

## RETURNED TO THE LORD



Born:  
05/02/1956

Died:  
17/03/2025

**FRANCISCO XAVIER O. FERNANDES**  
(EX CDP P&O / USA TEXAS)  
ADIBAND - MURIDA

Loving son of late Floriano / late Lily,  
son-in-law of late Victor/late Vira Vas.  
Affectionate husband of Viona C. Vas.  
Caring father/father-in-law of Swizel/Vassalo & Sneider.  
Brother/brother-in-law of Alice/Felix, late Ancy, Irene/Felix,  
Johnny/Shareen.  
Doting grandfather of Kade & Kian.

Funeral Cortege will leave his residence on 18.03.25  
Today at 3.45 p.m. to Infant Jesus Chapel,  
Murida Cunclim for Eucharistic Celebration followed  
by burial at Our Lady of Health Church, Cemetery  
Cunclim.

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# Illegal mosque, 33 houses on municipal land may be demolished: Sambhal DM

**PTI, SAMBHAL (UP):** An illegally constructed mosque and 33 houses on municipal land in Chandausi town of Sambhal district may be demolished according to legal procedures, a senior official said on Monday.

The Sambhal district has been tense since riots broke out on November 24 last year during protests against a court-ordered survey of the Mughal-era Shahi Jama Masjid. The mosque has been at the centre of a major row after a petition claimed that it was the site of an ancient Hindu



Workers whitewash the outer wall of the Shahi Jama Masjid, in Sambhal district, Uttar Pradesh

temple. Four people were killed and several others, including police personnel, were injured in the clashes.

During an inspection on

Tehsil Diwas, Sambhal District Magistrate Rajender Pensiya visited municipal land in Waris Nagar under Chandausi Municipal Council and found unauthorised constructions on the property.

"The land belongs to the municipal council. Illegal registries were done without any ownership. A total of 34 structures, including 33 houses and a mosque, have been built illegally," Pensiya said.

The matter was under verification by the tehsildar for some time and reports were previously submitted to the sub-di-

sional magistrate (SDM), he added.

"During Tehsil Diwas, we personally visited two sites against which complaints were made. We inspected this location today and will now visit another. Any encroachment found will be demolished according to the law," he said.

The disputed land spans approximately 6.5 bighas.

Asked about the next move, the district magistrate said, "Any structure built on encroached land will be demolished according to legal provisions."

## AIADMK's no confidence motion against TN Speaker defeated

**PTI, CHENNAI:** The main opposition AIADMK on Monday moved a resolution seeking removal of Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker M Appavu from his office and it was defeated with the ruling DMK and its allies opposing the motion.

While 63 members supported it, 154 MLAs voted against the motion.

In the absence of Appavu, deputy Speaker K Pitchandi held the proceedings.

Leader of opposition Edappadi K Palaniswamy, listing several incidents in the Assembly, alleged Appavu acted partially.

## ED attaches assets of ex-VC, registrar of Bhopal university

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** The Enforcement Directorate on Monday said it has attached assets worth more than Rs 10 crore of a former vice-chancellor of Bhopal-based Rajiv Gandhi Pradyogiki Vishwavidyalaya (RGPV) and others in a money laundering case linked to alleged funds embezzlement in the institute.

A provisional order was issued under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to attach the properties of former RGPV

vice-chancellor Sunil Kumar, ex-registrar Rakesh Singh Rajput, former finance controller Hrishikesh Verma and two bank officials named Kumar Mayank and Ramkumar Raghuvanshi, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said in a statement.

The total value of the attached assets is Rs 10.77 crore, the statement said.

The money laundering case stems from an FIR registered by the Bhopal Police against the former office-bearers of the uni-

versity for alleged embezzlement and diversion of funds worth Rs 20 crore of the institute to private persons and trusts.

The accused used the funds for their personal benefits, the ED said.

After conducting searches in September last year, the ED had said that an analysis of bank accounts found that the funds of the university were diverted for the purpose of investment in property, fixed deposit receipts, mutual funds and jewellery.

## India shares concerns on pro-Khalistan elements in New Zealand, US

**PTI, DELHI:** India and New Zealand on Monday inked an ambitious pact to institutionalise defence ties and vowed to boost cooperation in the Indo-Pacific even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged concerns to his Kiwi counterpart Christopher Luxon over certain pro-Khalistani elements indulging in anti-India activities in the island nation.

In his remarks, Modi, referring to the 2019 Christchurch terror attack and the 26/11 Mumbai strike, said that terrorism in any form is "unacceptable".

"Strict action is necessary against those guilty of terrorist attacks. We will continue to cooperate together against terrorist, separatist and radical elements," he said.

"In this context, we shared our concern about anti-India activities by some illegal elements in New Zealand. We are confident that we will continue to get the cooperation of the New Zealand government against all these illegal elements," he said.

