

Barrage of Russian drones kills 3 in Ukraine despite ceasefire calls

AP, KYIV: Russian forces have pummelled Ukraine with drones and other weapons, killing three people and injuring scores of others despite international pressure to accept a ceasefire, officials said Thursday.

According to the Ukrainian air force, Russia launched a barrage of 63 drones and decoys at Ukraine overnight. It said that air defences destroyed 28 drones while another 21 were jammed.

Ukraine's police said two people were killed and six were injured over the past 24 hours in the eastern Donetsk region, the focus of the Russian offensive. One person was killed and 14 others were also injured in the southern Kherson region, which is partly occupied by Russian forces, police said.

The head of the Kharkiv region, Oleh Syniehubov, said that 15 people, including four children, were injured by Russian drone attacks overnight.

Kharkiv city mayor Ihor Terekhov said Russian



A rescue worker puts out a fire of a car near a building which was damaged by a Russian strike in Kharkiv

drones targeted residential districts, educational facilities, kindergartens and other civilian infrastructure.

"Kharkiv is holding on. People are alive. And that is the most important thing," Terekhov said.

The Russian military has launched waves of drones and missiles in recent days, with a record bombardment of almost 500 drones on Monday and a wave of 315 drones and seven missiles overnight on Tuesday. The recent escalation

in aerial attacks has come alongside a renewed Russian battlefield push along eastern and northeastern parts of the more than 1,000-kilometre front line.

While Russian missile and drone barrage have struck regions all across Ukraine, regions along the front line have faced daily Russian attacks with short-range exploding drones and glide bombs.

Ukraine hit back with drone raids. Russia's Defence Ministry said that

air defences downed 52 Ukrainian drones early Thursday, including 41 over the Belgorod region that borders Ukraine. Regional Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov said three people were injured by Ukrainian attacks Thursday.

The attacks have continued despite discussions of a potential ceasefire in the war. During their June 2 talks in Istanbul, Russian and Ukrainian negotiators traded memorandums containing sharply divergent

conditions that both sides see as nonstarters, making any quick deal unlikely.

Speaking at a meeting of leaders of southeast European countries in Odesa, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged the European Union to toughen its latest package of sanctions against Russia. He argued that lowering the cap on the price of Russian oil from USD 60 to USD 45 as the bloc has proposed isn't enough.

"Real peace comes with a USD 30 cap -- that's the level that will truly change thinking in Moscow," Zelenskyy said.

German Defence Minister Boris Pistorius arrived in Kyiv Thursday on an unannounced visit, noting that the stepped-up Russian attacks on Ukraine send a message from Moscow that it has "no interest in a peaceful solution at present," according to German news agency dpa.

Pistorius said his visit underlines that the new German government continues to stand by Ukraine.

"Of course this will also

be about how the support of Germany and other Europeans will look in future -- what we can do, for example, in the area of industrial cooperation, but also other support," he said.

Blame game erupts as Chinese fighter jets fly close to Japanese planes

AP, TOKYO: Japan and China blamed each other on Thursday after Tokyo raised concern that a Chinese fighter jet came dangerously close to Japanese reconnaissance planes.

The Chinese fighter jets took off from one of two Chinese aircraft carriers that were operating together for the first time in the Pacific, Japan's Defence Ministry said.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi told reporters that Japan conveyed its "serious concern" to China that such close encounters could cause accidental collisions.

According to Japan, a Chinese J-15 fighter jet

took off from the Shandong aircraft carrier on Saturday and chased a Japanese P-3C aircraft on reconnaissance duty, coming within an "abnormally close distance" of 45 metres (50 yards) for about 40 minutes.

A Chinese jet also crossed 900 metres (980 yards) in front of a Japanese P-3C for about 80 minutes on Sunday, the ministry said.

The incidents occurred in the Pacific, where Japan's Self-Defence Force spotted the two carriers, the Shandong and the Liaoning, almost simultaneously operating near southern Japanese islands for the first time.

Israel to deport 6 more activists detained on Gaza aid boat

AP, JERUSALEM: Israel is deporting six more activists who were detained when it seized an aid boat bound for the war-ravaged Gaza Strip, according to the rights group representing them.

The six include Rima Hassan, a French member of the European parliament who Israel had previously barred from entering Israel and the Palestinian territories, citing her support for boycotts of the country.

They were among 12 passengers, including climate campaigner Greta Thunberg, aboard the Madleen, a boat that sought to break Israel's blockade of Gaza and deliver a symbolic amount of aid. Israel seized the vessel early Monday and deported Thunberg and three others the following day.

