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The world's largest aircraft carrier, the USS Gerald R. Ford, sails into Oslo, Norway yesterday, a first for such a US ship, in a show of Nato force at a time of heightened tension between Nato and Russia over the war in Ukraine.

## Asia water, energy supplies at risk

Researchers say climate change impacts are already posing 'grave threats' to 10 major rivers

REUTERS, Singapore

Climate-related disruptions to the crucial Hindu Kush-Himalayan water system are posing risks to economic development and energy security in 16 Asian countries, and concerted action is needed to protect regional water flows, researchers said yesterday.

The basins of the 10 major rivers that flow from the Hindu Kush-Himalayan water towers are home to 1.9 billion people and generate \$4.3 trillion in annual GDP, and climate change impacts like glacial melt and extreme weather are already posing "grave threats", the China Water Risk think tank said.

The researchers warned that all rivers would face "escalating and compounding water risks ... if we are unable to rein in emissions," and that the further construction of water-intensive energy infrastructure was aggravating the problems.

The 10 rivers include the Ganges and

the Brahmaputra running into India and Bangladesh, China's Yangtze and Yellow rivers as well as transboundary waterways like the Mekong and the Salween.

They support almost three quarters of hydropower and 44 percent of coal-fired power in the 16 countries, which also include Afghanistan, Nepal and Southeast Asia.

As much as 865 gigawatts (GW) of power capacity along the 10 rivers is considered vulnerable to climate risk, with most of it reliant on water. More than 300 GW - enough to power Japan - is situated in regions facing "high" or "extremely high" water risks, the researchers added.

China's Yangtze river basin, which supports around a third of the country's population and around 15 percent of its power capacity, experienced a record-long drought last year, with plummeting hydroelectric output disrupting global supply chains.

## Modi strikes migration deal with Australia

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese signed a new agreement on migration yesterday.

Modi is on a visit to Australia, his first trip there since 2014. Albanese traveled to India two months ago, reports Deutsche Welle.

A migration agreement "will further strengthen our living bridge," Modi said, as the agreement promotes two-way mobility of students, academic researchers and business people. Modi warned that "separatist elements" should not be allowed to hurt India-Australia relations, reports AFP. He hit out at recent "attacks" on Hindu temples in Australia.



Indian paramilitary troopers stand guard at Polo View market before the visit of G20 delegates in Srinagar yesterday. A G20 tourism meeting began on May 22 under tight security in Indian-administered Kashmir, as New Delhi seeks to project an image of normality in a region wracked for decades by violence.

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DAY-2 OF TENSE CEASEFIRE

## Sudanese still await relief

UN rights chief asks generals to stop 'senseless violence'

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Fighting had eased but not stopped in Sudan yesterday, the second full day of a US and Saudi-brokered ceasefire that has raised cautious hopes among its beleaguered civilians that aid corridors and escape routes will open soon.

Sporadic artillery fire has still echoed across the capital but the two foreign powers observing the one-week truce said that "fighting in Khartoum appeared to be less intense" since it entered into force late Monday.

Washington and Riyadh voiced "concern" however that the warring sides had sought to gain military advantage in the lead-up to the truce and pointed to reports "indicating that both sides violated the agreement".

Nonetheless, they stressed that

preparations were underway "to deliver lifesaving assistance" to the people of Sudan, who have endured more than five weeks of fighting that has claimed more than 1,000 lives.

The war broke out on April 15, sparking frantic mass evacuations of thousands of foreigners and forcing more than a million Sudanese to flee their homes internally and across borders, reports AFP.

The fighting pits Sudan's de facto leader, the army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, against his former deputy, Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, nicknamed "Hemeti", who commands the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF).

The United Nations human rights chief yesterday described the situation in Sudan as "heartbreaking" and made a direct call to the two warring generals to

stop sexual violence and spare the lives of civilians, reports Reuters.

"Many civilians are virtually besieged in areas where fighting has been relentless," Turk told a Geneva press briefing where he addressed crises from around the world.

