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NEWS

Pan-Macedonian death threats cause chaos in parliament

Greek parliament will consider expelling Golden Dawn temporarily from its debates, Parliament Speaker, Nikos Voutsis, said on Thursday, after a party MP went on a rant attacking SYRIZA MPs as "traitors", during a speech in the plenum.

Golden Dawn MP Yiannis Lagos, who was speaking about a letter sent by Pan-Macedonian associations to Greek members of Parliament, started shouting at SYRIZA MPs, calling them "swindlers" and "traitors". "God willing, you will all go to prison," Lagos said addressing the ruling party.

Voutsis made reference to people who praise the nazis all over Europe

in recent years, and said "this hatred, with references to 'traitors' and 'gallops', shows a strategy aiming at causing tension. To weaken this strategy we must not just marginalize it and exclude it, it should be denounced with a strong voice from the entire political system. Without tactics and false analogies," Voutsis said after the incident.

Pan-Macedonian organizations from Greece and abroad have sent a letter to all 300 Greek MPs threatening them with death or to go to prison "if they accept the term Macedonia in the new name of Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM).

Greek Community celebrates National Day of Greece

The Greek Tribune received the following statement from Mr Dimitrios Dimopoulos, General Secretary of the Greek Orthodox Community of SA: "Millions of Hellenes across the globe celebrated 25th March Greek Independence Day on Sunday, with the Greek Orthodox Community of S.A joining the widespread celebrations.

The Cathedral of Archangels Michael & Gabriel in the city was once again the epicentre of the commemoration, featuring a memorial service, laying of wreaths as well as students' presentations and drawing hundreds of Hellenes across Adelaide.

The celebrations began with the Great Doxology inside the church which was accordingly decorated to reflect the spirit of the day.

Bishop of South Australia Chrisostomos conducted the special memorial service during the morning mass, in memory of the heroes of the 1821 Revolution.

Greek flags and students in traditional costumes of the era added to the sense of national pride and patriotism.

The great doxology was followed by a short memorial service outside at the church's courtyard with clergy and guests paying respects to those heroes who fought for Greece's independence.

In his celebratory message, the President of the Community Mr Bill Gonis OAM, said he was proud that the Greek Community holds the

traditions tight for almost 90 years.

"As President, I am delighted that the Greek Orthodox Community of SA has been able to maintain the tradition of Greek Independence Day through its school's program as well as through the teachings of Greek culture and history", he said.

Among the official guests who attended the celebrations was the Hon Terry Stephens on behalf of the Premier of South Australia Hon Steven Marshall, the Hon Rachel Sanderson, Minister for Child Protection, the Hon Peter Malinauskas, Member for Croydon and Mr Frank Pangallo representing SA Best Party, Mr Peter Pirois on behalf of the Chair of SAMEAC Hon Grace Portolesi, Mr Loukas Minas, Secretary of the Cyprus Community of S.A and Mrs Anna Amirkhanyan on behalf of the Armenian Community of S.A. along with many more representatives of local Associations.

The message was followed by the laying of wreaths and the one minute silence in memory of the fallen heroes, to conclude with poem recitals and the national anthems.

The celebrations however continued later in the day with a spectacular Schools event at St Marys College function hall.

Hundreds of students gathered at the Hall to participate in a series of presentations featuring poems recitals, short plays and singing.

Ms Sanderson also attended the schools event"

New era under a Liberal Government

New South Australian Premier Stephen Marshall has announced his Cabinet last week with Riverland MP Tim Whetstone, being the new Minister for Agriculture, food, fisheries, forests and regional development.

Premier Steven Marshall, will keep the portfolios of Aboriginal affairs and reconciliation, defence and space industries, arts, veterans affairs and multicultural affairs.

Vickie Chapman is Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, consumer and business affairs and Veteran Liberal politician Rob Lucas is the new Treasurer, Industrial relations and public sector.

David Pisoni, is Minister for Employment, manufacturing and innovation, automotive transformation, science and information economy, state development, small business.

David Ridgeway takes on tourism, investment and trade while Michelle Lensink takes control of Communities and social inclusion, social housing, status of women, youth, volunteers, disabilities.

Other members of the cabinet include Corey Wingard (police, emergency services), Dan van Holst Pellekaan (Mineral resources and energy), Stephan Knoll (Transport and Infrastructure), David Speirs (Murray River), Stephen Wade (Health, ageing, mental health) John Gardner (Education and child development) and Rachel Sanderson (Child protection reform).

Vincent Tarzia who retained the seat of Heartley for the Liberals against Nick Xenophon, is expected to be nominated for the speaker's job when Parliament resumes.

