

2 killed, dozens wounded in Russian attack on Kharkiv as Trump lashes out at Putin

AP, KYIV: Russian drones hit a military hospital, shopping center and apartment blocks in Ukraine's second-largest city of Kharkiv, killing two people and wounding dozens, while US President Donald Trump voiced anger at Russian President Vladimir Putin for comments he made about the leader of Ukraine.

Ukraine's General Staff denounced the "deliberate, targeted shelling" of the military hospital late Saturday. Among the casualties were service members who were undergoing treatment, it said. Regional Gov. Oleh Syniehubov said those killed were a 67-year-old man and a 70-year-old woman.

Ukraine's air force reported that Russia fired 111 exploding drones and decoys in the latest wave of attacks overnight into



A Ukrainian serviceman improve his tactical skills at a training camp in an undisclosed location in eastern Ukraine, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine

Sunday. It said 65 of them were intercepted and another 35 were lost, likely having been electronically jammed.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Sunday that over the past week "most regions of Ukraine" came under

his assertion that "Russia is dragging out the war," echoing comments he made Thursday in Paris that Russia is prolonging ceasefire talks "just to buy time and then try to grab more land."

Russia's Ministry of Defense, meanwhile, said its air defense systems shot down six Ukrainian drones. It also claimed Sunday that its troops had taken control of a village in Ukraine's partly occupied Donetsk region. The Russian claim could not be independently verified, and Ukraine did not comment.

According to Ukrainian government and military analysts, Russian forces are preparing to launch a fresh military offensive in the coming weeks to maximize pressure on Kyiv and strengthen the Kremlin's negotiating position in ceasefire talks.

Taliban leader says there is no need for Western laws in Afghanistan

PTI, KABUL: The Taliban leader said on Sunday there was no need for Western laws in Afghanistan and that democracy was dead as long as sharia laws are in effect.

Hibatullah Akhundzada made the comments in a sermon marking the Islamic holiday of Eid Al-Fitr, in the southern city of Kandahar's Eidgah Mosque. The 50-minute audio of his message was published on X by the Taliban government's chief spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid.

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The Taliban's interpretation of sharia has led to bans on Afghan women and girls, who have been excluded from education, many jobs and most public spaces. Such measures have isolated the Taliban on the world stage, although they have established diplo-

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matic ties with countries including China and the United Arab Emirates.

Akhundzada has taken a stronger hand in directing policy since the Taliban seized control of the country in 2021, despite some officials initially promising a more moderate rule.

Akhundzada on Sunday criticized the West, saying non-believers had united against Muslims and that the US and others were united in their hostility toward Islam, citing the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

Democracy had come to an end in Afghanistan and sharia was in effect, he said, adding that supporters of democracy were trying to separate the people from the Taliban government.

SC rejects plea to direct Punjab, Haryana govts to control stubble burning

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has rejected a plea by an activist seeking directions to the Punjab and Haryana governments to take strict measures to control stubble burning, citing that the application does not offer any particulars.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan observed, "Moreover, when this court has passed several orders on the issue of stubble burning and is still seized of the matter, we do not want to encourage different parties to file applications for intervention and directions, only for the sake of it. The application is accordingly rejected." The plea filed by environment activist Vikrant Tongad said that pollution generated from stubble burning in April-May is harmful for the health of not only people living in Delhi-NCR but also those in the states where they are burnt. Children and elderly are especially affected, it said.

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Despite numerous directives issued by this court over the past decades, compliance has remained dismal, with government agencies and stakeholders failing in their duty to protect public health and environment," the plea argued.

Actor Richard Chamberlain known for 'Dr Kildare,' dies at 90

AP, LOS ANGELES: Richard Chamberlain, the handsome hero of the 1960s television series "Dr. Kildare" who found a second career as an award-winning "king of the miniseries," has died. He was 90.

Chamberlain died Saturday night in Waimanalo, Hawaii of complications following a stroke, according to his publicist, Harlan Boll.

Tall, with classic good looks and romantic style, Chamberlain became an instant favourite with teenage girls as the compassionate physician on the TV series that aired from 1961 to 1966. Photoplay magazine named him most popular male star for three years in a row, from 1963-65.

Not until 2003 did he acknowledge publicly what Hollywood insiders

had long known, that he was gay. He made the revelation in his autobiography, "Shattered Love."

