

US says it brokered safe shipping in Black Sea in talks with Ukraine, Russia

PTI, KYIV: The United States said an agreement has been reached to ensure safe navigation in the Black Sea as it wrapped up three days of talks Tuesday with Ukrainian and Russian delegations in Saudi Arabia on prospective steps toward peace.

US experts met separately with Ukrainian and Russian representatives in Riyadh, and the White House issued separate joint statements about the talks with Ukraine and Russia.

It said the sides have agreed to ensure safe navigation, eliminate the use of force, and prevent the use of commercial vessels for military purposes in the Black Sea.

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in televised comments Tuesday that Moscow is open to the revival of the agreement but warned that Russian interests must be protected.

In an apparent reference

to the Russian demands, the White House statement on the talks with Russia noted that the US will help restore Russia's access to the world market for agricultural and fertiliser exports, lower maritime insurance costs, and enhance access to ports and payment systems for such transactions.

The White House statement also mentioned that the parties agreed to develop measures for implementing an agreement reached in President Donald Trump's calls with Rus-

sian President Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to ban strikes against energy facilities in Russia and Ukraine.

After the Trump-Putin call last week, the White House said the partial ceasefire would include ending attacks on energy and infrastructure, while the Kremlin declared that the agreement referred more narrowly to energy infrastructure. Meanwhile, a Kremlin official said Tuesday that the talks between US and Russian officials in Riyadh the previous day would likely lead to further contacts between Washington and Moscow, but that no concrete plans have yet been made.

The three days of meetings which did not include

direct Russian-Ukrainian negotiations are part of an attempt to hammer out details on a partial pause in the 3-year-old war in Ukraine.

It has been a struggle to reach even a limited, 30-day ceasefire which Moscow and Kyiv agreed to in principle last week -- with both sides continuing to attack each other with drones and missiles.

Future US-Russia contacts expected On Tuesday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that the outcome of the US-Russia talks in Riyadh has been reported in the capitals and was currently being analysed by Moscow and Washington, but that the Kremlin has no plans to release further details of what was discussed to the public.

Telangana tunnel collapse: Another body retrieved

PTI, NAGARKURNOOL (TELANGANA): Rescuers recovered the body of one of the seven people, who remained trapped inside the partially collapsed SLBC project tunnel here for over a month, on Tuesday, officials said.

This brings the total number of bodies found so far to two. Nagarkurnool district Collector Badavath Santhosh told reporters that the body was located during the search operation on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Manoj Kumar from Uttar Pradesh, who worked as an engineer with the contract firm of the tunnel project, an official statement said.

The body was shifted to a government hospital for post mortem and other procedures as per the norms.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Sadanand C. Naik
Retd. AAO - Directorate of Accounts
Chimbel - Goa
Born: 28/05/1946 - Died: 26/03/2024
Though you are not with us, your memories will always remain deep in our hearts

Fondly remembered by Wife: **Samata S. Naik**
Sons/Daughter-in-law: **Chetan/Chaitali Naik, Amey/Aarna Naik**
Grandson: **Gaurang Chetan Naik**

TWO YEARS WITH THE LORD



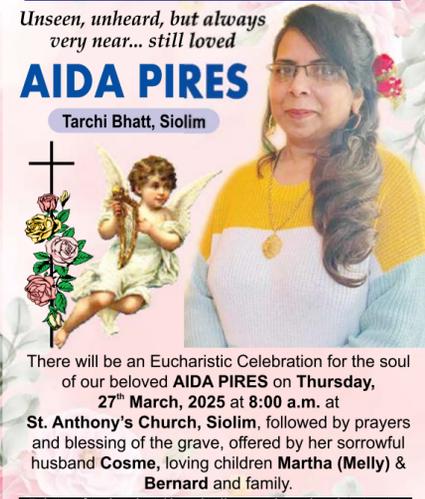
In Everloving Memory of
DAULATI DEELIP HARMALKAR
(Sinquerim - Divar Island)
MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE
Fondly Remembered by
Sorrowful Husband
DEELIP HARMALKAR,
Son **DIPTESH HARMALKAR,**
Daughter-in-law **AVANTIKA MAURYA HARMALKAR**
& **HARMALKAR FAMILY**

