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# Putin, Trump discuss Middle East tensions, Ukraine on phone call

AP, MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump held a 50-minute phone call Saturday to discuss the escalating situation in the Middle East and Ukraine peace talks. Putin foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov said.

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During the conversation, Putin briefed Trump on his recent talks with the leaders of Iran and Israel and reiterated Russia's proposal to seek mutually acceptable solutions on the Iranian nuclear issue.

"The dangerous escalation of the situation in the Middle East was naturally at the centre of the exchange of

**41 KILLED BY ISRAELI MILITARY IN GAZA** AFP, GAZA CITY: Gaza's civil defence agency reported 41 people killed in Israeli military operations in the Palestinian territory Saturday, more than half of whom it said were killed while waiting for aid. "Forty-one people were martyred due to the ongoing Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip, 23 of whom were waiting for aid," Mohammad al-Mughayyir, an official from the agency, told AFP. The Israeli military did not respond to AFP's request for comment. Israeli restrictions on media in Gaza and the

difficulties of access on the ground mean AFP is unable to independently verify the casualty tolls provided by the civil defence agency. Central Gaza's Al-Awda hospital received eight bodies and 125 wounded after Israeli drone strikes targeted people gathering near an aid distribution centre near the Netzarim corridor, Mughayyir said.

conversation between Putin and Trump. "Vladimir Putin, having condemned the military opinions," Ushakov told operation against Iran, exjournalists following the pressed serious concern

about the possible escalation of the conflict," he said, warning of "unpredictable consequences for the entire situation in the Middle East.

ar programme. principled "Russia's approach and interest in the settlement remain unchanged," Ushakov said. Trump described the regional situation as "very alarming," Ushakov said, but acknowledged the "effectiveness" of Israel's strikes on targets in Iran.

Putin also emphasised

Russia's readiness to car-

ry out possible mediation

efforts, and noted that

Russia had proposed steps

"aimed at finding mutual-

ly acceptable agreements"

during US-Iran negotia-

tions on the Iranian nucle-

The leaders did not rule out a possible return to negotiations on the Iranian nuclear programme, according to Ushakov.

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video showing men in

#### According to Ushakov, taking place, including Putin told Trump about seriously wounded and the implementation of the agreements during peace talks in Istanbul between Russian and Ukrainian delegations, including the exchange of prisoners of war.

Trump, he said, "noted his interest in a speedy 'Our president notend to the Russian-Ukrained that an exchange of prisoners of war is ian conflict."

third death anniversary In loving memory of JOANA MENDONCA **REPROVADDO, VARCA** Please join us for the Eucharisitc elebration at 7.30 a.m. on Monday 16th June, 2025 at Our Lady of Gloria Church, Varca Offered by Agnelo Mendonca Children & Grandchildren Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

# Ukraine, Russia conduct another POW swap

AFP, KYIV, UKRAINE: Ukraine and Russia conducted another POW swap – the fourth one in a week - the warring sides said on Saturday, under agreements reached in Istanbul earlier this month.

"We continue to take our people out of Russian captivity. This is the fourth exchange in a week," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky wrote on social media.

"In accordance with the Russian-Ukrainian agreements... another group of Russian servicemen was returned from the territory controlled by the Kyiv regime," Russia's defence ministry said on Telegram.

Kyiv also said it had received another batch of 1,200 unidentified bodies from Russia, which it said Russia



Ukrainian prisoners of war (POWs) following an exchange of prisoners at an undisclosed location in Ukraine

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Some were injured, oth-

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Ukrainian flags.

claimed "belong to Ukrainian heads, wearing camcitizens, including military personnel," as part of the Istanbul agreements as well. Ukraine did not say whether it returned any bodies to Russia.

es and hugged those welcoming them, or were seen Photos published by calling someone by phone, Zelensky on Telegram sometimes covering their showed men of various faces or smiling. Moscow's defence minages, mostly with shaved

uniforms holding Russian flags, clapping and chanting "Russia, Russia", "glory to Russia" and "hooray", some raising their fists in the air. The exchange came as Russia repeatedly rejected ceasefire calls and intensified its

offensive along the front line, and especially in the northeastern Sumy region, where it seeks to establish a "buffer zone" to protect its Kursk region, previously partly occupied by Ukraine.

Zelensky claimed Russia's advance on Sumy was stopped, adding that Kyiv's forces have managed to retake one village.

According to the Ukrainian president, Russia was using 53,000 men in the Sumy operation.

### Israeli strikes on Gaza kill 16 as war rages on after opening of new front with Iran

(GAZA STRIP): At least 16 Palestinians were killed in Israeli strikes on the Gaza Strip overnight and into health officials.

zones that are off limits to independent media. The Gaza Humanitarian Saturday, according to local Foundation, a private contractor that operates the

**AP**, **DEIR AL-BALAH** the latest shootings. The Hospital said it received 16 sites are located in military dead, including five women, from multiple Israeli strikes late Friday and early Saturday.

It said another three men were killed near two sites, said they were closed GHF aid sites in the southernmost city of Rafah, now a mostly uninhabited militarv zone. Israel and the United States say the new system is intended to replace a UN-run network that has distributed aid across Gaza through 20 months of war. They accuse Hamas of siphoning off the aid and reselling it to fund its militant activities

Russia to build Kazakhstan's first nuclear power plant

AFP, ALMATY, KAZAKH-STAN: Russian nuclear energy giant Rosatom will lead the construction of the first atomic power plant in Kazakhstan, the world's top uranium pro-



#### **Menezes** Born: 06.12.1960 Died: 27.05.2025 prisoners of war under 25 years of age," Ushakov said, along with expressing readiness to continue negotiations with the Ukrainians. Gleeson / Linda / Gretta / late Johnny. Passed away peacefully in UK. 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







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LORD I'M COMING HOME

The 20-month war with

Hamas has raged on even as Israel has opened a new front with heavy strikes on Iran that sparked retaliatory drone and missile attacks.

