

# Kyiv's troops adapt as Russia gains edge in drone warfare

AFP, KRAMATORSK: Three Ukrainian soldiers raced across a field on a quad bike in eastern Ukraine, weaving at 100 kilometres an hour to avoid the attack drone chasing them from the sky.

One fired a shotgun upwards, blasting the tiny craft into pieces.

This time it is just a training exercise. But with Russia having gained an upper hand in frontline drone warfare for the first time since it invaded, Kyiv's troops are practising hard.

Both armies have used drones extensively over the three-year war – for front-line strikes and reconnaissance as well as long-range strikes deep inside each other's territory.

But Ukrainian soldiers along the front and top

## RUSSIAN ATTACKS KILL 13 CIVILIANS IN UKRAINE AS ZELENSKY SEES MORE WESTERN AID

AP, KYIV: Russian drones, missiles and artillery killed at least 16 civilians and injured almost 100 others in Ukraine, officials said on Tuesday, as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sought guarantees of further Western military aid for his country's efforts to repel Russia's invasion. Russian forces have relentlessly blasted civilian areas of Ukraine throughout the war, which is now in its fourth year. More than 12,000 Ukrainian civilians have been killed, according to the United Nations. Ukraine has also launched long-range drones against Russia, hitting residential areas. Zelenskyy was set to meet on Tuesday with Western leaders attending a NATO summit in The Hague, Netherlands.

brass in Kyiv say Russia has started deploying more of them, and ones that are harder to thwart.

"The enemy's intensity has increased significantly," in recent weeks, a 27-year-old drone navigator with

the call sign Boroda, which means beard, told AFP.

"You cannot make a mistake. You cannot relax," another soldier, speaking anonymously, told AFP at the training in the eastern Donetsk region.

Russia's edge in the drone battle comes with its troops advancing in multiple sections of the front, and as it ramps up deadly night-time bombardments of Ukrainian cities.

The situation is a reversal from the start of the invasion, when Kyiv quickly took the lead in drone technology.

Ukrainian commander-in-chief Oleksandr Syrsky told reporters recently that Russia now had an advantage in fibre-optic drones, tethered by cables up to 40 kilometres long to prevent them from being wirelessly jammed.

Ukraine is trying to adapt. "The development of drones is dictating changes in both the tactics of troop deployment and the requirements for fortifications," Syrsky said.

## US judge allows using pirated books to train AI

AFP, SAN FRANCISCO: A federal judge has sided with the AI company Anthropic in its practice of training a chatbot on copyrighted books without permission from the authors.

In a decision with the potential to set legal precedent, District Court Judge William Asup ruled on Monday that Anthropic's training of its artificial intelligence Claude with millions of pirated books was allowed under a "fair use" doctrine in a law called the Copyright Act.

"Use of the books at issue to train Claude and its precursors was exceedingly transformative and was a fair use," Asup wrote in his decision.

Musicians, book authors, visual artists and news publications have sued AI companies that used their data without permission or payment.

## Japan conducts its first missile test on its own territory

AP, TOKYO: Japan's army announced Tuesday that it conducted a missile test for the first time on Japanese territory.

The test-firing of the Type-88 surface-to-ship short range missile was conducted Tuesday at an army firing range in Japan's northern main island

of Hokkaido.

Japan is accelerating its military buildup to acquire strike-back capabilities as a deterrence to China.

Japan has previously conducted missile tests overseas, including in the territories of its defense partners such as the United States and Australia.

## RETURNED TO THE LORD



### ROSA ALCINA NORONHA

Born: 20/04/1955  
Died: 24/06/2025

- Virabhat, Ambajim - Fatorda -

Daughter of late Menino Noronha & late Espreanca Miranda  
Daughter-in-law of late Silvester & late Catarina Miranda  
Beloved wife of late Joao Miranda  
Loving mother/mother-in-law of Agostinho/Maria, Joyce/Seby, Catrina/Leandro, Juliet  
Affectionate grandmother of Sneral, Sevil, Crizman, Swinal, Canvy & Abigail.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence on 25th June 2025 at 9:45 am to Holy Spirit Church, Margao, for Eucharistic Celebration at 10:00 am followed by burial.  
Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation  
Rebello Publicity & Funeral Services Margao 9822383992



### in loving memory of Felicia Carrasco

September 12, 1954 - July 21, 2025

*A caring Sister, Mauxi & Big Grandma*  
Your boundless love and care shaped our lives and that warmth will be deeply missed. You celebrated our achievements with pride and felt our struggles as your own. As Big Grandma, you embraced our children with the same affection, never failing to tell them how proud you were. Your absence leaves a void no words can fill. You will be missed dearly, Mauxi, rest in peace.  
Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 4.00 pm (Today), 25th June 2025 to St. Francis Xavier Church, Duler, Mapusa for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.  
Deeply mourned by her Sister Leocadia Pereira her Nephews and Nieces Joe / Erin & Anna / Thomas Grandchildren Arsene, Lemuel, Jone

## LORD I AM COMING HOME



### MARIA SANTANA MASCARENHAS

- PER - SERAULIM -

Loving wife of late Joao Manoel Mascarenhas.  
Beloved mother / mother-in-law of Belinda / Marcos, Anastacia, Presley / Zarina, Henry / Sasha.  
Doting grandmother of Ridge, Nysa, Hailey, Linzey, Hensal and Tiana.  
Passed away peacefully.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, 26th June 2025 (Tomorrow) to St. John the Baptist Church, Benaullim, for Eucharistic celebration, followed by burial.  
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation  
Goan Advt. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194

**Month's Mind**  
In everloving memory of  
**EPIFANIO HILARY FERNANDES (EFFIE)**  
Tolloi - Colva  
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Epifanio H. Fernandes at 7:45 am on Thursday, 26th June 2025 at Our Lady of Merces Church, Colva, followed by prayers and blessings of the grave. Offered by his beloved wife, children and family.  
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation  
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**Second Death Anniversary**  
In ever loving memory of  
**Maria Regina Dias**  
(Fonsa Bhatt, Merces)  
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved MARIA REGINA DIAS on Thursday, 26/06/2025 at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Merces Church, Merces, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.  
Relatives, Friends and Neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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**3rd Death Anniversary**  
In Loving Memory of  
**Baby Jasmine Dias**  
Carona Panth, Aldona,  
Born: 29/06/2013 Died: 22/06/2022  
"Three years have passed since we last held you, our sweet angel. Your memory remains a cherished treasure, a reminder of the joy you brought into our lives. Though we miss you dearly, we find comfort in the love that will forever bind us."  
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for our Baby Jasmine Dias on Thursday, 26th June 2025 (Tomorrow) at 8.00 a.m. at St. Thomas Church, Aldona, followed by prayers & blessings at the grave.  
Offered by her sorrowful Mother Juliana, father Merwyn, Sister Esther, Grandmother Arcangela Dias  
Relatives, Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In Ever-Loving Memory of  
**JUVENILA ANUNCIACAO FERRO (JUNE)**  
Margao/Bahrain/Dona Paula  
There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our dearly beloved MUM on 26 June, 2025, Thursday (TOMORROW), at 7:30 AM, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caranzalem, followed by prayers & blessing of the grave at St. Inez Cemetery, Panaji, offered by her sorrowful family.  
Relatives & Friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**MONTHS MIND**  
In most cherished memory of  
**MARIANO VICENTE BARRETO MUXIWADDO-CURTORIM**  
Your love is a legacy that will never fade.  
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Pai on THURSDAY, 26th June 2025 at 8:30am at St. Alex Church, Curtorim followed by prayers at the grave, offered by his dearest children, grandchildren, great grandchild and family.  
Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation  
BOCKIES 9822129657

**21 Years in Heaven**  
**Alvaro De Braganca Pereira**  
CAMPO CHANDOR  
Longest serving custodian of Heritage House of Chandor 1940-2004  
It was a monumental task to preserve a monument of International importance. You did it all with strict discipline, dedication, devotion and great dignity. You have been longest serving custodian of family heritage and legacy for posterity to see.  
**A TRIBUTE OF LOVE FROM YOUR FAMILY**

