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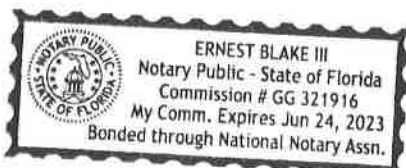
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Notary Public



Afghanistan mourns, vows to crush militants after attack

By **Rahim Faiez**
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — As Afghanistan mourned the 63 people killed in a suicide bombing at a Kabul wedding, a brother of the groom spoke through tears of his weariness at the bloodshed in the country and the crushing guilt he felt at having to face his neighbors, many of whom lost relatives in the week-end blast.

“Around 20 victims’ families live in our very neighborhood,” said 22-year-old Ramin, whose brother, Mirwais Alami, survived along with his bride, Raihana.

“We don’t know how we should look at them,” said Ramin, who like many Afghans uses only one name. “Maybe they don’t want us, or like us, anymore.”

He was drained after a day of burying the dead, which included the 8-year-old brother



A man waves an Afghan flag during Independence Day celebrations Monday in Kabul, Afghanistan. [RAFIQ MAQBOOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

of the bride. The bomber detonated his explosives Saturday night in the middle of a dancing crowd in the wedding hall, wounding nearly 200 others. The attack was claimed by an affiliate of the Islamic State.

“We are just tired of

this life,” Ramin said of the decades of war and insurgency that Afghanistan has endured. The country on Monday marked a subdued 100th Independence Day after the bombing, with President Ashraf Ghani vowing to “eliminate” all safe

havens for the IS affiliate.

Many outraged Afghans are asking whether an expected deal between the United States and the Taliban to end nearly 18 years of fighting — America’s longest war — will bring peace as the IS affiliate poses a growing threat.

“We don’t care who will make a peace deal. We don’t care who will come into power,” Ramin said. “What we want is peace. We just want peace.”

Overcome with grief, he apologized and said he couldn’t say anything more.

In his own emotional interview, the distraught groom Alami told local broadcaster TOLONews that their lives were devastated by the bombing.

“It would be better if I had died,” he said. “How can I look at people?”

The IS affiliate later said the bomber had targeted a gathering of minority Shiites, whom it views as apostates deserving of death.

A sharply worded Taliban statement questioned why the U.S. failed to identify the attacker in advance. Another Taliban statement marking Independence Day said to “leave Afghanistan to the Afghans.”

In their nearly year-long negotiations with the U.S., the Taliban want the

approximately 20,000 U.S. and allied forces to withdraw from the country. For its part, the U.S. wants Taliban assurances that Afghanistan — which hosted al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden before 9/11 — will not be a launching pad for global terror attacks.

The U.S. envoy in talks with the Taliban, Zalmay Khalilzad, said Sunday the peace process should be accelerated to help Afghanistan defeat the IS affiliate. That would include intra-Afghan talks on the country’s future, a fraught process that could take years.

But Ghani asserted that the Taliban, whom the U.S. now hopes will help to curb the IS affiliate’s rise, are just as much to blame for the wedding attack. His government is openly frustrated at being sidelined from the U.S. talks with the insurgent group, which regards the Afghan government as a U.S. puppet.

Iranian supertanker sought by US heading toward Greece

By **Ciaran Giles**
The Associated Press

MADRID — An Iranian supertanker with \$130 million worth of light crude oil that the U.S. suspects is tied to a sanctioned organization left Gibraltar and was heading east into the Mediterranean Sea on Monday, with its next destination reported to be Greece.

The Iran-flagged Adrian Darya 1, previously named Grace 1, set course for Kalamata, Greece, with an estimated arrival on Aug. 25, according to ship tracking service MarineTraffic. It wasn’t immediately clear why the tanker would be

heading there or whether the destination could change.

The vessel left Gibraltar late Sunday after having been detained for a month in the British overseas territory for allegedly attempting to breach European Union sanctions on Syria. Gibraltar authorities rejected attempts by the U.S. to seize the oil tanker again, arguing that EU regulations are less strict than U.S. sanctions on Iran.

Gibraltar said it had been assured by Iran that the tanker wouldn’t unload its cargo in Syria.

Iranian government officials have yet to publicly acknowledge the ship’s next destination, or where it will discharge its

cargo of 2.1 million barrels of crude oil. Iran has denied it was ever headed for Syria.

Greece’s Ministry of Shipping and Island Policy says it has received no notification that the supertanker is headed for Kalamata.

The tanker’s release comes amid a growing confrontation between Iran and the West after President Donald Trump pulled Washington out of Tehran’s nuclear deal with world powers over a year ago. The decision re-imposed sanctions on Iran, stopping billions of dollars in business deals, largely halting the sale of Iran’s crude oil internationally and sharply depreciating Iran’s

currency, the rial.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Monday that his country was being discreet about the tanker’s designation due to sanctions by the U.S., which he said “illegally tries to bully others from purchasing our oil.”

The threat of punitive measures by the U.S. for buying Iranian oil has discouraged many countries from purchasing it, though the oil itself is not subject to any U.N. or international sanctions.

Zarif said the tanker’s seizure in July by British Royal Marines “was not based on any law,” while speaking in English to reporters in Helsinki, Finland.



A man with a sticker that reads “I Stand With Hong Kong” on his glasses gathered with others Sunday in Lafayette Square in front of the White House in Washington in solidarity with the “Stand With Hong Kong, Power to the People Rally” in Hong Kong. [CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

China lashes out at Taiwan over Hong Kong asylum offer

By **Kelvin Chan and Yanan Wang**
The Associated Press

HONG KONG — China lashed out at Taiwan on Monday over its offer of political asylum to participants in Hong Kong’s pro-democracy protest movement, a day after hundreds of thousands of people marched peacefully in the latest massive demonstration in the Chinese territory.

