

‘Trump must turn over financial records’

Judge asks President’s accountants to comply with Congressional subpoena; he will appeal decision

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WASHINGTON

A federal judge has ordered U.S. President Donald Trump’s accountants, Mazars USA, to comply with a subpoena from the House of Representatives Oversight Committee and submit financial records related to Mr. Trump to the Committee. The Committee had subpoenaed financial records and communications from the accountants pertaining to Mr. Trump, his businesses and charity, from 2011 to 2018.

“It is simply not fathomable that a Constitution that grants Congress the power to remove a President for reasons including criminal behaviour would deny Congress the power to investigate him for unlawful conduct...,” DC District Court judge Amit Mehta wrote, citing precedents from the 1800s to Watergate (a Richard Nixon scandal) and Whitewater (from the Clinton era).

The Oversight Committee’s subpoena was motivated by the testimony of Michael Cohen, Mr. Trump’s former fixer and personal attorney. Prior to becoming President, Mr. Trump frequently inflated and deflated his financials to suit specific financial goals and plans, Mr. Cohen had testified, providing at least two financials from Mazars to support his testimony, as per court documents.



Set the record straight: President Donald Trump tossing a hat into the crowd at a rally in Montoursville, Pennsylvania. ■ AFP

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Sweeping authority
“Congress plainly views itself as having sweeping authority to investigate illegal conduct of a President, before and after taking office. This court is not prepared to roll

back the tide of history,” Mr. Mehta wrote in his opinion.

The White House has seven days to appeal the verdict. The accounting firm had said it will comply with the law – which means, pending any stay granted through an appeal, Mr. Trump’s financial records will be handed over to the House in a week as Mr. Mehta refused to order a stay.

Mr. Trump and team have resisted Congressional inquiries, which they claim are politically motivated.

Democrats have, through various House committees, been looking into the finances of the President, his campaign, and the activities that may have constituted an obstruction of justice with regard to the Mueller probe into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

Monday’s ruling is likely to bolster the House Financial Services Committee’s case for acquiring Mr. Trump’s records from Deutsche Bank and Capital One via a subpoena. The subpoena is being

fought in a New York court by Mr. Trump, his family and the Trump Organization in federal court in New York. The case will be heard on Wednesday.

‘Crazy decision’
Mr. Trump called Judge Mehta’s decision “crazy”, “wrong” and alluded to Mr. Mehta being an “Obama-appointed judge”. He also said he would appeal the decision.

The White House directed former White House Counsel Don McGahn to not comply with a House Judiciary Committee subpoena on Monday, in another instance of the administration resisting the Democrat-controlled House’s attempts to investigate the President and associates.

Mr. McGahn was due to appear before the House panel on Tuesday. The Chairman of the panel, Jerrold Nadler, warned that Mr. McGahn would be held in contempt of the House if he did not appear before the Committee.

Theresa May offers ‘new deal’ to break Brexit deadlock

A second referendum & closer trade ties with EU on cards

REUTERS
LONDON

Prime Minister Theresa May set out on Tuesday a “new deal” for Britain’s departure from the EU, offering sweeteners to Opposition parties in her fourth attempt to break an impasse in Parliament over Brexit.

Three years since Britain voted to leave the EU and almost two months after the planned departure date, Ms. May is mounting a last bid to try to get the deeply divided Parliament’s backing for a divorce deal, to leave office with some kind of legacy.

The odds do not look good. Despite offering what she described as “significant further changes”, many lawmakers, hardened in their positions, have already decided not to vote next month for the Withdrawal Agreement Bill, legislation which implements the terms of Britain’s departure.



Theresa May

Speaking at the headquarters of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ms. May appealed to lawmakers to get behind her deal, offering the prospect of a possible second referendum on the agreement and closer trading arrangements with the EU as incentives.

“I say with conviction to every MP or every party: I have compromised, now I ask you to compromise,” she said.

“We have been given a clear instruction by the people we are supposed to represent, so help me find a way to honour that instruction, move our country and our politics and build the better future that all of us want to see.”

By offering the possibility of holding a second vote on her deal and a compromise on customs arrangements, Ms. May hopes to win over Opposition Labour lawmakers, whose votes she needs to overcome resistance to the deal in her own Conservative Party.

But she will infuriate lawmakers supporting Brexit. Her movement towards what many describe as the “Remain” lawmakers, who want to stay in the EU, is a shift for a Prime Minister who has long said she is against a second referendum and staying in a customs union with the bloc.

