



**A supporter of impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol shouts during a rally to oppose his impeachment in Seoul**



**Women hold banners during a protest against gender based violence called by Ivoirian Minister of Women, Family & Children in Abobo, a suburb of Abidjan**



**Athena the panther looks out from her enclosure at the Florida panther exhibit at the Naples Zoo, in Naples, Florida**



**Workers move a lift in the red carpet area before Sunday's 97th Academy Awards in Los Angeles, California**

# European allies rally behind Zelenskyy

## White House supports US president Donald Trump after their spat

**PTI, NEW YORK:** Ukraine's European partners as well as other global leaders rallied behind President Volodymyr Zelenskyy while the White House touted support for President Donald Trump's American First strength after a remarkable showdown in the Oval Office between the two leaders.

Zelenskyy departed the White House on Friday after an unprecedented verbal clash in the Oval Office between him and Trump and Vice President JD Vance.

The heated exchange between Trump and Zelenskyy and the resulting outpouring of support for the Ukrainian leader highlighted the deep fissures that have emerged between America and Europe over Ukraine.

### TRUMP'S MOVES TEST LIMITS OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER, RESILIENCE OF US DEMOCRACY

**PTI, WASHINGTON:** During his first six weeks in office, President Donald Trump has embarked on a dizzying tear-down of the federal government and attacks on long-standing institutions in an attempt to increase his own authority. He has pardoned those who attacked the US Capitol to overturn his 2020 election loss, placed loyalists atop the FBI and military, and purged the Department of Justice, which dropped investigations against Trump allies. He declared control over independent agencies such as the Federal Elections Commission, punished media outlets for coverage he dislikes and his allies suggested he could defy court orders. Those who monitor democracy across the globe had warned that a second Trump term could endanger America's 240-year experiment with democracy. His opening weeks in office have done nothing to dispel those concerns.

filled with messages of support from European allies and other countries from across the world. His response to all the messages

was Thank you for your support. President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, who was in

India on Friday for an official visit, said in a post on X, Your dignity honours the bravery of the Ukrainian people. Be strong, be brave, be fearless. You are never alone, dear President @ZelenskyyUa. We will continue working with you for a just and lasting peace.

French President Emmanuel Macron, who met Trump at the White House just this past Monday, said in a post on X that there is an aggressor: Russia.

"There is a victim: Ukraine. We were right to help Ukraine and sanction Russia three years ago to keep doing so.

"By we, I mean the Americans, the Europeans, the Canadians, the Japanese, and many others," Macron said.

"Thank you to all who have helped and continue to do so. And respect to those who have been fighting since the beginning because they are fighting for their dignity, their independence, their children, and the security of Europe, Macron said.

Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, a close Trump ally, she would call for an EU-US summit to get diplomacy back on track.

What is needed is an immediate summit between the United States, European states, and allies to talk frankly about how we intend to deal with the great challenges of today, starting with Ukraine, which together we have defended in recent years, she said in a statement.

# Ukraine prez moves on after Oval Office blowout with Trump

**PTI, LONDON:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy thanked the American people and leadership and voiced hope for strong relations, a day after an astonishing Oval Office blowout with US President Donald Trump that left many uncertain where the once staunch allies stood.

Zelenskyy on Saturday arrived in London for a summit organised by British Prime Minister Keir Starmer with other European leaders.

The summit on Sunday will also include leaders from France, Germany, Denmark, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Turkey, Finland, Sweden, Czechia and Romania, as well as the NATO secretary-general and the presidents of the European Commission and European Council.

The shouting match that unfolded Friday in the final minutes of the highly anticipated meeting between Trump and Zelenskyy seemed to dash.

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### 4 DEAD, 50 WORKERS RESCUED IN UTTARAKHAND AVALANCHE

As the weather cleared up on Saturday morning, the Army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel based in Mana resumed the rescue operation, District Disaster Management Officer N K Joshi said.

Six helicopters, including three of the Indian Army Aviation, two of the air force and one civil copter hired by the Army, have been engaged in the operation, Army PRO Lt Col Manish Shrivastava said.

Located three kilometres from Badrinath, Mana is the last village on the India-Tibet border at a height of 3,200 metres.

"Fifty labourers have been rescued out of which, unfortunately, four injured have been confirmed as fatal casualties while the search for the remaining five is underway," Lt Col Shrivastava said, adding the injured were being prioritised for evacuation.

