

# Italian warship downs drone in Red Sea

AFP, ROME: An Italian navy destroyer shot down a drone that was approaching it in the Red Sea, where Yemen's Iran-backed Huthi rebels are attacking shipping, the defence ministry said.

"In accordance with the principle of legitimate defence, the ship Duilio shot down a drone in the Red Sea" on Saturday, the ministry said in a statement.

"The drone, bearing similar features to those already used in previous attacks, was located six kilometres (about four miles) from the Italian ship and was flying towards it," it added.

The Huthis say they are attacking Israeli-linked shipping in solidarity with war-torn Gaza, where Israel is battling Palestinian Ha-



Italian Navy air warfare destroyer Caio Duilio

mas militants in a war that has roiled the region since erupting on October 7.

The unrest has forced several companies to re-route shipments in the commercially vital waterway, driving up delivery times and costs.

Key Israel ally the United States has led reprisal strikes

on Huthi targets in Yemen in a bid to quash the attacks, creating an international force to protect shipping.

Italy has pledged to take command of a separate EU naval force in the Red Sea, but parliament must first approve the move and the formal procedures have advanced slowly.

## Malaysia may renew search for MH370 plane, 10 years after it vanished

PTI, KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's government said on Sunday it may renew the hunt for missing Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 after a US technology firm proposed a fresh search in the southern Indian Ocean where the plane is believed to have crashed a decade ago.

Transport Minister Anthony Loke said Texas-based Ocean Infinity has proposed another no find, no fee basis to scour the seabeds, expanding from the site where it first searched in 2018. He said he has invited the company to meet him to evaluate new scientific evidence it has to find the plane's final resting place.

If the evidence is credible, he said, he will seek Cabinet's approval to sign a new contract with Ocean Infinity to resume the search.



A woman writes well messages on the message board during the tenth annual remembrance event at a shopping mall, in Subang Jaya, on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The government is steadfast in our resolve to locate MH370, Loke told a remembrance event to mark the 10th anniversary of the disappearance of the jet. We really hope the search can find the plane and provide truth to the next-of-kin.

The Boeing 777 plane

carrying 239 people, mostly Chinese nationals, from the Malaysian capital, Kuala Lumpur, to Beijing, vanished from radar shortly after taking off on March 8, 2014. Satellite data showed the plane deviated from its flight path and was believed to have crashed in the southern Indian Ocean.

## Lanka's tourism sector sees 122 per cent growth in Jan 2024, says minister

PTI, COLOMBO: A Sri Lankan minister on Sunday said the country's external sector performance has seen a marked improvement year on year with tourism fetching USD 342 million in January 2024, an impressive 122 per cent jump from last year.

Speaking in Ruwanwel-

la, his home constituency, Minister of State for Finance Ranjith Siyambalapitiya was delving into the Central Bank of Sri Lanka's external sector indicators issued mid-week.

Siyambalapitiya said the bank figures show that receipts from tourism had fetched USD 342 million,

which is a 122 per cent growth in January 2024 year on year. The inward remittances from Sri Lankan expats in January 2024 had grown by five per cent to USD 488 million up from USD 467 million in January 2023.

The Sri Lankan rupee, which had seen a massive slump during the unprecedented economic crisis, had appreciated by 14.6 per cent in January of this year.

The foreign reserves

had increased to USD 4.5 billion in January up 114 per cent from USD 2.1 billion in January 2023.

The economy recorded positive growth in the third quarter of 2023 after six successive quarters of negative growth, Siyambalapitiya said. Sri Lanka in the second quarter of 2022 had declared bankruptcy announcing the island's first ever sovereign default.

Negotiations with the IMF for a bailout began almost immediately and the first tranche of the USD 2.9 billion facility was released in March 2023.

## Death toll rises from Russian drone strike on Ukrainian

PTI, KYIV: The death toll rose to 10 on Sunday from a Russian drone strike that destroyed an apartment block in Ukraine's southern port city of Odesa the previous day when a local official reported that the body of a third child was pulled from the rubble, along with that of the child's mother.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called on Western allies to boost Ukraine's air defenses in the wake of the deadly attack.

Ukraine's interior ministry on Sunday reported that rescue workers that morning retrieved the remains of a woman and infant.

