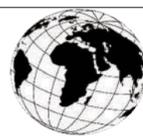


Turkey discovers more natural gas reserves in Black Sea

ANKARA: Turkey has discovered 135 billion cubic metres of additional natural gas in the Black Sea, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said. The new discovery in the Amasra-1 field has raised the total potential in the region to 540 billion cubic metres, Xinhua news agency quoted the President as saying on Friday.

Last year, Turkey announced the discovery of 405 billion cubic metres of natural gas reserves in the Sakarya field, about 100 nautical miles north of the Turkish coast. The president also promised to rescue the Marmara Sea from an outbreak of "sea snout" that is alarming marine biologists and environmentalists.



Yemeni rebels not trying to reach ceasefire: US envoy

SAMY MAGDY / Cairo

The US special envoy for Yemen lashed out at the Houthi rebels, accusing them of failing to try to reach an urgently needed ceasefire in the war-wrecked nation.

Tim Lenderking said the Iranian-backed Houthis bear the major responsibility for refusing to engage meaningfully on a ceasefire and to take steps to "resolve a nearly 7-years conflict that has brought immense suffering to the Yemeni people".

A Houthi spokesman was not available for comment. Yemen has been embroiled in a civil war since 2014, when the Iranian-backed Houthis swept across much of the north and seized the capital, Sanaa. The war has killed more than 130,000 people and spawned the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

Lenderking's remarks came late Friday by the State Department after his return from a Mideast diplomatic mission on Yemen that took him to Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE and Jordan.

He also criticised the Houthis' renewed offensive on the oil-rich Marib province, an anti-Houthi stronghold held by the internationally recognised government that is crucial to the country's energy supplies. The ongoing Marib attack,



which began in February amid an international and regional diplomatic push to end the conflict, has left the rebels "increasingly isolated", Lenderking said.

The State Department said Lenderking coordinated his efforts closely with the UN special envoy for Yemen Martin Griffiths, who held video talks last week with the Houthis' religious and military leader, Abdel-Malek al-Houthi.

Griffiths expressed frustration that his efforts to achieve a ceasefire have been derailed by warring parties seeking gains on the battlefield. He urged the sides to seize the "considerable regional and international support" for the UN peace plan.

Lenderking's rebuke to the Houthis came as the UN Security Council criticised the rebels for delaying a technical assessment of an oil tanker moored off the war-torn country's coast loaded with more than 1 million barrels of crude oil.

Fauci emails prove Wuhan lab leak claims: Chinese virologist

AGENCIES / Washington

A Chinese virologist, who was among the first to suggest the COVID-19 virus leaked from a Wuhan lab, said that US top coronavirus advisor Anthony Fauci's emails prove that she was right all along.

A trove of Fauci's emails covering the onset of the coronavirus outbreak was released this week to the media under a freedom of information request.

In one email sent last April, an executive at a health charity thanked Fauci for publicly stating that scientific evidence does not support the lab-leak theory.

Dr. Li-Meng Yan was one of the first to research the emerging coronavirus and previously revealed she was forced into hiding after accusing Beijing of a cover-up.

Now, as international leaders finally focus on her Wuhan lab-leak theory, the scientist told Newsmax that Fauci's emails contain "a lot of useful information" suggesting he always knew more than he revealed.

"They verify my work from the very beginning, even from last January, that these people know what happened, but they choose to hide for the Chinese Communist Party and for their own benefits," Yan insisted speaking of the treasure trove of documents released this week.

"He knows all these things," she insisted of Fauci and the apparent gain-of-function work carried out by the notorious Wuhan lab.

One email, she said, showed that



"Dr. Fauci even back to 1st of February last year immediately realised that there would be gain-of-function experiment involved in the COVID-19 virus." Over 3,000 pages of emails were obtained by the Washington Post, Buzzfeed News and CNN through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, date from January to June 2020.

The emails have sparked the debate whether Fauci chose to remain mum despite knowing about the onset of the virus. Dr Fauci and his colleagues took notice, in the early days, of the theory that COVID-19 may have leaked from a laboratory in Wuhan, China.

In an interview with CNN, Fauci said the email had been taken out of context by critics and he had an

"open mind" about the origin of the virus.

With regard to the "lab leak" email, the doctor told CNN that he still finds it unlikely that a Wuhan laboratory released the virus.

