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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Greek FM: "A war in Ukraine will have no winners"

"A conflict in Ukraine will have no winner. We would all lose out," Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias told his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov during a meeting in Moscow on Friday. The Russian FM blamed the NATO for the latest developments in Ukraine, citing violations of OSCE agreements.

"We have looked at a number of regional issues. We stressed that there is no alternative to Ukraine other than the Minsk agreements", Lavrov pointed out.

Dendias stressed the need for an immediate de-escalation of the tension in Ukraine adding that "Greece is listening carefully to Russia's concern."

The Greek FM also raised the issue of Turkey's aggression, including its threat of war (casus belli) against Greece if the country proceeds with its legal right to extend its territorial waters.

"Greece favors a constructive dialogue with Turkey, it is however prepared to defend its national sovereignty from any threat," he said.

He added that "Greece is in favour of maintaining

peace, stability and security, but also of a constructive dialogue based always on international law, as well as on the law of the sea and on the basis of the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations."

Lavrov said Russia was prepared to assist the two Aegean neighbors resolve their differences.

The Russian FM said that Moscow attaches "special value to our dialogue on regional and international affairs", listing current issues including the Ukraine and the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East."

Lavrov noted that "in all these directions our Greek friends have their own position. We are interested in taking your interests into account. We are pleased and ready to discuss any issue of interest to you."

Lavrov described Friday's meeting as "a good opportunity to look at how what has been agreed at the level of our leaders is being implemented," referring to the development of "trade and economic relations, investment, energy, transport and communications and of course tourism".

Solar batteries may pose danger to homeowners

A fire that started in a solar panel battery has badly damaged a house in Adelaide's northern suburbs, in what the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) says is a growing problem involving lithium-ion batteries across Australia.

According to the ABC, Burton resident Graham Burke woke up at 3am after hearing a smoke alarm and then bangs coming from his roof.

He alerted his wife and a friend staying over after seeing his house was on fire.

He also saved their two dogs and a cat.

"As much as it hurts, the important thing is our lives and our pets were saved," he said.

"What's behind me is not much left of what we had, but we can rebuild that and move forward."

The MFS estimated the damage at \$200,000.

MFS northern operations commander Stuart Dawes said the fire started in a home battery storage system in the garage of the property.

Mr Dawes said battery fires required "copious amounts of water" to fully control.

"Lithium-ion storage systems are becoming more of an emerging hazard to fire services around the nation," he said.

"Fire services are developing policy and procedure to deal with the rise in these types of incidents."

He said it was important batteries were safely stored and maintained.

"These batteries, in general, if they become pierced or exposed to radiant heat or fire, a thermal runaway process may commence whereby the cells of the battery become heated and may cause fire," he said.

"This can lead to an explosive or volatile toxic situation which may result in a fire in a home, as it has in this case."

The batteries store solar energy generated during the day for use at night, during cloudy periods and when there is a blackout.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE ELECTIONS

Campaign kicks off

The South Australian election campaign is officially underway. South Australian voters will go to the polls in three weeks - 19 March.

The coming election will be a very interesting one to watch, as to some extent the public will judge the Government for the handling of the Omicron and set be a very close one.

There are also several other factors to consider. After a significant electoral boundary redraw, Labor needs to win a net four seats off the Liberals to win Government.

There are four seats in the Metropolitan area - Adelaide, Elder, King and Newland - within a margin of 2%.

However, there are more serious issues for the Marshall government to attend to.

Over the past four years, the Liberals have become a minority after losing three MPs for a variety of reasons, who declared themselves independent.

Sam Duluk and Fraser Ellis were forced out of the party after being charged with alleged offences. Mr Duluk was later acquitted of assaulting a fellow MP. Mr Ellis will defend charges laid against him, after the election.

The third former Liberal MP to become independent is Mr Troy Bell from /mount Gambier who faces a series of other charges.

Finally, there is a fourth Liberal MP who abandoned ship and then seized the position of the House Speaker with the support of the ALP.

In order to govern alone without cutting deals, Mr Marshall will need to win some or all of the independents' seats back.

