

# Russian missile strike in central Ukraine kills 18

AP, KYIV: The death toll from a Russian missile strike in the central Ukrainian city of Kryvyi Rih has risen to 18, including nine children, regional Governor Serhii Lysak said Saturday.

A further 72 people were injured in Friday's attack, the youngest a 3-month-old. About half of them remained in the hospital, with 17 in serious condition.

"There can never be forgiveness for this," said Oleksandr Vilkul, head of the city's defense council.

"Eternal memory to the victims."

Kryvyi Rih is the hometown of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

"The missile struck an area right next to residential buildings - hitting a playground and ordinary streets," Zelenskyy wrote on Telegram.

Local authorities said the strike damaged about 20 apartment buildings, more than 30 vehicles, an educational building and a restaurant.

The Russian Defence Ministry claimed Friday that it had carried out a high-precision missile strike with a high explosive warhead on a restaurant where a meeting with unit commanders and Western instructors was taking place.

Russian military claimed that the strike killed 85 military personnel and foreign officers and destroyed 20 vehicles. The military's claims could not be independently verified. The Ukrainian General Staff rejected the claims.

A later drone strike on Kryvyi Rih killed one woman and wounded seven other people. Zelenskyy criticises US ambassador's response

Zelenskyy blamed the daily strikes on Russia's unwillingness to end the war: "Every missile, every

drone strike proves Russia wants only war," he said, urging Ukraine's allies to increase pressure on Moscow and bolster Ukraine's air defences.

He also criticised the response of the US Embassy in Kyiv to the strike. Ambassador Bridget A Brink posted on social media Friday that she was "horrified" by the strike in Kryvyi Rih. "More than 50 people injured and 16 killed, including 6 children. This is why the war must end," the post said.

Zelenskyy, who has so far had a strained relationship with US President Donald Trump, described the post as "unpleasantly surprising" for not directly naming Russia as the perpetrator of the attack.

AFP, JERUSALEM: Israel says troops have deployed to a newly established security corridor across southern Gaza.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday announced the new Morag Corridor to pressure the Hamas militant group and suggested it would cut off the southern city of Rafah, which Israel has ordered evacuated, from the rest of Gaza.

A military statement Saturday said troops with the 36th Division had been deployed in the corridor. It was not immediately clear how many had deployed or where exactly the corridor was located. Morag is the name of a Jewish settlement that once stood between Rafah and Khan Younis, and Netanyahu suggested it would run between the cities.

Maps published by Israeli media showed the new corridor running the width of the narrow coastal strip from east to west.

Netanyahu said it would be "a second Philadelphia corridor," referring to the Gaza side of the border with Egypt further south, which has been under Israeli control since last May.

Israel has also reasserted control over the Netzarim corridor that cuts off the northern third of Gaza, including Gaza City, from the rest of the strip. The Philadelphia and Netzarim corridors run from the Israeli border to the Mediterranean Sea.

"We are cutting up the strip, and we are increasing the pressure step by step, so that they will give us our hostages," Netanyahu said Wednesday.

# Israeli troops deploy to new corridor across Gaza

AFP, BARCELONA: Spanish police on Saturday said they had busted a Hell's Angels-linked gang smuggling cocaine through the eastern port of Valencia and seized 1,000 kilograms (2,200 pounds) of the drug.

Spain is one of the main entry points for cocaine into Europe from Latin America.

An operation led by the European Union's law enforcement agency Europol led to the arrests of 20 people, half of whom were remanded in custody, a police statement said.

The majority of the arrests were in Spain. Two were held in Belgium and one in France, the statement added.

Some of those arrested were linked "to a faction of the Hells Angels gang in Belgium" and were primarily involved "in controlling and recovering drug shipments", the statement said.

The gang allegedly smuggled cocaine hidden in containers arriving at Valencia port. They accessed drugs using so-called "spidermen" who climbed stacks of containers and recovered the cocaine using bolt cutters or radial arm saws.

# Spanish police recover tonne of cocaine in gang bust

AFP, SEOUL: Thousands protested in the South Korean capital Saturday in support of disgraced ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol, who was removed from office a day earlier over his bungled martial law declaration.

South Korea's Constitutional Court unanimously ruled on Friday to remove Yoon over the December 3 attempt to subvert civilian rule, triggering fresh elections to be held by June after months of political turmoil.

A long wait for the court's ruling had heightened tensions in the Asian nation, fuelling far-right support for Yoon and weekly rival rallies in capital Seoul.

His supporters took to the streets in the capital and braved the rain on Saturday, chanting "impeachment is invalid!" and "nullify the snap election!"

"The Constitutional Court's decision destroyed our country's free democracy," said protester Yang Joo-young, 26.

