

US def chief says NATO membership for Ukraine is unrealistic

AP, BRUSSELS: US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said Wednesday that NATO membership for Ukraine was unrealistic and in sweeping remarks suggested Kyiv should abandon hopes of winning all its territory back from Russia and instead prepare for a negotiated peace settlement to be backed up by international troops.

Hours later, President Donald Trump said he and Russian President Vladimir Putin had agreed to begin "negotiations" on ending the Ukraine war. In a social media post, the Republican disclosed a call between the two leaders and said they would "work together, very closely."

Addressing allies eager to hear how much continued support Washington intends to provide to the Ukrainian government, Hegseth indicated that Trump is determined to get Europe to assume most of

the financial and military responsibilities for the defence of Ukraine, including a possible peacekeeping force that would not include US troops.

The defence secretary, making the first trip to NATO by a member of the new Trump administration, also said the force should not have Article 5 protections, which could require the US or the 31 other nations of the NATO alliance to come to the aid of those forces if they end up in contact with Russian forces.

Hegseth's stark message, and his insistence that Russia should keep some territory that Ukraine wants back, offered the closest look yet at how the administration might try to end the war.

The secretary's comments were also sure to dim Ukraine's hopes of making itself whole again and to complicate talks

later this week between Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and US Vice President JD Vance and other senior American officials at a major security conference in Munich.

"The United States does not believe that NATO membership for Ukraine is a realistic outcome of a negotiated settlement," Hegseth said, as Kyiv's backers gathered at NATO headquarters for a meeting to drum up more arms and ammunition for the war, which will soon enter its fourth year.

All 32 allies must agree for a country to join NATO, meaning that every member has a veto.

"Instead, any security guarantee must be backed by capable European and non-European troops," Hegseth said. "To be clear, as part of any security guarantee, there will not be US troops deployed to

Ukraine."

Hegseth insisted that NATO should play no role in any future military mission to police the peace in Ukraine and that any peacekeeping troops should not be covered by the part of NATO's founding treaty that obliges all allies to come to the aid of any member under attack.

Article 5 has been activated only once, when European allies and Canada used the collective security guarantee to help the United States in the wake of the September 11, 2001, al-Qaida attacks on New York and Washington.

Hegseth also said Europe "must provide the overwhelming share of future lethal and nonlethal aid to Ukraine." Ukraine currently relies equally on Europe and the US for about 30 per cent each of its defence needs. The rest is produced by Ukraine itself.

LG Sinha directs security forces to intensify efforts to 'crush terrorism' in J&K

PTI, SRINAGAR: Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Wednesday directed the security forces to intensify the efforts to "crush terrorism and those aiding and abetting terrorists" in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Chaired a high-level security meeting today at PCR, Srinagar. Directed J&K Police and its various wings to work in close synergy with each other and intensify the efforts to crush terrorism and those aiding and abetting terrorists," Sinha said in a series of posts on X.

The lieutenant governor said there will be a zero tolerance policy to tackle terrorism and the security forces have been given free hand to neutralize terror ecosystem.

"Directed officials to follow zero tolerance policy



A security personnel keeps vigil during a search operation after a suspected IED blast that killed two army personnel, in Akhnoor, Jammu and Kashmir

to tackle terrorism. I have given JKP & Security Forces free hand to neutralise terror ecosystem operating in the shadows. Those supporting & financing terrorism will have to pay a very heavy price," he said.

Sinha said he has directed the officials to take strict action against those misusing cyberspace to carry out disruptive activities.

"I have asked the senior officials to take strict action against the elements

exploiting cyber space to carry out their disruptive activities and disinformation campaign. We must aggressively counter fundamentalist and extremist ideas and take action as per the law," he added.

DGP Nalin Prabhat briefed the lieutenant governor regarding the present security scenario of the valley and the roadmap put in place to counter the various security challenges like counter insurgency, law and order, protection of minorities and terrorist recruitment at zonal, range and district level.

Kashmir IGP V K Birdi also gave a detailed presentation highlighting the challenges and the achievements of the Kashmir Zone and strategic foresight for the future.

Delhi private schools double down on excessive AI use

PTI, NEW DELHI: Is AI a boon or a bane? As the debate intensifies, several private schools in Delhi are doubling down on the misuse of AI and deploying software to detect if students are taking the help of tools to do assignments.

The fear is that excessive use of AI will stunt creativity and initiative, according to several educators.