The mother tried to cover the 8-month-old child with her own (body). She tried to save them. They were found in a firm embrace, said a Telegram post published on the ministry's official channel.

## Hunt for Baader-Meinhof fugitives intensifies in Berlin



Police search an area in Berlin, where police arrested two men in Berlin during a manhunt for two members of the far-left militant Baader-Meinhof gang, who had been on the run for more than 30 years

AFP, BERLIN: German police briefly detained several people on Sunday in Berlin during a manhunt for two members of the far-left militant Baader-Meinhof gang, who have been on the run for more than 30 years.

Police have been seeking Ernst-Volker Staub, 69, and Burkhard Garweg, 55, from the radical anti-capitalist group also known as the Red Army Faction (RAF).

The search for the two men had intensified in the last days, after Monday's arrest of Daniela Klette, 65, the third member of the long-sought-after trio from RAF that carried out several bombings, kidnappings and killings that traumatised Germany in the 1970s and 1980s.

Police initially announced the arrests of two men on Sunday but

later said that further arrests had been made.

However, subsequent identity checks have confirmed that "they are not the people sought," a police spokesman said, adding that those arrested have been released.

Since the RAF disbanded in 1998, Klette and the two fugitives were believed to have been financing their lives on the run through robberies of money transporters and supermarket cash heists.

Klette, the only woman tagged as "dangerous" on Europol's most-wanted list, was arrested on Monday in Berlin on suspicion of attempted murder and various serious robberies between 1999 and 2016.

Following the breakthrough, police said they believed the two remaining fugitives were also hiding in the German capital.

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**

**ROSTON TADEUS FARIA**  
(Nagoa-Verna)  
Born: 18-01-1995 Died: 03-03-2024

Beloved son of late **Pedro Rosario Faria/Clarina Noronha**. Brother/Brother-in-law of **Wilton/Idalina Lucas**. Sister/Brother-in-law of **Reema/Caetano Gomes, Eliza/Johnny Mota**. Uncle of **Frenzia, Aiden, Alton, Cladron and Wanya**.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence (TODAY) 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at 3:30 pm to Our Lady of Succour and Good Success Church, Nagoa-Verna, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**Death**

**ROSALINA RODRIGUES AZAVEDO**  
(ZAMCOTTO, DRAMPUR)

There are no goodbyes for us.  
Wherever you are, you will always be in our hearts.

Loving Daughter of  
Late Floriano Rodrigues and Late Etelvina Rato;  
Beloved Wife of Late Pedro Azavedo,  
Mother /Mother-in-law of  
Winnie (Customs)/ Camilo Sousa (Navelim) ,  
Gloria/ John Gonsalves (Navelim) ,  
Marta / Alfred Rebelo (Maina Curtorim),  
Jennifer (PWD Fatora)/ Frederick Borges (Assolna).  
Grandmother of Velica/Parison (Anjuna), Cannavy,  
Late Meghan, Ashter, Allen, Christon, Meryl, Andrea,  
Anaiza, Reeve; Great Grandmother of Fravia

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence at 10.00 am  
TODAY 04.03.24 for final rites at 10.30 am at  
St. Joseph Church Dramapur.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**SAD DEMISE**

**BOSCO CRASTO**  
SWINDON - UK

Son of late **Caitani Crasto** & late **Auta Fernandes**  
Loving Husband of **Lydia**,  
Beloved Father of **Mark and Moses**,  
Brother of **Valentino**,  
Uncle of **Nashome and Brenden**.

Expired in Swindon UK on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Memorial service will be held at 8:00 am on  
Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Holy Cross Church,  
Cavelossim.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In Loving Memory of

**ESPICIOSA PEREIRA**  
:- Paroda :-

Born: 20/10/1948 – Died: 05/03/2021

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother **ESPICIOSA PEREIRA** at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Immaculate Conception Church, Paroda, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by her loving children: **Anthony/Victoria, Vincent/Sucorin, Firmina/Philip, Aruna/Anthony (Antush)** and Grandchildren.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
Anupama Advy. & Funeral Services, Margao 9823022194

**Months Mind and Birthday Remembrance**  
In loving memory of

*Those we love remain with us,  
for love itself lives on,  
cherished memories never fade  
because a loved one is gone.*

*Those we love can never be  
more than a thought apart.  
for as long as there is memory,  
they'll live on in our heart.*

**Cruzinho Cardozo**  
(Cruz)  
CUTBONA – VELIM

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Cruzinho** on 05.03.2024 at 8.30 a.m. at St. Roque Church, Tollecanto Velim followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful wife **Vincentina Cardozo** children, grandchildren and family.