"Speaking as someone in my 20s or 30s, I'm deeply worried about the future."

Yoon had defended his martial law attempt as necessary to root out "anti-state forces" and what he claimed were threats from North Korea.

But there were many scenes of jubilation in Seoul on Friday from those opposed to Yoon's rule, with people hugging and crying after the ruling was delivered.

Yet Yoon had found backing from extreme religious figures and right-wing YouTubers who experts say used misinformation to court support for the former star prosecutor.

"Yoon's presidency has revealed the societal cracks based on political polarisation and misinformation," Minseon Ku, a postdoctoral fellow at William & Mary Global Research Institute, told AFP.

The court ruled that Yoon's actions in December had posed a "grave threat" to the country's stability.

Opposition leader Lee Jae-myung is seen as the frontrunner in the next election, experts say, and his party has taken a more conciliatory approach towards North Korea.

# Thousands rally for S Korea's impeached ex-prez Yoon

AFP, BARCELONA: Spanish police on Saturday said they had busted a Hell's Angels-linked gang smuggling cocaine through the eastern port of Valencia and seized 1,000 kilograms (2,200 pounds) of the drug.

Spain is one of the main entry points for cocaine into Europe from Latin America.

An operation led by the European Union's law enforcement agency Europol led to the arrests of 20 people, half of whom were remanded in custody, a police statement said.

The majority of the arrests were in Spain. Two were held in Belgium and one in France, the statement added.

Some of those arrested were linked "to a faction of the Hells Angels gang in Belgium" and were primarily involved "in controlling and recovering drug shipments", the statement said.

The gang allegedly smuggled cocaine hidden in containers arriving at Valencia port. They accessed drugs using so-called "spidermen" who climbed stacks of containers and recovered the cocaine using bolt cutters or radial arm saws.

# 6.9 quake hits Papua New Guinea, Tsunami alert lifted

AP, WELLINGTON: A tsunami warning was cancelled for Papua New Guinea after a strong magnitude 6.9 earthquake, according to the US Geological Survey.

The quake was shallow, striking the Pacific island nation at a depth of 10 kilometres (6 miles) on Saturday morning local time. It was centered offshore, 194 km (120 miles) east of the town of Kimbe, on the island of New Britain.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre later called off an alert issued immediately after the jolt that warned of waves of 1 to 3 metres along some parts of the Papua New Guinea coastline. A caution about smaller waves of 0.3 m issued for nearby Solomon Islands was also called off.

# THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In everloving memory of

**Maria Do Socorro Crescencia Gonsalves e Teles**

TELAULIM - NAVELEM (Ex Retired PWD)

Born: 15.06.1942  
Died: 07.04.2022

"You will live forever in the hearts & guide us through our lives until we meet again".

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mai at 6.45 a.m on Monday 07th April 2025 at Mount Carmel Chapel, Telaulim, followed by prayer & blessing at the grave.

Offered by her sorrowful children Sebastiao (Seby) (ITC), Jose Lemy (UK), Selina (UK), Deniz (UK), Rosy (UK), Anita/Inacio (Notty) (SAG), & Sandra (UK)/Conny (UK). Doting grandchildren Ceri, Canuto, Calvin, Neha, Nigel, Nathan, Nyla, Siaran, Crissy, Ayden, Sarah & family.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

**DEATH**  
In loving memory of

**Magdeline Gomes**

Born: 22-08-1922 And Died: 04-04-2025

Wife of Late Wenceslau Gomes, Mother of Late Joseph (Joey), Late James/Late Flory, Joanas/Angela, Veronica/Late Santana, Grand Mother of Sheldon/Blossom, Avicia/Isaac, Vanessa, Wency, Joey/Anushwa, Great Grand Mother of Aiden

Funeral Cortage leaves residence on 07-04-25 at 09.15 am, at St. Christopher Church, Tivim for mass followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**

**MARCELINO PEREIRA**

BORN: 29/12/1945 DIED: 03/04/2025

**ASSOLDA / TILAMOLA**  
May Soul finds rest in God alone, My salvation comes from Him Psalm 62:1

Beloved Husband of Virginia Pereira; Father/Father-in-law of Vinbert / Roshell, Aliston / Raina, Joycee / Romio; Doting grandfather of Faith, Blake, Jenaiiah & Caelan.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on 7th April 2025 (Monday), at 9:15 am at Our Lady Mother of the Poor Church, Tilamola, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, Neighbours and Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**DEATH**

**VILTON MENEZES**

EX-SEAMEN RCCL

Born: 14/09/1964 Died: 30/03/2025

**SIRLIM, CHINCHINIM**

Son of Late Leocadio Menezes & Late Jesuinha Menezes. Husband of Orlanda Fernandes. Father of Shawn & Jovie Menezes. Brother / Brother-in-law of Max, Jerry / Nalini, Sandy / Anthony, Safira / Valentino.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence Sirlim at 9:45 a.m. on Monday 7th April 2025 to Our Lady of Mercedes Chapel, Sirlim for Eucharistic celebration at 10.00 a.m. followed by burial.

Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**

**Manuel Joao Antonio Barreto**

In the garden of memories, your love will forever bloom

Beloved son of Late Domingos Santana Barreto & Late Luiciana Rodriguense Barreto, Beloved husband of Saturnina Barreto, Loving Father / Father-in-law of James Frank (USA), Janeth Barretto, Lira / Robin Fernandes (Bermuda), Edwin (Ex-Sarpanch) / Joyfie Barreto, Selvy / Marina Barreto, Everloving Grandfather of Anson / Juvenal (UK), Aiden (Ireland), Reece, Royce, Enosh, Fay and Gabriella.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence at Khandi, Mobor TODAY, 6th April 2025 for Eucharistic Celebration at The Holy Cross Church, Cavelossim at 11:00 a.m., followed by burial at the cemetery.

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

2 Years With The Lord

God has you in His arms  
We have you in our hearts  
You left us beautiful memories  
Your love is still our guide  
and though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.

In Loving Memory of

**REV. FR. FRANCISCO LAUREANO MASCARENHAS**

:- OZRO - RAIA :-

There will be a Mass for our beloved Fr. Francisco Laureano Mascarenhas at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, 7th April 2025 (Tomorrow) at Our Lady of Snows Church, Raia, followed by prayers at the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful sister: Fatima Mascarenhas e Vaz and family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

**First Death Anniversary**  
In ever loving memory of

**ANTONETA PEREIRA**  
(MACASANA/UK/NAVELIM)

One year has passed  
The pain of your loss will forever last  
Deep in our hearts you will always stay  
Loved & remembered every minute of the day.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Antoneta at 8.15 a.m. on 07.04.25 (Tomorrow) at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Offered by her sorrowful family

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

**MONTH'S MIND**

**JOSEPHINE D'SOUZA**  
Punola Ucaissim

BORN 17/03/1946 DIED 07/03/2025

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Josephine on Monday 7th April 2025 (Tomorrow) at 8 o'clock at St. Elizabeth Church Ucaissim. Followed by prayers and blessing at the grave Offered by her grief stricken daughters/sons-in-law Audrey (Tr. Holy Cross Bastora)/ Carlos, Jessey/Erasmo. Grandchildren Chandiarose/Abhishek, Ahdvio, Ashaando, Eden, Jenaida and Jotham and Uncle James.

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

**MONTH'S MIND**  
In loving memory of

**FLORENCE RIBEIRO**  
(Dempo Bhat, Tonca-Caranzalem)

There will be Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Florence Ribeiro at 7.00 a.m. on Monday, 07 April 2025 at St. Agnes church, St. Inez followed by prayers & blessing at the grave offered by his sorrowful family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**First Death Anniversary**

**Ronnie Jose Ronaldo Simao Judas Dsouza**

Born 28th Oct, 1949  
Died 5th Apr., 2024

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for his soul at 5 pm on 7th April at St Christopher Church, Thivim. Relatives, friends, neighbours and well wishers kindly accept this as the only intimation

**First Death Anniversary**  
In Ever-loving Memory of our beloved

**HIPOLITO MENDONCA**  
SINQUETIM - NAVELEM (EX-EMPLOYEE OF MES COLLEGE)

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Hipolito on 07.04.2025 at 8.15 a.m. at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim followed by prayers & blessing of the grave.

Offered by his sorrowful wife: Esperanca, son: Esteven and daughter-in-law: Florica

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In loving memory of

**FILIPE VAZ**  
(Ex-MPT Employee)  
Non Mon Bandar - Vasco Da Gama

Born: 01-10-1937  
Died: 06-04-2024

You left us beautiful memories  
your love is still our guide  
though we cannot see you  
you are always by our side

There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Filipe Vaz on Monday 7th April, 2025 at 8.15 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Vasco, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful children: Olinda, Fanklin/Lia, Grandchildren: Ray, Rachael and Ryan

**BIRTH CENTENARY REMEMBRANCE**

**ISABELA DIAS**  
PORTAIS - PANJIM

**MOTHER...**  
Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure...  
You are loved beyond words  
& missed beyond measure...

**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN MOTHER**

A tribute of love from your loving children  
Flaviana, Roque, Olavo and their families

D.O.B. 06.04.1925 D.O.D. 13.02.2005