The chaos has left millions hunkering down in their homes to hide from the combatants and roaming looters amid intense summer heat, power blackouts and desperate shortages of food, medicines and other staples.

"The whole country has been taken hostage", said the UN's expert on human rights in Sudan, Radhouane Nouicer. "People feel alone and abandoned."

Hopes for quick relief from the fighting and suffering were dimmed by the fact that a series of earlier ceasefires were all quickly broken.

SPECIAL NDTV SURVEY

## Rahul's popularity grows but Modi remains dominant

NDTV ONLINE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains India's most popular leader and the leading choice for the country's top job, reveals "Public Opinion", a special NDTV survey in partnership with Lokniti-Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS).

The survey sought to assess the public mood as PM Modi completes nine years in power this month and preps for a series of elections including the Lok Sabha polls next year. It was conducted across 19 states between May 10 and 19, just after the Karnataka election in which the ruling BJP lost to the Congress.

Despite the loss in Karnataka, the good news for the BJP is that PM Modi's popularity remains strong and the party's vote share remains steady. Around

43 percent of the respondents say the BJP-led NDA (National Democratic Alliance) should win a third straight term, while 38 percent disagree. Nearly 40 percent say they would vote the BJP if elections were held today. The Congress gets 29 percent of the votes.

The BJP's vote share has increased from 2019 (37%) to 2023 (39%). So has the Congress's - 19% in 2019 to 29% in 2023. As many as 43 percent of the respondents have said if elections are held today, Narendra Modi is their top choice for PM. His nearest rival is Rahul Gandhi - 27 percent of those surveyed favoured him as Prime Minister.



BLOCKING TARIFF RISE

## Sri Lanka sacks head of utilities regulator

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's parliament yesterday removed the head of the country's utilities regulator after he blocked a huge electricity tariff increase that was in line with demands from the IMF. The legislature voted 123 to 77 to drop Janaka Ratnayake as the boss of the Public Utilities Commission with immediate effect. Ratnayake had resisted a second tariff increase of up to 275 percent in February on top of a 264 percent hike six months earlier at the height of an economic crisis.

## DeSantis set to enter White House race

AFP, Washington

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis was set to launch his 2024 presidential campaign yesterday, signalling 18 months of acrimony ahead as he and Donald Trump lock horns in what is expected to be an attritional contest for the Republican nomination. DeSantis was considered a rising Republican star, but has been caught flat-footed by months of relentless attacks from the former president. The 44-year-old governor will make his announcement in a livestreamed chat with billionaire Twitter owner Elon Musk on the network's audio platform.

**Relationship Officer (RO) to Senior Relationship Manager (SRM)**  
Grade: Officer to SAVP  
Cash Management, Transaction Banking, Corporate Banking.

**Prime Responsibilities**

- > Contribute to bank's overall deposit growth by building high quality corporate depository clientele relationship.
- > Onboard new corporate customers with potential business opportunities and achieve assigned business targets.
- > Generate new business while cross selling different products of the bank.
- > Plan and ensure mobilization of low cost fund by offering innovative solution.
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- > Follow market changes to identify new opportunities.
- > Drive different sales promotions and campaigns.
- > Efficient management of allocated portfolios, customer feedbacks and complaints.
- > Ensure AML compliance and other regulatory policies and requirements.
- > Maintain SLA time with both internal and external customers.
- > Ad-hoc responsibilities assigned by the Line Manager.
- > Ensure service excellence.

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Grade: SO to VP  
Trade Sales, Transaction Banking, Corporate Banking.

**Prime Responsibilities**

- > Manage and utilization of the limits sanctioned on trade transactions to corporate customers.
- > Identify and utilize new opportunities to grow trade business for existing and new customers as well as generate new business while cross selling different products.
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- > Increase revenue from existing client base.
- > Drive different sales promotions and campaigns.
- > Efficient management of allotted portfolios, customer feedbacks and complaints.
- > Ensure credit risk, AML compliance and other regulatory policies and requirements.
- > Maintain SLA time with both internal and external customers.
- > Ad-hoc responsibilities assigned by the Line Manager.
- > Ensure service excellence.

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