The last two activists are expected to be deported on Friday, according to Adalah, a local human rights group representing them.

It said the activists were subjected to "mistreatment, punitive measures, and aggressive treatment, and two volunteers were held for some period of time in solitary confinement."

Israeli authorities declined to comment on their treatment. Israel

says it treats detainees in a lawful manner and investigates any allegations of abuse.

Israel portrayed the voyage as a media spectacle, dubbing it the "selfie yacht."

It says the blockade, which it has imposed in various forms along with Egypt since Hamas seized power in 2007, is needed to prevent the militant group from importing arms. Critics view it as collective punishment of Gaza's roughly 2 million Palestinians.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry said those activists who signed deportation documents would be deported immediately while those who refused would be brought before a judicial authority to authorize their deportation in keeping with Israeli law. The activists have protested that they had no intention of entering Israel and were brought there against their will.

The Freedom Flotilla Coalition, which organized the journey, said it was aimed at protesting Israel's blockade of Gaza and ongoing military campaign there, which experts say has pushed the territory to the brink of famine more than 20 months into the Israel-Hamas war.

China hints at lifting export curbs on rare earth metals to India

PTI, BEIJING: China on Thursday hinted at holding talks with India over its restrictions on export of rare earth materials, saying it is willing to enhance dialogue and cooperation with relevant countries to keep industrial supply chains stable.

China's recent restrictions on the exports of key metals caused widespread disruption in the manufacturing of automobiles and semiconductor chips in a host of countries, including India.

"We are willing to enhance dialogue and cooperation with relevant countries and regions to jointly keep the stability of global industrial and supply chains," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said.

Lin was responding to a question from PTI whether China is willing to lift restrictions on ex-

ports of rare earth metals to India as it began clearing export licences to the US and the EU.

Lin, however, reiterated that for specifics, the relevant authorities should be approached.

On June 16, Indian Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat met Chinese Vice Minister Sun Weidong and held talks on bilateral issues. They discussed "common concerns" among others, a foreign ministry statement here said.

Reports from India spoke of growing concerns about shortages of the rare metals in automobiles and other industries.

After several months of a squeeze on rare earth metals over which China holds a monopoly, Beijing began clearing selective export licenses reportedly for the US as both countries held talks in London over the issues.

SOUDOSA MEMORIA DA NOSSA MÃE IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER



ANTONIA COSTA FURTADO

(13-06-1909) to (22-02-2002)

With fond memories from children - late OLAVO, MARIA LOURDES, AGNELO/ELAINE, and grandchildren - DANIEL & JONATHAN
Chinchinim

7 Days Remembrance Mass

In loving memory of



CAETANO A. A. MELO (EZEKIEL D'MELLO)

-: DEUSSUA, CHINCHINIM -:

"GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN."

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Ezekiel at

8:00 a.m. on Saturday, 14th June

2025 (Tomorrow) at Our Lady of

Hope Church, Chinchinim,

followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife: Judith, children, grandchildren and family.

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We, the bereaved family of late EZEKIEL extend our heartfelt thanks to the Priests, Relatives, Neighbours & Friends for their help & support during our grief, for attending the funeral service, for offering floral tributes, condolences, prayers for his beloved. We regret our inability to thank each one individually. God bless you all.

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MONTH'S MIND
In loving memory of
VIDA ANA MARIA GONSALVES (IDD TIMAI)
FRANCISCO COSTA WADD, UTORDA
Forever in our hearts you will stay.
Loved and remembered every passing day.
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Mai at 8:00 am on 14th June 2025 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Utorda, followed by blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful Daughter-in-law Viorica; Grand daughter Juvella & Benjamin D'souza.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Month's Mind
In everloving memory of our dear
ANTONIO JOAO ZAKARIAS ESTROCIO
(Borchem Bhat, Caranzalem / Ex-Doha Qatar)
The Eucharistic celebration will be held on 14 June 2025 at 08:15 a.m. at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Caranzalem, followed by blessing of the grave at Taleigao cemetery. Offered by his beloved Wife and his loving Children and Grandchildren.
Born: 04/11/1949
Died: 31/05/2025
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

