

Sectarian clashes in Damascus suburb leave over 10 dead

AP, DAMASCUS (SYRIA): At least 10 people were killed on Tuesday after clashes broke out in a suburb of the Syrian capital between local gunmen belonging to the minority Druze sect and pro-government fighters, a war monitor and an activist group said.



Syria's new Islamist government security forces stand guard on the road leading to the airport, in the Damascus suburb of Jaramana, following overnight sectarian clashes

Syrian Druze gunmen have clashed in recent weeks with government security forces and pro-government fighters, a war monitor and an activist group said.

Fighting broke out again around midnight Monday after an audio clip circulated on social media of a man criticising Islam's Prophet Muhammad.

The audio was attributed to a Druze cleric. But cleric Marwan Kiwan said in a video posted on social media that he was not responsible for the audio, which angered many Sunni Muslims.

"I categorically deny that the audio was made by me," Kiwan said. "I did not say that, and whoever made it is an evil man who wants

to incite strife between components of the Syrian people."

The Interior Ministry said in a statement it was investigating the audio clip, adding that its initial probe showed the cleric was not responsible. The ministry urged people to abide by the law and not to act in a way that undermines security.

The Druze religious leadership in Jaramana condemned the audio but blasted the "unjustified armed attack" on the suburb. It urged the state to publicly clarify what hap-

pened. "Why does this keep happening every now and then? It's as if there's no state or government in charge. They need to establish security checkpoints, especially in areas where they are tensions," said Jaramana resident Abu Tarek Zaaour.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 10 people were killed, four of them attackers and six Jaramana residents. The activist media collective Suwayda24 said 11 people were killed and 12 were wounded.

Rayan Maarouf, editor-in-chief of Suwayda24, said gunmen were holding the attacker's bodies and talks are on the way to hand them over.

In late February, a member of the security forces entered the suburb and started shooting in the air, leading to an exchange of fire with local gunmen that left him dead. A day later, gunmen came from the Damascus suburb of Mleiha to Jaramana, where they clashed with Druze gunmen leaving one Druze fighter dead and nine other people wounded.

On March 1, Israel's Defence Ministry said the military was instructed to prepare to defend Jaramana, asserting that the minority it has vowed to protect was "under attack" by Syrian forces.

The Druze religious sect is a minority group that began as a 10th-century offshoot of Ismailism, a branch of Shiite Islam. Over half of the roughly 1 million Druze worldwide live in Syria.

22 people killed in restaurant fire in China

PTI, BEIJING: Twenty-two people were killed in a restaurant fire in Liaoyang city of China's Liaoning province. The fire broke out at 12:25 p.m., killing 22 people and injuring three others, the State-run Xinhua news agency reported. There was no word on the cause of the fire.

Chinese President Xi Jinping urged all-out efforts to treat those injured, the report said.

This is the second major fire incident in China this month. On April 9, 20 elderly people were killed in a fire at a nursing home in north China's Hebei province.

12th Day Remembrance
My mentor & my guide
Rtn. BHICU DESSAI
CUNCOLIM
You may not be here with us... but thoughts of you will be treasured forever
Fondly remembered by:
Rtn. Dr. Jorson Fernandes & fly Cuncolim - Goa

MONTH'S MIND
In loving memory of
JOICE FALCAO E GONSALES
CALATA, MAJORDA
There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **JOICE** on **Thursday 1st May 2025 at 8:15 am** at **Mae De Deus Church, Majorda** followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful Family.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

IN LOVING MEMORY
BRAZ CARVALHO
Three years with the Lord yet always by our side
A beloved husband and cherished Dad, our pride
Your love and strength guides us everyday
Forever in our hearts you will never fade away.
Remembered and deeply missed by your most loving wife **Gladys Carvalho** and daughters **Rajini Carvalho Fernandes** and **Rohini Carvalho George** & family.
There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Braz Carvalho** on **01st May 2025 at 08.15 a.m.** at **St. Andrew's Church Vasco** followed by prayers at the grave.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
Maria Clara Martha da Cunha e Sa (Clara Sa)
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother on **Thursday, 1st May 2025 at 5:00 pm** at **Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda**. Offered by her loving children and their families.
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
(Remembrance Mass)
In loving memory of
Custodio Jose de Braganza
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Custodio** on **Thursday 1st May, 2025 at 7:00 am** at **Our Lady of Mercers Church, Mercers**, followed by prayers and blessings at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife **Antonieta**, Children, Grandchildren & family
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Confidant 9881711706 Panjim

RETURNED TO THE LORD
ROSALINA DOURADO
Born: 07/04/1941 Died: 28/04/2025
(Seraulim)
Beloved wife of late **Santana Fernandes**, loving mother/mother-in-law of **Francisca/late Custodio, Alfred/Jenny, Marcel/Rosaline, Arthur, Thomas/Jennifer, Roquizinho (Rocky)/Rosy, Albino, Placina/Joaquim, Gracy/Lawry, grandchildren & great grandchildren.**
Funeral cortege will leave her residence on **1st May 2025 (Thursday)** at **3:15 pm** to **Our Lady of Pilar Church, Seraulim**, for Eucharistic Celebration at **3:30 pm** followed by burial.
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation
Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992

Sex offenders to be denied asylum under new UK law

PTI, LONDON: Foreign nationals who commit sex offences will be excluded from asylum protections in the UK as part of the new Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill, the British government announced on Tuesday.