The government of Taiwan, a self-ruled island that China considers its own territory, strongly supports the protests, and Hong Kong students in Taiwan held events over the weekend expressing their backing. Taiwan’s president made the asylum offer last month, though it’s not clear if requests have been received.

Taiwan lacks a formal legal mechanism for assessing and granting asylum requests, although it has granted residency to several vocal opponents of the Chinese government.

On Monday, Ma Xiaoguang, spokesman for the Chinese Cabinet’s Taiwan Affairs Office, said Taiwan’s offer would “cover up the crimes of a small group of violent militants” and encourage their “audacity in harming Hong Kong and turn Taiwan into a “heaven for ducking the law.”

Ma demanded that Taiwan’s government “cease undermining the rule of law” in Hong Kong, cease interfering in its affairs and not “condone criminals.”

Organizers said at least 1.7 million people participated in Sunday’s Hong Kong rally and march, although the police estimate was far lower. Police said the protest was “generally peaceful” but accused a large group of people of “breaching public peace” afterward

by occupying a major thoroughfare and using slingshots to shoot “hard objects” at government headquarters and pointing lasers at police officers.

The protests have at times been marked by violent clashes with police, who say they have arrested more than 700 participants since the demonstrations started in June. However, law enforcement officers kept a low profile Sunday, with no riot police seen from the procession’s main routes. When stragglers convened outside a government complex in the late evening, other protesters urged them to go home.

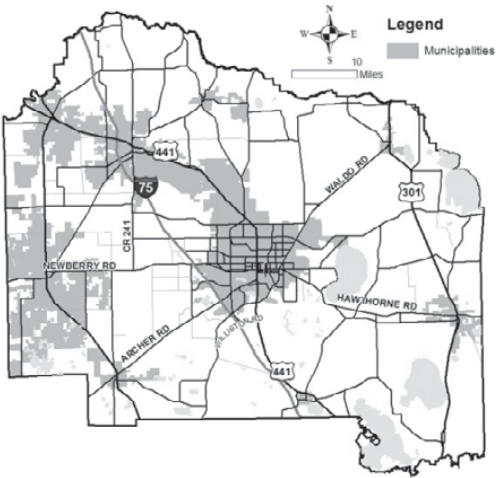
More protests are planned for the coming weeks, with various rallies organized by accountants, transport workers, high school students and relatives of police officers.

Demonstrators’ frustrations over what they perceive to be the government’s refusal to respond to their demands boiled over last week with the occupation of Hong Kong’s international airport, during which a reporter for a Chinese Communist Party-owned newspaper was assaulted, and attacks on a number of police stations.

A former British colony, Hong Kong was returned to Beijing in 1997 under the framework of “one country, two systems,” which promised residents certain democratic rights not afforded to people in mainland China. But some Hong Kongers have accused the Communist Party-ruled central government of eroding their freedoms in recent years.

The protest movement’s demands include the resignation of Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam, democratic elections and an independent investigation into police use of force.

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Alachua County has determined that the median single-family residence in the unincorporated County has a total impervious area of 4,011 square feet based upon a building footprint area of 2,235 square feet. The 4,011 square feet impervious area is defined as the value of "Equivalent Residential Unit" or "ERU" value. Generally, the number of ERUs were calculated individually for each parcel of property by dividing the total impervious area by 4,011 square feet. For non-governmental properties, the proposed annual Stormwater Assessment rate for the upcoming Fiscal Year will be \$40.00 for each ERU. For governmental properties, the proposed annual Stormwater Fee rate for the upcoming Fiscal Year will be \$40.00 for each ERU. Agricultural buildings and structures are not included in the calculations of impervious areas subject to the proposed stormwater assessment, in accordance with Section 163.3162(3)(b). Florida Statutes.

On September 10, 2019, the Board will hold a public hearing at 5:01 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard in Room 209, 2nd Floor of the Alachua County Administration Building, 12 S.E. 1st Street, Gainesville, Florida.

At the hearing, the Board will receive comments on the proposed Stormwater Assessments for non-governmental properties (including their collection on the ad valorem tax bill) and the proposed Stormwater Fees for governmental properties (including their collection by first class mail invoice).

You are invited to attend and participate in the hearing. You may also file written objections with the Board within the twenty (20) days of the date of this notice. If accommodations for persons with disabilities are needed, please contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office at 352- 374-5275 at least 2 business days prior to the event, TDD users, please call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the Board. All written objections to the non-ad valorem assessments and fees must be filed with the Board within twenty (20) days of publication of this notice. Please include your name, parcel number, and the reason you object to the assessment on all written objections.

Address all written objections to: Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Stormwater Assessment, 12 S.E. 1st Street, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Any person wishing to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered will need a record of the proceedings and may wish to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.

A more specific description of the methodology used to calculate the proposed stormwater assessments and fees is set forth in the Initial Stormwater Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution and the Preliminary Rate Resolution. Copies of the Initial Stormwater Resolution, the Final Assessment Resolution, the Preliminary Rate Resolution, the Preliminary Stormwater Roll, and the County's Stormwater Ordinance are available for inspection at the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, 408 W. University Avenue, Suite 106, Gainesville, Florida, 32601.

The Stormwater Services Assessments for non-governmental properties will be collected by the Alachua County Tax Collector and failure to pay the Stormwater Services Assessment will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the assessed property which may result in a loss of title to your property.

The Stormwater Service Fees for governmental properties will be collected by first class mail invoice.

General Information: If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Protection Department at (352) 264-6850 or email stormwater@alachuacounty.us.