

The Martyrs of INS Khukhri F149 (1971)

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This is an effort to remember the crew members of the INS Khukhri. On 9 December 1971, the INS Khukhri sank after it was torpedoed by a Pakistani submarine. The names of the 176 sailors and 18 officers who died are recorded below; there were 67 survivors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uImwLiT4VtY>

This list of Sea Warier Martyr was taken from Vice Admiral G M Hiranandani office.

Name of Martyrs (Jai Hind)	Rank	Name	Rank
Mahendra Nath Mulla	Ag Capt(X)	Mukadavil Ommen Ommen	Cdr(E)
Joginder Krishan Suri	Lt Cdr(X)	Prabhat Kumar	Lt Cdr(L)
Rajat Kumar Sen	Lt Cdr(S)	Manbar Singh	LtSD/TAS
Suresh Hiranand Kundanmal	Lt(X)	Vinod Kumar Jain	Lt(L)
Davinder Kumar Sharma	Lt	Sudhanshu Sekhar Panda	Surg Lt
Madabhushi Sampath Kumar	Lt	Satyedra Pal Singh Kushwaha	Sub Lt
Samvel Abraham	Sub Lt	Sushil Kumar	Sub Lt
Shashi Prakash	Sub Lt	Gur iqbal Singh Sandhu	Sub Lt
Subhash Chander Sapra	Sub Lt	Ashok Gulab Rao Patil	Midshipman
Bansilal	MCPO 2	OP Kohli	MCELP II
KG Nair	MAA	A Singh	SCPO

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N Singh	CHME	MA Prosperian	CHYS
MK Unnikrishnan	ERA 2	JS Harike	EAP 2
BN Singh	ERA 3	S Mohan	ERA 3
P Balachandran	ERA 3	TR Raju	EAP 3
SK Pathak	EAP 3	SK Verma	SWA 3
KS Mankotia	WM 3	AP Rana	MECH 3
SN Ram	PO	A Latif	PO
Thottapura Chathunni Sidharthan	PO	CD Mandiri	PO
NS Kathait	PO	R Singh	PO Wtr
HK Singh	PO Wtr	R Piara	SPO
M Singh	POME	C Kachchap	POME
MRC Nair	POME	R Singh	POME
J Raj	POEL(P)	R Singh	POEL(P)
KS John	PO Tel	WP Manuel	PO Tel
LS Sharma	ERA IV	GP Singh	ERA IV
S Singh	EAP IV	Inderjit	EAP IV
PR Krishnan	EAP IV	A Singh	EAP IV
B Singh	EAP IV	KB Sadhies	EAR IV
SC Chauhan	EAP IV	K Mukhopadya	AG ERAIV
Dhiman	LS	K Singh	PO Std
HR Sharma	PO Std	Jabharden	POCK(S)
Sridhar	LS	Desondhi Mal	LS
M Singh	LS	MG Pandey	LS
R Singh	LS	B Sasidharan	AG LS(TY)
KR Joshi	AG LS	SS Malhan	LME
Rameshwar	LME	JB Patil	LME
B Malesappar	LME	YS Bhardwaj	LME
RS Nimon	LME	SBS Chauhan	LME
P Singh Shekhawat	LMA	H Singh	L Wtr
K Singh	L Wtr	RS Parmar	L Tel
Prakash Kulkarni	L Tel	A Sebastian	L Tel
BD Manna	L Tel	PR Lokiaah	LSIG
SS Yadav	L Sig	Salg Ram	LMER
KM Kuria	LEMP	S Lal	LEMP
E John	EAR 5	Karam Chand Nandh	EAR 5