In the new 47 member Parliament, the Liberals will have 25 MPs while the ALP is down to 19. Nick Xenophon's SA Best has a bleak future, after failing to win Lower House seats. Nick Xenophon is completely out of Parliament, his party however, has won two seats in the Upper House, with Connie Bonaros and Frank Pangalo. Also, three independents are keeping their Lower House seats, Troy Bell in Mount Gambier, Geoff



New Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development Tim Whetstone with Premier Stephen Marshall.

Brock in Frome (Port Pirie), and Frances Bedford in Florey.

Former premier Jay Weatherill has resigned as Leader of the ALP but he will retain his sit of Cheltenham. Ex-health minister Peter Malinauskas is the candidate for the ALP leadership in SA.

Council of Migrant and Refugee Women of SA launched

This forum and launch was hosted by the Australian Migrant Resource Centre (AMRC), African Communities Council of SA (ACCSA) and Middle Eastern Communities Council of SA (MECCSA) at the Multicultural Centre for International Women's Day, celebrating and recognising the social and economic achievements of women.

The inaugural council board was launched by Mary Patetsos, Chairperson of Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia (FECCA), with a congratulatory address by Fiona Mort, Director of Office for Women.

The council aims to bring together strong community voices with institutional reach, and policy advocacy networks to facilitate opportunities for migrant and refugee women to directly engage in driving positive change at the state and national level. The council's role will also entail addressing priority issues in areas such as Training and Employment Pathways for Vulnerable Women, Access to Health Services, Domestic Violence Services, Support for Isolated families, particularly in Regional Areas, Services for Skilled Migrants and Housing Equity.

The council members are women of migrant and refugee background, who have extensive experience in working on women's issues, and will contribute their independent skillsets and expertise to achieve the council's objectives, whilst engaging and mentoring women from new and emerging communities in South Australia. Council members include Laura Adzanku, Community Support Worker at PEACE Multicultural Services - Relationships Australia SA; Reyhana Akhy, teacher; Hiba Alwani, Syrian Youth Leader and elected to FECCA's Women's Advisory Committee; Quyen Hoang, with experience in aged care; Dr Annette Osei-Kumah, Manager



Photo: Council of Migrant and Refugee Women of SA (CMRW) with Lady Mayoress Genevieve Theseira-Haese, City of Adelaide; the Honourable Michelle Lensink MLC; Mary Patetsos, Chairperson of FECCA; Fiona Mort, Director of Office for Women; Elizabeth Ho OAM, Deputy Chair of AMRC; and Eugenia Tsoulis OAM, CEO of AMRC.

of ACCSA and a background in women's health; Vahedeh Mansoury Chairperson of MECCSA and working for the Southern Domestic Violence Service as team leader for Ninko Kurtangga Patpangga; Shingi Mapuvire, Public Relations Officer of the African Students Council of SA (ASCOSA); Serajum Munira, Community Information Officer at Women's Information Service, Office for Women SA; Zita Adut Deng Ngor, Chief Executive Officer of Women's Legal Service (SA); and Shreshtha Kumar, also providing executive support to the council.

The organisers wish to acknowledge Lady Mayoress Genevieve Theseira-Haese, City of Adelaide; the Honourable Michelle Lensink MLC and the Honourable Rachel Sanderson MP for participating in the launch and forum with over 120 people from a diversity of backgrounds. It was fantastic to hear from some of these young

woman forming the Council of Migrant and Refugee Women of SA (CMRWSA). It highlighted that migrant and refugee women know how to dream big and how to make their dreams come true with strength, compassion, warmth and vibrancy. Their collective experiences form a fantastic vision to support, promote and advocate for other women going forward. I'm excited to have been there at this very important beginning, Director of Sustaining Endeavour, Uma Preston said.

Additional comments included: Truly moving and inspiring stories and a very real sense that with the wisdom of the experienced and the talents of the new women coming into leadership fabulous things will be happening across many communities! Congratulations for this fabulous new council, Certified Life Coach, writer and artist, Carol Omer said.

25TH OF MARCH 1821 Belongs to all Greeks, with no exceptions

The Greek Tribune received many calls from readers in Adelaide saying they were confused and dissatisfied about what was said in the Greek media in the days leading up to the 25th of March. The most common questions asked, were, "what is the dispute between the Greek Consul and the Church about", "why is the Consul having a third celebration" and "why can't they just have one joint celebration?"

