

## GLOBAL VOICE

# Blatant attack on freedom of press France stops Russian scribes from covering Macron presser Discriminatory & openly anti-Russia

**-: R Muthu Kumar:-**

*Do not shoot the messenger,* this is a quote to warn someone not to be mad at the person who tells them the bad news!

A few years ago, I read this short story which is about a man caught in a lift. Different people came up to the shut doors and offered different pieces of advice to the poor man inside. He was told not to panic, some made him sing religious songs, some told him to breathe slowly et al. Suddenly everybody was quiet and the man inside, realised somebody important had come. "Sir, I am stuck inside!" he shouted, "Help me!"

A Minister had arrived. He looked around, saw he had an audience and declared, "From today all lifts are banned!"

I was reminded of this story again when I saw this blurring head line in rt.com recently, 'Russia summons French Envoy over Macron's G20 snub' The story is about Moscow has strongly protested what it called a "Russophobic" stunt at Emmanuel Macron's press conference.

The Russian Foreign Ministry

had summoned the French Ambassador to Russia, stationed in Moscow, Pierre Levy, over the treatment of Russian journalists at President Emmanuel Macron's press conference at the G20 summit more than a week ago.

RIA Novosti correspondents and the editor-in-chief from Russia-News media outlet were denied access to the event in a "brutal manner", the ministry said in a statement, calling the actions of the French authorities "discriminatory and openly Russophobic".

The incident took place during the G20 summit on September 9 and 10 in New Delhi, India. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called the actions of the French authorities a "wild manifestation of Nazism".

And this of course is a blatant attack by France leader on press freedom. The fact that the French authorities refused to apologize for the incident and sought to seize the Russian journalists' phones shows France's "determination to enforce a segregation regime against the Russian media."



The EU banned all Russian 'state media' - from RT and Sputnik to public broadcaster VGTRK - and persuaded YouTube to enforce the ban globally when the conflict between Russia and Ukraine began. Macron had a thorny relationship with Russian media long before the conflict broke out. His campaign refused to accredit reporters from RT and Sputnik back in 2017. Since then, RT crews have received

France has a long history of governmental censorship, particularly in the early 19th centuries. There was strong governmental control over radio and television during the 1950s-1970s but today freedom of press is guaranteed by the French Constitution and instances of governmental censorship are limited.

France is a very open and transparent nation but some how they are in media glare for stifling media houses quite often.

Political control over media outlets are not allowed at all still how can the elected president stop media from functioning in a alien place like in India during the G20 summit, incidentally India is a democratic nation with press freedom always allowed.

Worldwide, journalists face harassment, imprisonment, violence, or death—simply for doing their jobs and Russian correspondents have this blatant bias poured on them by France, US EU and all NATO member countries.

Moscow has rightly demanded that Paris stop exerting pressure

on undesirable media organizations.

In March 2022, amid Ukraine conflict and NATO countries sanction on Russia another action taken was blocking all the news and blogs that are pro Russia or from Russia.

Independent news and opposing political views, which are essential to a thriving civil society and world was blaming Russia for iron curtains, ut now not allowing even Russian media to function safe, that too in a distant land far from France and Russia and Ukraine too, that is condemnable.

It is time for the US and European nations to stop stifling the press and allow it to function independently.

The globalisation and tech advancements has enhanced the capacity of journalism and the media to play vital role in bringing peace and harmony in the modern world.

In near future if peace pipe has to be lit with the warring faction sitting against each other, what all is said or left unsaid in media reports will what dictate the terms for peace to prevail.

## India's defence prowess showcased in London expo

The Ministry of Defence, Government of India, showcased the technological prowess and advanced capabilities of five of its several Public Sector Undertakings at the India Pavilion of Defence and Security Equipment International (DSEI) Exhibition in London. The exhibition was held from September 12 to September 15, according to a media statement.

The Defence Public Sector Undertakings participating at the event were Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd, Munitions India Ltd (MIL), Advanced Weapons & Equipment India Ltd (AW&EIL), Yantra India Ltd (YIL) and Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL).