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M Sharma	EAR 5	K Chand	EAR 5
P Singh	ERA 5	TO Verghese	L STD
PK Sen	LCK (O)	S Shinde	LCK (S)
M Chand	LCK	Om Prakash	L Top
MS Negi	Sea I	AK Tripathi	Sea I
BS Tangniya	Sea I	AK Sarkar	Sea I
SK Das	Sea I	N Samanta	Sea I
R Sankar	Sea I	SP Dutta	Sea I
AK Jha	Sea I	Raj Kumar	Sea I
I Singh	Sea I	Mohinder Pal	Sea I
LG Werulkar	Sea I	Tilochan Samanta	Sea I
G Ravindranathan Nair	Sea I	VK Ramadavan Pillai	Sea I
MV Somraj	Sea I	NS Gopalkrishnan Nair	Sea I
John Thomas	Sea I	K Gurudas	Sea I
RN Sahadevan	Sea I	Zainuddin	Sea I
EP Verghese	Sea I	P Chand	Sea I
CP Kurian	Sea I	SB Sami	Sea I
A Kabilan	Sea I	HK Mehta	Tel I
Parma Nand	Tel I	W Ray	Tel I
S Thomas	Tel I	KK Sud	Sig I
H Singh	Sig I	KG Daniel	SA I
A Ram	SA I	SN Pathak	ME I
V Singh	ME I	SK Biswas	ME I
TR Salunke	ME I	Hari Lal	ME I
K Kabbur	ME I	KB Singh Guleria	ME I
B Singh	ME I	VN Narayana	ME I
G Venkatesan	ME I	R Gurumurthy	ME I
AK Khanna	EMR I	PL Sheemar	EMR I
VR More	STD I	P Ram	STD I
S Dass	STD I	BK Mandal	CK I
TNS Shetty	CK (S) 1	GB Singh	CK I
M Halim	Wtr I	A Lal	Top I
P Singh	Top I	B Singh	Sea II
V Venugopal	Sea II	RB Singh	Sea II
Om Prakash Tyagi	Sea II	Raghibir Singh Yadav	Sea II

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SS Nirwal	Sea II	M Ram	Sea II
R Singh	Sea II	N Chand	Sea II
PL Devassy	Sea II	SN Krishnan	Emp II
KP Moideen	ME II	PC Maity	ME II
Banshi Lal	ME II	HR Jat	ME II
R Srinivasan	ME II	JNK Nair	ME II
Ram Anju	EMP II	KS Thakur	EMP II
AP Mahanan	EMP II	V Deshmukh	Tel
AG Rajamani	Tel	B Singh	Tel
KP Bhaskaran	Tel	N Balan	Tel
B Das	Sig	P Chand	Sig
Hiralal Jat	EMR II	Hari Mitter	EMR II
Jagdish Chand	STD II	R Mahto	STD II
H Singh	CK (S)	B Ram	CK (S)
PS Rawat	CK(O)	A Raju	CK (O)
Nandu Bhai	Top II	U C Pandey	APP

After the beginning of hostilities on 3 December 1971, Indian Naval radio detection equipment identified a submarine lurking about 35 miles (56 km) south-west of Diu harbour. The 14th Frigate Squadron of the Western Fleet was dispatched to destroy the submarine. It normally consisted five ships Khukri, Kirpan, Kalveti, Krishna and Kuthar, but at the time of the incident Kuthar's boiler room was being repaired in Bombay. One reason that may have prompted the decision to deploy two obsolete Blackwood-class frigates against a modern Daphne-class submarine was that the Indian Navy lacked sufficient numbers of anti-submarine aircraft.

In the early hours of 9 December, Hangor picked up two sonar contacts in the area.[2] The sonar and radar transmissions identified them as warships but Hangor failed to intercept them and lost contact when the range increased. The submarine sighted the squadron on the evening of 9 December. Khukri was still not aware of the submarine's presence and continued slowly on a steady course because she was testing an improved version of the 170/174 sonar, which required a slow speed to increase detection, despite the fact that moving on slow speed was against Indian anti-submarine doctrine.

At 19:57 Hangor fired a homing torpedo on a sonar approach at Kirpan. The torpedo failed to explode and was detected by Kirpan which turned away and fired anti-submarine mortars. Khukri increased its speed and turned towards the submarine, which then fired a second torpedo directed at Khukri. The torpedo struck Khukri and exploded under its oil tanks. According to the Pakistani submarine captain, Commander Ahmed Tasnim, the ship sank within two minutes. Other sources claim that Khukri was struck by three torpedoes before going down.

After a few minutes, Kirpan turned back to attack Hangor with depth charges, as her anti-submarine mortars had broken down. Hangor then fired another torpedo at Kirpan before turning away. The torpedo was evaded by INS Kirpan which later participated in rescue ops with INS Katchal. Hangor patrolled the region for the next four days before returning safely to her berth.