That wouldn't be an easy task, according to the ABC, as the party had trouble recruiting a candidate to stand against Mr Ellis in his safe Yorke Peninsula seat.

Making the task that much more complicated is the fact that two currently serving independents - Geoff Brock and Frances Bedford - have chosen to contest currently Liberal held seats.

However, there is a perception floating



Premier Steven Marshall and the Leader of the Opposition Peter Malinauskas

around that, to form Government, the seat to win is Colton in the Western suburbs - held by Liberal Matt Cowdry and challenged by Paul Alexandrides for the ALP.

At the launch of the ALP election campaign on Sunday 20 February at the Adelaide Oval in North Adelaide, Labor leader Peter Malinauskas promised to open 300 new hospital beds and employ 100 new doctors.

The promise of new beds includes 98 mental health beds divided between the Queen Elizabeth, Modbury and Noarlunga Hospitals and in Mount Gambier.

Labor said the mental health beds will cost \$182 million, which it will fund with money the Liberal Party is planning to spend on building a new sports arena on Adelaide's Riverbank.

Commenting on the ALP Leader's 100 new doctors pledge, Premier Steven Marshall criticised the move saying that "would be a massive slowing of those increased doctors in

South Australia because we've put on more than 100 every year since we've been elected.

For Peter Malinauskas to come back and say, "the new doctors would be in addition to current growth rates".

While ramping cases have continued through the pandemic, even through periods of low COVID rates, Mr Marshall criticised Mr Malinauskas for promising to fix the practice.

"He started ramping in South Australia, the Labor Party brought ramping to South Australia, we're doing everything we can to unwind it," he said.

On the same day Labor held a large launch event, Mr Marshall held a series of smaller events in marginal electorates across Adelaide which were streamed live on social media.

"I don't think there have been too many mass rallies in political parties right around the world for the last couple of years with the coronavirus," Mr Marshall said.

Riverland grape prices set to plummet in new season

Grape growers in Australia's largest wine-making region are struggling to turn a profit, as global trade conditions take their toll on the industry.

South Australia's Riverland is home to more than 900 wine grape growers, and produces about 40 per cent of Australia's crush every year.

Following a bumper vintage last year, global freight pressures, an excess of stock in storage, the deteriorating trading relations with China and changing consumer behaviour due to the pandemic, demand for grapes is low.

The pressures are particularly being felt by red grape growers, with the dent in the massive Chinese market following the introduction of tariffs.

Speaking to the ABC, Cooltong grower Jack Papageorgiou says the situation is so bad he is facing the possibility of dumping grapes for the first time in 48 years - a move that would still come at a cost.

"Don't forget I can't just dump it. I need to bring a harvester and contractor to get the grapes off," he said.

Mr Papageorgiou said he did not expect many growers in the

region to turn a profit this vintage.

"We are well down on cost of production. Two years ago we were getting \$600 to \$700 a tonne for the reds and now we're down to \$300", he said.

"It's going to be a challenging time for growers, contractors, carriers and processors. It's going to be really challenging in the next four months."

Riverland Wine, which described 2021 as a "unicorn vintage", told its members to be prepared for low prices for red grapes in 2022.

CCW is a cooperative of 600

Riverland grape growers who sell their grapes to multi-national Accolade Wines.

"We've seen some incredible growth in some of the Asian regions, like Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand, and that shows the resilience of the wine industry, that pivot to new markets", the cooperative's chief executive, Jim Godden said.

"There have been different impacts. It's not normal to have a pandemic and it's not normal to have the country shut down, so we need to come out the other side of that and see what that does to the industry."

Art Exhibition by Bill Cook

Local Artist Bill Cook is looking to launch his book titled "A Deeper Beauty" and hold an exhibition at the same time, on March 12, at 1.30 pm at Gallery M, 287 Diagonal road, Marion.

Bill Cook is an Adelaide artist with a passion for classical Greece, its myths, legends and its sculpture.

Married into a local Greek family, the Lesses', he and his wife Maria have maintained a long term membership of the Greek Orthodox Community.

