

shorttakes**SIOLIM MAN HELD IN LAND GRABBING CASE**

MAPUSA: The Special Investigation Team (Land Grabbing) has arrested Roysdon Rodrigues of Siolim in connection with a land grabbing case. The case, initially registered by Mapusa Police on 28 March 2021, followed a complaint by Vincent D'Souza from New Delhi. D'Souza alleged that Paulina Juliana Diniz, Roysdon Rodrigues, Mariano Antonio Teles Gonsalves, and Branco Rodrigues forged documents for Survey No. 78/2 of Anjuna village, Bardez. They allegedly impersonated legal heirs of the property and used the forged documents before the authorities to illegally transfer ownership.

UP MAN CAUGHT WITH GANJA AT COLVALE

MAPUSA: Colvale police arrested 27-year-old Pankaj Kumar of Uttar Pradesh for possessing of 1.1 kg of ganja, valued at approximately Rs 1.1 lakh, during a narcotics raid on May 8. Kumar, currently residing in Thivim, was apprehended at the parking area of the Sports Complex in Colvale, Bardez.

LOUTOLIM WOMAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

MARGAO: A 74-year-old woman, Santana Fernandes of Carvotta, Loutolim, died after being hit by a scooter while crossing the road at Angadi, Loutolim, on Wednesday. The accused, Rohit Naik of Loutolim, allegedly rode his electric scooter in a rash and negligent manner. Fernandes was taken to GMC, Bambolim, where she succumbed to her injuries. Post-mortem confirmed death due to multiple injuries caused by blunt force trauma. A case under Sections 281 and 106(1) of BNS 2023 has been registered.

DOC'S BAIL PLEA HEARD IN SEXUAL ASSAULT

MARGAO: The South Goa Sessions Court on Thursday heard arguments on the bail plea of Dr Samuel Arawattigi, arrested by Cuncolim Police for allegedly sexually assaulting a nurse at his clinic in Salcete. He is in judicial custody at Colvale Jail. The incident occurred on April 22, and the victim's mother filed a complaint on April 25. The accused allegedly took the nurse to his residence under the pretext of a house visit and assaulted her. Cuncolim Police have opposed bail, citing the seriousness of the offence. The court will decide on 12 May.

BODY OF MISSING MAN FOUND IN RIVER

MARGAO: Cuncolim Police found the decomposed body of Manuel Carvalho of Ambaulim, Quepem, who had been missing since April 29. The body was recovered from a rivulet near the canal at Takaband Maskoni, Cuncolim, after an anonymous tip-off. Police conducted an inquest and post-mortem. While decomposition prevented a conclusive cause of death, signs suggested drowning. Viscera and tissues were preserved for chemical and DNA analysis.

CARETAKER FOUND DEAD OUTSIDE HOUSE

MARGAO: Channamallikarjun Kudari, 43, a caretaker from Maharashtra residing in Velsao, was found hanging from a roof rafter outside a house on Wednesday. Verna Police confirmed no signs of life upon arrival. A post-mortem concluded the cause of death as asphyxia due to hanging. LPSI Pramila Fernandes is investigating.

POSING AS POLICE, DUO ROB

RS 4.83 LAKH FROM VEHICLE
MARGAO: Two unidentified men posing as police officers robbed Rs 4.83 lakh from a vehicle at Sirlim, Dharmapur, on Wednesday. The complainant, Shridhar Moger of Murudeshwar, Karnataka, said the suspects stopped his car for a fake narcotics check. While pretending to inspect the vehicle and examine him for alcohol consumption, they stole the cash hidden under the passenger seat. Margao Police are investigating under Sections 305(c), 204, and 3(5) of BNS 2023.

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Mini bus overturns at Verna; conductor killed, several hurt

Vehicle overloaded with industrial workers returning home from duty

Team Herald

VASCO: In a tragic accident, a conductor was killed and several passengers were injured when a mini bus travelling from Verna to Vasco overturned at the Queeny Nagar junction along the Verna highway on Thursday evening.