Chinese-built drones may steal data, warns U.S.

Tech sector faces increased scrutiny amid trade war

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BEIJING

Washington has warned that Chinese-made drones could be giving spy agencies in Beijing “unfettered access” to stolen data, according to a report in American media.

The Department of Homeland Security sent out an alert on Monday flagging drones built in China as a “potential risk to an organisation’s information”, CNN reported.

The U.S. government has “strong concerns about any technology product that takes American data into the

territory of an authoritarian State that permits its intelligence services to have unfettered access to that data or otherwise abuses that access,” wrote CNN, quoting the DHS alert.

Huawei’s 90-day reprieve
The warning comes as China’s tech sector attracts unprecedented scrutiny amid China-US trade war.

Washington has cranked up the heat on China’s Huawei by banning American companies from selling or transferring U.S. technology to the telecoms giant,

though the U.S. Commerce Department has granted the firm a 90-day reprieve.

U.S. intelligence believes Huawei is backed by the Chinese military and that its equipment could provide Beijing’s spy agencies with a backdoor into the communications networks of other countries.

U.S. has also pushed its closest allies to reject Huawei technology. The DHS report did not name any specific Chinese manufacturers, but China-based DJI produces about 70% of the world’s commercial drones.

Nepal bans Chinese digital wallets

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KATHMANDU

Nepal on Tuesday banned popular Chinese digital wallets Alipay and WeChat to prevent the loss of foreign currency earnings from tens of thousands of Chinese tourists.

Over 1,50,000 Chinese holidaymakers visited Nepal last year, many using digital wallets to pay in hotels, restaurants and shops in tourist areas – especially in Chinese-run businesses.

Laxmi Prapanna Niroula, a spokesman for the central bank, said that Nepal was losing out since the actual transactions took place in China.

Austria’s Kurz to face no-confidence vote

Governing coalition collapsed over a corruption scandal involving his deputy

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BERLIN

Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz is set to face a no-confidence vote in Parliament next week after his governing coalition collapsed over a corruption scandal.

Speaker Wolfgang Sobotka, a member of Mr. Kurz’s conservative People’s Party, set a special session of the legislature for Monday. Opposition parties wanted it held this week, but Mr. Sobotka said he wants to “give space to the EU election campaign.” The Austria Press Agency reported on Tuesday. Austria elects European Parliament lawmakers on Sunday.

The Opposition Now party has drawn up a no-confidence motion seeking to oust Mr. Kurz before an early national election expected in September.

Mr. Kurz called for that election after far-right Freedom Party leader Heinz-Christian Strache, who was his Vice-Chancellor, resigned on Saturday. Mr. Strache was shown on video appearing to offer favours to a purported Russian investor during a meeting two years ago on the Spanish island of Ibiza.

Mr. Kurz’s party holds only 61 of the 183 seats in parliament. It isn’t yet clear whether the second and



Sebastian Kurz

third-biggest parties, the center-left Social Democrats and the Freedom Party, will vote to remove him, depriving the 32-year-old of the advantage of going into the national election as the incumbent.

That would leave President Alexander Van der Bellen to name an interim Chancellor.

While Mr. Kurz remains in office, Van der Bellen has asked him to propose interim Ministers to replace the Freedom Party politicians who have left the government including the Interior, Defense and Labor Ministers.

The President said Foreign Minister Karin Kneissl, who was nominated by the Freedom Party but isn’t a party member, has agreed to stay on.

Van der Bellen said the interim Ministers will have to be “impeccable experts.”

ELSEWHERE



Macron warns of ‘existential risk’ to EU

PARIS
French President Emmanuel Macron has warned of an “existential risk” to the EU just days ahead of elections to the European Parliament, while playing down the political risks of being personally involved in the high-stakes campaign. ■ AFP

Christchurch attacker charged with terrorism

WELLINGTON
The man accused of shooting dead 51 Muslim worshippers in the Christchurch mosque attacks was charged with terrorism on Tuesday. Brenton Tarrant also faces 51 charges of murder and 40 of attempted murder. ■ AFP

Joko Widodo re-elected as Indonesia’s President

Troops on high alert after protests

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JAKARTA

Heavily armed Indonesian troops were on high alert on Tuesday amid fears of civil unrest in the capital Jakarta, as the surprise early announcement of official election results handed Joko Widodo another term as leader of the world’s third-biggest democracy.

