



Russian President Vladimir Putin gives a speech at the International Arctic Forum in Murmansk, Russia



French far-right politician Marion Marechal attends a conference on antisemitism in Jerusalem



British PM Keir Starmer speaks after meeting with Ukraine's Prez on the sidelines of a summit for 'coalition of the willing' at the British embassy in Paris



US Secretary of State Marco Rubio speaks during a press conference with Guyanese President Irfaan Ali (not pictured), in Georgetown, Guyana

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Brigitte Macron (left), the wife of France's President Emmanuel Macron, welcomes the First Lady of Brazil Rosangela Lula da Silva (right), the wife of Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, to the Elysee Palace, in Paris, on Friday

5 wounded in stabbing in Amsterdam, 1 person arrested

THE HAGUE: At least five people have been wounded in a stabbing in Amsterdam, police in the Dutch city said on Thursday. The stabbing happened near Dam Square in central Amsterdam. One person has been arrested. Police have cordoned off the area and multiple ambulances have responded to the event. A trauma helicopter called to the scene has landed on the square. "A motive is currently still unclear, but part of our investigation," the police said in a post on social media. Local media reported that a city council meeting involving Amsterdam Mayor Femke Halsema was interrupted because of the stabbing.

Woman, 3 children killed in domestic shooting in South Florida, police say

PEMBROKE PARK (FLORIDA): A woman and three children were killed in a domestic shooting and two others were taken to a hospital, authorities said in South Florida. The shooting in Pembroke Park took place at about 8 pm Wednesday, Michael Kane, the Broward Sheriff's Office fire rescue battalion chief, told news outlets. An adult male and a girl were transported to a hospital. Their conditions weren't immediately clear. The sheriff's office has not released the names or ages of the victims. Authorities have also not said whether the shooter was one of those who was killed or injured. Evan Ross, a spokesperson for Pembroke Park Police, described the shooting as domestic, according to news reports.

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OLD GOA: CALL FOR FIR ON 'UNAUTHORISED' EXCAVATION

"The tourism department is trying to encroach upon the powers of a religious institution, viewing the issue solely from a tourism perspective. Much of what is being proposed under the PRASAD scheme already exists. Instead of supporting local businesses, the plan seems aimed at creating facilities that will be handed over to outside interests focused solely on profit," Viegas explained.

Local resident Glean Cabral, a staunch advocate for preserving Old Goa's heritage, expressed frustration over the government's approach to the project. "The authorities are making plans and consulting local bodies only afterwards," Cabral said. "This government is pushing forward with its plans, and when people oppose them, they shift the blame onto the citizens."

Cabral further criticised the government's handling of the proposed project, citing a 2020 plan to build a structure on 2,000 square metres of land. "When we opposed it, they reduced the plan to 1,000 square metres. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) shown in the Assembly was never discussed in the gram sabha," he claimed. "Now, with historical artefacts being discovered, we stand firm in our opposition to this project."

Protests over the proposed project gathered steam after cannon balls were found during excavation at the site last Saturday, prompting Archaeological Survey of India to seal the site till an evaluation is conducted to assess the historical importance of the artefacts. However, protesters under the SOGAC umbrella have been claiming that before the ASI clampdown, multiple trucks carried away artefacts from the site to an unknown location, and they have demanded that all the materials have to be returned.

AFTER HC ORDER, GOVT LENS ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ALONG HIGHWAYS

The High Court in its order has directed the government to take phased action against illegal constructions, starting with roadside structures. Accordingly, the Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA) and the Directorate of Panchayats have issued notices to their officials to initiate action and to ensure strict compliance.

The High Court has classified illegal constructions into eight categories for enforcement action. The first category includes illegal structures along roadsides, highways or major roads in municipal areas, while the second covers similar constructions in village panchayat areas. The third category consists of illegal commercial structures in

AP, PARIS: Ukraine's European allies did not all agree Thursday on the proposed deployment of troops in the country to back up an eventual peace deal and only some want to take part, French President Emmanuel Macron said Thursday.

"It is not unanimous," he said after wrapping up a summit on strengthening Kyiv's hand and its military as it pushes for a ceasefire with Moscow. "We do not need unanimity to achieve it."

Macron said France and Britain, which are driving the initiative, would forge ahead with a "reassurance force" with several countries.

The summit hosting the leaders of nearly 30 countries plus NATO and European Union chiefs comes at a crucial juncture in the more than three-year war, with intensifying diplomatic efforts to broker ceasefires, driven by pressure from US President Donald Trump to end the fighting.

But the conflict is raging on.

Before the leaders met in the luxury of the French presidential palace, Russian drone attacks overnight wounded more than 20 people and heavy shelling Thursday afternoon killed one person and knocked out electricity in parts of Kherson, Ukrainian officials said.