"I don't remember what's in that redacted [email], but the idea I think is quite far-fetched that the Chinese deliberately engineered something so that they could kill themselves as well as other people," he said.

Amid criticism of an inconclusive international probe into the virus' origins and new reports of Covid-related illness in the region weeks before it was officially identified, the theory is once again sparking debate.

Importantly, of the two billion COVID-19 vaccine doses distributed

globally till now, about 60 per cent have gone to just three countries - the US, India and China, a WHO senior adviser said.

Senior Advisor to WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Bruce Aylward made the comments at a press briefing on Friday.

"This week, we will see over 2 billion doses, landmark in terms of the number of doses of the vaccines and new vaccines that have actually been developed. These have been distributed now in over 212 countries," Aylward said. Aylward noted that "at the other end of the spectrum", only about 0.5 per cent of doses globally have gone to the lowest income countries that account for about 10 per cent of the world's population.

The Group of Seven (G7) agreed on Friday to speed up cooperation on vaccine and therapeutic trials to tackle C-19 and future pandemics, the UK gov has announced after hosting a two-day meeting of the bloc's health ministers at the University of Oxford.

On the other hand, a columnist of Russia's RIA Novosti news agency says it is unfounded for the US to accuse China.

"The only information on which the whole anti-Chinese narrative is based" is an article in The Wall Street Journal, "which claimed that even before the official start of the pandemic, some scientists in Wuhan city in central China fell ill with something similar to the coronavirus. However, this whole story is absolutely murky and groundless," Victoria Nikiforova said.

Record levels of deforestation in Amazon continue

BRASILIA: Record levels of deforestation continue unabated in the Brazilian Amazon and in May alone, 1,180 sq. kms of the rainforest were chopped down, according to official data.

It marks a 41 per cent increase compared to the same month 1 year ago, the data released by the National Institute for Space Research (INPE) revealed.

It is also the third month in a row to see record levels of Amazon deforestation, and the first time since records began that deforested area exceeded 1,000 sq. metres. Greenpeace Brazil said the preliminary data shows the risks the Amazon, one of the world's largest reserves of biodiversity, is exposed to day after day.

Climate think tank Observatorio do Clima said the data is particularly worrying because May marks the beginning of the dry season, when the practice of clear-cutting to clear trees from sites accelerates in the Amazon region.

If this trend continues for the next two months, the annual rate of deforestation for 2021, which is measured from August to July, could hit an unprecedented high, the think tank warned.

Brazil owns a large part of the Amazon, about the size of Western Europe, that stretches across 9 states. This ownership makes it a key player when it comes to climate change.

US climate envoy John Kerry recently called on Brazil to help fight climate change and make efforts to preserve the Amazon region. President Jair Bolsonaro, however, is more in favour of opening up the Amazon region to economic exploitation, and environmental authorities have been deliberately weakened.

He is also accused of creating a climate where farmers feel encouraged to take land for their own agricultural use.

Unprecedented Taliban violence in 2020 carries into 2021: UN

AGENCIES / United Nations

Taliban insurgents show no sign of reducing the level of violence in Afghanistan to facilitate peace negotiations with the government, and appear to be trying to strengthen their military position as leverage, with the "unprecedented violence of 2020 carrying into 2021, UN experts said in a new report. The panel of experts said the Taliban are reported to be responsible for the great majority of assassinations that have become a feature of the violence in Afghanistan, targeting government officials, women, human rights defenders and journalists among others.

These attacks "appear to be undertaken with the objective of weakening the capacity of the government and intimidating civil society."

In the 22-page report to the UNSC, the panel said the withdrawal of U.S. and NATO forces by Sept. 11, the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the US, "will challenge Afghan forces by limiting aerial operations with fewer drones and radar and surveillance capabilities, less logistical support and artillery, as well

as a disruption in training." The UN experts, who monitor sanctions against the Taliban, predicted more violence in the run-up to their departure. "Taliban rhetoric and reports of active Taliban preparations for the spring fighting season indicate the group is likely to increase military operations for 2021, whether or not a spring offensive is announced."

The experts also questioned how Afghan forces would fare without coalition support.

"Afghan forces have successfully reversed many Taliban gains with the assistance of international coalition close air support, but have done so with heavy casualty rates," they said.

A report by the UN Monitoring Team has said the Taliban still maintains close ties with Al Qaeda. The 18-member States report said, "the Taliban and Al-Qaeda remain closely aligned and show no indication of breaking ties. No material changes to the relationship, which has grown deeper as a consequence of personal bonds of marriage and shared partnership in struggle, now cemented through second generational ties," reports Tolo.