MONTH'S MIND MASS
In Loving Memory of
JOAO GRACIANO FARIA (JOHN FARIA)
(Ex- MPT Signal Station)
Anand Residency Chicalim
23 May 1949 - 14 May 2025
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the Soul of our beloved John on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at 8am, at Saint Francis Xavier Church Chicalim followed by prayers at the grave.
Tribute of love from his Sorrowful wife Florenca (Flora) Faria, Son/Daughter in law Crispino Faria/Clinka Fernandes
Relatives and Friends please accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of
MILTON SEBASTIAO JOSE COUTINHO
-: Sirvodem - Margao -:
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved MILTON at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Margao, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife: Mercia, children and grandchildren.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of
RAPHAEL ANTÃO
-: Chandor / Navelim -:
Born: 23.07.1948
Died: 14.06.2024
Days pass by, time moves on in just a blink
It has been a year long since you left.
You suffered much in silence.
Your spirit did not bend
You faced your pain with courage, until the very end.
You tried so hard to stay with us, but your fight was not in vain, God took you to his loving home and freed you from your pain
To rest in loving arms of Jesus blessed with holiness and grace.
There will be Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our loving Raphael Antao at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at Nossa Senhora de Belem Church, Chandor, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave.
Fondly remembered by his loving wife: Gwen Antao, children: Kevin / Rena Antao, Merlyn / Santiago Mascarenhas, grandchildren: Renvik Antao and David Mascarenhas.
Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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RETURNED TO THE LORD
Romualdo Assis Fernandes
Igorjwaddo Arlem Raia
Born: 04/10/1965 Died: 12/06/2025
Son of DAMIAO FERNANDES/ Late: CAETANA GAUNCAR
Beloved Husband Of: SANTANA FERNANDES Children: DERICK, DANNY, PRAMILA
Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Friday 13th June 2025 at 3:30pm Our Lady of Livramento Church, Arlem followed by prayers at the grave offered by his sorrowful family
May His Soul Rest In Peace

LORD I'M COMING HOME
Jose Menezes
(GP Complex, Peddem road, Mapusa)
Born: 06.12.1960
Died: 27.05.2025
Beloved Son of Late Martin Menezes & Late Maria Angela Fernandes.
Husband to Fatima Mary Fernandes & Loving Father to Joy and Joshua Menezes.
Loving Brother to Clara / Feliza / Augustin / Edwin.
Brother in Law to Brenda / Luis / Lawrence / Gleeson / Linda / Gretta / late Johnny.
Passed away peacefully in UK.
The funeral cortege will leave his residence on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at 3:45 p.m. St. Jerome's Church, Mapusa-Goa for a Eucharist celebration followed by the burial.
Family & Friends please accept this as the only intimation

RETURNED TO THE LORD
PERPETUAL CASMIRO CARDOZO
Born 22/08/1968 Died 11/06/2025
"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the God." Roman 14:8
Loving daughter of late Liberata Cardozo / Late Casmiro Cardozo. Dearly sister/ sister in law of Joseph Cardozo (Camilo)/Late Maxcy Cardozo, Regina Fernandes/ Joseph Fernandes and loving aunt of Joisten, Jesvita, Rhys and Rick.
Funeral cortege will leave the residence at Mollar, Corlim - Goa at 9.30 am on Saturday 14th June followed by mass and burial at St. John Facundo Church, Corlim.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

2ND DEATH ANNIVERSARY
CAETANO FRANCISCO BOTELHO
Bamon Bhatt - Mercas
From humble roots his journey rose, Through silent toils, life's highs and lows. With calloused hands and steadfast grace, He carved for five bright stars their place.
A father first, whose silent fight, Lit every daughter's path with light.
From a printing press, to the sun-soaked field, To no hard truth he ever kneeled.
His dreams were not for wealth or fame, But for his children to earn their name.
A humble heart, a cheerful face, He greeted all with a noble grace.
To us, his grands, he was pure love, A soul now watching, from above.
His stories, laughter, guiding care, Still linger softly in the air.
Though years may pass, we feel him near- In our hearts, his voice we hear
WE Love You Daddy!!
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Caetano Francisco Botelho on 14th June 2025, Saturday at 7.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercas Church, Mercas. Followed by prayers at the grave offered by sorrowful wife - Mrs. Deodita Dias, his Children: Balbin/Victor, Silvia/Diogo, Felecidade/Derrick, Sr. Luisa, Zenita/Daryl, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Relatives.

THREE YEARS IN PARADISE
In Cherished Memory of
ANTONIO ALVITO AGNELO MASCARENHAS
-: MAJORDA -:
For to me, living is Christ, and dying is gain -Phil 1/21
A humble heart: so pure and kind
A person rare and hard to find,
In church his faith was strong and bright
A guiding star, a source of light
Always remembered in our hearts and mind,
His light will guide us through all times
Remembering you is easy
I do it everyday
But missing you is heartache
That never goes away
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Alvito at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, 14th June 2025 at Mae De Deus Church, Majorda, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife: Matilda and family.
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.
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