The UK Home Office said any conviction of a crime that qualifies a foreign national for the sex offenders' register will lead to them being denied refugee status. Under the United Nations' Refugee Convention, countries are entitled to refuse asylum to terrorists, war criminals and individuals convicted of a "particularly serious crime" who present a danger to the community - defined in the UK as an offence carrying a sentence of 12 months or more.

"Sex offenders who pose a risk to the community should not be allowed to benefit from refugee protections in the UK. We are strengthening the law to ensure these appalling crimes are taken seriously," said Home Secretary Yvette Cooper.

"Nor should asylum seekers be stuck in hotels at the

taxpayers' expense during lengthy legal battles. That is why we are changing the law to help clear the backlog, end the use of asylum hotels and save billions of pounds for the taxpayer," she said.

The law change, which will be introduced through a new amendment to the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill, is also aimed at tackling violence against women and girls.

"We are determined to achieve our mission of halving violence against women and girls in a decade. That's exactly why we are taking action to ensure there are robust safeguards across the system, including by clamping down on foreign criminals who commit heinous crimes like sex offences," said Jess Phillips, UK's Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls Minister.

The new bill will also introduce tougher measures to weed out people who pose as immigration lawyers or advisers, by offering so-called "advice" to migrants on how to claim asylum in the UK and lodge fraudulent claims.

MONTH'S MIND
In loving memory of
ELVINO FERNANDES (EJER)
-: Orel, Assolna, Goa -:
"I am the resurrection and the life, those who believe in me, even though they die, will live."
- John 11:25-26
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **ELVINO** at **8.15 a.m.** on **Thursday, 1st May 2025** at **Regina Martyrum Church, Assolna**, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful family.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao, Ph. 9823022194

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
LILY INACIA LOYOLA FERNANDES
BAGA - SANVORDEM
"Jesus Said To Her,
I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die"
John 11: 25-26
There will be Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **Lily** on **Thursday 1st May 2025 at 8:00 am** at **Guardian Angel Church, Sanvordem**, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful Husband: **Romeo Fernandes (Ex-Head Clerk, WRD)** Son/Daughter-in-law: **Reewoi (UK)/Aransha (UK)** Daughter: **Lianca (Classic Hospital) & Family.**
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD
Maria Estela Almeida (Mary)
(Addiband-Murida, Cuncolim)
BORN: 21-03-1932 DIED: 29-04-2025
Wife of late **DOMINGOS ALMEIDA**.
Mother/mother-in-law of late **ROSY, HAMILTON/late FLORY**.
Grandmother of **RAJU, RASHMI/SYDNEY, AISHA/FEBIAN, DENIKA/SHERWIN & GENESIA/SHERWIN.**
Funeral cortege will leave her residence at **8:45 A.M.** on **Thursday, 1st May 2025** to **Infant Jesus Chapel, Murida** for the Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial at **Our Lady of Health Church Cemetery, Cuncolim.**
RELATIVES, FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION

"Returned to the Lord"
With Sorrow we inform you the Sad Demise of
Amy De Souza e Pinto
(National Bakery, Mapusa)
DOB - 22.12.1937
DOD - 29.04.2025
Loving wife of **Late Justino Satiro Pinto** (Founder of National Bakery, 1919, Mapusa- Goa)
Daughter of late **Antonio Duarte De Souza & late Augusta Pinto de Souza**.
Daughter-in-law of **Late Carlos Pedro Pinto & late Jovita Pinto**.
Sister/Sister-in-law of **Late Carmino Constantino Desouza/ Late Maryanne C Desouza, Late Zacharias De Souza /Late Grace Mendes e De Souza, Late Felix De Souza/Beleza De Souza (France), Late Areta Fernandes/Late Anthony Fernandes.**
Beloved Aunty, Grand Aunty and Great Grand Aunty to Nieces and Nephews of the De Souza and Pinto Families respectively.
Funeral mass to be held today, **30th April, 2025** at **St. Jeromes Church, Mapusa** at **10.00 a.m.**
Funeral Cortege will leave the residence at **9.45 a.m.**
Passed away after a Brief Illness
NO CONDOLENCE VISITS PLEASE

Sweden shooting kills three: Police

AFP, STOCKHOLM: Three people were shot dead in a city north of the Swedish capital on Tuesday, police said, the latest shooting to rock the Nordic nation.

