

# Russia launches deadly strike in east Ukraine amid stalled peace talks

**AFP, KHARKIV, UKRAINE:** Fresh Russian strikes on Ukraine's northeastern city of Kharkiv killed three people and wounded 60 others, including children, on Wednesday, authorities said, as Moscow pushed ahead with attacks after rejecting an unconditional ceasefire.

Ukraine said it had received the bodies of more than 1,200 soldiers, handed over by Moscow, part of a repatriation deal the two sides agreed at talks last week.

Russia has fired record numbers of drones and missiles at Ukraine over recent weeks, escalating three years of daily bombardments as it outlines hardline demands - rejected by Kyiv as "ultimatums" - to halt its three-year invasion.

The northeastern city of Kharkiv, just 30 kilometres (18 miles) from the Russian border, again bore the brunt of the attack.

"Seventeen strikes by enemy UAVs (drones) were carried out in two districts of the city tonight," Kharkiv Mayor Igor Terek-



A burning building following a drone attack in Kharkiv, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine

hov said on Telegram. Kharkiv regional Governor Oleg Syneubov said three people had been killed.

"Every new day now brings new cowardly strikes from Russia, and almost every strike is demonstrative. Russia deserves increased pressure," Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said on social media after the shelling of Kharkiv.

AFP journalists in the city saw damaged apartment blocks, burnt out cars and streets strewn with debris after the attacks.

Olena Khoruzheva had run into a hallway - away from the windows - with her two children when she heard the incoming drones.

"The younger one lay on the floor, hands on his head. I was on top of him," the 41-year-old pharma-

cist told AFP.

"We heard it approaching, silence, and then we were thrown against the wall there were more explosions, then we heard people shouting 'Help! Help!'"

Her 65-year-old neighbour was one of those killed in the attack.

Early on Wednesday morning, an AFP reporter saw first responders removing the body of one killed resident from

a block of apartments in a black body bag.

Ukraine's air force said that Russia had fired 85 drones overnight - fewer than in recent days.

On the front line, Moscow's troops have been advancing steadily.

The Russian defence ministry said on Wednesday that more units had crossed into the Dnipropetrovsk region, where it is mounting an offensive for the first time in its 40-month-long invasion.

US President Donald Trump has been urging the two sides to strike a peace deal, but has seen little

progress. Zelensky has in turn called on the West to increase the pressure on Russia with hard-hitting economic sanctions that he says would limit its capacity to wage war.

He is expected to press that message with Trump and European leaders at a G7 summit in Canada, which kicks off on Sunday.

Leaders from several countries across south-eastern Europe were expected in the Ukrainian port city of Odesa on Wednesday, hours after it was targeted by Russian strikes.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**DAMASCIANO MIRANDA**  
 -: Ambajim, Fatorda - Margao :-  
 Born: 01.03.1950 - Died: 11.06.2025  
 Son of late Vicente / late Antonia Maria Pereira. Beloved husband of Natividade Miranda. Loving father / father-in-law of Conceicao (Conny) [MMC Margao] / Flancy, Charles [Customs Dept Mormugao] / Patrisha.  
 Brother / brother-in-law of late Domingo / Margarita, Pedrina S. / late Caitano. Grandfather of Cranley, Crzyel.  
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Thursday, 12th June 2025 at 9:45 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, for Eucharistic celebration, followed by burial.  
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
 Confidant Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

**DEATH**  
**MARIQUINHA EMERCIANA COSTA**  
 (City Area Vasco)  
 Born: 23/01/1937 - Died: 10/06/2025  
 Wife of late Antonio Victor Menino De Souza. Daughter / Daughter-in-law of late Pedro Assuncao Costa & late Maria Pobrira Dias, late Damasciano De Souza & late Estrelinda Dias. Mother/Mother-in-law of Cassiano De Souza/Vilma Saldanha, Luis De Souza, Agnelo Souza/late Mariella Araujo, Tomas De Souza, John Brito De Souza, Noel De Souza. Grandmother of Casvli, Vienna & Asher.  
 Funeral Cortege will leave her residence on Thursday 12th June, 2025 at 10.00 A.M. to St. Andrew's Church Vasco, for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial.  
 Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
 Sundeep Ads 9822133998

