

Iran holds state funeral for top brass slain in Israel war

AFP, TEHRAN: Iran held a state funeral Saturday for some 60 scientists and commanders killed in its war with Israel, after its top diplomat condemned the latest White House tirade against supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. State television aired footage of thousands of black-clad mourners chanting "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" as they held aloft photographs of the dead. "Boom, boom, Tel Aviv,"

read one banner, referring to the retaliatory missile fire launched by Iran against Israel during their 12-day war. State television showed mock-ups of ballistic missiles like those Iran fired at Israel alongside coffins draped in Iranian flags. President Masoud Pezeshkian attended the ceremony as did Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani, a senior adviser to Khamenei who used a walking cane after being wounded in an Israeli strike in the war,

the television images showed. But the supreme leader himself stayed away. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi paid tribute to the war effort in a post on his Instagram account.

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OTT CRIME TACTICS FEATURE IN COLVALE JAIL

Speaking to O Herald, Colvale PI Sanjit Kandolkar confirmed that they have taken the custody of Manthan and have booked the accused under NDPS case.

"We are presently investigating the matter thoroughly and cannot reveal anything further at this point of time", he said.

What has raised eyebrows is the method used in the smuggling attempt is rolling drugs into balls and throwing them over jail walls, a tactic prominently featured in several OTT crime shows, including Netflix's 'Black Warrant' and other prison-based web series. In these shows, drugs and mobile phones are shown being thrown over prison boundaries during low-security hours, a method now being replicated in real life.

The incident has drawn attention to how criminals, even those already inside jails, may be picking up techniques from dramatised content available online, making it harder for authorities to pre-empt or detect such activities.

Colvale Central Jail, considered one of Goa's most secure prisons, has now come under fresh scrutiny for security lapses. The fact that contraband was thrown directly into a key corridor between two watchtowers, raises questions about blind spots and the possibility of external-internal coordination.

The arrest of a minor in the case has also highlighted the use of young individuals in criminal networks, possibly to evade strict legal action.

Ahmed Devdi, a resident of Mapusa, was murdered last year in a high-profile case that led to the arrest of multiple accused, including Manthan. His name now surfacing again, this time in connection with jail-based drug supply suggests the accused are continuing to remain active through outside contacts.

Police have booked all accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Further investigation is underway to ascertain whether more such deliveries were planned or previously carried out.

Police officials are now drawing a link between the method used in this crime and those shown in the Netflix series 'Black Warrant', where balls of drugs and cell phones are lobbed over prison walls under the cover of darkness.

The Colvale case, eerily similar in execution, signals a disturbing trend. Criminals inside and outside jails are watching and learning from OTT crime content.

"It's copy-paste from what you see on screen. They know where to throw, how to avoid CCTV zones, and how to coordinate from inside," said a senior police officer.

Sources in the prisons have said that mobile phones and personal LED televisions are still being used by some of the prisoners in Colvale.

However, Inspector General of Goa Police Keshav Ram Chaurasia, holding the charge of prison security, said that stricter preventive measures will be now initiated in the prison security.

"Prisoners having communication outside prison, can be or cannot be. We cannot say anything on it but we will take preventive measures to curb such activities inside and outside prisons", the IGP said.

While Charles Sobhraj once dazzled law enforcement with elaborate escapes and mind games, today's criminals are plugged into a world of criminal tutorials streaming 24x7. From jail smuggling to planning crimes, digital crime dramas have become masterclasses in modern crime operations. "Back then, Sobhraj had to invent. Today's gangs have Netflix," said a retired investigator. "What we thought was entertainment is now being used as education," he mentioned.

It is pertinent to note that two years ago the State government appointed a superintendent of police (SP) as Inspector General of Prisons and brought Colvale Jail's management fully under police command in a bid to tighten security and introduce reforms. While these measures may have closed many traditional loopholes, the current incident suggests that criminals are now evolving with new-age methods learning from crime series, avoiding CCTV zones, and exploiting lesser-guarded spots. As prisons become more fortified, the tactics are becoming more sophisticated turning Goa's jail security into a cat-and-mouse game between enforcement and criminals armed not with weapons, but with strategies borrowed straight from the screen.

SECURITY GUARD HELD IN KOLKATA LAW COLLEGE GANG RAPE CASE

The guard failed to carry out his duty, the officer said, adding that the police were trying to find out whether he was alone on duty at that time or not.