The Election Commission had been due to give the divisive poll’s final tally on Wednesday, but results were announced early on Tuesday instead.

Presidential challenger Prabowo Subianto, a 67-year-old retired Army general, has vowed to take his claims of widespread cheating to court as several thousand supporters rallied in



Joko Widodo

the sprawling capital.

Tensions have also spiked since police said last week that they arrested dozens of Islamic State-linked terror suspects who planned to cause chaos by bombing post-election protests.

On Friday, the U.S. embassy in Jakarta issued a heightened security alert for Indonesia. Other embassies issued similar warnings.

The highs and lows at Cannes

NAMRATA JOSHI
CANNES

It is to do with the rule of averages. That every great day spent on movies at the Cannes Film Festival will necessarily follow with a run-of-the-mill one. Sunday was a cinch of the delight stacked with Terrence Malick’s *A Hidden Life* and Celine Sciamma’s *Portrait of a Lady on Fire*.

Mr. Malick’s majestic ode to resistance posits a bucolic idyll in a larger war-torn Austria where an ordinary farmer displays a rare strength and steadfastness of will to take on the fascist forces. It has the emotional sweep as well as the philosophical heft that Cannes winners should ideally be made of.

Ms. Sciamma’s is poetic story of same sex love set in the 18th century, captured with delicate, graceful gaze

that stays passionate without compromising on the gender and sexual politics of the relationship.

A day later, Monday brought in a dose of disappointment. Dardenne Brothers’ *Young Ahmed* deals with a serious issue – that of the growing religious radicalism in the young, but chooses to skim the surface instead of taking a necessary deep dive into it. We see all the familiar ideas and manifestations of Islamic orthodoxy portrayed with broad brushstrokes but little attempt to go behind the reality of indoctrination.

As a result, it does little more than propagate and reinforce stereotypes at a time when the narrative is begging for all round nuance. A highly dissatisfying departure from a bunch of passionate political contenders for the Palme D’Or

this year – be it Mr. Malick, Ken Loach or Ladji Ly.

Ira Sachs’ *Frankie* is the kind of charmless, light weight film. Despite the presence of a diva like Isabelle Huppert, as an seasoned actor getting her dysfunctional family together on a vacation in Portugal, *Frankie* just refuses to fly.

India’s entries

One may wonder about the entries from India, a leading filmmaking nation. At the India pavilion, filmmaker Shaji N. Karun, tells me that the nuances of Indian filmmaking is getting lost on Cannes selectors and a Western sensibility is taking over. It is “worrying, alarming and annoying” for him as Cannes is where he always found himself returning with a sense of diversity and “cerebral insights”.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER - IIA/OS/ H & S /01/2019
Sealed tenders are invited from the service provider for supply of manpower for Housekeeping & Security Services to the Indian Institute of Astrophysics at Bangalore and its field stations at Hoskote & Gauribidanur in Karnataka and Kavaral & Kodakanal in Tamil Nadu. Last date for receipt of Tender is 10-06-2019 at 15.00 hrs.
The detailed Tender document can be downloaded from the IIA website <http://www.iiap.res.in/tendersdisplay>
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Pre-Bid Minutes of Tender No. 201823387 with regard to Drawings, Commercial and Technical Clarifications are published on IREPS Portal.
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| Sl. No. | Tender No | Description | Existing Due Date | Amended Due Date |
|---------|-----------|--|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 201823387 | Rotary Hearth Normalising Furnace to RWF Specification | 06/05/2019 | 17/06/2019 |

All other terms and conditions remain unaltered.
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Empanelment of Teaming Partners for Providing IT Support Services
NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Noida, invites Expression of Interest (Eoi) for empanelment of Teaming Partners for providing IT Support Services at different client sites in India (region-wise and PAN India), from eligible entities having adequate relevant experience and sound background.
The Eoi document containing the eligibility criteria, the mode of submission of bids etc. can be downloaded from www.cdac.in and www.eprocure.gov.in. Last date and time for online Bid submission is 09.07.2019 at 3.00 p.m.
Bidders are advised to regularly check above portals for any notifications. No separate advertisements will be issued for any corrigendum/amendments to this Eoi. Head MMG, CDAC, Noida