Police said they received reports of shots fired in the centre of Uppsala, some 60 kilometres (37 miles) north of the capital Stockholm and that "a certain number of people have been found with wounds that could have resulted from a shooting".

Months mind mass of
Edgar Agnelo Gabriel Albuquerque
Birth - 29.12.1964
Death - 01.04.2025
Month's mind Mass for the soul of **Edgar** will be held at **Holy Family Church Porvorim** on **01/05/25** at **4pm** followed by the blessing of the grave. Offered by his wife **Melita** and children **Jason Royston Elton.**

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory of
FRANCISCO RODRIGUES
MODELS COMPLEX, TALEIGAO
Through trials and triumphs, you led the way,
A steady hand, come what may!
We miss you more with each new day,
Yet in our hearts, you'll always stay,
loved and cherished, every day.
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **FRANCISCO** on **Thursday, 1st May, 2025 (tomorrow)** at **8.30 a.m.** at **St. Michael's Church, Taleigao**, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his wife **Fatima Rodrigues**, children and family.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Cherished Memory of
NATALIA DIAS (NATLU)
Goa-Velha
Wife of late **Tolentino Mendes**.
Mother/Mother-in-law of **Clara/late Xavier** and **Anthony Mendes**. Grandmother of **Xevira, Figo** and **Christ**.
Sister/Sister-in-law of late **Concesao/late Marcus, late Salvador/late Mary, Emilia/late Fransquinho, late Pedro/late Andresa, Aponia, Francisco/Luciana**.
Sister-in-law of **Ana Francisca Fernandes**.
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Natalia Dias** on **1st May, 2025, at 8:00 am** at **St. Andrew's Church, Goa-Velha**, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
Born: 23-1-1936 Died: 28-4-2025
CONCEPTION DASILVA
Khoirath-Carmurilm
Wife of late **Jose Francisco Assiz Dasilva**
Mother/Mother-in-law of **Diana/Peter, Late Demetrious/Leticia, Maria/David Pereira, David/Mary, Dogma, Dema/Late Joseph, Christina/Victor, Angelica/Stanley, Arcangle/ Ruby, John/Agusta, Jullius/ Sunita, Roque/Pricilla, Jordan/Lisa.**
Grandmother of **Senhorita/Joycel, Hosanna/Tracy, Sylvia/Michael, Savio/Emmica, Denzil, Austin, Francisca, Vivenna/Clinton, Karen/Colin, Delano, Rhys, Felicia, Gabriella, George, Jade, Stevenson, Jericho, Aloysius, Alyona, Francisco, Lee Camron.**
Great grandmother of **Sabrina, Joanna, Lia, Minozhka, Meryl, Dwayne, Liana, Hailey.**
Funeral cortege will leave her residence at **10:30 a.m. TODAY, 30th April 2025 Wednesday, at Our Lady Of Sea Church, Oxel Slolim** for the Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Aquila Advt 942137777 / 942157777

Third Death Anniversary
In everloving memory of
VIVIANA MARILIA PINTO
Vanxim, Tiswadi/ Ambirna, Socorro
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved **VIVIANA MARILIA PINTO** on **Thursday, 1st May 2025 (TOMORROW)** at **8.30 am** at **Santo Cristo Church, Vanxim** followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory of
PIEDEDE ANTONIO AGOSTINHO FERNANDES (AGUSTO)
-: Cabo - de - Rama -:
There are no words to say Goodbye,
There are no words to say Thank You,
There are no enough papers to pen down,
Daddy, your life was a blessing,
Your memories a treasure,
You are loved and missed beyond measure.
Your memories in our hearts will cherish forever.
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved **Daddy** on **Thursday, 1st May 2025 (Tomorrow)** at **8:30 a.m.** at **St. Anthony Church, Cabo-de-Rama**, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful children, grandchildren and family.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
Santap Advtg. & Funeral Services, Margao 9823022194

MONTH'S MIND
In ever loving memory of
ANTONETA FERNANDES (ANNETTE)
(PORBA VADDO - CALANGUTE)
THERE WILL BE A EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR THE SOUL OF OUR BELOVED **ANTONETA** ON **THURSDAY, 1st MAY 2025 (TOMORROW)** AT **7:45 AM** AT **ST. ALEX CHURCH, CALANGUTE**. FOLLOWED BY PRAYERS AND BLESSING OF THE GRAVE, OFFERED BY HER SORROWFUL CHILDREN AND GRAND DAUGHTER.
RELATIVES, NEIGHBOURS AND FRIENDS KINDLY ACCEPT THIS AS THE ONLY INTIMATION.
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
We, the bereaved family of late Antoneta Fernandes, express our profound gratitude to the priests, nuns, doctors, relatives, neighbours, friends and all those who rendered help, attended the funeral, offered prayers, presented floral tributes, called us, sent us condolence messages and visited us in our bereavement. We regret our inability to thank each one of you personally.
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY.