

# 6 killed, including 3 children, in Baloch school bus attack

PTI, KARACHI: A suicide attacker targeted a school bus in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province on Wednesday, killing at least six people, including three children, and wounding 38 others, officials said.

The incident occurred in the Khuzdar district when the bus carrying schoolchildren was targeted, the army said in a statement.

Three children and three

adults were killed, and multiple other children sustained injuries, it added.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

In a statement on X, the Interior Ministry said the blast was carried out through a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED).

Khuzdar Deputy Commissioner Yasir Iqbal Dashti said that 38 people were injured in the blast, which oc-

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curred near the Zero Point area, the Dawn newspaper reported.

After the attack, law enforcement agency personnel reached the site to collect evidence for an investigation, Yasir said, adding that preliminary findings indicated that the attack was a suicide blast. The bodies and those injured were taken to the Combined Military Hospital, from where those with serious injuries were referred to medical facilities in Quetta and Karachi, he said.

In its statement, the army alleged that the groups linked to India carried out the attack, a claim dismissed by New Delhi as

"baseless". In New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs said it has become "second nature" for Pakistan to blame India for all its internal issues in order to divert attention from its reputation as the "global epicenter" of terrorism.

"India rejects the baseless allegations made by Pakistan regarding Indian involvement with the incident in Khuzdar earlier today," Jaiswal said.

India condones the loss of lives in all such incidents, he said.

Prime Minister Shreebhar Sharif strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the school bus. In a statement, he expressed deep sorrow

over the deaths of innocent children and their teachers in the incident, Geo News reported.

Sharif also alleged that the attack was carried out by terrorists backed by India. He, however, did not provide any evidence to support his claim.

He also instructed authorities to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

President Asif Ali Zardari strongly condemned the attack and extended condolences to the families of the victims.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi also condemned the explosion and said, "The beasts who target innocent children do not deserve any leniency."

Balochistan, bordering Iran and Afghanistan, is home to a long-running violent insurgency.

## Maha: Drones to make emergency announcements

PTI, CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR: As the monsoon looms large over Marathwada region in central Maharashtra, the police plan to use drones for making emergency announcements in vulnerable riverside villages to safeguard their lives, officials said on Wednesday.

This approach aims to overcome the traditional challenges of reaching remote areas in the region during emergencies and ensure timely warnings for residents living along the riverside.

The Marathwada region has seen villages bearing the brunt of floods since 2005 in major rivers like Godavari, Purna, and Manjara.

The police department, which is a part of the district disaster management committees across the eight districts in the region is now actively seeking to integrate drones into their disaster response toolkit.

## CONDOLENCE

The Manager, Headmistress, Staff, P.T.A and Students of Our Lady of Succour High School, Nagoa Salcete

Deeply mourn the sad demise of our Ex-Teacher

**ROBERT DENIS D'SILVA**

And convey our deepest sympathies to his bereaved family.



## One Month In The Arms Of The Lord

**Maria Rita Da Cassia Colaco (Cassia Colaco)**

Carsetta Velim/ Fatorda

"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die we belong to the Lord."

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Cassia Colaco at 4:00 pm on Friday, 23rd May 2025 at Don Bosco Shrine, Fatorda followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.

Offered by her Children and Grandchildren

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## FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

**EDUARDO MENON BARRETO e BARNETO**

-- CURTORIM --

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved EDUARDO MENON BARRETO e BARNETO at

7:30 A.M. on Friday, 23rd May 2025 at St. Alex Church, Curtorim, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by his loving family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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## THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In fond memory of our beloved

**TOMASINHA FERNANDES DE SOUZA**

Siolim

Born: 22 Sept 1931  
Died: 23 May 2022

We live our days with your treasured memories.

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved TOMASINHA FERNANDES DE SOUZA at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, 23rd May 2025 at St. Anthony Church, Siolim, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

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

On this first anniversary of your passing, our dear We still feel your love and presence. You will always be in our hearts, and we cherish the memories we shared.