At a media briefing, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs Jaideep Mazumdar said the issue of

activities of some pro-Khalistani elements in New Zealand came up for discussion at the Mod-Luxon talks.

"We do alert our friends to the activities of anti-India elements in their countries and their abuse of freedom of speech and other democratic freedoms to glorify terrorism and to threaten attacks against our diplomats," he said.

"The government of New Zealand has been receptive and has taken our concerns on board in the past as well," he said, adding, "This was also the reaction that we got today".

## Justice Dept, FBI announce new task force to probe Hamas over Oct 7 attack

**AP, WASHINGTON:** The Justice Department on Monday announced the creation of a task force to investigate Hamas for its October 7, 2023, attack on Israel as well as potential civil rights violations and acts of antisemitism by anyone supporting the militant group.

Agents and prosecutors participating in Joint Task Force October 7, or JTF 10-7, will investigate and look to bring charges against Hamas militants directly responsible for the rampage in southern Israel, the department said.

"The barbaric Hamas terrorists will not win - and there will be consequences," Attorney General Pam Bondi said in a statement announcing the task force.

The attack killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and Hamas took 251 hostages. It touched off an Israeli counter-offensive that has destroyed vast areas of Gaza, displaced most of the population and killed over 48,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not say how many were combatants.

The Biden administration's Justice Department unsealed charges last September against Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar and other senior militants in connection with the attack on Israel.

The impact of the case is mostly symbolic given that Sinwar was killed by Israeli forces weeks later and sev-

eral other defendants are believed now to be dead.

The new task force will take over those pending charges, the department said.

The announcement of the task force comes as President Donald Trump has issued what he has called a "last warning" to Hamas to release all remaining hostages held in Gaza. His administration has targeted universities over a perceived failure to squelch antisemitism on campus as well as foreigners who participated in pro-Palestinian demonstrations.

The Justice Department announced this month that it was investigating whether Columbia University concealed "illegal aliens" on its campus, and federal immigration agents arrested Mahmoud Khalil, a Palestinian activist and Columbia graduate student.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio has said he revoked Khalil's permission to be in the US because of his role in pro-Palestinian protests at Columbia, saying they had riled up "anti-Jewish" sentiment and amounted to support for Hamas.

## Pak terms as misleading and one-sided Modi's remarks on J&K

**PTI, ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan on Monday rejected as misleading and one-sided the remarks made on Jammu and Kashmir by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a podcast.

The Indian leader said during the interview with American podcaster Lex Fridman on Sunday that every attempt to foster peace with Pakistan was met with hostility and betrayal and that he hoped that wisdom would prevail on the leadership in Islamabad to improve bilateral ties.

Pakistan Foreign Office issued a statement in response to media queries regarding the remarks made by Modi and rejected his assertions.

The remarks are misleading and one-sided. They conveniently omit the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, which remains unresolved for the last seven decades despite India's solemn assurances to the United Nations, Pakistan and the Kashmiri people, according to the statement.

It alleged that India was involved in fomenting trouble on Pakistani soil and carrying out state-san-

ctioned oppression in Jammu and Kashmir. It also accused India of orchestrating targeted assassinations, subversion and terrorism in foreign territories.

The FO said Pakistan has always advocated constructive engagement and result-oriented dialogue to resolve all outstanding issues, including the core dispute of Jammu and Kashmir, and added that peace and stability in South Asia have remained hostage to India's rigid approach and hegemonic ambitions.

It said the alleged anti-Pakistan narrative emanating from India vitiates the bilateral environment and impedes the prospects for peace and cooperation adding that it must stop.

India has repeatedly told Pakistan that Jammu and Kashmir was, is and shall forever remain an integral part of the country.

The India-Pakistan bilateral ties nosedived and the trade between the two countries stopped after India abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution, revoking the special status of the state of Jammu and Kashmir and bifurcating into two Union Territories on

August 5, 2019.

In an interaction with Fridman, the US-based popular podcaster and computer scientist, Modi recalled that he had specially invited his Pakistan counterpart Nawaz Sharif for his swearing-in ceremony in 2014 with the hope that the two countries could turn a new leaf.

Yet, every noble attempt at fostering peace was met with hostility and betrayal. We sincerely hope that wisdom prevails upon them and they choose the path of peace, he said.

Modi said he believed that even the people of Pakistan long for peace because they also must be tired of living in strife, unrest and relentless terror where even innocent children are killed and countless lives are destroyed.

Modi also called out Pakistan's long-standing role in fostering terrorism, emphasising that the world was no longer in doubt about where the roots of terror lie and added that time and again, Pakistan has emerged as the epicentre of terror, causing immense suffering not just to India but to the entire world.