**LORD I AM COMING HOME**  
*"But God Will Redeem My Life From The Grave, He Will Surely Take Me To Himself."*  
 (Psalm 49:15)  
**FORTUNATO D'COSTA**  
 (Perxette Vaddo Guirim Mapusa)  
 Born: 21st January 1931  
 Death: 10th June 2025  
 Loving Husband of Late Maria Fatima Anes D'costa. Dearest Father/Father in law of: Finton / Andrea and Fiona / John. Affectionate Grandfather of: Febronia, Floyd, Ferris, Juana, Jessica, Jonathan. Funeral cortege will leave his Residence (Today) 12.06.2025 at 4.00 PM to St Diogo's Church, Guirim for mass followed by burial.  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**CAETANO ROSARIO CRASTO**  
 DOVANDEM- MARGAO  
 Born: 12.02.1973 / Died: 11.06.2025  
 Beloved husband of Manteshi Crasto. Son of late Antonio Eduardo / Conceicao. Father of Rishona Crasto & Raiza Crasto.  
 Brother/brother-in-law of Victor/Angela Crasto late Nelson/Rosy Crasto. Farida/Rosario Rodrigues Quiteria Maria/Baltazar Pires and family  
 Funeral Cortege will leave his residence today 12.06.25 at 3.30pm to Holy Spirit Church, Margao for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.  
 Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
 Cossy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850479904

*Lord I Am Coming Home*  
 Born: 26/02/2013 Died: 10/06/2025  
**MELISTON ABNER MONTEIRO**  
 (Culmorod - Assolna / Chinchinim)  
 Son of Merlin / Malsy. Brother of Meliza & Macbeth Grandson of Maturu/ Imaculada, late Teresinho Felix / Arcanjo Nephew of Cedrico / Rima, Velency / Terry, Ramsy/ Maclish, Filton / Jesma  
 Cousin of Reuben, Cayden, Macckayla, Angel, Peter & Paul  
 Funeral Cortege will leave from 'Viegas Residency' Chinchinim Today (Thursday) on 12/06/2025 at 10.15 a.m. to Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim for Eucharistic Celebration at 10.30 a.m. followed by burial.  
 Relatives, friends & Neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
 Cossy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim 9850479904

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
 Born on: 23/04/1967 Died on: 11/06/2025  
**SALUZINHO PASCOAL COSTA (SALOI)**  
 Macasana / Carambolim  
 Son of Late Joao D'Costa & Margarita D'costa. Son-in-law of John & late Luiza Quadros. Husband of Mira Costa, Father of Jenny Costa, Brother/ Brother-in-law of Late Filip, Mateus & Anunciacao, Santana & late Caetano, Libania & Luizito, Silvano & Suzi, Lezly & Sucorina, Edvino & Nazia, Narima & Victor.  
 Loving uncle of nieces and nephews.  
 Funeral cortege will leave his residence at 9:45 am, on 13th June 2025 to St. John The Baptist Church, Carambolim for Eucharistic celebration at 10.00 am followed by burial  
 Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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# Austria mourns even as motive unclear for deadly school shooting

**AP, GRAZ (AUSTRIA):** Austria fell silent for a minute on Wednesday in memory of the 10 people killed in a school shooting in Graz, which ended with the gunman taking his own life. The man's motive remained unclear.

Austria has declared three days of national mourning following what appears to be the deadliest attack in its post-World War II history. At 10 am on Wednesday, marking the moment a day earlier when police were alerted to shots at the BORG Dreierschützengasse high school, the country stopped for a minute of silence.



People light candles at a makeshift memorial site after several people died in a school shooting in Graz, southeastern Austria

Hundreds of people lined the central square in Graz, Austria's second-biggest city. Some laid more candles and flowers in front of the city hall, adding to a growing memorial to the victims. The first candles were laid on Tuesday evening as a crowd gathered on the square, some people hugging each

other as they tried to come to terms with the tragedy. Hundreds of people joined Austrian officials at a service Tuesday evening in the Graz cathedral.

Among those on the square Wednesday was Chiara Komlenic, a 28-year-old art history student who finished her exams at the school there.

"I always felt very protected there. The teachers were also very supportive," she said.

Police said they found a farewell letter and a non-functional pipe bomb when they searched the home of the assailant.

**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
 BORN: 24/01/1936 DIED: 11/06/2025  
**SEBASTIAO PIEDADE REBELLO**  
 (Ex-MPT)  
 -: Primavaxe, Benaulim :-  
 Loving husband of Conceicao Pereira.  
 Adorable father/ father-in-law of Peter/ Santana, Candolina/ Xavier, Joaquim/ Perpetual, Jack Xavier/ Rosy, Vincent/ Marta and grandfather of grandchildren.  
 Passed away peacefully.  
 Funeral mass will be held at 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 12th June 2025 (TODAY) at St. John the Baptist Church, Benaulim, followed by burial.  
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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**RETURNED TO THE LORD**  
**VITA DA SILVA**  
 -: Mena, Cavorim - Chandor :-  
 Daughter of late Galdino / late Clea da Silva. Sister of late Nina / late Basil Albuquerque, late Brazillina, late Idinha, late Sylvina, late Hilda da Silva.  
 Beloved Aunt of Roy / Lisette Albuquerque, Marie Yvette / late Antonio A. Barreto, Dr. Olav / Deborah Albuquerque.  
 Doting grandaunt of Rahul / Maria Albuquerque, Carl Albuquerque, Desiree Albuquerque.  
 Passed away peacefully on 11.06.2025.  
 Funeral will leave the ancestral home at House No 119, Mena - Cavorim, on Thursday, 12th June 2025 (TODAY) at 4.00 p.m. to Nossa Senhora de Belem Church, Chandor, for Eucharistic Celebration, followed by burial.  
 Relatives and friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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# SC refuses to quash FIR against ex-judge accused of raping minor daughter

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Calling it "shocking", the Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to quash the criminal proceedings against a former judicial officer accused of sexually abusing his minor daughter.

