

Illegal arms smuggling racket busted in Amritsar, 2 held

PTI, CHANDIGARH: Punjab Police on Friday said it busted a Pakistan-backed illegal arms smuggling racket with the arrest of two operatives who were supplying weapons to associates of foreign-based gangsters Lakhbir Landa and Satta Naushera. Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab, Gaurav Yadav, has identified the arrested persons as Fateh Singh and Gurpreet Singh, both residents of Dhalla village in Tarn Taran.

Returned to the Lord

SEBASTINA FERNANDES

SANDEUL - CURTORIM
Born: 16.02.1965 Died: 28.03.2025



Beloved wife of Nicolau Barreto.
Loving mother/mother-in-law of Josephina Barreto /Sevaraj Dcosta, Christopher/Steffi Fernandes, Jesman/Clacy D'Silva.
Doting grandmother of Sybal, Stellan, Clayjes & Clanson.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence TODAY, 29th March 2025 at 3:15pm to St. Alex Church, Curtorim for Eucharistic celebration at 3:30pm followed by burial.

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation. BOOKIES 9822129657

DEATH

Born: 30/05/1972 Died: 28/03/2025

ANTHONY D'SOUZA

(GUIRIM, PERXET)
Son of Felix & Isabela (Bela) D'Souza.
Loving Brother/Brother-in-Law of Edwin & Diana D'Souza, Anita & Agnelo Castro, Alvin & Lucas Fernandes.
Most affectionate uncle of Ellie, Danica, Adriel & Ezekiel.

Funeral Cortege will leave his residence at 4.15 pm on Saturday, 29th March, 2025 to Our St. Diogo Church, Guirim/Sangolda for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial at Church Cemetery.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation. Patrick Advi. & Funeral Services Moira - 955272243 / 9890299164

RETURNED TO THE LORD

BORN 22/11/1949 DIED 28/03/2025

Dulcina Cicilia Agnela Rodrigues e Dias

(Ex- GMC Staff Nurse)
Calvaddo, Cavelossim
Beloved Wife of Neutral Jacinto Dias
Caring Mother/Mother-in-law of Conrad/Lorraine Dias
Loving Grandmother of Chovena & Crisben Dias

Funeral cortege will leave her residence on Saturday, 29th March 2025 (Today) at 3:45 pm to Holy Cross Church, Cavelossim, for Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00 pm followed by burial.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation. Rebelto Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

DEATH

"We are all pilgrims moving towards fullness of life"

IRENIUS MANUEL FIGUEREDO

(Donwaddo, Saligao)

Born: 03-07-1970 - Died: 26-03-2025

Son of late Cyril and late Filipina Figueredo.
Beloved husband of Jovita Fernandes e Figueredo,
Caring and doting father of Jonus, Iyona and Jordan;
Loving brother/brother-in-law of Joseph/Carol,
Meena/late Christopher, Joaquim/Teresa, Julio/Maria and Sr. Elizabeth Fernandes (FMCK);
Affectionate uncle of Carl, Allan, Aldrin, Aaron, Kingsley, Queenie, Joslyn and Joshua.

Funeral cortege will leave his Saligao residence on Saturday, 29th March 2025 at 3:30 pm for Eucharistic Celebration at Mae de Deus Church, Saligao at 4:00 pm followed by burial.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation. ART TRICKS 8390897800

OBITUARY

JULIET STEPHEN VAZ

CHIMBEL GOA / PUNE
DOB 22/08/1949
DOD: 27/03/2025
Ex Principal of S V Union Primary School (Somwar Peth)

Daughter of Late Alexinho & Laura D'souza Loving Wife of Late Stephen Anthony Vaz (Goa) Loving Mother/ Mother-in-law of Oscar & Sharon/Menino D'souza
Loving grandmother of Nathan Sister/Sister-in-law of Late Susan/Anthony Mendes, Flina/Clifton Viegas, Everest/Jacqueline D'souza, Deomira/Late Alvirto Furtado.
Sister in law of Bertha Gill.

There will be a Eucharistic celebration at City Church, Quarter Gate on 29th March 2025 at 4 pm followed by the burial at City Church Cemetery, Nana Peth, Pune.

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

Bodies of three policemen recovered as Kathua encounter enters second day

PTI, JAMMU: The bodies of three of the four Jammu and Kashmir policemen killed in an encounter with terrorists of banned Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed were recovered on Friday as fierce gunfight between security forces and terrorists entered its second day in the remote forested region of Jammu's Kathua, officials said here.



Security personnel during an anti-terrorist operation in a remote forested area, in Kathua district, Jammu and Kashmir

However, the service weapons of the deceased personnel still remain unaccounted for, they added.

The operation, centred near the Jakhole village in the Ghati Juthana area of Rajbagh, began on Thursday morning following intensified police operations against recently infiltrated terrorists from across the International Border in the Hiranagar sector.

The encounter has resulted in the deaths of four policemen and three Jaish terrorists while another

seven security personnel, including a deputy superintendent of police (DSP), have sustained injuries.

