

# Judge rejects Trump's latest demand in hush money case

AP n NEW YORK

Donald Trump has lost his latest bid for a new judge in his New York hush money criminal case as it heads toward a key ruling and potential sentencing next month.

In a decision posted Wednesday, Judge Juan M. Merchan declined to step aside and said Trump's demand was a rehash "rife with inaccuracies and unsubstantiated claims" about the political ties of Merchan's daughter and his ability to judge the historic case fairly and impartially.

It is the third that the judge has rejected such a request from lawyers for the former president and current Republican nominee. All three times, they argued that Merchan, a state court judge in Manhattan, has a conflict of interest because of his daughter's work as a political consultant for prominent Democrats and campaigns. Among them was Vice President Kamala Harris when she sought the 2020 nomination for president. She is now her party's 2024 White House nominee.

A state court ethics panel said

last year that Merchan could continue on the case, writing that a relative's independent political activities are not "a reasonable basis to question the judge's impartiality".

Merchan has repeatedly said he is certain he will continue to base his rulings "on the evidence and the law, without fear or favour, casting aside undue influence".

"With these fundamental principles in mind, this Court now reiterates for the third time, that which should already be clear — innuendo and mischaracterisations do not a conflict create," Merchan wrote in his three-page ruling. "Recusal is therefore not necessary, much less required."

But with Harris now Trump's Democratic opponent in this year's White House election, Trump lawyer Todd Blanche wrote in a letter to the judge last month that the defence's concerns have become "even more concrete".

Prosecutors called the claims "a vexatious and frivolous attempt to relitigate" the issue. Messages seeking comment on the ruling were left with Blanche.

The Manhattan district attorney's office, which prosecuted the case, declined to comment.

Trump was convicted in May of falsifying his business records to conceal a 2016 deal to pay off porn actor Stormy Daniels to stay quiet about her alleged 2006 sexual encounter with him. Prosecutors cast the payout as part of a Trump-driven effort to keep voters from hearing salacious stories about him during his first campaign.

Trump says all the stories were false, the business records were not and the case was a political maneuver meant to damage his current campaign. The prosecutor who brought the charges, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, is a Democrat.

Trump has pledged to appeal. Legally, that cannot happen before a defendant is sentenced. In the meantime, his lawyers took other steps to try to derail the case. Besides the recusal request, they have asked Merchan to overturn the verdict and dismiss the case altogether because of the US Supreme Court's July ruling on presidential immunity.

That decision reins in prosecutions of ex-presidents for official acts and restricts prosecutors in pointing to official acts as evidence that a president's unofficial actions were illegal. Trump's lawyers argue that in light of the ruling, jurors in the hush money case should not have heard such evidence as former White House staffers describing how the then-president reacted to news coverage of the Daniels deal.

Earlier this month, Merchan set a Sept 16 date to rule on the immunity claim, and Sept 18 for "the imposition of sentence or other proceedings as appropriate".

The hush money case is one of four criminal prosecutions brought against Trump last year. One federal case, accusing Trump of illegally hoarding classified documents at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, was dismissed last month. The Justice Department is appealing. The others — federal and Georgia state cases concerning Trump's efforts to overturn his 2020 election loss — are not positioned to go to trial before the November election.

# 'Americans give Harris an advantage over Trump on honesty, discipline'

AP n WASHINGTON

Vice President Kamala Harris has a perceived advantage over former President Donald Trump on several leadership qualities such as honesty, a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds, although Americans are slightly more likely to trust Trump on the economy and immigration.

Nearly half of Americans say that "committed to democracy" and "disciplined" are attributes that better describe Harris. About 3 in 10 say these qualities better describe Trump.

About 4 in 10 say Harris is someone who "cares about people like you" while about 3 in 10 say that about Trump. About 4 in 10 say "honest" better describes Harris and 24% say that quality better describes Trump.

Both parties are racing to define Harris as she prepares to accept the Democratic nomination at the party's convention next week. The poll suggests she carries some of the same baggage that weighed down President Joe Biden before he ended his reelection bid but has advantages over Trump when they're compared to each other. And Democrats continue to be much happier about her candidacy than they were about Bidens.

Trump has spent the campaign championing himself as a strong leader who is capable of handling tough crises facing the country and suggesting that foreign leaders wouldn't respect Harris in the White House. But he doesn't have an advantage with Americans on that characteristic, according to the survey. Four in 10 US adults see Trump as a strong leader, and roughly the same share say that about Harris. About 4 in 10 say Trump is capable of handling a crisis, and a similar share say Harris is better positioned to do so.

Americans are about evenly divided between who they think is more capable of winning in November — Trump or Harris. In July, before Biden dropped out of the race, only about 2 in 10 Americans thought he was more capable of winning, while about twice as many thought that about Trump.

"Trump had a better chance when Joe Biden was running," said Lisa Miller, a 42-year-old student in Elko, Nevada, and a Republican. "I think a lot of people who were insecure about Joe Biden are more secure with Kamala Harris' age and cognitive abilities."

