31, with a sampling error of plus or minus four percentage points.

First lady Jill Biden was asked about Biden's dismal WSJ polling results on "CBS Mornings" on Wednesday, but dismissed the dismal results, saying, "No, he's not losing in all the battleground states. He's

The WSJ poll was conducted March 17 to 24 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 1.5 percentage points.

"The presidential contest remains close, but there are some interesting twists which run counter to the conventional wisdom," Lee M. Miringoff, Director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion. PTI

US treasury secy in China to talk trade

GUANGZHOU

TREASURY Secretary Janet Yellen arrived in China on Thursday for five days of meetings in a nation determined to avoid open conflict with the United States, yet the world's two largest economies still appear to be hashing out the rules on how to compete against each other.

There are tensions over Chinese government support for the manufacturing of electric vehicles and solar panels, just as the US government ramps up its own aid for those tech sectors.

trade, ownership of TikTok, access to computer chips and national security 'all of them a risk to what has become a carefully managed relationship. The 77-year-old Yellen, a renowned economist and former

There are differences in

Federal Reserve chair, laid out to reporters the issues that she intends to raise with her Chinese counterparts during her five-day visit.

Yellen begins her trip in Guangzhou and later moves to Beijing for meetings with finance leaders and state officials. Her engagements will include Vice Premier He Lifeng,



Yellen, left, shakes hands with Chinese Ministry of Finance Vice Minister Liao Min at Guangdong province | AP

Chinese Central Bank Governor Pan Gongsheng, former Vice Premier Liu He, leaders of American businesses operating in China, university students and local leaders.

Yellen, speaking to reporters Wednesday during a refuelling stop in Alaska en route to Asia, said her visit would be a 'continuation of the dialogue that we have been engaged and deepening' ever since US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in 2022 in Indonesia. Yellen recently accused China of flooding global markets with heavily subsidised green energy products, possibly undercutting the subsidies the US has provided to its own renewable energy and EV sector with funds provided by the Democrats' Inflation Reduction Act.

Alaska Air gets \$160 million from Boeing

SEATTLE

ALASKA Airlines on Thursday said Boeing has paid the carrier \$160 million in 'initial compensation' for a panel that blew out of an Alaska Boeing 737 Max 9 in January.

The airline said that it expects additional compensation, the terms of which it said are confidential. The payment covered Alaska's pretax loss related to the accident, including lost revenue and the cost of returning its Max 9 fleet to service after the planes were grounded for three weeks.

The airline described the compensation in a regulatory filing. A panel that plugs a gap left for an extra emergency exit blew off an Alaska Max 9 as it flew 16,000 feet over Oregon on January 5.

Some local rail service to

Hualien resumed, and Taiwan

Semiconductor Manufactur-

ing Co., one of the world's most

important manufacturers of $computer\,chips, restarted\,most$

operations, the Central News

Nearly 1,070 people were in-

jured in the quake. Of the 10

dead, at least four were killed

inside Taroko National Park, a

tourist attraction famous for

canyons and cliffs in

mountainous Hualien County

about 150 kilometres from

One person was found dead

Agency reported.

Taipei.

10 Iran personnel killed jihadist attack

TEHRAN

JIHADIST attacks in southeastern Iran near Pakistan killed 10 Iranian security personnel, state media reported on Thursday, doubling an earlier toll.

Muslim rebel group Jaish al-Adl, or Army of Justice, claimed the attacks.

The number of dead is almost as large as from a similar attack in December, which the same group claimed and The Pakistan-based Sunni which was followed by tit-for-

tat airial strikes with Pakistan.

The attacks hit Sistan-Baluchistan province which has for years faced unrest involving drug-smuggling gangs, rebels from the Baluchi minority and Sunni Muslim extremists. AFP