The Greek Tribune believes that the day of the rejuvenation of the nation, belongs to all Greeks with no exceptions. Therefore, every institution or organisation, including the Greek Consulate, have the right to celebrate the Day in any way they like. So has the Greek Orthodox Community (GOCSA), as the oldest Greek mass organisation in SA, which has been celebrating the National Day of Greece since the beginning of time when no

Community Life



The Pylon Society of Navarion held a Greek night on 3 March in honor of the producers and cast of the Maria Callas film which screened successfully at Nova cinema on 4 March. In the photo, the President of "Navarion" Peter Sotiropoulos, President of GOCSA Bill Gonis, Professor Michael Tsianikas and film director Babis Tsokas.

other Greek authority or Greek organisation existed in Adelaide, almost 90 years ago.

A joint celebration at North Terrace memorial was tried in the 80's but it didn't last because religious differences were brought

into it. Recently, the Consul announced a joint celebration and invited the Greek Archdiocese to conduct the religious part and the President of GOCSA to attend and lay a wreath - but at the exclusion of the GOCSA

clergy. GOCSA refused to attend an event where the presence of its clergymen was forbidden. Therefore, it proceeded with its very successful celebration of the 25th of March as planned, with a church service, a wreath laying ceremony at the Cathedral in Franklin Street and a cultural program by the schools after the ceremonies.

People should accept the fact that there are two separate, both legitimate, Greek church authorities in Adelaide and that's not going to change. If we wish to achieve unity, what we can do, is to try and understand pluralism and multiculturalism and learn to accept and respect other people's cultural, religious and political rights and beliefs. Then things might improve. There are many different Christian denominations within the Australian society. Does that cause a problem to Australia Day or ANZAC Day celebrations? No it doesn't. Let's just learn to live like the rest of Australians and be tolerant to everyone or simply keep religious beliefs out of secular life.

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LEFT: The Greek Orthodox Community of SA celebrated the International Women's Day at the Olympic Hall on 8 March. Guest speaker Dr Teri Tan, a Greek born Australian American, founder of Sustainable Health Empowerment (S.H.E) spoke about her work administering medical mission trips to underdeveloped countries such as Cambodia. Anna Amirkhanyan, told the story of her migration to Adelaide and spoke about her country of birth Armenia and the local Adelaide Armenian community. In the photo, from left, Angela Evans Mayor of Charles Sturt, ALP candidate for Adelaide Jo Chapley, Dr Teri Tan, GOCSA President Bill Gonis, Anna Amirkhanyan, member for Adelaide Rachel Sanderson and Deputy Premier Vickie Chapman.



LEFT: The Greek Orthodox Community of SA celebrated the National Day of Greece on Sunday 25th March at the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel. The celebration included a wreath laying ceremony by representatives of the Governments, the Opposition parties and of many local Greek community associations. The event concluded with a Greek schools celebration at the St Marys College. The Greek Consul General, organised a wreath laying ceremony at the North Terrace Memorial while the Archdiocese held its own ceremony at the Cross of Sacrifice in North Adelaide.



LEFT: Greek musician John Kourbelis, Dr Teri Tan, ethnomusicologist Demeter Tsounis, vocalist Johanna Psaltis and Anna Amirkhanyan at the GOCSA International Women's Day celebration. **RIGHT:** At the Cathedral of Archangels Michael and Gabriel on 25th March, were, SA Best MLC Frank Pangallo, Minister Rachel Sanderson, GOCSA president Bill Gonis, ALP MP Peter Malinauskas and Liberal MP Terry Stephens.



Greece puts forward five alternative names, as it looks to resolve the dispute with its neighbour, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Upper Macedonia. New Macedonia. Northern Macedonia.

These are some of the proposed new names for the country of Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, with which Greece has fought for years, arguing that the country's name is too close to that of a northern Greek province, also called Macedonia.

Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Kotsias

has sent the proposal to Skopje in hopes of settling the dispute, media in both countries reported on Tuesday.

Kotsias, who was visiting Skopje last Thursday, told Greek state TV ERT in Athens that he has sent the draft several days before.

Along with the name dispute, Athens accuses Skopje of usurping Hellenic heritage, such as the mantle of Alexander

the Great.

The row broke out when Skopje split from the former Yugoslavia and became independent in 1991. UN-brokered talks, launched in 1995, produced no permanent solution but the parties agreed at UN level on a temporary name for the small nation, as "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (FYROM).

Greece has blocked Skopje in international organisations, including NATO and EU, ever since.

The new Skopje government, led by Social Democrats who last (northern) summer ended an 11-year reign by the nationalists, have made appeasing moves, such as renaming infrastructure such as roads, airports etc previously called after Alexander.

