

# Waqf Bill report tabled in Parliament, Shah says no objection to inclusion of dissent notes

## Waqf panel ignored opinion of Muslims, AIMPLB warns of nationwide protest

**DEATH**  
**Socorro Ferreira**  
Born: 06/06/1980 Died: 13/02/2025  
(Borda, Margao)

Son of late Salvador Ferreira & Antonetta Colaco, nephew of Josefa Ferreira, beloved husband of Rosy Ferreira, loving father of Stéfén, brother of Mariano, Esperansa, Pedro, Natalina, Bastiao Minguell, Piedade, Lourdina & Jose.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 14th February 2025 (Today) at 10:00am to Holy Spirit Church, Margao, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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**DEATH**  
**ANTHONY FERNANDES**  
(CALANGUTE - GAURA VADDO WEST)  
Born: 05-02-1987 Died: 13-02-2025

Son Of Late John Louis & Catarin Fernandes, Brother/brother in Law Of Merilyn & Melban Mendes Family & Relatives. Funeral Cortège Will Leave His Residence At 09:30 Am On 14th Feb 2025 (TODAY) At St Alex Church Calangute For The Eucharistic Celebration Followed By Burial.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

*Forever in Our Hearts*  
**Maria Augusta Colaco**  
Born: 08-05-1942 Died: 12-02-2025  
Velsao - Pale

Beloved wife of late Francisco Morais. Dearest mother/mother-in-law of Abel/Avita Morais, Altia/Hermegildo Pereira, Audrey/Blessy Morais. Grandmother of Eldrid, Mazel, Aaron, Nadira, Bevan, Annaly, Adenia. Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday 15th Feb 2025 at 9:30am at Our Lady of Assumption Church, Velsao followed by burial.

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**LORD I AM COMING HOME**

BORN 28/02/1949 DIED 11/02/2025

**PAIXAO DE AGUIAR**  
(EX. GMC Staff)  
Portel Bhat, Batim

Beloved Husband of Esperanca Carvalho. Most Loving Father/Father-in-law of Freddy/Macrina, Esha/Tadeu & Alen/Agnelia. Affectionate Grandfather of Edsel, Erica, Felicia, Ancia & Fenisha. Brother/Brother-in-law of Late Anarita/Late Menino & Mariano/Joanita.

Funeral Cortege will leave his residence on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at 3:30 pm to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Batim for an Eucharistic Celebration followed by Burial.

Neighbours, relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**

Born: 18.05.1944 Died: 13.02.2025

**IVY FERRAO**  
- XIRRO - CARMONA -

Daughter of late Rosario and late Victoria Ferrao. Daughter-in-law of late Joao Francis and late Valentina Dacosta. Beloved wife of late Mariano Dacosta. Everloving mother / mother-in-law of Poma / Agnelo Diniz and Joao Francis (Panch VP Carmona) / Bibiana Dacosta. Sister / sister-in-law of late Leandrino / late Adelina Dacosta, late Eslinda / late Braz Alemão, late Belmira / late Amaranth Rodrigues, late Safira / late Aquino Moraes, Joao Baptista / late Livia Ferrao, late Cruz / Flory Ferrao, Annie / late Bento Rebello, Jose / Elsa Ferrao. Loving grandmother of late Marianne, Jeshua / Savina, Marianne Diniz, Rochelle, Sherwin, Marianne Dacosta, Leandro.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, 14th February 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Socorro Church, Carmona, for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

RELATIVES & FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.  
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PTI, NEW DELHI: The report of the Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on Thursday with the Lok Sabha speaker allowing the submission of dissent notes in entirety as demanded by the opposition and Home Minister Amit Shah asserting the BJP had no objection to it.

Committee Chairman Jagdambika Pal had redacted parts of the dissent notes contending that they cast aspersions on the parliamentary panel and made personal allegations against him.

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In the Rajya Sabha, BJP member Medha Kulkarni tabled the voluminous report amid protests by the opposition members. Later, she tabled a corrigendum to Appendix 5 of the report that deals with notes/minutes of dissent, prompting the opposition to claim victory.