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No: KDL/EQPT/Re-TND/10/2019-20 Date: 20/05/2019
Re-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Ref: 1. Tender Notification No. KDL/EQPT/Re-TND/10/2019-20, IND-598 dated: 20/05/2019. 2. Tender Notification No. KDL/EQPT/Re-TND/09/2019-20, IND-599 dated: 20/05/2019.
Nation wide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under KTFPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:
1. Re-Tender for Supply & Installation of Blood Safety Equipments, KDL/EQPT/Re-TND/10/2019-20, IND-598 under KSAPS. 2. Re-Tender for Supply of (-80) Blast Freezers to Freeze plasma for the use of burn patients, KDL/EQPT/Re-TND/09/2019-20, IND-599 under NHM budget.
The tenderers who have registered under e-Procurement department may participate through e-tendering system.
Details regarding specification, EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information is available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> from 20/05/2019. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office. Sd/-
Additional Director, KSDLWS.
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BRIEF e-TENDER NOTICE Date: 26.04.2019
File No.: SHAR/CMD/E/K 1987211/2019-20, SHAR/CMD/E/L 1987212/2019-20
On behalf of President of India, on-line Item rate tenders (e-Tenders) are invited from contractors of appropriate class for the following works by Group Director, CMG, SDSC-SHAR, Srihrikota -524124.

| E-Notice Inviting Tender No. | SHAR/CMD/E/K 1987201/2019-20 | SHAR/CMD/E/L 1987212/2019-20 |
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| Title of Work | Augmentation of power Supply for FLP complex at SDSC SHAR, (Package-A) (Electrical Work) | Electrical works for construction of Substation for Visitors complex at SDSC SHAR, (Package-B) (Electrical Work) |
| Estimated cost put to tender | ₹ 232.76 Lakhs | ₹ 188.56 Lakhs |
| Period of Completion | 06 Month(s) | 03 Month(s) |
| Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | ₹ 4,65,520/- | ₹ 3,77,120/- |
| Period during which the tender document can be downloaded : From 10:30 Hrs 21.05.2019 To 14:30 Hrs 31.05.2019 Last date and time for uploading of tenders: 14:30 Hrs on 05.06.2019 Due date and time of opening of tenders: 15:00 Hrs on 05.06.2019 | | |
| Interested tenderers may please log on to www.tendervizard.com /ISRO for eligibility, Terms & Conditions and participating in tenders. For further details please contact this office of Group Director, CMG, SDSC SHAR, Srihrikota over Phone No.: 08623-226341, 226370 (or) visit our website www.isro.gov.in Sd/- Group Director,CMG, SDSC-SHAR | | |

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No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN04/C-03/2019-20/140 Dated: 21.05.2019
Corrigendum-3
Ref: 1. SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION /TN-04/2018-19/1085 Dated: 02.03.2019
2. Corrigendum-1 of EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN-04/C-01/2018-19/1111 Dated: 07.03.2019
3. Corrigendum-2 of EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN-04/C-02/2018-19/33 Dated: 23.04.2019
The “Percentage” tender is invited through e-portal on behalf of Managing Director, VJNL, Bengaluru by the undersigned vide tender notification ref (1). The following corrections are made to short term tender notification TN 04/2018-19/1085 dated: 02.03.2019. Statement showing the details of corrections made in tender notification.

| SL. No. | Calendar of Events | DATES AS PER CORRIGENDUM-2 | MODIFIED DATES |
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| a. | The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document, i.e. the Tender Schedules, bid documents and other documents in the web site http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non-refundable) from | 06.05.2019 to 21.05.2019 | 22.05.2019 to 06.06.2019 |
| b. | Last date of submission of Bid. | 21.05.2019 at 16.00 Hrs | 06.06.2019 at 16.00 Hrs |
| c. | Pre bid meeting at the Chief Engineer office, VJNL, Yettinahole project Zone Tumakuru. | 13.05.2019 from 11.00 to 12.00 Hrs | 29.05.2019 from 11.00 to 12.00 Hrs |
| c. | Opening of technical bid at the Superintending Engineer office, VJNL, Yettinahole project circle No-01 Tumakuru. | 23.05.2019 at 16.30 Hrs | 10.06.2019 at 11.00 Hrs |
| d. | Date of Opening of financial bid. | 27.05.2019 at 11.00 Hrs | 12.06.2019 at 16.30 Hrs |

Note: Except the above, all other conditions remain unaltered.
Sd/-Executive Engineer VJNL, Y P Division, No.3 Arasikere