The 24-year-old victim of the South Calcutta Law College was allegedly raped by two senior students and an alumnus of the institution in the guard's room on June 25.

Following her complaint, the police arrested prime accused Manojit Mishra, Promit Mukherjee and Zaid Ahmed. During the day, the Kolkata Police formed a five-member special investigation team (SIT) to probe into the alleged gang rape of the student, another officer said.

The five-member SIT would be led by an assistant commissioner rank officer, he said.

"An SIT has been formed to probe into the alleged crime. It will start its investigation immediately," the officer said.

The police suspected that the law college student was gang-raped since she turned down the marriage proposal of the main accused, another officer said.

He said the police were also trying to find out whether the entire crime was pre-planned or not, he said.

The police also said a seven-hour-long CCTV footage from the law college premises corroborated allegations of the victim, an investigating officer said.

Besides, the evidence collected from the three rooms of

the college also supported her claims, he added.

Meanwhile, the state witnessed several protests over the alleged gang rape incident.

The police stopped a BJP rally led by Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar and detained him along with several other party leaders when they tried to take out the protest march to a law college in the city, where a student was allegedly gang-raped, another officer said.

The rally was not allowed to proceed towards the South Calcutta Law College where the student was allegedly gang-raped.

"The rally was stopped at Gariahat crossing in south Kolkata, and Majumdar and several other BJP leaders were detained. They were taken to the Kolkata Police headquarters in Lalbazar," the senior officer said.

The 3-km protest march was planned by the BJP from the Gariahat crossing to the South Calcutta Law College in the Kasba area.

BJP president J P Nadda has formed a four-member committee which will visit the State to investigate the matter and submit its findings, the party's national spokesperson Sambit Patra said.

Biplab Kumar Deb and Manan Kumar Mishra, both MPs, and Satyapal Singh and Meenakshi Lekhi, both former parliamentarians, are its members.

The BJP in New Delhi said West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee should apologise and offer to resign over the alleged gang rape of the law college student in Kolkata, claiming that all the accused were linked to the ruling Trinamool Congress.

Majumdar alleged that there is "no security for women and they are not at all safe in Bengal".

"We were here to protest against the rising number of crimes against women. The police did not allow us to hold the rally. The chief minister must take responsibility for the gang rape incident," the union minister said in Kolkata.

He also said, "The CM is not only the chief minister but also our police minister. Police personnel act like Trinamool Congress workers. They are preventing us from conducting a protest rally. Mamata does not want Sukanta Majumdar to hold any rally here," he said.

LAST VICTIM OF AI PLANE CRASH IDENTIFIED, DEATH TOLL STANDS AT 260

"With this, the death toll in the plane crash is 260," he said, adding that three patients, who suffered injuries in the air crash, were undergoing treatment in the civil hospital.

The bodies of all 260 victims have been handed over to the relatives so far.

Of the 241 passengers and crew members who died, the mortal remains of 240 had been identified earlier while one body was pending for match. The matching of the DNA samples confirmed the victim's identity on Friday, the officials said.

Apart from 241 passengers and crew members, 19 persons on the ground died, they said.

A 40-year-old British national, Vishwas Kumar Ramesh, emerged as the lone survivor of the plane crash.

Till June 23, officials had confirmed the identity of 259 victims.

They had to carry out DNA tests to establish the identity of the victims as many bodies were charred beyond recognition or damaged.

The 260 victims included 200 Indians, including 181 passengers and 19 ground victims, seven Portuguese nationals, 52 British nationals and one Canadian, the government said in a release.

An official release said the DNA matching process was very complicated as a large number of bodies had to be identified since they were beyond recognition. In such cases, the DNA matching of victims with their family members takes months. But in the case of the Air India plane crash, identification of samples was completed in about two weeks, it said.

COMMITTEE SEEKS DEBATE IN HOUSE ON UNPLANNED STRUCTURES AT OLD GOA

They have also sought formation of a conservation committee with representation from all stakeholders including the Church authorities, government, local panchayat, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department, Department of Tourism, security and safety providers, etc, on the lines of Hampi.

Viegas further stated that they have demanded demarcation of the buffer zone for the heritage sites to be shown on Regional Plan 2021 as State and National Monuments and to include all unidentified monuments sites in the heritage list.

Viegas said that they suggested constituting an inspection team to identify all the structures which are illegally constructed in the buffer zone headed by the North Goa Collector or a retired High Court judge.