The India Pavilion was inaugurated by Shri Vikram Doraiswami, India's High Commissioner to the UK on September 12. The DSEI Exhibition is an important global event that connects armed forces across the world with equipment manufacturers.



It is a great opportunity for companies to attract customers beyond its country's shores, while building partnerships with others.

Acknowledging close ties between UK and India, James Cartledge, the UK's Minister of State for Defence Procurement and D Johnson, the UK's Minister of State for Investment, visited the India Pavilion at DSEI London. Cdr Shantanu Bose, IN(Retd.), Director(Shipbuilding), GRSE, along with other senior officials interacted with the visiting dignitaries and Senior Management of global OEMs.

It was during the

exhibition that two Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed by GRSE. One of these was with Lloyd's Register for development of a hydrogen fuel cell ferry. GRSE is already working on a zero-emission passenger ferry that will be a prototype of more such green vessels to ply the River Hooghly. Lloyd's Register is a 260-year-old company that works towards finding sustainable solutions to maritime transportation.

The second MoU is for a potential collaboration in the production, sale and service of marine engines for the Indian

Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

GRSE is one of India's premier defence shipyards based in Kolkata that has set a record in the country by building and delivering 108 warships.

Two of these warships were exported while the remaining were delivered to the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. Presently, GRSE is in the process of building 19 warships for the Indian Navy, including three Advanced Guided Missile Frigates. GRSE is also a pioneer in the development of modular steel bridges and has verticals which builds deck machinery and marine diesel engines.

The 'India Pavilion' at DSEI also had several private players collocated and the participants highlight India's efforts towards Atmanirbharta or self-reliance in the field of defence production. All the companies involved are keen on exports to friendly foreign nations as India marches towards its goal of 'Make for the World'

## India stops issuing visas to Canadian citizens

In the backdrop of fast deteriorating diplomatic ties with Canada, India on Thursday suspended issuing visa to Canadian nationals.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said all categories of visas, including e-visas, have been suspended.

"You are aware of the security threats being faced by our High Commission and Consulates in Canada. This has disrupted their normal functioning. Accordingly, our High Commission and Consulates are temporarily unable to process visa applications," MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said here.

The decision came amidst an intensifying diplomatic tension between the two countries, sparked off by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statement that

his country's security agencies have been actively pursuing "allegations" of a potential link between Indian government agents and the murder of Khalistan Tiger Force chief Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia in June.

While New Delhi outrightly rejected Trudeau's allegation, calling it "absurd" and "motivated", the relations between the two countries have been hurtling south, with each expelling a senior diplomat in tit-for-tat action.

India has also issued a travel advisory for Indian nationals, particularly students, in Canada and also those contemplating travel to the North American country, asking them to exercise utmost caution.

The first indication of India's suspension of visa services came

on Thursday morning when BLS International, that runs the visa application centres in Canada, posted a message on its Canadian website quoting the Indian mission.

"Important notice from the Indian Mission: Due to operational reasons, with effect from 21st September 2023 [Thursday], Indian visa services have been suspended till further notice." Later, Bagchi blamed the Canadian government's "incitement of violence and inaction" for India resorting to the firm action.

"The issue is not about travel to India but the issue is incitement of violence and inaction by the Canadian government".

However, he clarified that those who already have valid visas and OCI cards can travel freely. (More news on Page 4)

## Lebanon Army stops illegal Syrian migrants

The Lebanese Army Command said in a statement on Thursday that the Army has stopped 1,000 Syrians from illegally entering Lebanon since the beginning of this week.

"Within the framework of combating people smuggling across land borders, army units thwarted, on various dates during the current week, attempts to infiltrate about 1,000 Syrians into Lebanon," said the statement.

The army added that it has prevented thousands of Syrians from informally entering Lebanese territories over the past weeks.

Lebanese authorities have been calling for support from the international community to return Syrian refugees to their homeland while the security forces have been trying to crack down on human



smuggling in areas close to the border with Syria.

With an estimated 1.5 million Syrian refugees residing within its borders, Lebanon bears the weight of hosting the largest number of refugees per capita.

The presence of Syrian refugees has put a strain on Lebanon's already ailing economy and created widespread discontent among its citizens.

**Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited**  
Online E - Auction Sale Of Asset  
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED  
Regd. office: 27 BKC, C-27, G-Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code-400 051, B.O.: No. 185, 2nd Floor, Anna Salai, Mount Road, Chennai 600 006

**Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Properties**  
E-auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 under rule 8(5) read with proviso to rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the authorised officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. KMBL on 05.03.2022, pursuant to the assignment of debt in its favour by Citifinancial Consumer Finance India Limited (CCFIL), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 18-10-2023 between 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes, for recovery of Rs. 1,00,07,184/- (Rupees One Crore Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Four Only) as of 18-9-2023 along with future interest, applicable from 19-9-2023 until payment in full with cost and charges under the Loan Account No. 15911205, due to KMBL, secured creditor from Mr. D. Suniya Narayanan & Mrs. Mrs. Prema. The Reserve Price will be Rs. 14,00,000/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Only) and The Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs. 1,40,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Thousand Only) and last date of submission of Emd with Kyc is 17-10-2023 up to 6:00 p.m. (IST).

**Property Description:** All that piece and parcel of flat no. s-1, area inclusive of common area in second floor, measuring 1001 sq. ft. in 430 sq. ft. on undivided share of land and car parking area 32 sq. ft. in total 462 sq. ft. on vacant land being house site bearing Plot No. 24 at s.m.s. Nagar, at No.4, Urapakkam Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District, comprised in survey nos. 114/3 part, measuring an extent of 2310 sq. ft., bounded on the North by Plot No. S.4, South by Plot No. 23, West by -30 Feet wide road and East by -Private Land, measuring about East to West on the Northern side : 70 Feet, East to West on the Southern Side : 70 Feet, North to South on the Eastern side - 33 Feet, North to South on the Western Side 33 Feet.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub section 8 of section 13, of the sarfaesi act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset. Public in general and borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through Private Treaty, at the discretion of the secured creditor. In case of any clarification requirement regarding assets under sale, bidder may contact to Mr. Vishal Adisheshan (+91 9941016600), Mr. Syam Namburi (+91 9677284418), Mr. Velmurugan Kathirvel (+91 984718338), Mr. Gurlpal Singh (+91 8976898212) & Mr. Rajender Dahiya (+91 8448264515). For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link <https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html> provided in kotak mahindra bank website i.e. [www.kotak.com](https://www.kotak.com) and/or on <http://bank.auctions.in/>

Place: Chennai, Date: 22.09.2023 Authorized Officer: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

FORM NO. 14  
[See Regulation 33(2)]  
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.  
**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI (DRT 2)**  
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001  
**DEMAND NOTICE**  
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT 1961.  
RC/493/2022 26.07.2023  
**EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED**  
Versus  
**DR AM ARUN AND ANR**

To  
(CD 1) DRAMARUNANDANR 199 St Mary's Road Alwarpet Chennai, -110001  
(CD 2) DR.A.M. ARUN THROUGH LEGAL HEIRS  
(A) MRS MEERA ARUN WIFE OF DR A.M. ARUN 199, St. Mary's Road, Alwarpet, Chennai- 600018 (B)MR BALA YUDISH MURUGAIAH (SON OF DR A.M. ARUN) 199, St. Mary's Road, Alwarpet, Chennai-600018 (C)MRS. THARANANA ARUN (DAUGHTER OF DR A.M. ARUN) 199, St. Mary's Road, Alwarpet, Chennai-600018  
(CD 3) SMT MEERA ARUN (GUARANTOR / PLEDGER) R/O 199 ST MARY'S ROAD ALWARPET CHENNAI 600018

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI(DRT 2) in CA/187/2019 an amount of Rs.106428152 ( Rupees One Six Crore Forty One Laks Twenty Eight Thousands One Hundred Fifty Two Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 11 % Simple Interest Yearly w.e.f. 29/12/2018 till realization and costs of Rs 150000 ( Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousands Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 06/10/2023 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:  
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.  
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 26/07/2023

Sd/-  
Recovery Officer,  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Delhi (DRT2)

COPY TO :- DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI(DRT 2)  
You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.  
The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars wherefrom the recovery of the debt is to be made.