US-brokered agreements this week to safeguard shipping in the Black Sea and last week to halt long-range strikes on energy infrastructure were greeted as a first step toward peace. But Ukraine and Russia have disagreed over the details and accused each other of deal violations, foreshadowing a long and contentious process ahead.

France and the United Kingdom are pushing a separate initiative to build a coalition of nations willing in one way or another to support the deployment of a European armed force in Ukraine, with the aim of se-



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, France's President Emmanuel Macron and Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer speak at the Elysee Palace, in Paris, on Thursday

curing any peace deal by dissuading Russia from attacking the country again.

Some European countries are more comfortable with a potential deployment than others — not least because a big unknown is whether Trump would allow American forces and intelligence agencies to back up any European contingent with air and logistical support and other assistance.

Building a force big enough to act as a credible deterrent — UK officials have talked about possibly 10,000 to 30,000 troops — would also be a considerable effort for nations that shrank their militaries after the Cold War but are now rearming.

There would also be questions to resolve

about who would command the force and how it might respond to a major violation by Russia of any peace agreement.

The office of UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who's driving the European initiative together with Macron, said that military planners from Europe and beyond have been drilling down into details of how such a force might be put together, examining "the full range of European military capabilities including aircraft, tanks, troops, intelligence and logistics."

In the face of enduring pressure from Trump on European nations to increase military spending and rely less on US forces, dating back to his first presidency, the proposed contingent is also seen as a test

At least 6 dead after submarine carrying tourists in Red Sea sinks off Egypt

AP, CAIRO: A recreational submarine taking 45 tourists on an underwater cruise of coral reefs in the Red Sea sank off the Egyptian resort town of Hurghada on Thursday, leaving six Russians dead, the provincial governor said. The remaining tourists, more than two dozen of whom were injured, were rescued, he said.

The cause of the sinking was not immediately known. The Russian consulate said it took place about 1,000 meters offshore.

Russia's Tass news agency earlier said the Russian dead included at least two children, citing the country's consul in Hurghada. The consulate

had said all 45 tourists on board were Russian, but the Egyptian governor said they also included Indian, Norwegian and Swedish citizens.

The submarine was carrying 45 tourists and five Egyptian crewmembers when it sank, Red Sea governor Maj. Gen. Amr Hanafi, said in a statement, adding that rescue teams were quickly sent.

He said all six dead were Russians, and that 29 of the 39 tourists rescued were injured and taken to hospitals. No one was still missing from the vessel, he said, suggesting the crew had also been rescued. Hurghada is a major destination for divers, snorkelers

and other tourists drawn by the Red Sea's extensive coral reefs.

The submarine, named "Sindbad," runs 1- to 3-hour tours, usually cruising at about 20-25 meters underwater with panoramic windows on the bottom to give views of the marine life, according to the website of the company that the Russian consulate identified as running the vessel.

The company did not respond to phone calls seeking comment.

In November, a tourist yacht sank in the Red Sea after warnings of rough waters, Egyptian officials said. At least four people drowned, while 33 were rescued.

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Lord I Am Coming Home



Maria Angela Filomena de Sa (Anju)

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

Most beloved wife of **Leonardo Terezinha Charly de Sa**. Loving mother/mother-in-law of **Leo/Rina, Litzy/J.R.Serra, Lyndon/Lizette, Lenin/Valerie**. Doting grandmother of **Roxanne, Kendrick, Lincoln, Serena, Sevilen, Laquita, Leander, Elizabeth & Ethan**. Sister/Sister-in-law of late **Pascoal/Marceline (Cooky)**.

Passed away peacefully on **25th March 2025**. Funeral Cortège will leave her residence on **Friday, 28th March, 2025, at 3:45 p.m., to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Davorlim**, for Eucharist Celebration at **4:00 p.m.** and thereafter to the cemetery for burial.

(Relatives And Friends Kindly Accept This As The Only Intimation)

SAD DEMISE



MARIA SARA (SARITA) PROENÇA

CALANGUTE

Beloved wife of late **Joao (Joaozinho) Proença**. Mother/mother-in-law of **Elvis / Lorraine, Isa / Owen and Maria Elin (Marlene) / Richard**.

Adorable grandmother of **Kimberly / Billy and Melissa**.

Loving Sister/Sister-in-law of **Norbert / Lavinia and Maria Helena / late Dr Tito**. Sister-in-law of late **Amelia / late Nemesio, late Celia / late Benjamin, late George / Edilda and Fatima / late Francisco**.

Expired peacefully on **26th March 2025**. Funeral cortege will leave her residence at **3.45 pm on Saturday 29/03/2025 for St. Alex Church, Calangute** for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be given to **St. Alex Orphanage, Calangute**.

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