In the face of opposition protests in the Lok Sabha, Home Minister Shah said his party has no objection to attaching the notes of dissent to the report

submitted by the opposition as per parliamentary practice.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said members of the Waqf committee had met him and discussed certain issues. "Those issues have been included in the annexure," he said as opposition members staged a walkout.

The Rajya Sabha witnessed chaos as Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju rejected the allegations by opposition MPs led by Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge that dissent notes were deleted from

the report.

Congress member Syed Nasir Hussain accused Rijiju -- who is also the Union minority affairs minister -- of misleading the House. "My own dissent note has been redacted," Hussain said.

Later at a press conference in Parliament House complex, the Parliamentary Affairs minister said when the report was tabled in Rajya Sabha, some opposition MPs raised objections and claimed their dissent notes had been taken out.

"I spoke to the JPC chairman, enquired about it from the secretariat and informed the Rajya Sabha that the report has been tabled along with annexures.

## Legendary vocalist Pandit Prabhakar Karekar dies at 80

PTI, MUMBAI: Renowned Hindustani classical vocalist Pandit Prabhakar Karekar passed away in Mumbai following a brief illness, his family said on Thursday. He was 80. Karekar breathed his last at his residence in Shivaji Park area here on Wednesday night, his family said in a statement.

Born in Goa, Karekar was known for his renditions like "Bolava Vithal Pahava Vithal" and

"Vakratund Mahakay". He was admired as an outstanding vocalist and a very good teacher.

He was a graded artist on the All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan. Karekar was trained under Pandit Suresh Haldankar, Pandit Jitendra Abhisheki and Pandit CR Vyas.

He had received several honours, including the Tansen Samman, Sangeet Natak Akademi award and Gomant Vibhushan award.

Karekar had also tried his hand at fusion music with Ornette Coleman and Sultan Khan. He survived by three sons.

Meanwhile, Minister for Art and Culture Govind Gaude has called a condolence meeting at Directorate of Art and Culture, Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto-Panjim at 10 am on Friday, February 14 to pay homage and condolence to Pandit Prabhakar Karekar.

## Resignation demand political, not expected from bishops: Kerala Forest Min

PTI, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Kerala Forest Minister A K Saseendran on Thursday dubbed the demand for his resignation by two bishops of the Syro Malabar Church over wildlife attacks in the state as 'political' and not expected from those he held in high regard.

He was reacting to the charges made by Thamarassery and Kanjirappally bishops who had on Wednesday demanded his resignation owning moral responsibility for recurring deaths due to wildlife attacks in Kerala.

Responding to the minister's remarks, Tharassery Archbishop Joseph Pamplany said the government should not try to "trivialise" the issue of increasing deaths due to wild animal attacks.

The Archbishop said that the minister "misunderstood" the Thamarassery and Kanjirappally bishops' remarks as "political statements" as "the church has no political leanings".

"We only wish to stand with the farmers of the hilly areas. To term our stand as political, to dilute it is not a correct re-

sponse according to me," he told reporters in Kanur district.

He said that the bishops were only speaking in support of the public sentiment on the issue of wild animal attacks and the government should not try to hide or cover it up by terming their stand as political.

The Archbishop also conceded that the church knows Saseendran's resignation will not solve the problem.

"What is actually needed is an effective intervention by the Forest department with its officials properly performing their duties," he said.

Former LDF convenor and veteran CPI(M) leader E P Jayarajan too questioned what purpose would be served by Saseendran's resignation.

Jayarajan said that what was required was a change in the Wild Life Protection Act, as it does not allow the killing of any wild animal that comes out of the forest and destroys agriculture and property in populated areas.

"All you can do under the existing laws is to drive the animal back into

the forest," he said.