Cook won the Greek Art prize in 2006 with a sculpture titled "Athena rising", which is in the collection of the Greek Community.

His work reflects the role of migration, specifically the Greek experience, in shaping Australia. Cook has had residencies and exhibitions on the

Community Life



Local artist Bill Cook and wife Mary Lesses Cook

Greek Islands of Skopelos and Ikaria.

Cook says about his work "much of it reflects the experience of all migrants, being

torn between place of birth and place of residency, and not being completely comfortable in either".

Cook's latest exhibition

at Gallery M, Diagonal road Marion, is a retrospective of his four decades in the visual arts. It is part of the 2022 Fringe Festival programme, page 124, and it is on longer than the Fringe dates from March 12th, book launch, to April 3rd.

A book of his work called "A Deeper Beauty" may be available at the Retrospective Exhibition depending on problems with international shipping due to covid virus.

Cook is a graduate of the renowned South Australian School of Art and the recipient of the GC Wright Memorial Prize for Life Drawing and Painting.

He has worked in the arts as an Education Officer for The Art Gallery of South Australia, a TAFE lecturer, art teacher and cartoonist. He has pursued his practise full time since 2000.

Bill's book "A Deeper Beauty" is available for purchase through www.a deeperbeautybook.com.



Cultural, social and political events in South Australia

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ABOVE AND RIGHT: The Greek Women's Society of S.A. "O Taxi-archis" Inc., have opened up for the first time in 2022 on 15 February for their weekly gatherings at the Greek Womens Centre, 32-34 Rosa Street Goodwood. The centre opens up for the members of the association every Tuesday, from 9.30 am - 10.30 am with an exercise class and then coffee and bingo till 12.00 noon. All welcome. In the photos are members of the association at their first get together. The Greek Women's Society, will also hold their annual pic nic at the Glenelg beach front, behind the Stamford Hotel, on Clean Monday 7 March 2022 from 11am. All welcome to that event as well.



LETTER By John Dawkins MLC

The Editor, Greek Tribune

Dear Peter,
I would like to pass on my thanks and best wishes to yourself at the Greek Tribune, as well as the wider Greek community, as I approach my retirement from Parliament.

The upcoming election on March 19 will mark the end of my 24 years as a Member of Parliament. It has been a wonderful privilege to serve as a Member of the Legislative Council for three terms, with the past one and a half years as President.

I have had a strong engagement with the Greek Tribune throughout my Parliamentary career, stemming from my work in the electorate of Chaffey in the late 1990s. I commend



the important work your newspaper does in informing and connecting with the South Australian Greek community.

Yours sincerely
The Hon John Dawkins MLC
President of the Legislative Council

Angela receives the Order of Australia Award

On Australia Day, the Chair and Founder Angie Pangallo was named a recipient of "The Order of Australia Medal" (OAM) in recognition of the work done for the Gold Foundation, which she launched 15 years ago to assist and support children with Asperger Syndrome.

It has been a long but personally rewarding journey for Angie to get the Foundation to the place it is today. Gold Foundation started with 8 children & today there are over 600 registered at the centre. What is particularly fulfilling is that the award comes on the 22nd birthday of the "boy who started it all" Connor Pangallo who was the inspiration to establish the Gold Foundation.

Angie would like to thank all those who have helped her & contributed to the success of this Not



for Profit charity, which is now based at a fabulous facility provided to us by the Greek Orthodox Community of S.A. & in particular a special thanks to their president Bill Gonis.

It is a wonderful recognition not just for Angie but for the selfless work put in by so many every day heroes, from the staff, facilitators & volunteers at the centre. Angie Pangallo is the daughter of Vicky Economos & the late Con Economos.

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How and why is our individual character formed?

And how and why does each of us has the personality characteristic that we have? How did it emerge developed and grow?

The character of each one is influenced every day from childhood to the present. The formational process is more influential in the first twelve years of our life. The most impactful sources of character formation are;

- The Social and economic upbringing environment of the family, and,
- The social environment and social class that we belong to.