Army officials said the rescue operation was being carried out mostly by the Army and IAF helicopters as the approach road had been blocked by snow at several points, making vehicular movement nearly impossible.

The priority is to bring the rescued workers to the Army hospital in Jyotirmath and look for the five workers still missing, they said.

Officials said 24 people were brought to the Army Hospital with injuries and one of them has been sent to AIIMS-Rishikesh.

According to the Army PRO, Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta GOC-in C Central Command and Lt Gen D G Mishra GOC Uttar Bharat have reached the avalanche site to monitor the rescue operations.

Lt Gen Sengupta said movement by road is impossible since it is clogged by snow. The Badrinath-Joshimath highway is blocked at 15-20 places, he said.

"There were eight containers at the BRO camp. Five of them have been found but three are missing in which the five labourers we are looking for could be trapped. A large number of the labourers rescued so far were found in the five containers," he said. If weather permits, specialised RECCO radars, UAVs, quadcopters and avalanche rescue dogs will be pressed into service to trace the missing workers, Lt Gen Sengupta said. "Everything depends on the weather."

The Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority said they have sought ground-penetrating radar from Delhi to trace the three missing containers as the search for the missing workers continues on a war footing.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami did an aerial survey of the avalanche-hit site and reviewed the relief and rescue operations in Jyotirmath.

Upon returning to Dehradun, he said the relief and rescue teams have done a commendable job by rescuing 50 people so far. Officers have been instructed to carry on with the search for the five missing workers on a war footing, Dhami said.

Army sniffer dogs have been deployed to search for the missing containers and three teams of the Army are patrolling the area, the chief minister said.

More than 200 personnel from the disaster management authority, ITBP, BRO, National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, Indian Air Force, district administration, health department and fire brigade are engaged in the rescue operations, he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also took an update on the rescue operation over the phone and assured all possible help from the central agencies, Dhami said.

About the medical treatment of those rescued, he said the injured workers were being treated at Army hospitals in Mana and Jyotirmath while AIIMS-Rishikesh and Srinagar Medical College have been put on alert.

He told reporters that with six to seven feet of snow accumulated in Badrinath and adjoining areas, there is a risk of more avalanches in the coming days. "During the aerial survey, I noticed that the flow of water in the Alaknanda river has stopped due to snow."

Construction work has been temporarily put on hold in the area and workers have been moved to safety, Dhami said and appealed to tourists not to travel to high-altitude areas for the next three days.

Laying on a bed at the Army's Jyotirmath hospital, Gopal Joshi of Narayanbagar in Chamoli district thanked Lord Badrinath for saving him.

Recounting the harrowing experience, he said, "Fresh snow was falling outside. As soon as we came out of the container house, we heard thunder and saw a deluge of snow hurtling towards us. I shouted to alert my companions and started running. Several feet of snow prevented us from running fast. After two hours, Indo-Tibetan Border Police rescued us," Joshi said.

Another rescued worker, Vipin Kumar of Himachal Pradesh, has an injury on his back. As soon as he heard the noise of the avalanche, he also left the container and started running.

"I was buried under the snow for about fifteen minutes.

When the avalanche stopped, I was able to come out of the heap of snow," Kumar said and thanked god for the "second birth".

Three employees from Mathura who were also rescued said they came out of the containers after being informed about the avalanche. "We ran to save ourselves, but there were several feet of snow. We could not walk much and got stuck," one of them said.

Jagbir Singh from Punjab's Amritsar said, "The avalanche was so intense that we could not take our other companions along." He suffered minor injuries and has pain in his chest.

Meanwhile, family members of Ram Sujjan Singh, a native of Rasra in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia who was working in Mana, said they have not received any information about him. He had gone to Chamoli in January 2024 and worked as a supervisor there, his son told PTI.

"They (the local administration) do not have any information about how my father is," he said, adding that he last spoke to his father on Monday.

Singh has been named in the official list of the 55 workers who were buried under snow. However, Ballia Superintendent of Police Omveer Singh said he was not aware of Ram Sujjan Singh being among the trapped workers.

### TOURIST TAXIS CAN'T USE GENERAL PARKING SLOTS TILL SMART CITY WORK IS OVER

The penalties to be imposed by the department will include impounding of such vehicles, slapping of a fine of Rs 10,000 and suspension of registration or permit for first-time offenders. For repeat offences, the action to be taken will include impounding of the vehicle, fine of Rs 10,000 and cancellation of the registration or permit.