They also submitted newspaper clippings depicting illegal constructions, photographs and also the ASI plan indicating buffer zones of the UNESCO world heritage sites.

The Opposition members assured the delegation that they will take up the issue in the ensuing Assembly session and demand a Master Plan and fight to protect the UNESCO World Heritage Sites at Old Goa.

Besides Viegas, the other members of the delegation were Save Old Goa Action Committee president Fatima Pereira, secretary Milagrina Couto, Catherine Pires, Evaresto Rodrigues, Jackline Fernandes, Charles Fernandes and Basilio Braganza.

TALPONA RIVER FLOODING PUTS RYOTS' LIVELIHOOD AT STAKE

They say a multi-departmental effort is essential to prevent further disasters and safeguard the traditional farming that has sustained the region for generations.

"We don't want temporary solutions. "We need a detailed study and action that protects both the environment and the farmers," added Shyam Desai.

Dhanajay Nagvekar, Assistant Engineer of WRD-Canacona has admitted that the Talpona River is in a situation of serious threats to the people and farmers on the bank of river.

"We have carried out physical and digital surveys of the river Talpona right from the origin of the river till end at the Arabian Sea. The report is with the Government for further instructions. We are expecting a formal decision so that we can work out to prevent further damages", Nagvekar said.

LORD I'M COMING HOME
With profound grief we bid adieu to our beloved
Peter Fedrick Fernandes
(Ferdick, Peter, Fedrick - Goa)
Born 14.12.1956 Died 27.06.2025
Son of late Francis Fernandes and Maria Fernandes.
Son in law of late Pedro and Maria Faria (Vinhosa).
Beloved husband of Zita Faria.
Loving father / father-in-law of Pawan / Pawanina Coutinho, Pym Fernandes. Brother / Brother-in-law of Floriano / Floriana, Fátima, Marília. Loving Uncle of Tereza, Fernando, Fátima, Jullian.
Loving Papa of Maria Graça (Correia).
Funeral cortege will leave residence at 2:30 pm on Monday 30th June 2025, followed by mass at St. Anthony Church, Spidra. Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only invitation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
Born 25/12/1932 Died 29/06/2025
MARTINE ALZIRA PEREIRA DIAS (ALZIRA DIAS)
BOLLO, NUNEM
Beloved Wife of Late Paulo Dias; Daughter of Late Paulo and Late Paula (Pereira); Daughter-in-law of Late Henrique and Late Maria (Dias).
Loving Mother/Mother-in-law of Paulo/Paulina, Mariana, Mariana/Mariana; Adopting Grandmother of Mariana, Mariana & Mariana; Adoptive Sister-in-law of Late António, Late Thomas / Thomasina; Sister-in-law of Maria/Conceição, Teresa, Maria, Paula/Paulina, Late Leo, Volodymyr, Laila/Paulina. Funeral cortege will leave the residence on Sunday 29th June 2025, at 3:10 pm to Santa Maria Jose Church, Moura for the Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00 pm followed by burial. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only invitation.

LORD I AM COMING HOME
Born 10.05.1956 Died 28.06.2025
JOSE PEDRO PEREIRA
- Beloved, Poliglottic - Communist -
Son of Late Benedito Pereira / Antonio Viegas.
Beloved Husband of Vincentina Fernandes.
Loving Father / Father-in-law of António / António, Ana, Almyra. Ever loving Grandfather of Francisco.
Brother / Brother-in-law of Late Digna Inês Pereira / Benedita Coutinho, Late Matheus Pereira, António Xavier Pereira / Late Elizabeth Fernandes, Filomena Pereira / Lito Eugénio Telo, Alina Pereira.
Funeral Cortege will leave his residence on Monday, 30th June 2025 at 2:00 p.m. to Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, Orlândia, Capangim for Eucharistic Celebration at 3:00 p.m., followed by burial. Relatives, Neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only invitation. By-Request: A Funeral Home, Capangim

RETURNED TO THE LORD
NICOLAU COSTA
AMBLAI - RANCHWADI
Born 19.01.1961 - Died 28.06.2025
Son of Josefa Costa & late Alvaro Costa.
Husband of Vilma Costa.
Father / Father-in-law of Nelson / Wilson Mascarenhas & Nereida. Brother / brother-in-law of Rosário / late Anthony, Costanza / Elvira.
Funeral cortege will leave from his residence on Sunday, 29th June 2025 for Eucharistic celebration at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, Panchmudi, followed by burial. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only invitation. By-Request: A Funeral Home, Capangim