Sudha Acharya, the principal of ITL International School in Dwarka, says, "We use various software to detect if students have used AI to finish their assignments." She fears that excessive use of AI tools will stunt students' creativity. "If any student is found using AI to complete internal assessments, they receive zero marks." AI can either be a boon or a bane, depending on how it is used, according to the educators PTI spoke to.

It can be highly beneficial if students use it to develop new skills but over-reliance can become a disadvantage, they say.

Mallika Preman, the principal of Tagore International School in Greater Kailash, believes that with technological advancements, students must adapt to modern learning methods. However, she discourages complete reliance on tools such as AI, instead guiding her students on how to leverage them to improve creativity.

Preman says AI can be integrated into learning without hampering students' originality.

"As technology advances, students must adapt to modern learning methods. We don't encourage complete reliance on AI but guide students on how to use these tools to improve their understanding of different formats and skills," she says.

The Sovereign School in Rohini is also taking action against students using AI to complete their assignments.

Delhi Private Teachers' Association chairperson MS Rawat laid stress on the importance of AI literacy for both students and educators.

MONTH'S MIND

In Everloving Memory of

Assunta Santimano

COLVA

Requiem Mass will be held for the soul of Assunta Santimano at 7:45 am at Our Lady of Mercies Church, Colva on 14th February, 2025 followed by blessing of the grave offered by her family Dina/Wendy. Grandchildren Dania, Isiah, Wemely.

Born: 01-08-1945
Died: 13/01/2025

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

JANAURIO FERNANDES

Francisco Costa Vaddo, Utorla

Born: 08.06.1941 - Died: 14.02.2024

Husband of Rosalina Colaco.

Father / father-in-law Satira / Zezito

Fernandes, Camilo / Princy Fernandes,

Juliao / Sania Fernandes.

Grandfather of Janya, Jovan, Cineca, Cailan, Crizel, Jarissa & Julester.

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Janaurio at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, 14th February 2025 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Utorla, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Costly's Advt. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In ever-loving memory of

BRADLEE ANTHONY PEREIRA

NAVELIM

Three years have passed since you left this world, but the void you left in our lives can never be filled.

We miss you more than words can express.

Remembrance mass will be held on 14.02.2025, (Tomorrow)

at 7:15am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers

and blessing of the grave.

Fondly Remembered by his mother- Brigida, brother- Bryson and family.

Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

Costly's Advt. Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850477904

MONTH'S MIND MASS

Gone But Never Forgotten

Maureen D'Silva

W/o Maj Gen A. C. D'SILVA (PVSM)

BENAUIM - PORVORIM - BANGALORE

We invite you to share in our memory of her life at Holy Mass

14th February 2025, 7am

Holy Trinity Church Benaulim, Goa

followed by prayers at the cemetery.

Arun, Indira, Veena & families

Neighbours, Friends & Relatives

Kindly Accept this as the only Intimation



1933 - 2025

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." — 2 Tim 4:7

ONE YEAR REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

FR. JOSEPH C. PEDNEKAR (MSFS)

Born: 12/08/1930 - Died: 14/02/2024

A Missionary Priest,

Tender & kind,

What a beautiful memory

you left behind.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Fr. Joseph on Friday, 14th February, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., at SFS Minor Seminary, Bastora, Mapusa Goa.

Offered by Fransalians Fathers & Brothers and family members of Fr. Joseph.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

MONTH'S MIND



"In God's arms you will rest forever In our hearts you will be deeply loved and stay forever"

In Everloving Memory Of Our Dearest Mother

LAFIRA LUDOVINA FIGUEIREDO

Arrossim / Carmona

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Lafira Ludovina Figueiredo on Friday, 14th February 2025 at 7:30 am at Our Lady of Socorro Church, Carmona, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her loving children, grandchildren and family.

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

Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

DEATH

SEBASTIANA GOMES

Damon-West, Raia

Born -01/02/1953 Died-12/02/2025

Wife of late Pedro Cardozo;

Mother/Mother-in-law of Pascoal/ Deodita, Shally/ Batista Rebello, Lourdain/ John Cameiro, Macklin/ Andrew Colaco;

Sister-in-law of Marcelino, Bernado/ Marcelina, Paulina/Metrobio & Conseciao;

Grandmother of Aaron, Aralie, Ashriel, Rosean, Razia, Jean, Lysandra, Jonas, Alloysius, Mezioh

Funeral cortege will leave her residence Today, 13th Feb. 2025 at 3.15 pm to Our Lady of Snow's Church, Raia for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives and Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

Radia publicity 9763905757

DEATH

SEBY CARDOZO

Naquelim - Camurlim

Born: 15-04-1962

Died: 11-02-2025

Son of Late Menino Cardozo & Late Matilda Cardozo

Beloved husband of Mercy Cardozo,

Father/father-in-law of Abigail/Ives Fernandes,

Eber Myron Cardozo.