The conductor, identified as Shiva Madar from Birla, died in the mishap, while several passengers sustained injuries. The mini bus was reportedly crowded, carrying mostly workers from the Verna Industrial Estate who were returning home. The conductor was unable to close the flap door as passengers were standing on the footboard.

Of the injured, 13 passengers are undergoing treatment at the Sub-District Hospital, Chicalim, while a

few others were referred to the Primary Health Centre at Cansaulim and later discharged.

The accident caused a major traffic jam along the busy Verna highway, as locals and bystanders rushed to assist in rescuing the passengers and helping to get the overturned bus upright. Ambulances were deployed to shift the injured to nearby hospitals, while police arrived at the site to help clear the traffic after the bus was removed from the road.

The Goa Police issued a traffic advisory, asking motorists to use the Cortalim-Chicalim route to reach Vasco and the Dabolim Airport.

Locals who rushed to the site after hearing the screams of passengers blamed the government,



particularly the RTO, for failing to ensure bus safety and risking the lives of passengers. "The RTO should be held responsible for allowing buses overloaded beyond capacity. Due to clashing timings and competition for passengers, drivers often drive recklessly, endangering lives," a local said.

Former Sancoale

panchayat member Narayan Naik said that traffic police should be deployed during peak hours to prevent bus overloading. "We always feared the worst, and this has come true today. This should be an eye-opener for the government authorities. The buses are not properly maintained, and I don't know how they are given fitness certificates.

They pose serious safety risks," he stated.

Injured passenger Sonam Namshikar, currently undergoing treatment at the Sub-District Hospital, Chicalim, said the bus was travelling at high speed. "I don't know how or why the driver suddenly turned the bus, causing it to overturn. We were standing near the door when he abruptly applied the brakes, and the next thing we knew, the bus had toppled near Queeny Nagar," she recalled.

Bus owner Feroz Agha stated that he had given the mini bus to a person named Rama to operate. "I don't even know who the driver was, as Rama was managing the bus. I was unaware of the accident until I began receiving calls from others. The roads are all dug up due to highway work, and

drivers must also take care to ensure passenger safety," he said.

SP (Traffic) Prabodh Shirwaikar, who also rushed to the spot, informed that the ill-fated bus had been issued as many as 14 challans by the RTO and the Traffic Police Cell. "This is under district police investigation, but from a traffic point of view, we carry out enforcement on vehicles and will take the most stringent action against any vehicles that do not obey road discipline," he said.

Cortalim MLA Anton Vas, who also visited the site, stated that the mini bus was packed beyond capacity. He directed police to carry out a thorough enquiry and take appropriate action against the bus owner for endangering human lives.

Goa travel portal say no to Turkish nationals amid diplomatic row over Pak strikes

Team Herald

PANJIM: Indian travel businesses have begun taking unilateral action in response to Turkey's public support for Pakistan following India's military strikes in May 2025. Goa Villas, a well-known luxury holiday rental provider, has become the second Indian company—after Go Homestays—to announce it will no longer extend services to Turkish nationals.

Goa Villas issued a statement on social media platform X, citing Turkey's "non-cooperative stance in the current global scenario involving India and Pakistan" as the reason behind its decision and affirmed its solidarity with India.

Go Homestays, meanwhile, took a parallel step by severing its partnership with Turkish Airlines, announcing that the airline

will no longer be included in any of their international travel packages. These developments follow India's military operation, codenamed 'Operation Sindoor', which targeted terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in retaliation for a terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 26 Indian citizens.

The travel sector's move is seen as a reaction to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's remarks offering diplomatic backing to Pakistan in the aftermath of the strikes. Erdoğan praised Pakistan's "calm and restrained policies," prompting widespread anger among the Indian public.

While there is no official government directive banning Turkish nationals from entering India or using Indian services, a growing number of private compa-

nies are reportedly refusing to do business with Turkish citizens. This emerging pattern has raised legal and ethical concerns, with some questioning the legitimacy of such refusals in the absence of formal sanctions.