The body of the fourth police personnel, who was reported missing on Thursday evening, was located this morning by search parties with the help of drones, but the retrieval efforts have not succeeded so far

as two terrorists are still holed up at a height and firing at the search teams, the officials said.

Heavy gunfire, along with the sounds of explosions, continued for the second day as police, supported by the Army and the CRPF, advanced through the difficult hilly terrain after a night's halt.

It was not immediately clear whether it was the same group that had been evading an earlier cordon in the Sanyal forest or another batch of infiltrated terrorists.

The retrieved bodies of the policemen—Balwinder Singh Chib, Jaswant Singh, and Tariq Ahmed—were recovered after a day of search efforts. However, the service weapons of the slain personnel were not found nearby, and officials said it was premature to say that the weapons were taken away by the terrorists.

The bodies were received by Director General of Police Nalin Prabhat at the medical college where their postmortem was conducted before the ceremonial wreath-laying ceremony at district police lines, Kathua, the officials said. They were personal security officers of the sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) who was leading the search party and came under heavy firing by terrorists when the encounter broke out, trapped them near the scene of the gunfight, adjacent to a rivulet concealed by dense foliage.

PTI, DHAKA: Former prime minister Khaleda Zia's BNP on Friday questioned the purview of Bangladesh's interim government on "reforms" as the newly formed student-led National Citizen Party (NCP) claimed some groups were attempting to bypass the issue for immediate elections.

However, the SDPO - a DSP rank officer - was evacuated in an injured condition from the scene late Thursday evening.

Besides the SDPO, three more policemen were admitted to Kathua hospital and their condition was stated to be stable. Two Army personnel were also injured in the operation.

Earlier, a group of terrorists was intercepted on Sunday evening within a 'dhok', a local term for an enclosure in a nursery, in the Sanyal village near the International Border with Pakistan in the Hiranagar sector.

BNP questions reform moves by B'desh interim Govt

Sorry, this (reform) is not your job," mass circulation Prothom Alo newspaper quoted Bangladesh Nationalist Party's (BNP) spokesman Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as saying at a party event in the southeastern port city of Chattagram.

He alleged that the interim government led by Professor Muhammad Yunus was echoing deposed PM-Sheikh Hasina's rhetoric that deprived people of fair elections by promoting the narratives of development and the current govt is following the same path in the name of reforms.

Pope offers prayers for quake-hit Southeast Asia from Vatican

AP, VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis offered prayers to the victims of a powerful earthquake in Southeast Asia on Friday, the sixth day of his convalescence in the Vatican after a five-week hospitalisation for life-threatening double pneumonia.

"The pope has been informed of the disaster in Myanmar and is praying for the dramatic situation and for the many victims, also in Thailand," the Vatican said. Images showed widespread destruction in Myanmar's second-largest city from the 7.7 magnitude quake centred in a country embroiled by civil war, which also rocked neighbouring Thailand.

Since returning to the Vatican on Sunday, the pope has continued physical and respiratory therapy, with slight improvements in both his speaking and movements, the Vatican said without providing further details.

He continues to be treated for a lingering fungal infection of the respiratory airways.

The pontiff appeared weak and frail when he greeted the faithful from a balcony of the Gemelli Hospital last Sunday. He was later seen in the front seat of his white Fiat 500L wearing nasal tubes to receive supplemental oxygen.

At the Vatican, Francis is receiving oxygen around the clock, with high-pressure delivery through nasal tubes only for part of the night. He can go without for short periods if an activity requires it, Vatican sources said.

He has received no outside visitors since returning to his residence in the Domus Santa Marta, and is surrounded by his medical team and close collaborators. He spends his time resting, in prayer and continuing the work of his papacy, the Vatican said.

Trump asks SC nod to resume deporting Venezuelan migrants under wartime law

AP, WASHINGTON: The Trump administration on Friday asked the Supreme Court for permission to resume deportations of Venezuelan migrants to El Salvador under an 18th century wartime law, while a court fight continues.

The emergency appeal to the high court follows a rejection of the Republican administration's plea to the federal appeals court in Washington. By a 2-1 vote, a panel of appellate judges left in place an order temporarily prohibiting deportations of the migrants under the rarely used Alien Enemies Act.

The Justice Department argued in court papers that federal courts shouldn't interfere with sensitive diplomatic negotiations. It also claimed that migrants should make their case in a federal court in Texas, where they are being detained.

The order temporarily blocking the deportations was issued by US District Judge James E Boasberg,

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the chief judge at the federal courthouse in Washington.

President Donald Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act for the first time since World War II to justify the deportation of hundreds of people under a presidential proclamation calling the Tren de Aragua gang an invading force.

"Here, the district court's orders have rebuffed the President's judgments as to how to protect the Nation against foreign terrorist organisations and risk debilitating effects for delicate foreign negotiations," acting Solicitor General Sarah Harris wrote in the court filing.

Attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union filed the lawsuit on behalf of five Venezuelan non-citizens who were being held in Texas, hours after the proclamation was made public.

The court set a Tuesday deadline for a response from the ACLU.