**Trump has advantages on the economy and immigration:**

Americans are more likely to trust Trump over Harris when it comes to handling the economy or immigration, but the difference is slight — 45% say Trump is better positioned to handle the economy, while 38% say that about Harris. The difference is similar in handling immigration. Independents are about twice as likely to trust Trump over Harris on economic issues, and they give him the advantage on immigration as well.

Howard Barnes, a 36-year-old artist in San Francisco, is a Republican who says he trusts Trump over Harris on the border.

"She doesn't really seem to be proactive about it or even interested in it," Barnes said.

Harris has more of an advantage over Trump when it comes to handling issues related to race and racial inequality, abortion policy, and health care. Roughly half of US adults say Harris would do a better job than Trump handling each of those issues, compared with about 3 in 10 for Trump. Harris is especially strong among Democrats, independents and women on the issue of abortion policy. Democrats and independents give her the edge on health care, as well as on issues of race and racial inequality. About two-thirds of Black adults say Harris is the candidate they trust more on that issue, as well as about half of Hispanic adults and white adults.

Harris' strengths also accentuate two areas where Republicans give Trump relatively low marks: abortion policy and issues related to race and racial inequality. Only about 6 in 10 Republicans trust Trump over Harris on these issues.

There are possible signs of trouble for Harris in the poll, though. Only about 6 in 10 Democrats trust her over Trump to do a better job handling the war in Gaza, her lowest rating within her party on the issues asked about. About one-quarter of Democrats say they trust neither Trump nor Harris on this topic.

# NZ food bank distributes candy made from potentially lethal Methamphetamine

AP n WELLINGTON

A charity working with homeless people in Auckland, New Zealand unknowingly distributed candies filled with a potentially lethal dose of methamphetamine in its food parcels after the sweets were donated by a member of the public.

Auckland City Mission told reporters on Wednesday that staff had started to contact up to 400 people to track down parcels that could contain the sweets —

which were solid blocks of methamphetamine enclosed in candy wrappers. New Zealand's police have opened a criminal investigation.

The amount of methamphetamine in each candy was up to 300 times the level someone would usually take and could be lethal, according to the New Zealand Drug Foundation — a drug checking and policy organisation, which first tested the candies.

Ben Birks Ang, a Foundation spokesperson, said disguising

drugs as innocuous goods was a common cross-border smuggling technique and more of the candies might have been distributed throughout New Zealand.

The sweets had a high street value of NZ\$ 1,000 (\$608) per candy, which suggested the donation by an unknown member of the public was accidental rather than a deliberate attack, Birks Ang said.

The City Missioner, Helen Robinson, said eight families, including at least one child, had

reported consuming the contaminated candies since Tuesday. No one was hospitalized and Robinson said the "revolting" taste meant most had immediately spat them out.

The charity's food bank only accepts donations of commercially produced food in sealed packaging, Robinson said. The pineapple candies, stamped with the label of Malaysian brand Rinda, "appeared as such when they were donated", arriving in a retail-sized bag, she added.

# Calmer winds, reinforcements help battle scattered fires in Athens suburbs

AP n ATHENS

Firefighters in Greece battled scattered fires in hopes of containing the remains of a major wildfire that burned into the northern suburbs of Athens, triggering multiple evacuations and leaving at least one person dead.

With strong winds that had fanned the flames on Sunday and Monday dying down overnight, the fire department on Tuesday said the fire no longer had any active, advancing fronts and firefighters focused on extinguishing hundreds of slow-burning areas. Reinforcements of water-dropping aircraft and firefighters were arriving from abroad after Greece requested assistance from Europe's joint disaster response mechanism. Dozens of homes and businesses were reported to have burned, although authorities did not yet have an exact number. Winds strengthened again Tuesday afternoon, but no new major flare-ups were reported. The European Union's Copernicus Emergency Management Service, which

provides mapping services for natural disasters using satellite images, said that by Monday the blaze had burned 8,500 hectares (21,000 acres, 85 square kilometres).

Helicopters, planes and hundreds of firefighters and vehicles were arriving from France, Italy, the Czech Republic, Turkey, Serbia and Romania. Turkey's Agriculture and Forestry Minister Ibrahim Yumakli said two firefighting planes and one helicopter had taken off Tuesday morning headed to Greece. "I wish all the best to our colleagues who work with the motto Forests are the world's common heritage," Yumakli posted on the social media platform X.

Relations between neighbours Greece and Turkey are frequently tense over territorial disputes, but they tend to put differences aside and send each other help when faced with natural disasters such as earthquakes and forest fires. Several other Balkan countries also struggled with wildfires. Water-dropping planes and helicopters from Cyprus, Germany and Slovenia were

helping North Macedonia tackle blazes that have been burning for weeks, while Bosnian firefighters and local authorities appealed for international help to tackle fires raging in a national park in the east of the country. The Athens blaze began Sunday afternoon near Lake Marathon, about 35 kilometres (22 miles) northeast of the city, and coursed across Mount Pendeli, descending into the city's suburbs.

Firefighters found the burned body of a woman in an industrial building in the suburb of Vrilissia just after midnight. The woman, an employee of the business, was believed to have become trapped inside the building.