According to the Directorate of Transport, the decision is taken in public interest considering concerns related to road safety, traffic congestion and regulatory compliance. It has been observed that an increasing number of road accidents involve self-driven rental vehicles, with instances of rash and negligent driving by tourists including cases of driving under the influence of alcohol, leading to grievous injuries and fatalities.

The Goa Civic and Consumer Action Network (GOACAN) has welcomed the public notice issued by the Directorate of Transport on the action to be taken on the use of private vehicles as Rent-A-Cab and for commercial activity. This will ensure the safety of the consumer in case of insurance claims in the case of road accident, GOACAN coordinator Roland Martins said.

GOACAN has decided to mobilise its volunteers in Consumer Forums and Consumer Welfare Clubs to report those vehicles indulging in such activity as part of its World Consumer Rights Day Awareness Campaign, he said.

### MLA-ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT SPAT: TIT-FOR-TAT POLICE COMPLAINTS FILED IN PANJIM, MORMUGAO

"Shetye arrived at 8.15 am and began work by 8.30 am, even though official government working hours start at 9:30 am. This proves that he was not on duty at the time of the incident," Amonkar claimed.

Questioning the legality of Shetye's actions, the MLA claimed that instead of using an official government vehicle or department-provided taxi, Shetye used a rent-a-car with a camera installed.

Shetye proceeded with the work without informing the local MLA, junior engineer, or assistant engineer, violating proper protocols, Amonkar alleged and claimed that despite several official correspondences requesting a joint inspection, Shetye ignored government directives and attempted to block a traditional pathway used by locals for over 50 years.

The MLA asked: "Why did Shetye bring a private JCB to the site when he was supposed to construct a compound wall. If he wanted to remove cables, he should have used a truck-mounted crane from the department. Why did he bring a JCB? What was his real intention?"

"Shetye resorted to high-handedness, behaving rudely with locals, especially women, and even pushing them aside when they requested him to wait for the MLA. He claimed that the area belonged to the Electricity Department, when in fact, it is a traditional public passage," the BJP leader said.

"Shetye has trespassed, wrongfully restrained people, and abused his authority. His behaviour, including his rude treatment of an elected representative, is unacceptable. We demand strict action against him," Amonkar said.

Earlier in the day, Kashinath Shetye in his a police complaint alleged that Omkar Durbhatkar, Yash Phadte, Sudir Tari, Yogesh Patil and others obstructed him while discharging his duties, trespassed into property of Electricity Department with an intent to commit an offence or to intimidate, obstructed him and other officers from proceeding in any direction and provoked them with intent to cause riot.

Speaking to media persons after filing the complaint, Shetye said he has filed the complaint under Sections 221, 329, 126, 192, 324(5) and 61 of BNS.

He also said he is considering legal action against Mormugao MLA for making a defamatory statement against him.

Shetye said he will carry out his work with police protection. "I have been challenged to carry out my work in his area. I will continue my work with an order from the Collector. I will bring it to the logical end. I am not doing my personal work but work for the department. There are orders of Rs 13 lakh and Rs eight lakh. The department will incur losses if the work is not carried out," he said.

"We are government employees and our duty is to help people. We should not act like kings, but should give a helping hand to people. If someone is doing injustice to us, we should stand against it. I am not afraid of anyone. I have security, the government has provided me security," he said.

The complaint has been filed with regards to an incident which occurred on February 28, 2025, at Bogda Electricity Department Property, Vasco, with a request to register zero FIR and transfer it to Mormugao Police Station.

Extending his support to Shetye, former Government Employees Association president John Nazareth said, "Shetye acted rightly, as pending dues needed to be addressed. A government servant, who has been assigned duties, should not be obstructed."

Urging the current Government Employees' Association to take up the issue, Nazareth said the government employees should stand with Shetye.

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**LORD I AM COMING HOME**

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven"*  
- Matthew 5:1-3



BORN: 08/11/1992 DIED: 01/03/2025

**NIFA ALFONSO**  
KIRBHAT NUVEM

Beloved Wife of Valson Colaco, Daughter / Daughter-in-law of Benjaim F. Alfonso / Maria Arcangela Alfonso, Late Vitorino Colaco / Esperanca D'Souza; Sister of Aurelia / Renaldo, Mildred / Olvin, Assis; Sister-in-law of Prisca / Francisco, Patcy / Floriano, Jelson. Funeral Cortège will leave her residence on 2nd March 2025 (Today) at 3:45 pm to Jesus Maria Jose Church, Nuvem for Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00 pm, followed by burial.