The actor became known as "king of the TV miniseries" in 1978 when he landed the starring role in "Centennial," an epic production 24 hours long and based on James Michener's sprawling novel. He followed that in 1980 with "Shogun," another costly, epic miniseries based on James Clavell's period piece about an American visitor to Japan.

Chamberlain won Golden Globes for his work in "Shogun" and "The Thorn Birds." Years earlier, he received one for "Dr. Kildare." When the public began to lose interest in miniseries, Chamberlain turned to the theater, where he displayed a fine singing voice.

MONTH'S MIND
In loving memory of
CAITANA JOANA FERNANDES (JONITA)
St. Agostinho, Marrod

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our loving Mai Caitana Joana Fernandes on 1st April 2025, at 7:15 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by Sons/Daughters-in-law late Domingos/Fatima, late Rosario, Martinho/Socorin, Mariano. Daughters/Sons-in-law Caitani/late Augusto, Sabina/late Bernardo and Grandchildren.

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

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
JOSE MIGUEL COSTA
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Daddy, on **Tuesday, 1st April 2025, at 8:00 am** at **Sao Joao Facundo Church Corlim - Ilhas Tiswadi**
Followed by prayers and blessings of the grave
Offered by his Children and grand children
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

MONTH'S MIND
In Loving Memory of
ROMEU CRISANATA FURTADO
(Nauta - Cortalim)
There will be Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **ROMEU CRISANATA FURTADO**. On **Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at 8.00 a.m.** at **St. Philip & St. James Church, Cortalim** followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful Children **Clan, Sydney/Elima, Anette/ Rodney** and Grandchildren **Alessia & Annaya**.
Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

MONTH'S MIND
In loving memory of
BASILIO (BABUSH) GONSALVES
GONTONIQUE, ORLIM / SAO JOSE DE AREAL
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Papa on **Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at 7:30 am**, at **St. Joseph Church, Sao Jose de Areal** followed by prayers and blessings at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
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75TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
MANUEL GOMES
Vaddy, Merces-Goa.
Happy 75th Birthday to the best dad in the world. You may not be with us physically now, but I hope God will tell you just how much we miss you & cherish our memories together. We love you, dad...
* Fondly Remembered by *
Your Loving Wife: **Milagrina**, Son: **Inacio** & Daughter-in-Law: **Merlyn Gomes**
Sandeep Ads 9822133998

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
AVELINO JHON DIAS
(PONDA - GOA)
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Daddy on **Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at 8.15 am** at **St. Anns Church, Ponda**, followed by prayer and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful children, grand children and family.
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.

1st Death Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
Alex Minguel Fernandes
(Prop. of M.R. Fernandes)
(Calangute / Mapusa)
There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Alex**, on **Tuesday, 1st April, 2025, at 8.00 a.m.**, at **St. Jerome Church, Mapusa**, followed by prayers at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife **Micaela Fernandes**; children **Mario/Franklin, Alvito/Marlette** and **Freddy/Ruby**; grandchildren **Roselyn, Manfred, Riyanna & Dave**.
A year has gone by. We are reminded of the uncommon bond you shared and the incalculable ways you improved our lives...
Relatives, Friends & Neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
CONCEICAO PEREIRA
HODAR-CURCHOREM
Born : 24.04.1946
Died : 30.03.2025
A LIFE WELL LIVED AND LOVE NEVER FORGOTTEN.
Loving wife of Late **Carlos Mariano Fernandes**, Loving Mother/Mother-in-law of **Patrick/Rosemary & Anthony/Fifi** Doting Grandmother of **Croiden, Swella and Aliya**.
Funeral cortege will leave her residence on **01/04/2025 at 9.30 am** for Eucharistic Celebration at **Guardian Angel Church, Curchorem** followed by burial.
RELATIVES & FRIENDS ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
Piedade Fernandes
Zuari, Goa - Velha
Born on: 24.01.1954 Died on: 29.03.2025
Wife of Late **Manuel Caiado**
Mother / Mother-in-law of **Santana /Late Anton, Afermeno, Lourdina / Keneddy, Fatima / Nolasco, Iris, Daniel, Conceicao, Celina / Fraddy, Walter / Samantha, Menino /Natasha**, fondly remembered by her grandchildren and family.
Funeral cortege will leave her residence on **31st March 2025 (Tomorrow)** at **3:15 pm** to **St. Andrew Church, Goa - Velha**, at **3.30 pm** for the Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.
Family & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
Creative Mass 9764592979