In this environment, everyone is socialised conditioned and indoctrinated in subtle or concrete ways. In these environments, one is exposed to patterns and models that are impactful and which are planted in the ambitions and goals of the individual.

The second influence on the character is the social influence. When intermixing in society, everyone is exposed to many social symbols that are supported or rejected by the social groups in general. In this social schooling environment, you are exposed daily to positive and negative social values. In this social exhibition, we form our personal social reality. We accept and reject the social values that our life experiences exposes us to.

The third influence in the formation character is the formal education in the "Social Sciences". This science focuses on;

- Sociology, anthropology, philosophy, politics, psychology, philology, geography, history, economics and political economy and many other fields.

When one lives in a social

How is culture learned

environment, over time they learn and accumulate knowledge on all of these topics, regardless of the fact that such acquired knowledge is not officially certified or recognised.

As such within this furnace of social and educational learnings, the principles and concepts learned melt and blend and eventually solidify in what each one of us knows as our individual character.

If one had socialised in another social environment, they would be influenced by different influences and would be persons of a different set of characteristics.

The conclusion here is that; we are all created according to the environment in which we evolved, but we may not have had the opportunity to be exposed to each of the three key main elements, viz:

Family, society and formal education.

Regardless of this, the remaining influences from the elements that we have been exposed plant and shape our characteristics.

So how does one ends up as a Pessimist or Optimist character through this conditioning? It is simply a clear case of the collection of influences and inhibitions that each of us was exposed to over our entire lifetime and the moral judgements we or our social setting determined, resulted in what we accepted and rejected.

Let's consider the following simplistic scenario:

George was born and grew up in an agrarian environment all his life. The surrounding area was very mountainous and the land very poor in nutrients. Even though George was working hard to cultivate his fields, the

end result was in the hands of nature. If it didn't not rain, his efforts were wasted.

For many years it was drought, and regardless of his dedication, George saw negative results every year.

Eventually, George saw the future from a negative point of view. This condition extended to all other situations in his life's journey.

When one is exposed to a majority of consecutive negative life experiences from their well-intentioned efforts, the probability is that they will morph into a pessimist character.

I am sure that many other examples can be identified which resemble George's situation that will reinforce the concept of how pessimistic characters form.

Under the same rationale, it is now easy to imagine scenarios with conditions that create people of an Optimistic character. If George in the example had good production each year, he would develop a positive outlook for the future and along with other successes, he would develop into an Optimistic positive character.

From a genetic evolutionary perspective, we need to explore if Optimism or Pessimism is inherited from a microbiological determinants through the DNA.

What do you think about such a possibility?

1. If you are a man, do some self-reflection and answer the question: How much do you resemble your father's character? And if you are a woman answer the question - How much do you resemble your mother's character?

2. Have you been taught to imitate the character of

your mother/father through inhibition or conditioning through modelling?

3. What features have you imitated from your social environment?

4. Are the costumes that you are wearing of Indian fashion or Australian fashion? What is the reason for this choice?

5. What is your individual identity - Do you feel as an Australian or as a Greek or as a Peloponnese or as a Kalamatianos or as a Humanist on our planet?

6. Why do you feel that way?

7. Can you escape/avoid these subtle and subconscious inhibitions from your exposure to your socioeconomic upbringing?

8. What ways can be used to change your character sets?

9. Yiannis was born in a village in Greece in a poor environment. There he had few opportunities and many disappointments in his life's endeavours. He lived in this environment until the age of eighteen. At this stage of his life, he migrated to Australia. There he was exposed to opportunities for progress in education and career. Whatever he tried in the new country it turned into success.

What is the likelihood in this case that Yannis will transition from a pessimistic to an Optimistic character?

What characteristics do you think remained unchanged in Yiannis's character regardless of his relocation to Australia?

When Yiannis is at the bus station in Melbourne city, does he wait at the line-up without pushing in and being courteous when boarding the bus or does he use the same boarding approaches used in Greece.

To be continued
Elias Hadjisavas.,
ADELAIDE



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