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Joanita Fernandes
OCTOBER 6, 1965 - JUNE 23, 2025
Funeral will be held on Monday - 30th June, 2025 at 9:30am at St. Roque Chapel, Fatra, Varca - Goa
Deeply Mourned by Apolinario Fernandes (Husband), Valentine Fernandes (Son), Katerina Romanova (Daughter in law), Valeryna Fernandes (Grand Daughter)

Returned to the Lord
António Mariano Fortes (Anthony)
Mafra - Mafra
Son of late António S. Fortes & late Carolina Rodrigues. Beloved Husband of Ana Paula Costa (Fortes). Loving Father of Maria Antonia, Andrea & Joana. Affectionate Grandfather of Rita, Jorge & Paula. Beloved Brother-in-law of Benedita Rodrigues, Benedita Costa, Manuel José, Ega, Gonçalo Costa. Uncle of Maria, Lucio, Joana, Mariana, Mariana, Carolina, Mariana, Mariana, Mariana. Born 25-06-1944 Died 27-06-2025
The funeral cortege will leave his residence on Monday, 30th June 2025, for the Eucharistic Celebration at 4:00 pm at St. Trinity Church, Moura, followed by burial. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only invitation.

3RD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
MARIA IVETTE SOUZA e PEREIRA
(Mazihreddo-Nago)
There will be an Eucharistic celebration in Memory of Maria Ivette at 7.45 a.m. on 01/07/2025, Tuesday at Our Lady of Good Success Church, Nago followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Relatives & friends kindly take this as the only invitation.

MONTH'S MIND
In Loving Memory of
LORENZO PEREIRA
Born 22/01/1979 Died 28/06/2025
Agali - Palazinha
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Lorenzo on Monday, 30th June 2025 at 8:00 am at St. Joaquina Chapel, Borda, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by his sorrowful wife Sofia, parents Gualter & Maria, mother-in-law Clara, children Samuel, Paul, celebration-in-law Margarida Paula, Sr. Maria (Good Shepherd Sister), nephews Maximiano & Michael. Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only invitation. Relative: Professor & Paula Maria Rosa PEREIRA

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In loving memory of
ANTONIO CRUZ PINHEIRO
CODERENCO - CHICHIM
"our year passed"
The path of your love will forever last
Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved & remembered every minute of the day".
There will be Eucharistic Celebration of our beloved soul on 30/06/2025 (Tomorrow) at 8:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church, Chichim. Offered by his wife Gloria Pinheiro, Son's Eugénio & Sofia, Daughter-in-law Melinda. Grandchildren Ana & Rita. Cousin's Ana, Chichim, Maria, Vitorina

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
FRANCISCO GERARDO GONZAGA PAES
A LEGACY OF LOVE AND STRENGTH
17/12/1952 - 29/06/2024
Gone from our sight but never from our hearts.
Your love, faith and quiet strength will guide us.
God called your name, but your light lives on.
"Well done, good and faithful servant" - Matthew 25:23
There will be a Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Francisco, on Monday, 30th June, 2025 at 4:30 pm at Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Church, Madra. Offered by his wife Yvonne, children James, Reuben, Agatha/Rachel, Bianca/Elizabeth, Jessica, and family. Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only invitation.

MONTH'S MIND
In Loving Memory of
Dr. Anthony (Tony) Almeida
Died on 07.06.2025
We will be offering mass for the soul on Sunday, 29th July 2025 at 10:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Health Church, Varca Anchari (pt) Moura, 480001.
A TRIBUTE OF LOVE FROM SUREN, WARREN AND HIS SORROWFUL FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
We would like to thank all the doctors, nurses and staff of S.J.C.S. Hospital. Also, we would like to thank all the people who stood by us at our toughest times and who all attended the funeral. Thank you John & Maria Antónia Maria MCCABE

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everlasting Memory of
MARIA PIA AFONSO
Borda - Margao
The moment that you find our hearts were born in love
One who lived with heartache, the other died with you.
We often see you at night, when the world is fast asleep and take a walk down memory lane, with tears upon our cheeks.
There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Maria Pia on Tuesday, 1st July 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Church, Margao followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful children and family. Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only invitation.