First Death Anniversary



In ever loving memory of  
**Agnelo J. B. Fernandes**  
23 May 2025

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of Agnelo Fernandes on 23rd May 2025, at 7.45 a.m. at St. Inez Church, Panjim Goa. Offered by his wife Christina, son Nestor and family.

Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

## MONTH'S MEMORIAL

**REV. FR. JOSE UBALDO D'CUNHA**

With loving memories too beautiful to forget...!!!!



We invite you to join us for the Eucharistic Celebration in loving remembrance of Rev. Fr. Jose Ubaldo D'Cunha, to pray for the repose of his soul on 23 May 2025 at 4:00pm, at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, followed by blessing and prayers at the grave.

A tribute of love from his sorrowful family.

GRATITUDE

We extend our heartfelt thanks, to His Eminence Archbishop Felipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao, the Vicar General, Fr. Jose Remedios Fernandes, the Director of Clergy Home, Fr. Jose Roque Gonsalves, the inmates, priests, nuns, relatives and friends for their prayers, masses, floral tributes and condolence messages.

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## LORD I AM COMING HOME

"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." -Romans 14:8



Born: 16/02/1943

Died: 20/05/2025

**MRS. ESPECIOSA MONICA DIAS**  
TARAVILLA (ORDA-CANDOLIM)

Daughter of: late Mr. Francisco Xavier Gonsalves and late Mrs. Ufregina Dias.  
Loving Wife of: late Mr. Joaquim Jeronimo Dias.  
Mother/Mother-in-law of: Clifford/Melba, Helga/Agnello, Jason/Tracy.  
Grandmother of: Joaquim, Joylyn, Analiza, Alicia.  
Sister/Sister-in-law of: Mr. Pedro Anthony Gonsalves/late Mrs. Ismenia Gonsalves and late Mr. Arcanjo Gonsalves.  
Tia of: Mr. Francis Arcanjo Gonsalves.  
Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on Thursday, 22nd May, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. to Our Lady of Hope Church, Candolim for Mass, followed by burial.

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

HOMEAD ADS

## SC grants anticipatory bail to ex-IAS probationer Khedkar

### Questions Delhi Police on gravity of crime

PTI, NEW DELHI: Is she a drug lord or a terrorist? The Supreme Court asked Delhi Police on Wednesday as it granted anticipatory bail to former IAS probationer Puja Khedkar, accused of cheating, and wrongly availing OBC and disability quota benefits in the civil services examination.

A bench comprising Justices B V Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma directed Khedkar to fully cooperate in the probe cautioning against any misuse of her liberty.

She was ordered not to influence witnesses or tamper with the evidence.

"What is the grave crime she has committed? She is not a drug lord or a terrorist. She has not committed 302 (murder). She is not an NDPS offender. You should have a system or a software. You complete the investigation. She has lost everything and will not get a job anywhere," the bench said.

The top court went on, "The appellant is entitled to

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— Supreme Court

the relief claimed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. We, therefore, allow this appeal and set aside the order passed by the high court."

The relief was allowed on a cash security of Rs 25,000 with two like sureties.

Delhi Police was, however, allowed to move for cancellation of the anticipatory bail in case of any violation of conditions.

Senior advocate Sidharth Luthra, appearing on behalf of Khedkar, said the investigation had been going on since July, 2024 and cited his client's complete cooperation in the probe.

Khedkar was stated to have appeared seven times before the police.

Luthra contended the high court ought to have granted bail given the nature of offences and bearing in mind the facts and circumstances of the case.

The Delhi Police counsel opposed the plea citing Khedkar's non-cooperation in the probe.

The lawyer said Khedkar had exceeded the at-

tempts of appearing in the civil services exam on the basis of a disability certificate, which she procured fraudulently.

On January 15, the top court granted her protection from arrest and sought the response of Delhi government and the Union Public Service Commission on her plea seeking anticipatory bail.