Egypt sends engineering equipment, crew to Gaza

GAZA: Egypt has sent massive engineering equipment and crew to the Gaza Strip for its reconstruction after the 11-day devastating war.

The equipment, including a large number of trucks, bulldozers and cranes, will remove debris and rubble from the buildings that were destroyed during the 11-day Israeli airstrikes in Gaza, Xinhua news agency quoted local media reports as saying. The aid comes after a

pledge made by President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi to contribute \$500 million to help reconstruct Gaza with the participation of Egyptian companies.

In May, an Egypt-brokered ended the fighting between Israel and Gaza ruler Hamas, in which at least 250 Palestinians and 12 Israelis were killed, and thousands of homes and infrastructure partially or completely destroyed.

\$57mn aid for TB treatment in 7 high-burden countries: America

LALIT K JHA/ WASHINGTON: The US on Friday announced a \$57 million aid for efforts against tuberculosis in 7 high-burden countries, including India. Other countries for which the aid is being given are Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, South Africa, Tajikistan and Ukraine. Designed in collaboration with partner governments, the initiative will provide a foundation to the high-burden countries to recover the ground lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the 23 countries where the US Agency for International Development (USAID) focuses, one million fewer people had access to tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment in 2020 than in 2019 due

to COVID-19 and measures to control it. The USAID said alongside COVID-19, TB is the leading infectious disease killer, particularly in low and middle-income countries, sickening 10 million people and taking 1.4 million lives every year. In the wake of the devastating impact of the pandemic on TB services, this assistance will strengthen simultaneous testing for both tuberculosis and COVID-19, identify cases through contact investigations and community screenings. This commitment represents approximately 19 per cent of the USAID's annual TB funding. The US agency said due to the far-reaching impact of coronavirus, TB is projected to sicken 6.3

million more people with an additional 1.4 million deaths by 2025. The pandemic toll puts the world's poorest and most vulnerable populations at even more risk, it said, adding that those suffering from both COVID-19 and TB are about three times more likely to die than those with only TB. As the world's largest bilateral donor leading the fight to end tuberculosis, the USAID remains committed to addressing both diseases, ultimately helping countries get back on track by putting 40 million people on TB treatment by 2022, it said. Since 2000, the USAID efforts have saved over 60 million lives, said the media release.

Environmentalists sue SL govt, MV X-Press Pearl operator

COLOMBO: A group of climate and fishermen activists in Sri Lanka has filed a lawsuit against the government and operator of the MV X-Press Pearl over the ship wreck that caused severe damage to the environment.

Colombo Page reported that the Center for Environmental Justice (CEJ), an en-

vironmentalists sue SL govt, MV X-Press Pearl operator. The fire and requested that necessary steps be taken to detain the ship's captain and crew and that appropriate criminal and civil action be taken against the ship's owners and their agents. The petitioners also called on the government to make relevant laws and regulations to prevent such disasters in the future. The CEJ said the crew of the ship knew of an acid leak on May 11, long before entering Sri Lankan waters, and local authorities should not have allowed the vessel in.



The CEO of the company that owns the X-Press Pearl ship expressed his regret over the incident. "Due to the existing travel restrictions, the company could not provide the necessary personnel to carry out tasks such as cleaning to minimize the damage, but had already taken steps to provide the necessary mechanical facilities," he said.

The petitioners alleged that local authorities should have been able to prevent

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 9th June 2021 at 3.00 pm at Registered Office of the Company to consider inter-alia Audited Standalone & Consolidated Financial Results & Accounts of the Company for the Quarter/Year ended 31st March 2021

Further for the Purpose of Board Meeting the Trading Window is closed till the conclusion of 48 Hours after Board Meeting.