DEATH
VINCENTE ANTONITO EUGENIO FERNANDES
Pequeno Rumbordem-Curtorim
BORN: 16.12.1950 DIED: 30.03.2025
Husband of late **Susana Pacheco**.
Father of **Sheldon & Valencia**.
Brother/brother-in-law of late **Francisco/Maria Santana, Manuel/Verodiana, late Antonio/late Isidore Jose Paulo/Agrentina, Antonio Mario & late Idalina/Milagres, nephews & nieces**.
Funeral cortege will leave his residence **TODAY 31.03.2025 at 3:45pm** for Eucharistic celebration at **St. Alex Church Curtorim** at **4:00pm** followed by burial.
Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation
BOOKIES 9822129657

RETURNED TO THE LORD
"I am the resurrection and the life..." (John 11: 25)
ANTOINETA FERNANDES (ANNETTE)
Porba Vaddo, Calangute
Loving wife of late **Antonio Egidio Fernandes**.
Beloved mother /mother-in-law of **Bernadina (Dina), Romero/Anette, Cheryl, Sylona/Luis**.
Doting grandmother of **Minyola**.
Sister/sister-in-law of late **James, late Joseph/late Joanita**.
Sister-in-law of late **Renato/ late Julia, late Fr. Vito, late Josue/ late Marlene**.
Passed away peacefully on **30th March 2025**.
Funeral cortege will leave her residence on **31st March 2025 (TODAY)** at **3:45 pm** to **St. Alex Church Calangute** for the Eucharist celebration followed by burial.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
Our loved ones may go away from our lives. But they continue to live in our hearts forever.
His life was a musical journey. Surrounded by lyrics and melodies too many. He played to the tender beats of the heart. Sweetness of his voice creating a magical dance. Now he has taken a journey much too special. Where he'll play music along with choirs of angels.
ANDRE ANTHONY DIAS
Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz
25/09/56 — 29/03/25
Husband of **Succurina**. Father of **Shifa**. Son of late **Braz & Freda Dias**. Son-in-law of late **Francisco & late Severina Fernandes**. Brother/Bro-in-law of late **Bossuet, Charisse/Stanly, Desiree/late Prakash, Fleur/late Marios, Hazel/Johnny, Keith/Blanche**. Uncle to **Tamara, Tayden/Talia, Klint/Deandre/Angelina, Minozhka, Joshua, Keegan/Bevan/Kaylan**
Funeral Cortege leaves residence, **Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz** on **31st March 25** to **Holy Cross Church** for Eucharistic Celebration at **10:00 am** followed by burial.
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
ART TRICKS 839097800

DEATH
Jonathan Fernandes
(Student of Agnel Institute of Food Crafts, Culinary Science, Verna)
Born: 17/05/2004 Died: 30/03/2025
(2nd Ward, St. Joao Moll - Colva)
Loving son of Joe & Idiya (Bessy) Fernandes, affectionate brother of **Jasper Fernandes**, grandson of late **Albino/late Leopoldina Fernandes & late Mathew/Conceicao Vaz**, nephew of **Olinda/Fernando, Caji/Janifa, Manuel/Carmaline, Marie/Manuel, Jovita/Willy** and remembered by loving cousins.
Funeral cortege will leave his residence on **1st April 2025 (Tomorrow)** at **9:30am** for Eucharistic celebration at **Our Lady of Merces Church, Colva**, for Mass and burial.
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
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RETURNED TO THE LORD
CAETANA FERNANDES
-: Culsabhatt, Chandor :-
Beloved wife of late **Epifanio Fernandes**.
Loving mother/ mother-in-law of **Antonieta/ Anthony, Annie/ late Joe, Smith/ Maria**.
Dearest grandmother of **Austin/ Aliffa, Mervyn/ Aashana, Kassie/ Grayjon, Myron**.
Affectionate great grandmother of **Ariana, Jemimah**.
Passed away peacefully.
Funeral cortege will leave her residence at **9.15 a.m.** on **Monday, 31st March 2025 (TODAY)** to **Nossa Senhora de Belem Church, Chandor**, for Eucharistic Celebration at **9.30 a.m.**, followed by burial.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao, Ph. 9823022194