Khedkar is accused of misrepresenting facts in her application for the 2022 UPSC civil services examination for availing herself of reservation benefits.

She refuted all the allegations against her.

While dismissing her anticipatory bail plea, the high court found a strong prima facie case against Khedkar, indicating the need for an investigation to unearth the "larger conspiracy" to manipulate the system.

Khedkar was granted the interim protection from arrest when the high court issued a notice on her anticipatory bail plea on August 12, 2024, extending it from time to time.

## DEATH

**OLINTO RAUL D'COSTA**

Born: 25.06.1961 Died: 18.05.2025

(Vanelim - Colva)

Beloved Husband of Maria Irene D'Costa  
Loving Father/father-in-law of Diana/Tanay and Denika. Olinto will be missed by the D'Costa family & Maria Irene family.  
Funeral cortege will leave his residence "Souza Fernandes Enclave", Colva, on 23rd May 2025 (Friday) at 3:30pm to Our Lady of Mercies Church, Colva, for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial

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

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## "I AM COMING HOME"



BORN 17/11/1957

DIED 20/05/2025

**MARIA ARLENE NORONHA**  
FATORDA

Beloved Wife of Ashley Noronha. Most loving Mother/Mother-in-law of Elaine/Andrew, Annalisa, David/Aquila. Adored Grandmother of Mariah. Cherished daughter of Late Savio/Late Lucina Falcao and Daughter-in-law of late Epitacio/Late Violet Noronha. Affectionate Sister/Sister-in-law of Garcilio/Late Ida Falcao. Dear Sister-in-law of Ives/Brenda Noronha and Cynthia/Capt. Sunil Da Silva. Deeply mourned by her many dearest cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

The Eucharistic celebration will be held at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda, on Thursday, 22nd May, 2025 (Today) at 3.30 pm, followed by the burial at Holy Spirit Church Cemetery.

Kindly consider this as the only intimation.

No condolence visits please.

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## CONDOLENCE

Management, PTA, Staff and Students of  
**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL, MACASANA**

Deeply mourn the sad demise of



**FRANCISCO RODRIGUES**  
(Ex-Teacher)

May his soul rest in Eternal Peace

## First Death Anniversary



**MARIA NILA DA SILVA VAZ**

"No farewell words were spoken. No time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why"

Beloved wife of late Santacruz Joaquim Vaz,  
Loving mother of Jessica & Jose  
Everloving grandmother of Ethan & Euan.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 24, 2025, 8:15 am Mass at  
St. Francis Xavier Church, Velim

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



Born: 18-05-1941

Died: 20-05-2025

**ZARA MENEZES SOUSA**

Zara passed away peacefully after living a full and generous life. Zara will always be remembered for her creativity, generous heart, and warm smile—shaped by her years as a devoted teacher and the love she shared through every meal from her kitchen.

Her kindness, sense of humour, and selfless spirit touched many lives and will continue to inspire those who knew her.

Daughter of: Late Dr. Antonio Jorge Sousa and Late Aida Menezes Sousa.

Beloved sister/sister-in-law of: Lorna Sousa, Vira/Minguel Dias, Frida/Late Dr. Victor Monteiro, and Jorge/Sarajini Sousa.

Caring aunt of: Mario/Mary Ann, Raymond, Pearl/Raymond, Jeanne/Servito, Zubin, Anish/Gayatri, Tahir/Chandni & Sarah.

Doting Grand-aunt of: Lainey, Eli, Caroline, Eric, Alyssa & Mira.

Her mortal remains will be brought to her ancestral house at Velsao at 11am and then to her residence at Menezes Sousa Building, Desterro at 1pm on 23rd May 2025.

The Eucharistic Celebration will be held at Our Lady of Desterro Church, Desterro at 3pm on 23rd May 2025 followed by burial at Our Lady of Assumption Church Cemetery, Velsao.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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