For **Inventure Growth & Securities Limited**
By order of the Board,
Sd/-
Kanji B. Rita
Chairman
Date : 06.06.2021 DIN: 00727470

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OPEN TENDER
No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 03/06/2021. The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link www.ireps.gov.in. Officers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-2535631. Office Address: Dy.CMM-III/CLW/Chittaranjan, 9163340711, or SMM/HQ, 9163340704. Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Qty.; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST): [1]; 75214142; DRIVER DESK FRAME ASSLY. FOR WAG-9HC/WAP-7/WAP-5 AS PER SPEC NO. - CLWDRG. NO.1209-08.130-016 Alt-4, 1209-08.130-017 Alt 4 (sheet 1 of 2 and 2 of 2), 1209-08.130-018 Alt-3 (sheet 1 of 2 and 2 of 2), as per Specn. CLW/MS/3/117 ALT-6; 271.00 Set; 353600.00; 28/06/2021 at 11:00 am. [2]; 81210171; MICA GLASS FABRIC TAPE MI/GI-Gwb 18 Size: 0.12 x 15 MM. [In roll of 30 M], ABB IDENT NO. HZN 451028 R/P No. P0015; 6079923.33 MTR; 600700; 28/06/2021 at 11:00 am.

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Financial Results for the half year and year ended March 31, 2021
(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Half Year Ended		Year Ended	
	March 31, 2021 (Audited)	March 31, 2020 (Audited)	March 31, 2021 (Audited)	March 31, 2020 (Audited)
1 Total income from operations	251.95	289.64	551.06	607.40
2 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(26.08)	(17.29)	(8.08)	(1.63)
3 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(26.08)	(17.29)	(8.08)	(1.63)
4 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(9.42)	(9.00)	3.73	1.56
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(9.59)	(9.03)	3.51	1.46
6 Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 10/- Per Share)	69.35	69.35	69.35	69.35
7 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves)	693.45	699.73	693.45	699.73
8 Net worth ¹	762.80	766.95	762.80	766.95
9 Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	3,481.37	3,859.22	3,481.37	3,859.22
10 Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-
11 Debt Equity Ratio ²	4.56	5.03	4.56	5.03
12 Earnings Per Share (₹) (Face Value of ₹ 10/- each)				
- Basic (Not annualised)	(1.36)	(1.30)	0.54	0.22
- Diluted (Not annualised)	(1.36)	(1.30)	0.54	0.22
13 Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-
14 Debenture Redemption Reserve	34.13	46.93	34.13	46.93
15 Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) ³	0.19	0.26	0.23	0.31
16 Interest Service Coverage Ratio (ISCR) ⁴	0.86	0.92	0.98	1.00

¹ Net worth = Share capital + Share application money pending allotment + Reserves & Surplus - Deferred Tax Assets
² Debt-equity Ratio = Total Debt (Debt Securities + Borrowings (other than debt securities) + Subordinated Liabilities) / Net worth
³ DSCR = Profit before interest and tax / (Interest expense + Principal repayment in next six/ twelve months)
⁴ ISCR = Profit before interest and tax / Interest expense

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of half year financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges in accordance with Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (the "Listing Regulations, 2015") and the Accounting Standards specified under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended and the relevant provision of the Companies Act, 2013, as applicable. The full format of the half yearly financial results are available on the websites of the Stock exchange (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and the Company's website ([https://www.edelweishousingfin.com/](http://www.edelweishousingfin.com/))
2. The above financial results of the Company are reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meetings held on June 4, 2021.
3. The results for the half year ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 being the derived figures between audited figures in respect of full financial year ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020 and published year to date figures up to the half year ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 respectively which were subject to limited review by statutory auditor of the company.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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MD & CEO
DIN: 07969623

Mumbai, June 4, 2021.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021
(₹ in Lakhs) (Except Earning Per Share)

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended
		31-03-2021	31-03-2020	31-03-2021	31-03-2020
		Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations (Net)	0.43	0.42	59.10	59.09
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period (before Tax and Extraordinary items)	(1.08)	(0.43)	53.40	51.90
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the Period before Tax (after Extraordinary items)	(1.08)	(0.43)	53.40	51.90
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Extraordinary items)	(1.08)	(0.43)	53.40	51.90
5.	Total Comprehensive Income/Loss for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(681.66)	3,188.96	13,082.02	3,241.29
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹10/- each)	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
7.	Reserves excluding revaluation reserves (as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	16,584.44	3,502.42
8.	Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each) (not annualised) Basic & Diluted	(0.09)	(0.04)	3.31	4.32

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Standalone Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results of the Company are posted on Company's website (www.sheratonproperties.in) and on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) where the Company's shares are listed.
2. The Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 5th June, 2021. The Financials Results are prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (IndAS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.

For Sheraton Properties & Finance Limited
Sd/-
Meenakshi J. Bhansali
Director
DIN: 06936671

Place: Mumbai
Date : 5th June, 2021