More than a dozen people were treated by paramedics, mostly for smoke inhalation, while five firefighters suffered light burns and breathing problems, the fire department said. Three hospitals, including a children's hospital, two monasteries and a children's home were evacuated on Monday, while about 30 push alerts were sent to cell phones warning people in several Athens

suburbs and outlying settlements to flee.

Authorities said some people who refused to leave their homes later became trapped and required rescuing, endangering the lives of firefighters. The affected areas — at the closest, some 15 kilometres (nine miles) from the heart of Athens — typically have thousands of residents. However, it was unclear how many were away on vacation at the height of the summer season, and how many had obeyed the evacuation orders or stayed to fight the blaze. Ten water-dropping planes and 10 helicopters were fighting the remaining flames Tuesday, backing up hundreds of firefighters on the ground, the fire department said.

Earlier in the week, the fire reached heights of about 25 metres (80 feet). It raced through pine forests left tinder-dry by repeated heat waves this summer. June and July were the hottest months ever recorded in Greece, which also recorded its warmest winter ever. An early start of the fire season this year has strained Greece's firefighting force.

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<b>Equinox India Developments Limited</b> (formerly Indiabulls Real Estate Limited)					
Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024					
Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding	Corresponding	Rs. in million
		30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Refer Note 2)	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations	4,033.9	395.4	2,091.0	4,687.5
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(224.0)	(3,010.4)	(479.7)	(3,937.2)
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(224.0)	(3,010.4)	(6,770.4)	(10,227.9)
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax and Minority Interest (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(284.7)	(3,020.2)	(6,795.5)	(10,386.5)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the year/period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(91.4)	(3,036.4)	(6,377.2)	(9,072.0)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,268.7	1,082.2	1,082.2	1,082.2
7	Earnings per Share (of Rs. 2/- each)				
	- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.49)	(5.58)	(12.55)	(19.20)
	- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.49)	(5.58)	(12.55)	(19.20)

**Notes to the consolidated financial results:**

- The above consolidated financial results of the Group for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors (the Board) at its meeting held on 14 August 2024. These results have been subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors.
- Figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2024 represent the balancing figures between the audited figures for the full financial year and published reviewed year to date figures upto third quarter of the financial year.

<b>Equinox India Developments Limited</b> (formerly Indiabulls Real Estate Limited)					
Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024					
Sl. No.	Particulars	3 months ended	Preceding	Corresponding	Rs. in million
		30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Refer Note 2)	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	31 March 2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	86.7	523.6	98.0	802.1
2	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(120.4)	96.2	22.4	31.1
3	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(120.4)	(35,733.2)	22.4	(35,798.3)
4	Net (Loss) / Profit for the year/period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(121.0)	(35,736.3)	22.2	(35,802.3)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the year/period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	70.0	(35,741.8)	438.4	(34,482.5)
6	Earnings per Share (of Rs. 2/- each)				
	- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(0.21)	(66.05)	0.04	(66.17)
	- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(0.21)	(66.05)	0.04	(66.17)
7	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 2 per equity share)	1,268.7	1,082.2	1,082.2	1,082.2
8	Other equity				31,839.9

**Notes to the standalone financial results:**

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- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Company's website (<https://equinoxindia.com>) and on the website of BSE (<https://www.bseindia.com>) and NSE (<https://www.nseindia.com>).

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**For and on behalf of the Board of Directors**

Sachin Shah  
Executive Director

Place : Mumbai  
Date : 14 August 2024

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2024									
(₹ Lacs)									
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated			
		Quarter Ended		Year ended		Quarter Ended		Year ended	
		30.06.2024 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Refer Note 1	30.06.2023 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Audited	30.06.2024 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Refer Note 1	30.06.2023 Unaudited	31.03.2024 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	83.77	75.63	85.73	320.81	67,000.17	90,904.54	67,437.35	333,624.71
2	Net Profit/(Loss) before tax and share of profit/(loss) of joint venture and exceptional items	6.62	3.78	10.13	22.99	4,242.30	2,809.33	785.56	13,045.51
3	Net Profit/(Loss) before tax and after share of profit/(loss) of joint venture and exceptional items	6.62	3.78	10.13	22.99	4,245.45	4,708.65	790.32	14,955.18
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional items)	4.96	2.82	7.57	17.19	2,311.93	4,095.21	(574.62)	9,082.33
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period/year (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	5.20	3.77	7.57	18.14	2,401.32	4,613.34	(575.35)	9,641.19
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07	514.07
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as at Balance Sheet date				31,528.69				(56,063.28)
8	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 2/- each)(Not annualised)								
	(1) Basic (₹)	0.02*	0.01*	0.03*	0.07	3.75*	12.67*	(5.81)*	13.78
	(2) Diluted (₹)	0.02*	0.01*	0.03*	0.07	3.75*	12.67*	(5.81)*	13.78

**Note:**

- The figures for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 are the balancing figures between the audited figures for the financial year ended March 31, 2024 and the published unaudited figures for the nine months ended December 31, 2023.
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**On behalf of Board of Director of JITF Infra Logistics Limited**

Sd/-  
Amarendra Kumar Sinha  
Whole Time Director  
DIN: 08190565

Place : Raipur  
Date : August 14, 2024