Funeral rites will be held on 13th Feb. 2025, Today,

at 4 pm at Our Lady Of Candelaria Church, Camurlim followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Radia publicity 9763905757

Returned to the Lord

I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, even if he dies, shall live forever - John 11:25



Born: 30/12/1946

Died: 02/02/2025

ELCY CONCEICAO DA CRUZ

PIMPLAFOLL, VELIM

Though death did us apart, your guiding light will shine ever bright through our pathways of simplicity, honesty & goodness.

Beloved wife of late Jose Vito Nicolau Fernandes

Loving Mother/Mother-in-law of Capt. Joel Fernandes/Melany D'costa

Loving grandmother of Caelan & Caerwyn.

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on Friday,

14th February 2025 at 3:45 pm to St. Francis Xavier's Church

for Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00 pm followed by burial.

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

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RETURNED TO THE LORD



Born on 30-Dec-1942

Died on 11-Feb-2025

ARAMITA SIQUEIRA

POROBUS VADDO, VELIM

Beloved Wife Of Late Jose Blasio Siqueira

Mother/Mother-in-law of Nirmala/Cifton Almeida,

Nixon/Sunita, Feliciano/ late Margaret, Navina /

Edgar Viegas

Loving Grandchildren and GreatGrand Child

Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on Friday 14th

February 2025 at 8:45 am to St. Francis Xavier Church, Velim

for eucharistic celebration at 9:00am followed by burial

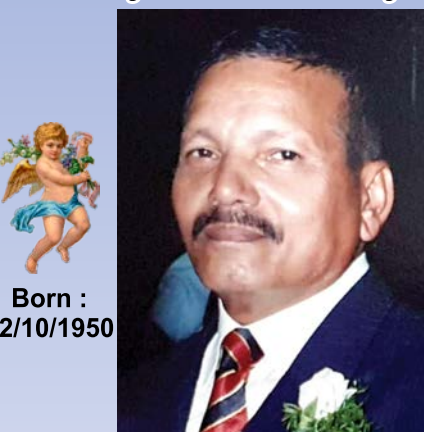
RELATIVES, NEIGHBOURS & FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE

ONLY INTIMATION

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RETURNED TO THE LORD

"Those we love don't go away they walk besides us everyday"



Born : 12/10/1950

Died: 07/02/2025

CONSTANCIO CIPRIANO VARELA

(Active Volunteer at Old Goa and Pilar Church)

(Palmar Sto. Estevam / Marcela)

Beloved husband of Maria Perpetua Varela.

S/o Late Luis Jose Varela & Late Rumaldina

(Lamartina) Dias.

Loving Father/ Father-In-Law of Flocy / Neves Giovanni

Goes(UK), Luis / Janice, Jonathan / Sapphira Varela.

Doting grandfather of Cloee, Johanna, Joseann & Jace.

Affectionate Brother/ Brother-In-Law of late Rita / Alvo

Fernandes, late Flora / late Albert Gomes,

Estevao / Fatima Varela.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 14th February

2025 at 3.15 pm Palmar vaddo, Sto Estevam to

St. Stephen Church, Sto Estevam for a Eucharistic

celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, Neighbours, Family & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Patrick Undertakers Advt. & Funeral Services Moira - 9552722443 / 9890299164

LORD I AM COMING HOME



Born : 25.10.1959

Died: 12.02.2025

COSME MATIAS ANTONIO BRAS SOCORRO MENEZES

Povacao - Moira

Son of late Francisco Xavier Matias de Menezes/

Late Ana Conceicao Gonsalves.

Beloved Husband of Cecilia Menezes.

Most Affectionate father of Craig & Cindy.

Brother/Brother-in-law of Cleia/Late Lacell D'souza, Late Elsa/Late Eurico

Saldanha, Emmy/Late Johnny Mendes, Melba/Late Francis Pinto,

Iveta/Joe Lobo and Damian/Beatriz Menezes.

Brother-in-law of Benjamin/Alba De Cruz, Luis D Cruz/Seral Vaz, Ana/Peter

Lobo and Isabella/Francis D'souza.

Loving Uncle to Nephews and Nieces.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence (Today) 13th February 2025

at 4:00 PM to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Moira,

for an Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, Neighbors & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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