Indian social media has been flooded with calls to boycott Turkish companies and tourism, urging local businesses to distance themselves from Turkish interests. The situation has added to a broader wave of nationalism and tension in the region.

Though not Pakistan's primary arms supplier—China holds that distinction—Turkey has in recent years played a notable role in supplying weapons to Pakistan. The symbolic and material aspects of this support have become increasingly contentious amid heightened regional friction.

Valuables, cash stolen from parked car at Vagator beach

Team Herald

MAPUSA: A case of theft was reported early Thursday morning at Vagator Beach, where valuables from a parked vehicle belonging to a group of tourists were stolen by unknown culprits.

According to preliminary reports, the thief broke the rear window of the vehicle and stole Rs 1,000 in cash, a mobile phone, and some clothes.

Police have registered a case against unidentified persons and are currently investigating the matter. Authorities are also reviewing nearby CCTV footage in an attempt to identify the perpetrator(s).

The incident has once again raised concerns about the safety of tourists and their belongings at the state's popular beach destinations.

Car overturns avoiding stray cattle, tourist injured in Siolim

Team Herald

MAPUSA: A tourist was injured on Thursday when the car he was driving overturned on the Siolim-Marna road while attempting to avoid a stray cow.

According to the driver, the accident occurred when he swerved suddenly to avoid hitting the animal, causing the vehicle to lose control and flip. He sustained minor injuries and was rushed to the nearby Primary Health Centre (PHC) for treatment.

The vehicle suffered extensive damage. Local authorities responded promptly, cleared the scene, and arranged for the removal of the car.

The incident has renewed concerns about road safety in the area, where stray cattle are frequently seen on public roads. Residents have urged authorities to implement preventive measures to avoid similar mishaps in the future.

power shutdown

VASCO: On May 9, from 9 am to 11 am. Affected areas are Susheela Seawinds, near Goa Shipyard, behind Goa Shipyard, near Vaddem Lake, Pai hospital, Mercedes wado, Cottage hospital, near BSNL tower, Mogubai estate, entire New Vaddem and Shantinagar.

BICHOLIM: On May 9, between 9 am and 2 pm. Affected areas are Kholpe, Stone Crusher and surrounding areas.

PONDA: On May 9, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Nageshnagar, Sambhari residency and surrounding areas.

CURTORIM: On May 9, from 9 am and 4 pm. Affected areas are Virabhat and Nr. Maria Bar.

NAVELIM: On May 9, from 9 am to 2 pm. Affected areas are Tulsi Bungalow, Navelim Church side, Rosary College area, Ratwaddo, Ex-MLA Avertano Furtado office area, Telaulim Panchayat area, Talaulim Chapel, Diana Soda Factory, Nagmodem ground, Nagmodem four roads, Telaulim ground, Dhedigo, Sinquetim ground, Woddle Sinquetim and Tolleband.

BARDEZ-PERNEM: On May 10, from 6 am to

2 pm. Areas affected are Bardez and Pernem taluka. Restricted supply will be made available to essential loads like District hospital, Assnora Water Works, Mopa Airport etc from Thivim substation. For Bicholim taluka power will be available from Amona substation with restriction to all HT consumers.

CURTORIM: On May 10, from 9 am to 4 pm. Affected area are Sonvozem and Ullando.

SANGUEM: On May 10, from 9 am to 5.30 pm. Affected areas are Dando, R N Karpe Petrol pump and surrounding areas.

CORLIM-OLD GOA: On May 11, from 6.30 am to 2 pm. Areas affected are entire Old Goa village panchayat area, Carambolim village panchayat area, Corlim village panchayat area, Khumbharjua village panchayat area, St Esteve village panchayat area, Diwar village panchayat area, Chorao village panchayat area, Dhulapi, Mollar, Old Industry Estate, New Industry Estate, Kadamba Plateau, Baiguinim entire area fed from Corlim Sub Station of Sub Division I.

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