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY



In loving memory of
EUGENIA GONSALVES
PEQUENO VANELIM, COLVA
Dearest Mom, three years back God called you Home, Our hearts are filled with your love. Though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Mom on Thursday 27th March 2025, at 7:45 am (Tomorrow) at Our Lady of Mercies Church, Colva followed by prayers and blessings of the grave, offered by her sorrowful Children: Jennifer / Agnelo, Jeffery / Stely & Grandchildren.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THREE YEARS IN HEAVENLY KINGDOM



Unseen, unheard, but always very near... still loved
AIDA PIRES
Tarchi Bhatt, Siolim
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **AIDA PIRES** on Thursday, 27th March, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Siolim, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful husband **Cosme**, loving children **Martha (Melly) & Bernard** and family.
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY



JOSE ANTONIO FERNANDES
(Jason)
Ribandar/Dubai/Cortalim
Born: 04th March 1967 - Died: 28th March 2024
Eucharistic Celebration, will be held for the soul of our beloved Joe, on Friday, the 28th March, 2025, at 6:45 AM, at the Our Lady of Help Church, Ribandar, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife **Melita Fernandes**, and daughter **Mekhyla Fernandes**.
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2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Caroline Moraes Dias
Born: Oct 2, 1950
Maina - Curtorim
Died: Mar 27, 2023
Panjim
"To have been loved so deeply, leaves its own mark. The best part of me is you..."
Eucharistic Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 27, at 7:45 am, at St. Inez Church, Panjim, followed by prayers at the grave.
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PROTESTERS DEMAND MASTER PLAN FOR HERITAGE ZONE

He demanded that the government should stop unwanted projects at Old Goa.

"We demand heritage master plan with demarcation of buffer zone of National and State monuments as per Regional Plan," he said.

When it was brought to their notice that representatives from Archdioceses had attended two stakeholders meeting, Jacqueline Fernandes argued that the Church was not the licencing authority.

WILL NOT HIDE UNDER MY BED: KAMRA

An FIR was registered against Kamra in Thane district of Maharashtra for allegedly defaming Shiv Sena head and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, police said on Tuesday.

Kamra was booked under section 356(2) (defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita on a complaint lodged by a Shiv Sena functionary at Dombivli police station on Monday.

The complaint stated that the Sena functionary came across the defamatory video clip against Shinde after opening an online link, an official said.

The 36-year-old comic, who has often courted controversy for his anti-establishment views, has been asked to appear before the Khar police in Mumbai in connection with a case filed against him for defamation, officials said on Tuesday.

Kamra doubled down on his stand by sharing an edited video of his stand up act where he juxtaposed videos of Shiv Sainiks demolishing the venue in Mumbai where he recorded the show and burning his pictures and effigies with the parody song "Hum hongee kangal, hum hongee kangal ek din... Mann me andhvisshwas, desh ka satyanash..." playing in the background.

The comedian, who is in Puducherry according to his Instagram bio, has updated his X header photo with a disclaimer that reads: "This programme contains coarse language, offensive content & is unfit for consumption by those whose feelings and sentiments can be hurt. No one but you are liable for any outrage or hurt that you claim is caused by your voluntary viewership."

In his response, Shinde told BBC Marathi on Monday, "There is freedom of speech. We understand satire. But there should be a limit. This is like taking a 'supari' (contract) to speak against someone."

On the Shiv Sainiks vandalising the studio, Shinde said: "Action causes reaction. I will not speak much on this. I do not justify vandalism."

On Sunday night, Shiv Sena members damaged the Habitat Comedy Club in Khar, where Kamra's show took place, as well as a hotel in whose premises the club is located.

Police on Monday arrested Shiv Sena functionary Rahul Kanal and 11 others for ransacking the show venue. A Mumbai court granted them bail the same day.

Kamra, whose video has garnered over 4.3 million views in just two days, in his statement on Monday night said: "What I said is exactly what Mr Ajit Pawar (1st deputy CM) said about Eknath Shinde (2nd Deputy CM). I don't fear this mob."

"Our right to freedom of speech and expression is not only to be used to fawn over the powerful and rich even though today's media would have us believe otherwise. Your inability to take a joke at the expense of a powerful public figure does not change the nature of my right. As far as I know, it is not against the law to poke fun at our leaders and the circus that is our political system," Kamra insisted.

The issue has led to reactions across the spectrum with many defending the comic, while others criticising Kamra for taking things too far.

Priyanka Chaturvedi of the rival Shiv Sena (UBT) party said Shinde's 'goons' have proved Kamra right.

"Kunal didn't take any name; all he said was a man with a beard who went to Guwahati & was a puppet of Fadnavis. What made Shinde's goons believe it was about their SUPREME LEADER & go vandalise the place? [sic]" Chaturvedi wrote on X.

Filmmaker Hansal Mehta also defended Kamra, saying no matter how deep the disagreement and how sharp the provocation, violence, intimidation, and humiliation are not justified.

In a series of X posts, the acclaimed director recalled his ordeal with the Shiv Sena around 25 years ago when the workers of the then undivided political party vandalised his office.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut said Kamra won't bow down before anyone.

"I know Kamra. We share the same DNA. He is a fighter. He won't apologise. If you have to act against him, you have to take recourse to lawful steps," Raut told reporters.

GOA HSSC EXAM RESULTS AT 5 PM ON MARCH 27

The exams were conducted between February 10 and March 1, 2025, at 20 centers across Goa.

Students can check their results online at www.gbshse.in and http://results.gbshsegoa.net/#/. Schools can download the consolidated result sheet from March 29 via https://services.gbshse.in, a statement issued by the board said.

CASH-AT-HOME ROW: SC'S PROBE PANEL VISITS RESIDENCE OF JUSTICE VARMA

The apex court Collegium had recommended the repatriation of Justice Varma, who was de-rostered by the Delhi High Court following a directive from Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, to his parent Allahabad High Court.

On March 22, the CJJ constituted the three-member committee to conduct an in-house inquiry into allegations against Justice Varma and decided to upload the in-house inquiry report of Chief Justice D K Upadhyay of the Delhi High Court in the incident. It included photos and effigies of the alleged discovery of a huge stash of cash.

Justice Varma strongly denounced the allegations and said no cash was ever placed in the storeroom either by him or any of my family members.

In 2014, while dealing with a case of alleged sexual harassment of a subordinate court judge in Madhya Pradesh at the behest of a sitting judge of the high court, the top court laid down the in-house procedure and said in the first stage of the in-house procedure, the prima facie veracity of the allegations contained in the complaint is ascertained.

"If so, whether a deeper probe is called for. The first stage does not contemplate an in-depth examination of the allegations. It requires merely an assessment based on the contents of the complaint, and the response of the concerned judge.

"All that the Chief Justice of the High Court is required to do, is to determine whether a deeper probe is required. This is to be done, on the basis of a logical assessment made on a consideration of the response of the concerned Judge (with reference to the allegations levelled in the complaint)," it had said.

The top court had said it is the "second stage of the in-house procedure" relating to sitting judges of high courts which could lead to serious consequences.

The second stage is monitored by none other than the CJJ, it had said.

Only if the CJJ endorses the view expressed by the Chief Justice of the high court, that a deeper probe is called for, he would constitute a "three-member Committee", and thereby take the investigative process to the second stage.

This committee will comprise two CJJs of the High Courts (other than the concerned High Court), besides a Judge of a high court. The second stage postulates a deeper probe, it had said.

"Herein, for the first time, the authenticity of the allegations is to be probed on the basis of an inquiry.

"The incumbents of the three-member Committee would have no nexus with the concerned judge. Not only would the concerned judge have a fair opportunity to repudiate the allegations levelled against him, even the complainant would have the satisfaction that the investigation would not be unfair. The in-house procedure was devised to ensure exclusion of favouritism, prejudice or bias," it had said.

It said on the culmination of the inquiry, conducted by the panel, it shall record its conclusions and a report be furnished to the CJJ.

It had said that the report of the panel could lead to one of the following conclusions -- that, there is no substance in the allegations levelled against the concerned judge; or that there is sufficient substance in the allegations levelled against the judge.