The case has become a flashpoint amid escalating tension between the White House and the federal courts.

Boasberg imposed a temporary halt on deportations and ordered plane-loads of Venezuelan immigrants to return to the US. That did not happen. The judge has since vowed to

determine whether the government defied his order to turn the planes around. The administration has invoked a "state secrets privilege" and refused to give Boasberg any additional information about the deportations.

Trump and his allies have called for impeaching Boasberg. In a rare statement, Chief Justice John Roberts said "impeachment is not an appropriate response to disagreement concerning a judicial decision."

The Alien Enemies Act allows non-citizens to be deported without the opportunity for a hearing before an immigration or federal court judge.

Boasberg ruled that immigrants facing deportation must get an opportunity to challenge their designations as alleged gang members. His ruling said there is "a strong public interest in preventing the mistaken deportation of people based on categories they have no right to challenge."

Bengaluru murder: 'Main suspect husband attempted suicide', say police

PTI, BENGALURU: The husband of a 32-year-old woman, whose body was found in a suitcase in the city, seems to be the main suspect in the case and was now undergoing treatment in Pune after suicide attempt, police said on Friday.

The body of Gauri Khedekar was found on Thursday with severe injury marks and stuffed inside a suitcase here. She is a native of Maharashtra.

Her husband Rakesh Rajendera Khedekar fled to Pune after the crime where he allegedly attempted suicide by consuming poison, police said.

He has been detained in connection with the murder and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in the Maharashtra city.

Addressing a press conference here, City Police Commissioner B Dayananda said the police have registered a case in this regard and it is seen that the woman's husband only is the main suspect. He had flown out of the city earlier.

"He was found admitted in a hospital in Pune. Apparently, it is said he had consumed poison in a suicide attempt. He is in the hospital and our team has already contacted Pune police," he said.

According to him, a team of Bengaluru Police have gone to Pune, and as and when he is discharged from the hospital, he will be brought here for interrogation.

Four militants arrested in Manipur

PTI, IMPHAL: Security forces have nabbed four militants belonging to different proscribed outfits from three districts of Manipur, police said in a statement on Friday.

The arrests were made in Bishnupur, Imphal East and Thoubal districts on Thursday.

A militant belonging to the Kangleipak Communist Party (PWG) was nabbed from Maibam Chingmang in Bishnupur district. The insurgent, identified as Leishangthem Hiran Singh (40), was involved in extorting the common people.

636 Indians deported from US since Jan: Govt tells Parl

PTI, NEW DELHI: Since January 2025 till date, 636 Indian nationals have been deported to India from the US, the government informed Parliament.

"Of these, 341 arrived on chartered flights, 55 arrived via Panama on commercial flights, and 240 arrived on separate commercial flights," Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh said in a written response to a query in the LS.

TMC MP Yusuf Pathan asked whether it is a fact that "the government has offered to repatriate 18,000 illegal Indian immigrants from the United States", and the measures being implemented to ensure the welfare and reintegration of these returnees.

"It is the obligation of all countries to take back their nationals, if they are found to be living illegally abroad. This is however subject to an unambiguous verification of their nationality. This is not a policy that is practised only by India; it is a generally accepted principle in international relations," Singh said.

The Ministry of External Affairs on March 21 had informed Parliament that 388 Indian nationals had been deported from the US since January 2025 till then.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

Born 08-11-1986 Died 28-03-2025

Revelation 21:4- And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more

Wife of Jose (Joseph) Cajetan Fernandes.
Loving Mother/ mother in law of William Fernandes / Vanita Fernandes, Marilyn Kerker / Shalendra Kerker, Wilfred Fernandes / Skeeter Fernandes.
Loving grandmother of Xenia & Lloyd Pinto, Shania Fernandes, Yannis Fernandes, Natasha Kerker and Kiera Fernandes.

Expired peacefully on 28th March 2025.

Her Mortal remains will be bought directly to St. Jerome Church, Mapusa, TODAY, at 3.30 pm, 29th March 2025, for Mass at 4.00 p.m. followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

CONDOLENCE

We deeply mourn the sad demise of

NORBERT FARIA

:- Bencleamvaddo - Cuncolim :-

A tribute of love from:
Adv. Savio Caeiro, Adv. Winston Mascarenhas, Adv. Sanford Fernandes, Adv. Manjil, Adv. Evelina Barreto

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory

Lt. Cdr. TIBURCIO MENEZES (Retd.)

(Sao Mathias, Malar, Divar)

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved father on Sunday 30th March 2025 at 4:30pm at Sao Mathias Church, Malar, Divar followed by prayers & blessing of the grave offered by Fr Cajetan D. Menezes & Kevin/Runa Menezes.

CONDOLENCE

We, deeply mourn the sad demise of

Irenious Manuel Figueredo

(Donwaddo, Saligao) and offer our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

Deepest Sympathies from his friends:
XAVIER (DOGIE) SILVA; GODWIN D'MELLO; CIPRIANO FERNANDES & AVITO D'SOUZA. (Calangute/Candolim)