Another 11 Palestinians were killed overnight near food distribution points run by an Israeli-and US-supported humanitarian group in the latest of almost daily shootings near the sites since they opened last month.

Palestinian witnesses say Israeli forces have fired on the crowds, while the military says it has only fired warning shots near people it describes as suspects who approached its forces.

The military did not immediately respond to a request for comment on

# Saturday. But witnesses said thousands had gath-

ered near the sites anyway, desperate for food as Israel's blockade and military campaign have driven the territory to the brink of famine. The al-Awda Hospital said it received eight

bodies and at least 125 wounded people from a shooting near a GHF site in central Gaza.

Mohamed Abu Hussein, a resident of the built-up Bureij refugee camp nearby, said Israeli forces opened fire toward the crowd about a kilometre from the food distribution point. He said he saw several people fall to the ground as thousands ran away.

In the southern city of Khan Younis, the Nasser

UN officials deny Hamas has diverted significant amounts of aid and say the new system is unable to meet mounting needs. They say the new system has militarised aid by allowing Israel to decide who has access and by forcing Palestinians to travel long distances or relocate again after waves of displacement.

ducer, the Central Asian country's authorities said on Saturday.

"Rosatom has been named as the leader of the international consortium for the construction of the first nuclear power plant in Kazakhstan," the former Soviet republic's nuclear power agency said in a statement.

Kazakhstan, a vast resource-rich country in Central Asia, is currently the world's top uranium producer, providing 43 percent of supplies.

The new power plant, whose construction was approved in a referendum in late 2024, will be built near half-abandoned the village of Ulken near Balkhash Lake.

#### **MONTH'S MIND**

Celebration and thereafter for burial.

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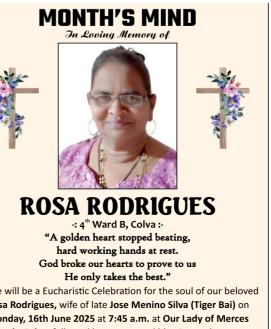
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### JULITA **ANUNCIACAO** AGONISANTE **DIAS FERRAO**

(Dar-es-Saloam, Tanzana / Varca)

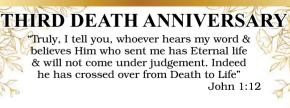
Lovable sister / sister-in-law of Iria / Shigeru, Dr. Valentina / Michael, Marcia, Dr. Antonio / Dierdre. Beloved aunt of Anri / Andy, Hannah / Herbert, Judah, Micah, Isaiah / Janrica, Josiah. Loving grandaunt of Anson Sugitani Elliot.

A Requiem concelebrated mass on Tuesday, 17th June 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Gloria Church, Varca, followed by prayers at the cemetery. offered by her family. Continent Advig. & Fu



#### Church, Colva, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by her beloved children and grandchildren. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation. Confident Advtg. & Funeral Service, Margao 982302219

**DETURA AVERTINA ALMEIDA** -: Cuncolim - Adiband :-Wife of late Augusto Almeida (Prop. Augustura Enterprises, Margao) There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Detura on Monday, 16th June 2025 at 7:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Health Church, Cuncolim, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave, offered by her sorrowful family. Relatives, friends & neigbours kindly accept this as the only intimation. Confident Advig. & Funeral Service, Margao 9823022194





**Eric Fernandes** Madel- Margao

**REST PEACEFULLY IN JESUS' ARMS** FOREVER YOU LIVE IN OUR HEARTS

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Papa on Monday, 16th June 2025, 8am at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, followed by blessings at the grave.

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#### **US-Iran nuclear** talks in Oman cancelled

AFP, MUSCAT, OMAN: A sixth round of nuclear talks between Iran and the United States planned for this weekend has been cancelled, mediator Oman said Saturday, as Iran and Israel exchange massive strikes in their fiercest confrontation vet.

The talks on Iran's nuclear programme began in April, with US President Donald Trump threatening military action if diplomacy failed.

"The Iran US-talks scheduled to be held in Muscat this Sunday will not now take place," Omani Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi said in a post on X.

to our Dearest Natividade F'des Simon F'des James F'des Wilson Fdes (Pele) **Rosario F'des Roswell F'des Anthony F'des Constancio P. Rodrigues Juju Barreto** Anceto F'des Mavieo Pereira (UK) Mario F'des Newton D'souza **Domnick F'des Austin Dias** Santaninho F'des **Francisco Barreto** Salvador F'des Santan Coutinho Alex F'des **Ivo Rodrigues Dinu F'des** Fenelon Carvalho

FELIX MAXIMIANO FERNANDES SINQUETIM - NAVELIM EX- EMPLOYEE ELECTRICITY DEPT, DIV II MARGAO Rest in love and Peace. A tribute of love from Friends of Nagmoddem: **Prayjot Raikar** Jerry Carvalho Damasceno Colaco **Hussain Shaik Jose Luis Paul Gomes** Shankar Sawant Ashvesh Sawant **Menino Mascarenhas** Sanesh Shetkar Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

Tearful Farewell

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Rosa Rodrigues, wife of late Jose Menino Silva (Tiger Bai) on Monday, 16th June 2025 at 7:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Merces