"In such eventuality, the three-member Committee, must further opine, whether the misconduct levelled against the concerned judge is so serious, that it requires initiation of proceedings for the removal of the concerned Judge; or that, the allegations contained in the complaint are not serious enough to require initiation of proceedings for the removal of the concerned Judge," it had said.

"If the three-member Committee has concluded, that there is substance in the allegations, for initiation of proceedings, for the removal of the concerned judge, the Chief Justice of India shall proceed as under: (i) The concerned judge will be advised, by the Chief Justice of India, to resign or to seek voluntary retirement. (ii) In case the concerned Judge does not accept the advice of the Chief Justice of India, the Chief Justice of India, would require the

Chief Justice of the concerned High Court, not to allocate any judicial work, to the concerned Judge," the top court had said.

It said in the eventuality of the judge concerned not abiding by the advice of the CJJ to resign, then the CJJ would intimate the President of India, and the Prime Minister, of the findings of the three-member Committee, warranting initiation of proceedings for his removal.

SC TAKES COGNISANCE OF ALLAHABAD HC'S ATTEMPT-TO-RAPE RULING

When she replied she was coming from her sister-in-law's place, Pawan offered a lift to her daughter, assuring her that he would drop her at her residence.

Relying on his assurance, she permitted her daughter to accompany him on his motorcycle.

The accused persons stopped their motorcycle on the muddy way to her village and started grabbing her breasts. Akash dragged her and tried to take her beneath the culvert and pulled the string of her pyjama.

Two persons reached the spot on hearing the cries of her daughter. The accused persons threatened them with life by pointing a country-made pistol and fled the place. After recording the statement of the victim and the witnesses, the court summoned the accused for offence of rape.

After going through the materials on record, the court found, "In the present case, the allegation against accused Pawan and Akash is that they grabbed the breasts of the victim and Akash tried to bring down the lower garment of the victim and for that purpose, they had broken string of her lower garments and tried to drag her beneath the culvert, but due to intervention of witnesses they left the victim and fled away from the place of incident.

"This fact is not sufficient to draw an inference that the accused persons had determined to commit rape on the victim as apart from these facts no other act is attributed to them to further their alleged desire to commit rape on the victim," the court said.

The court in its order on March 17 further observed that the specific allegation against accused Akash is that he tried to drag the victim beneath the culvert and pulled the string of her pyjama. It is also not stated by the witnesses that the victim got naked or undressed due to this act of the accused, the court said.

"There is no allegation that the accused tried to commit penetrative sexual assault against the victim," the court said.

It said the allegations levelled against the accused Pawan and Akash, and the facts of the case hardly constitute an offence of attempt to rape in the case. To bring out a charge of attempt to rape the prosecution must establish that it had gone beyond the stage of preparation, it said.

"The difference between preparation and actual attempt to commit an offence consists chiefly in the greater degree of determination," the court added.



FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
ROSA MARIA DSILVA
(Poebhatt)
Your memory lives on in our hearts. May the Lord grant you everlasting rest
There will be a eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Rosa Maria at 7:00 am on Thursday, 27 March 2025 (Tomorrow) at Holy Trinity Church Benaulim followed by prayer and blessings at the grave.
Offered by her children Comilo, Reginaldo and Linda
Relatives and Friends, Kindly accept this as the only intimation



MONTH'S MIND
CELESTINA JOAQUINA DE SOUZA E DA COSTA
"Mummy your beautiful memories and love will always be our guide Though we cannot see you we know you will always be by our side"
There will be a eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Mummy on the 27th of March 2025 (Tomorrow) at Our Lady Of Hope Church Chinchinim at 8 a.m. Offered by her sorrowful family
Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation



DEATH
NICOLAU JOAQUIM RODRIGUES
Born: 14/05/1950 Died: 24/03/2025
(BENAULIM)
Beloved Husband of Maria Caetana Rodrigues
Loving Father / Father-in-law of Reed / Hazel, Rafiya / Francisco (Fredy) and Renita / Melwin.
Caring Grandfather of Rania, Raizel, Kaylan, Felton and Reeze.
Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Thursday, 27th March 2025 at 4:00 pm at St. John The Baptist Church Benaulim, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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