

## NEW DATABASE FOR MISSING PERSONS

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The Interpol has launched a new global database named 'I-Familia' to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries.

Describing it as a groundbreaking database officially launched this month, the Interpol, in a statement, said it applied cutting-edge scientific research and used the DNA of relatives to identify missing persons or unidentified human remains around the world. DNA kinship matching is used mostly in cases where a direct sample of the missing person is not available. "I-Familia is the first global database to automatically control for such differences without requiring knowledge of the missing person's genetic ancestry and provide standardised guidelines on what constitutes a match," the Interpol said.

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