**MONTH'S MIND**  
In loving memory of  
**WALTER FORTUNATO PATRICIO DE MELO**  
(Advocate) Margao-Loutulim  
Born: 02/09/1944 - Died: 14/01/2025  
"Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered everyday"

There will be prayers and blessing of the grave of our beloved FORTUNATO on Friday 14th February 2025 at 5.15 pm. at Holy Spirit Cemetery followed by Eucharistic Celebration at 6pm at our Lady of Grace Church, Margao Offered by his sorrowful wife Greta, Children and Grandchildren.

Relatives & Friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation

**SECOND DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In loving memory of  
**EDWIN MASCARENHAS**  
(PWD, FATORDA - MARGAO)  
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved EDWIN MASCARENHAS at 7:15am on Saturday, 15.02.2025 at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave.

Offered by his grieving family

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation  
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**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In Ever Loving Memory Of  
**ELMA BARROS DIAS e SANTOS COSTA**  
- AQUEM / BORDA -

"Three years have passed so quickly, But deep in our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered everyday."

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mae Elma on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at 8:00 am at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, followed by prayers at the grave. Mass offered by her children Carol, Queenie, Ivone/Carmo, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

**Dr. Alfredo Sebastiao Peres de Quadros e Costa**

Eucharistic Celebration will be held at 7:30 a.m on Saturday, 15th Feb 2025 at Saviour of the World Church, Loutulim followed by blessing of the grave offered by his family.

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PTI, NEW DELHI: With the report of the Joint Committee on Waqf (Amendment) Bill tabled in Lok Sabha, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Thursday alleged that the panel has completely ignored the opinion of Indian Muslims and unilaterally moved ahead with an "arbitrary undemocratic process".

The AIMPLB said if the Waqf bill is passed, it will run a nationwide movement against it within the framework of the Constitution. The board urged the government not to move forward with any such bill on Waqf and withdraw its steps.

Addressing a press conference here, AIMPLB president Khalid Saifullah Rahmani said the founding fathers of the country dreamed that this would be a country which is different

from other nations in the world as people of different religion, language, culture and traditions live here.

He said a lot of lies have been spread on the Waqf issue and the Waqf bill is based on "religious discrimination".

"It is our constitutional right to live our life according to our religion and run institutions as per our customs and traditions," he said.

Rahmani pointed out that the religious places of Sikhs and Hindus are run by members of the respective communities.

"We have no objection to that. The management of the religious places be done by people of that religion but we should have the same rights. The mosques, cemeteries and other places must be run by Muslims," he said.

**Third Death Anniversary**  
In loving memory of

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Alda on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Gloria Church, Varca, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by her children: Edgar / Hazel, Laurita / Savio, Suzette / Shiral, Tereza / Eugene and their families.

**Alda Monteiro Furtado**  
VARCA

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**MONTH'S MIND**  
In Ever-loving memory of  
**SHIRLEY FERNANDES**  
(Per Seraulim)  
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Shirley at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at Our Lady of Pilar Church, Seraulim, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave.

Offered by her sorrowful family.

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**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In cherished memory of  
**LILIO GERMANO FERNANDES**  
(Ex-Directorate of Settlement & Land Records)  
AQUEM - ALTO, MARGAO

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our loving father on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at 8:00 am at St. Sebastian Cemetery, Aquem, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave.

Offered by his children Savia, Schubert & Seville/Jasmine.

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**THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In loving memory of  
**ANTONIO AGOSTINHO MASCARENHAS**  
CURTORIM - BATORA  
Three years passed on this day the one we loved was called away God took you home, it was His will, But in our hearts you still live.

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Daddy Agostinho on Saturday 15th February 2025 at 8:30 am at St. Alex Church, Curtorim, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave offered by his sorrowful family.

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

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

**AGATA LUDOVINA MATILDES RODRIGUES MIRANDA**

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Agata on Saturday, 15th February 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at Carmelite Monastery, Margao, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, a tribute of love offered by her children & their families.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
We the bereaved family of Agata express our gratitude to the Priests, Doctors, Relatives, Neighbours and Friends who helped in the hour of grief, offered floral tributes, condolences and prayers. We regret our inability to thank each one of you.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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