RELATIVES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In loving memory of

**CONSTANTINO GOES**  
AMBEAIXIR - COLVA

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Pai** on Tuesday, 5th March 2024 (Tomorrow) at 7:45am at Our Lady of Merces Church, Colva, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave

Offered by his sorrowful Wife: **Josefina**  
Daughters/Sons-in-Law: **Sr. Antonieta (FHIC), Necacla/Rosario, Ancy/Agnelo, Felly/Anthony, Valanka/Anthony**.  
Grandchildren: **Ninette, Jocelyn, Allan, Aaron, Analize and Alrich**

Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

**First Death Anniversary**  
In Ever Loving Memory Of Our Beloved

**JOSE MARIA NORONHA**  
(Ex. Marine Dept, MPT Vasco-Da-Gama)

"Say not in grief 'He is no more' but in thankfulness that He was."

The Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Jose Maria Noronha** will take place on Tuesday, 5th March 2024 (Tomorrow), at 8:15am at St. Andrew's Church, Vasco, followed by prayers at the grave. This memorial service is offered by the sorrowful family of the departed: his Wife: **Maria Santana Noronha**; Daughter/Son-in-law: **Joyce/Brazely Diniz**; Son/Daughter-in-law: **Mackelroy/Melissa Noronha**; Grandsons: **Brunal and Brunildo**.

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**12<sup>th</sup> DAY REMEMBRANCE**  
**VINOD BABU PALKAR**  
(Ex-Employee of Indusind Bank)

**Bambolim**  
Loving son of  
Late **Babu and Santana Palkar**.  
Brothers - **Shridhar Palkar, Vilas Palkar, Vidhar Palkar**,  
Sister - **Milan B Palkar** and Late **Anand Palkar**  
Nephew: **Sahil and Aman Palkar**.

**First Death Anniversary**  
In everloving memory of  
**BRUNA AVELINA FRANCISCA PIRES**  
Dialgona - Navelim

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mom on 05-03-2024 Tuesday ( Tomorrow ) at 8:15 am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim, followed by prayers and blessings of the grave.

Mass offered by her sorrowful children **Placy/Anita, Poly/Lalita, grandchildren and family**.

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In Ever-loving Memory of  
**QUITERIA DE SOUZA**  
(Carmita Bhat, Mercedes Vaddy)  
Born: 28/07/1931 – Died: 06/03/2023

*"Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us everyday.  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
still loved, still missed, and very dear."*

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of **Quiteria De Souza** on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:00 am at Our Lady of Merces Church, Merces Goa followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren & family.

Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

**MONTH'S MIND**  
In loving memory of  
**GUILHERMINA ERNESTINA DA SILVA e VAS**  
Aquem Baixo - Navelim

There is a face  
we shall always remember,  
a voice we shall always recall,  
a memory to cherish forever,  
of one so dear to us all

**1st Birthday In Heaven**  
05/03/2024.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our Beloved **Mai** on 5th March 2024 at 8.15 am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers and blessings of the grave.

Offered by her Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

**MONTH'S MIND**  
In everloving memory of

**Maria Zita de Jesus Pinto**  
Calangute

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **ZITA** at 4:30 p.m. Tomorrow Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at St. Alex Church, Calangute, followed by prayers and blessings of the grave.

Offered by her sorrowful family.  
We, the bereaved family would like to express our gratitude to the people and all the priests who attended to the spiritual needs of our beloved Zita during her illness and who celebrated the Eucharist on the funeral.

**THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD**  
In Ever loving memory of

**MARTHA PINTO e FERNANDES**  
BAGA - CANSALIM

*We think about you always,  
We talk about you still,  
You have never been forgotten,  
And you never will. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain,  
To walk and guide us through our lives,  
until we meet again.*

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **MARTHA** at 8:00 am on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (TOMORROW) at St. Thomas Church, Cansaulim followed by prayers and blessings of the Grave, offered by her Sorrowful son **Savio / Venicia**, Grandchildren **Snedan & Veron** and Family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.