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07.06.1933

DIED:  
16.03.2025

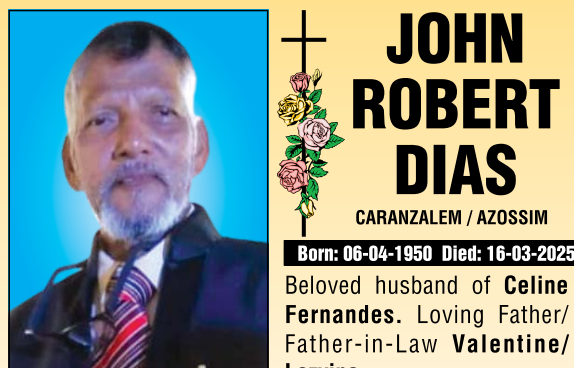
**PIEADA DITOSA MARIA CONCEICAO GILBERTA DA COSTA FERNANDES**  
ST. TOME, PANJIM

W/o Late Valeriano Fernandes.  
Most beloved mother/mother-in-law of Carmeline/Charles, Idaline, Joanita/Late Andrew, Maria/Gregory, Late Anthony/Esperance, Gabriel/Gorreti, Astrid/Merwyn, Tereza/Oscar, Armanda/Cajetan, Oscar/Eufemia, Marina/Romeo. Everloving grandmother of Nigel/Nazerth, Xavier, Flavia/Savio, Fiona/Jason, Anisha/Roque, Marissa/Romeo, Ashwyn, Anoushka, Gretta, Glewyn, Calista, Cassandra, Eleana, Renisha/Tenvil, Richelle/Edavn, Raissa.

Most adorable great grandmother of Nathaniel, Naomi, Mikhael, Janora, Declan, Miesha, Rielle and Eudora.  
Passed away suddenly on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025.  
Funeral cortege will leave her residence St. Tome Panjim on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, (Tomorrow) at 3.30 pm to St. Agnes Church, St. Inez for the Eucharistic Celebration at 4.00 pm followed by burial.

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**JOHN ROBERT DIAS**  
CARANZALEM / AZOSSIM

Born: 06-04-1950 Died: 16-03-2025

Beloved husband of Celine Fernandes. Loving Father/Father-in-Law Valentine/Lazvina.

Grandfather of Shlomi Avigail  
The funeral service will begin Today 18.03.2025 at 3.00 pm at the residence followed by burial at St. Matthews Church, Azossim Cemetery.

Bus will leave Caranzalem to Azossim at 2.00 pm

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

## CALLED BACK TO THE FATHER



**REV. FR. MARDEN ORMLAS DAVID CAETANO TEODOLINO PEREIRA, SFX**

Born: 04-08-1931 | Ordained: 07-03-1957 | Died: 17-03-2025

The Superior General and confreres of the Society of Pilar deeply mourn the sad demise of their beloved Confrere

**REV. FR. MARDEN PEREIRA, sfx**  
(From Colva, Goa)

who returned to the Heavenly Father on 17th March, 2025.  
The Funeral Mass will be held at the Pilar Monastery Church, Pilar on Tuesday, 18th March 2025 at 4.00 p.m.

## Lucknow lawyers to boycott judicial work over police misconduct

**PTI, LUCKNOW:** Lawyers of the Allahabad High Court's Oudh Bar Association (OBA), the District Court's Central Bar Association (CBA), and the Collector's Lucknow Bar Association (LBA) have decided to boycott judicial work in all courts on Tuesday, officials said.

The protest is against the alleged misbehavior, assault, and false FIR against lawyers at the Vibhutikhand police station on March 14.

An emergent meeting of all bar associations was held on Monday, where the incident was strongly condemned, and the decision to abstain from court proceedings was taken, officials said.

At a meeting in the High Court, presided over by OBA President R D Shahi and General Secretary Manoj Dwivedi, lawyers demanded immediate action against the policemen responsible for the alleged

misbehavior with advocate Saurabh Verma and others.

They also reiterated the demand for the implementation of the Advocate Protection Act.

Similarly, CBA and LBA held a joint meeting in the district court, condemning the incident and calling for strict action against the erring police personnel. Office-bearers of all three bar associations will meet again on Tuesday to decide the future course of action.

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai wrote to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, urging immediate implementation of the Advocate Protection Act and ensuring security arrangements for lawyers at police stations. He demanded the strictest action against the policemen involved in the alleged incident, warning that the advocate community was agitated.

## FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



In Loving Memory of  
**MARIA ROSA PEREIRA**

:- Aquem - Alto :-  
Born: 23.04.1943 - Died: 19.03.2024

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Maria at 8:00 a.m. on

Wednesday, 19th March 2025 at St. Sebastian Cemetery, Aquem - Margao, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.

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In Ever-loving Memory of  
**Mariano Carvalho**

Firguel Moll  
Aquem Baixo Navelim

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mariano on 19.03.2025

(Tomorrow) at 8:15 a.m. at Our Lady of Rosary Church Navelim, followed by the blessing of the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful wife: Inacia Gomes  
Sons: Mackson, Ivan & Joston.

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