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In Everloving Memory of  
**Francisco Fernandes**  
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Francisco Fernandes on Thursday, 26th June 2025 at 8.00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, Margao followed by prayers at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife Elvira D'Souza Raimundo and daughter Analita Fernandes.  
Brother in law of Ayres (Caritas Christi), Carmina/Rony, Juliana/Edison, John/Piedade, Joyce/Aureliano and Nephews/Nieces Adonys, Daryl, Anyisa, Aliston and Joshton.  
Born: 11/08/1961 Died: 26/06/2024  
Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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**Condolence**  
We deeply mourn the sad demise of our beloved  
**MARIA MATILDE FELICIA CARRASCO (FILSU)**  
Carrasco Vaddo, Mapusa  
And convey our deepest sympathies to her bereaved family.  
**MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE**  
**ALEX/ESPY & Family**  
(Chinel Bhat - Batim/UK)  
(Baptista Transport)  
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**MONTH'S MIND**  
IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAREST  
**DANNY CASIRO VIEGAS**  
You lived with a quiet grace—respectful, loving and soft spoken. You carried a calm and peaceful spirit that touched all who knew you. Though your faith ran deep, you never wore it aloud—You simply lived it, every day. Your life truly reflected the words of Micah 6:8: "To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God".  
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of DANNY on Thursday, 26th June 2025 at 8:30 am at St. Michael's Church, Taleigao, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave offered by his sorrowful family.  
**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
The family of DANNY express our heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to all the priests, relatives, friends and neighbours who attended the funeral, offered their condolences, floral tributes, prayers and for all the invaluable help and comfort rendered in our time of grief.  
We regret our inability to thank each one individually.  
May God bless you all.  
Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

**MONTH'S MIND** **FOURTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**CAETANO JOSE D'COSTA**  
Born: 26/06/1968 Died: 15/05/2025  
**MAVIDA PEARL DIAS e D'COSTA**  
Born: 02/06/1994 Died: 24/05/2021  
(MOLLOCA - MERCES)  
"The pain of losing you is deep, but so is the love you left behind. You taught us kindness, strength and the value of a gentle heart. Though we cannot see you anymore, we feel you with us always in the quiet moments, in the laughter and in the love we share."  
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Caetano on Thursday, (TOMORROW), 26th June 2025 at 8.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Merces Church, Merces, Goa, followed by prayers and blessings of the grave offered by your most beloved Celia, Clint and Family.  
Relatives, Neighbours & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
Aquila Advt. 9421377777 / 9421577777

If only you were still here with us!



### Severino Florencio Fernandes

10 May 1953 - 28 May 2025

Forever missed by your loving family and relatives

The Month's Mind mass will be held on 26 June, 2025, at 7.30 am, at the Church of Nossa Senhora de Belem, Chandor, Salcete, Goa.  
Do come.

**1st DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
In loving memory of  
**Maria Da Fatima Nita Monteiro**  
02/04/1954 26/06/2024  
"Deep in our hearts you will always stay loved and remembered in every way."  
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our dear Fatima at 8 am on Thursday, 26th June 2025 at Holy Family Church, Porvorim followed by prayers at the grave offered by her sorrowful husband Antonio (Tony, Vaddy-Merces), Children Allvin/Trilby & Aldrin/Tosca & Grandchildren Amelia, Ashton, Andre & Alicia.  
Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
GOAN RITES 9822136397

**Third Death Anniversary**  
In loving memory of  
**FATIMA MIRANDA**  
Portel Bhat, BATIM  
We live our days with your treasured memories.  
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved FATIMA MIRANDA on Thursday, 26th June, 2025 at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Batim, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful family.  
Daughter-in-law of Domingos Xavier Da Cunha and late Ezilda Fernandes. Wife of late Caitano Da Cunha.  
Mother/Mother-in-law of Anthony Da Cunha/Adelina Fernandes, Agnelo Da Cunha/Sandra Miranda and Kevin Da Cunha/Pelvinha Gracias. Grandmother of Messi Da Cunha and Vyoma Da Cunha, Khloe Da Cunha, Kayleigh Da Cunha and Alyssa Da Cunha. Aunty of Adley Fernandes and Cruz Fernandes and all family.  
Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation.  
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