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

**DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**



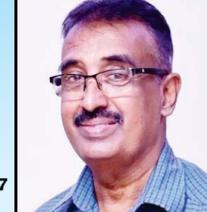
DOB: 24-12-1961 DoD: 27-02-2025

**FRANCISCO FERNANDES (Vag)**

Son of Late Joaquim Marian Fernandes/Colarina Fernandes, Loving Husband of Zacarina Fernandes, Father/Father-in-law of Canisha Fernandes (Panch VP Agonda) / Clifton Luis, Grandfather of Casper M. Luis, Brother/Brother-in-law of Socorina/Casmiro Fernandes (Chorao), Cruz/Socoriana Fernandes, Egrineu/Maria Cardozo, Bushan/Rosario De Costa. The Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 10.00 am to St. Anne's Church, Agonda for Eucharistic celebrations followed by burial in the Church Cemetery.

*Relatives and friends may kindly accept this as only intimation*

**DEATH**



Born: 25-08-1957 Died: 01-03-2025

**BASILIO (BABUSH) GONSALVES**  
(GONTONIQUE, ORLIM / SAO JOSE DE AREAL)

Beloved Husband of Magdalena (Baby) Affectionate Father/father-in-law of Breno/Jasvy, Brila/Dreano Loving Grandfather of Abner, Cael & Blyta Son of late Robert/late Ofilia Gonsalves (Orlim), Son-in-law of late Jose/late Clementina D'Costa.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence from Pullamolli, (TODAY), 2nd March 2025 at St. Joseph Church, Sao Jose de Areal for Eucharistic celebration at 3:30 pm followed by burial.

*Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation*  
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**RETURNED TO THE LORD**



Born: 23-07-1965 Died: 28-02-2025

**SOCORINA SEQUEIRA (SUCU)**  
(Dongorwado, Fatorda)

Beloved Wife of Custodio Rodrigues, Affectionate Mother of Vanessa and Selig, Loving Daughter of late Minguete/late Filomena Sequeira, Daughter-in-law of late Antonio Rodrigues/late Filomena Sequeira, Sister of Nancy/Henry Oliveira, Vincy/Sunita Sequeira, Sister-in-law of Simon/late Ofirinda, Piety/Prabhu, Serafina/late Dominic, Cyril/Hedwis, Aunt of Haston, Nasha, Veron, Sulmiza/Sameer, Malcolm/Caly, Olsberg/Bonnie, Amit/Aditi, Sumit/Priyanka, Niky/Ashwin, Reagan/Annet/Eldrin, Seranic/Kingsley, Flita/Floyd, Makayla.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence on Monday, 3rd March 2025 at 9:30 am to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda, for Eucharistic celebration at 10:00 am followed by burial at Holy Spirit Church cemetery, Margao.

*Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation*  
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**MEMORIAL MASS**  
In Everloving Memory of



Born: 16/07/1951 Died: 22/02/2025

**ANTONIO XAVIER LIMA (XAURU)**  
(Ex-Electrician Foreman, Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula)  
KERANT - CARANZALEM

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Antonio on Monday, 3rd March, 2025 (tomorrow) at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao at 7.30 a.m., followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Sabina Estrochio, children Mayolla/Jack Gois, Andrea/Macwin Vas and Michael Keegan Lima, grandchildren Rosh, Caleb, Ariella Jade and Melchior.

*Relatives and friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.*  
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**MONTH'S MIND**  
In everloving memory of



BORN: 01/03/1944 DIED: 23/02/2025

**Francisco Fernandes**  
Tarimol, Sanguem-Goa  
There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our Beloved Francisco on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 8.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Miracle Church, Sanguem Goa. followed by prayers and blessings at the grave.

OFFERED BY HIS SORROWFUL FAMILY  
WIFE : AMALIA FERNANDES  
CHILDREN :- LINA/MARIANO COSTA VICKY/NATASHA FERNANDES  
GRANDCHILDREN : MERLYN, MYREL, MEONI, VLADLEN & NORVICH  
RELATIVES & FRIENDS ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.