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E-AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to 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, Guarantor (s) and / or Mortgagor, that the below described immovable

property(ies) mortgaged / charged to Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor"), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor on 30-05-2022 will be sold through E-Auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" and "NO RECOURSE BASIS" on 24-04-2024, for recovery of Rs.68,02,826.93ps (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Six and Ninety Three Paise Only) as on 31-03-2024 together with further interest and other charges thereon at the contractual rates upon the footing of Penal Interest, compound interest until payment/realization due to Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, being the "Secured Creditor", from the Borrower namely M/s. Chandana Traders, proprietary concern of Shri V.Lakshmi Pathi, Smt. V.Bindu, W/o Shri V.Lakshmipathi (Guarantor), and Shri V. Chandra Sekahar Naidu (Guarantor) and Shri V.Lakshmipathi (Mortgagor/Guarantor). The details/description of Immovable Property being put up for auction, the Reserve Price, the Earnest Money Deposit and the Auction Schedule are mentioned below: Last date for Date & Reserve Farnest Money

the Mortgagor	Details of Immovable Property put for E-Auction	submission of online bid	Time of E-Auction	Price (Rs.)	Deposit (EMD) (Rs.)
V.Lakshmi Pathi	Chittoor District- Chittoor Sub District- Chittoor Mandalam, Chittoor Municipality No.72, Chittoor Village Accounts, Survey No.609-A, an extent of acres 0.040 cents or 0.162 hectors Plot No.8, Vide Document No. 16598/2011. Together with all its present and future super structure thereon. Google Coordinates: Latitude: 13'12'48'.3-N; Longitude: 79'06'15'.7E		24-04-2024 between 12.00 Noon to 01.00 p.m.	30,04,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Four Thousand Only)	3,00,400/- (Rupees Three Lakhs and Four Hundred Only)
The unders	igned may at his absolute discretion and on request from the prospe	ctive buyers, a	rrange for in	spection of the	he said property

IMPORTANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

 The E - Auction shall be conducted only through "On Line Electronic Bidding" through website https://www.bankeauctions.com/ on 24-04-2024 from 12.00 noon. to 01.00 p.m. with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each.

For details about E-Auction, the intending bidders may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd. through Mr. Dharani Krishna- Mobile +91- 9948 182 222

 The intending bidders may visit the Bank's official website - https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html for auction details and for the terms and conditions of sale For detailed terms and conditions of auction sale, the bidders are advised to go through the portal https://www.bankeauctions.com and the said terms and conditions shall be binding on the bidders who participate in the bidding process

It is requested that the interested Bidder/s are required to generate the login ID and password from the portal https://www.bankeauctions.com before uploading the bid and other documents

The bid form has to be filled in the prescribed form and is to be submitted / uploaded online only along with KYC documents of the Bidder/s or the portal https://www.bankeauctions.com/ on or before 23-04-2024 upto 04.00 p.m. and the scanned copies of the duly filled and signed bid documents and KYCs of the Bidder/s should be sent by mail to maram.venkateshwarlu@kotak.com and srinivas.ponduri@kotak.com The

Bidder shall write the subject of the email "For purchase of Property in the matter of "M/s Chandana Traders-Vacant Residential Land-Chittoor" Prospective bidders may avail online training, for generating Login ID and password and for online bidding process etc., from M/s. C1 India Pvi Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/FUND TRANSFER to the credit of Account No. 06410125272001, Kotak

Mahindra Bank Ltd., Nariman Point Branch, Mumbai, IFSC Code: KKBK0000958, on or before 23-04-2024 upto 04:00 p.m. The NEFT/RTGS/FUND TRANSFER shall only be done from the account/s of the intending bidder/s only. In case of delay in depositing the EMD and/or submission of Bid documents within the prescribed time limits due to any technical glitch, the Authorised Officer, to maximize the bid participation and inter-se bidding process, at its sole discretion and upon his satisfaction, can accept the Bid/s received after the schedule cutoff time without giving any disclosure to any person. Any bid submitted without depositing the EMD amount shall stand automatically rejected. The EMD deposited by the proposed bidder shall not earn any interest.

The bid price to be submitted shall be equal to and / or above the Reserve Price and during the bidding process, bidders who have submitted bids shall improve their further offers in multiples of INR 10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only). 10) In case any bid is placed or received within last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction proceeding, the closing time shall automatically

and immediately get extended by another 5 minutes 11) The successful bidder has to deposit 25% of the highest bid amount (including EMD already paid) immediately on closure of the e-auction sal

proceedings or on the following working day in case business hours is closed on the day of E-Auction, in the mode stipulated as above.

12) The balance 75% of the highest bid amount shall have to be deposited within 15 days from the date on which the acceptance /confirmation of sale is conveyed to such successful bidder or such extended period which shall be at the sole discretion of the Authorised Officer and within the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Rules, 2002. 13) The highest bidder will not have any right and title over the property until the Sale Certificate is issued in his favour subject to realisation of entire Auction

Price and other incidental expenses. Sale shall be subject to terms and conditions of E - Auction and confirmation by the Secured Creditor to that effect 14) If the successful bidder fails to deposit the entire bid / auction amount, the amount already deposited by the successful bidder shall be forfeited and the defaulting bidder shall neither have claim on the property nor on the amounts deposited. The Authorised Officer shall be free to exercise any one or more

rights available to him in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Rules, 2002, in respect of the auction property. 15) On receipt of the entire sale consideration within the stipulated period as mentioned above, the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate

the sale shall be completed thereafter, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited shall not entertain any claims. 16) The sale certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted. No request for inclusion/substitution in the sale certificate or

names of any person(s) other than those mentioned in the bid shall be entertained

17) The EMD amount, to the unsuccessful bidder/s, shall be returned by Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd, in their accounts by way of RTGS / NEFT / Funds Transfer, within 10 (Ten) working days and without any interest. 18) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject a bid or postpone/cancel the notified E - Auction Sale without assigning any reason

19) In the event of postponement/cancellation of the E - Auction Sale after submission of the bids, EMD submitted by the bidders will be returned, without interest and in case the bids are rejected, Authorised Officer can negotiate with any of the bidders or other parties for sale of the property by private treaty

20) In the event where a bidder is declared as the successful bidder in the e-auction sale conducted and subsequent to that, if the auction proceedings are stayed by any Court /Tribunal, at any stage till the stage of issuance of the sale certificate and handing over the possession, including bu not limited to restraining the bank from further proceedings, then the bidder shall not have any right to claim the refund of the EMD/amount so deposited by him /her or any interest on the amount so deposited towards the sale of the property. The Bank at its sole discretion will refund the money so deposited, without any interest and/or damages and/or claims and no communication will be entertained whatsoever in this regard.

Secured Creditor, but the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation 22) Any other encumbrances are not known to the Bank. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances

or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of property Auctioned. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Vacant Land Tax, electricity dues etc. 23) All statutory dues/ other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.

24) All outgoings charges i.e. Municipal Taxes, Maintenance/Society charges, Electricity and Water charges and any other dues or taxes including transfer charges / fees in respect of the property put for Auction-cum-Sale under the present notice shall be paid by the successful Bidden/Purchaser solely.

25) All other incidental charges (including but not limited to security charges or maintenance charges for preservation of the property under the present auction) will be borne solely by the highest bidder from the date of issuance of Certificate of Sale, which will have to be cleared reimbursed to the Bank before registration of the Certificate of Sale. However, at the sole discretion of the Authorised Officer, any just and reasonable delay will be considered for exemption, without setting any precedent for future. 26) As per Section 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961, TDS @1% shall be applicable on the sale proceeds, if the sale consideration is

Rs.50,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) and above, the Successful bidder/purchaser shall deduct and deposit 1% TDS in the name/s of Mr. V.Lakshmipathi, having PAN No.AEIPV7747P and to be borne by him from the sale price of the respective property and deposit the same with Income Tax Department, Further more only 99% of the Sale price is to be remitted to the Bank. The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Bank in favour of the Successful bidder/purchaser, only upon the receipt of Form 16B, Form 26QB and the Challan evidencing the deposit of such TDS. 27) Sale will strictly be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" & "NO RECOURSE BASIS" on the terms and conditions as mentioned herein, however the Authorised Officer shall have the absolute discretionary right to change or vary any

of the terms and conditions. The bidders are advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding any encumbrances, Search in Sub-Registrar Office and Revenue Records and Municipal Records and any administrative Government records relating to the concerned Property and shall satisfy themselves regarding the nature and description of the property, condition, any encumbrances, lien, charge, statutory dues, etc. before submitting the bid for the concerned Property. 28) If the dues of the bank together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the bank are tendered

by/on behalf of the Borrower/Guarantor/s/Mortgagor, at any time on or before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets, the auction / sale of asset may be cancelled. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel / adjourn/ discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

29) The bidders shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the sale and shall abide by the said terms and conditions The bidders should ensure proper internet connectivity; power back up etc., The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure, or technical reasons or reasons / contingencies affecting the E-Auction proceedings.

30) Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited or its employees will not be liable for any claims from any person in respect of the property put for sale. The present notice is also uploaded on the Bank's official website i.e. www.kotak.com and interested parties can visit the same also. For further details kindly contact Authorised Officer Mr. Srinivas P (Mobile No. +91-9885333460) and / or his associate Mr. Venkateswarlu M (Mobile No. +91-9642006111). Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. Place: Hyderabad, Date: 05-04-2024

66 workers stuck in quarries rescued in Taiwan turned to normal.

SIXTY-SIX workers stranded at two rock quarries in Taiwan following Wednesday's strongest earthquake in 25 years were rescued on Thursday, authorities said. They could not be rescued immediately as the approach roads to the quarries were damaged.

Elsewhere in Taiwan, rescuers continued their search for missing people and worked to reach hundreds stranded when the quake sent boulders and mud tumbling down mountainsides, blocking roads.

Ten people died and more than 1,000 were injured.

The powerful quake struck during the morning rush hour a day earlier, sending schoolchildren rushing outdoors and families fleeing their apartments through the windows.

The ground floors of some buildings collapsed, leaving them leaning at precarious angles. Though the island is reg-



A trapped tourist of Taroko National Park walks to an ambulance after being rescued in Hualien County, eastern Taiwan, on Thursday | AP

ularly rattled by earthquakes and generally well prepared, authorities did not send out the usual alerts because they were expecting a smaller temblor.

Some residents of the east-

ern coastal city of Hualien near the epicentre were staying in tents, and the main road linking the county to the capital, Taipei, was still closed Thursday afternoon, but much of Taiwan's day-to-day life re-

in a damaged building and another was found in the Ho Ren Quarry. Rescuers also carried out the body of a man, who had severe wounds on his head, from a hiking trail. Hundreds of people were

stranded when rocks blocked the roads leading to their hotel, though most were safe while they awaited rescue. AP

Russian attack on Ukraine's city kills four

RUSSIAN forces fired drones at two apartment buildings and a power plant in Ukraine's people, local authorities said Thursday, as the Kremlin's forces apparently set in motion their strategy for the coming months of war by escalating the bombardment of civilian areas.



two apartment buildings in Kharkiv, near the Russian The Kremlin's forc-

Shahed drones

es in recent months have stepped up their aerial barrages of Ukraine, hitting urban areas. The approximately 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line is largely deadlocked, but Kviv officials sav Moscow's troops have recently been probing for Ukrainian weaknesses on the front line ahead of an expected large-scale Russian offensive in the summer.

600 UK jurists urge govt to stop sale of arms to Israel after workers' death

LONDON

MORE than 600 British jurists, including three retired judges from the UK Supreme Court, are calling on the government second-largest city, killing four to suspend arms sales to Israel, piling pressure on Prime Minister Rishi Sunak after the deaths of three UK aid workers in an Israeli strike.

> Britain is just one of a number of Israel's longstanding allies whose governments are under growing pressure to halt weapons exports because of the toll of the six-month-old war in Gaza. In an open letter to Sunak published late Wednesday, the lawyers and judges said the UK could be complicit in 'grave breaches of international law' if it continues to ship weapons.

> Signatories, including former Supreme Court President Brenda Hale, said Britain is legally obliged to heed the International Court of Justice's conclusion that there is a 'plausible risk of genocide' in Gaza. The letter said the 'sale of weapons and weapons systems to Israel 'falls significantly short of your government's



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GAZA TOLL SO FAR Diplomatic crisis erupts

between Israel, Poland A new diplomatic crisis between

Poland and Israel has erupted following the death of a Polish aid worker in Gaza, with the Polish president on Thursday denouncing a comment by the Israeli ambassador as 'outrageous' and the Foreign Ministry in Warsaw saying it was summoning him for a meeting. A 35-year-old Polish man was among seven people who were killed while delivering food

obligations under international law.' Britain is a staunch ally of Israel, but relations have been tested by the mounting death toll, largely civilian, from the war. Calls for an end to arms exports have escalated since an Israeli airstrike killed seven aid workers from the aid charity World Central Kitchen, three of them British.

caused by 'misidentification'. The UK's main opposition

aid workers was a mistake

parties have all said the Conservative government should halt weapons sales to Israel if the country has broken international law in Gaza. Several senior Conservatives have urged the same. Sunak has not committed to an arms export Israel says the attack on the ban.