"The daughter is making an allegation. It is a shocking case. He is a judicial officer and these are serious allegations of incest. This is shocking. And the daughter has made the allegations. She must have been scarred for life. How can this be a case for quashing?" a bench comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Manmohan asked.

The bench, as a result, dismissed his appeal against a Bombay High Court passed on April 15, 2025, upholding the framing of charges by the trial court.

The bench did not agree to the submissions that the judge was framed due to the long-standing matrimonial dispute with his estranged wife and the case was a "counter blast" and lodged after his father died by suicide allegedly after being harassed by the complainant's side.

"We don't want to get into all this. Suicide may be because of the son's (judge) actions," Justice Manmohan remarked. The counsel for the former judge said, "This

man's entire life has been ruined starting with his matrimonial problems."

"His father committed suicide. The complaint was made much later and was never mentioned during earlier legal proceedings," the lawyer added.

The bench, however, noted the serious allegations and charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act against him.

The case stems from an FIR registered on January 21, 2019, in Bhandara, Maharashtra after the alleged incidents of abuse taking place between May 2014 and 2018.

It came on record that a chargesheet had been filed but formal charges were yet to be framed in the case.

The former judge was charged under Section 354 of IPC for assaulting a woman with intent to outrage her modesty apart from Sections 7, 8, 9(I), 9(n), and 10 of the POCSO Act, relating to various forms of sexual assault, including aggravated and incestuous abuse.

The plea alleged the complaint was made with malicious intent and the FIR was registered four years - coinciding with an ongoing custody dispute and matrimonial litigation - after the alleged events.

**34th DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
*In Ever Loving Memory of Our Beloved*  
**Late. GOPI (KRISHNA) VINAYAK NAIK**  
 Mapusa-Goa  
 (DIED : 12th JUNE 1991)  
 Fondly remembered by his Loving,  
**WIFE: SMT. SHAILA NAIK**  
 SONS: CHANDAN / SAGAR,  
 DAUGHTER IN LAWS: RICHA CHANDAN NAIK AND MANISHA SAGAR NAIK  
 DAUGHTER: SONALI SANDIP PEDNEKAR  
 GRAND SONS: YASH / VISHVAJEET  
 GRAND DAUGHTER: GAYATRI / GIRIJA & FAMILY MEMBERS  
 UNION PHARMACY (STAFF) - Mapusa

**MONTH'S MIND**  
*In everloving memory of*  
**MARIA ALDA SANTANA RODRIGUES AGUIAR**  
 Forever in our hearts  
 your love and memories will always remain  
 There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Alda on the 13th of June '2025 at 7:45 am at Our Lady of Merces Church, Colva followed by Prayers and Blessing at the grave, offered by her children Jeanette/Marwin & Ivette.  
 Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**THIRD YEAR REMEMBRANCE**  
**REMIGIO LUIS ESTEVES**  
 (Bhutteem Bhatt / Gaunchem Bhatt - Merces)  
 You will always stay Loved & Remembered In every way  
 We miss you beyond words  
 There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved REMIGIO LUIS ESTEVES on 13th June, Friday at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Merces Church, Merces followed by Prayers and Blessing at the grave.  
 A sorrowful tribute from his wife: Fatima & daughter: Fabiana Esteves.  
 Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**CONDOLENCE**  
 We deeply mourn the sad demise of the beloved  
 Father-in-law of our Company Head, **MR. JONATHAN G. VAZ.**  
**PESTON GLENN SUBAWALLA**  
 From today there is one more bright star in the sky.  
 He was a true blessing to all who knew him, may his love and wisdom continue to guide us.  
 Our deepest condolences to the bereaved family members.  
 From the Partners, Management & Staff of,  
 INNGOA PROPERTIES, INNGOA HOLIDAYS, Royale Goan  
 Empathy Ambassadors 9022290801 / 7558653211

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
*In loving memory of*  
**NICOLAU BRAGANCA**  
 Ex-Employee of Timblo Pvt. Ltd. Vasco (Igorjewaddo - Fatorda)  
 A Thanksgiving Eucharist will be offered for the soul of late NICOLAU at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda on 13th June 2025, Friday at 7:45 am followed by prayers & blessing at the grave.  
 Offered by his sorrowful Wife Sophia, Children and family.  
 Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation  
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