The new proposal from Athens is a result of the thaw. The five proposals all retain the word "Macedonia", but include an adjective to differentiate it from the Greek province and the ancient Hellenic kingdom.

The other two proposals are: Vardar Macedonia and Macedonia-Skopje.

The Greek Government also demands guarantees that the current common borders are protected and respected and none of the two nations will have any territorial claims over the other.

During a news conference, in Skopje last week, Kotsias stressed that "doing nothing" on the naming dispute "is not an option." Politicians have to find solutions, he added.

"Greece seeks an honorable compromise, because no one can get everything one desires," Kotsias said.

FYROM Prime Minister Zoran Zaev said he hopes for a solution in time for Macedonia to receive an invitation to join NATO at the bloc's summit in July.

Tradies at higher risk of skin cancer

More than half of Australia's tradie workforce is putting comfort before safety.

To combat the searing Australian heat, 51 per cent of tradies told ServiceSeeking they opt to wear shorts and t-shirts to work to stay cool despite the dangers of not only sunburn but from high-powered equipment.

According to the Cancer Council NSW's Skin Cancer Prevention Manager Liz King, two in three people who grow up in Australia will get skin cancer in their lifetime.

"Tradies are at a higher risk of developing skin cancer due to being exposed to the sun for extended periods of time," says Ms King. "Men over 40 are also at greater risk - they are twice as likely to die from melanoma as women of the same age."

In NSW, UV levels are high enough to damage unprotected skin most days of the year, even on cloudy and cold days. Being outdoors all year round, Safe Work Australia recommends that tradies use sun protection all year round due to the damage UV can do to skin which is exposed to UV for extended periods.

"It is inevitable that

many tradies have to work in the sun, but setting up a routine that protects your skin from harmful UV rays is easy with the right gear and the right attitude," says Ms King. "Download the free SunSmart app if you want to know more about UV and check UV levels in your local area every day."

Older workers have wised up more to the dangers of potential skin cancer problems from long term exposure to the sun with 42 per cent of Baby Boomers opting for long pants and shirts compared to just 23 per cent of Generation X and 29 per cent of Generation Y.

"Many of those who have wised up have probably had personal experience and know first-hand the dangers they face. So maybe next time you have a tradie at your place, in addition to asking if they'd like a drink of water on a hot day, you could also ask if they'd like some sunscreen," says ServiceSeeking CEO Jeremy Levitt.

And there's a simple way for tradies to reduce their risk: simply covering up will lower their chance of being sunburnt and most can claim up to \$300 in sun protective workwear on their tax return.

"Before most of us had made our morning coffee, they were gone"

I come from a country town in central Queensland called Biloela. A town where you can leave work to pick up the kids from school and it takes five minutes because we have one traffic light. A place where the "Buy Swap Sell" pages in the local newspaper are equal parts items for sale and posts asking: "Anyone know who owns this?" My favourite so far being a runaway bull on the golf course.

It's a town that rises early, a town of farmers beating the dawn, businesses opening their workshops and shift workers going to or coming from the power station, nitrate plant, meatworks or perhaps one of the mines.

A town that quietly goes about its business. That is until early Monday morning two weeks ago when Border Protection officials arrived just as our day shift workers were getting ready to head off and took two of our residents, Nades and Priya and their daughters, from their home and our community.

Nades was getting ready to go to work at the meatworks while his wife Priya was heating a bottle for their nine-month-old Australian-born daughter. Juggling the morning as mothers do, having a two-year-old as well.

Before most of us had made our morning coffee, they were gone. On a plane to a detention centre in Melbourne. Ready to be deported.

Nades has worked at our local meat works for the past four years. The meat works that is a vital industry in our town. It has consistently struggled with local labour and relies

heavily on migrant and refugee workers.

We desperately need these workers in our community because as noted by the meat works general manager: "If we didn't have foreign workers here I don't know how we would man the plant, we can't operate without a workforce."

Nades and Priya arrived separately in Australia by boat back in 2012 and 2103. They arrived as Tamil refugees seeking asylum in the aftermath of Sri Lanka's civil war. They were married in 2014 and have since had two beautiful daughters, born here in Australia.

They are a part of our community. Nades volunteering down at our local Vinnies when he first arrived. Priya cooking her curries for the doctors at our local hospital. Both insisting on having other meatworkers join them for meals to show how grateful they were for work and sanctuary in Australia.

The government says their visas have expired and they don't deserve protection. We hope the Minister for Home Affairs, Peter Dutton, will intervene.

When you live in a rural town you might not know everyone, but you will know someone who knows someone, and that makes you neighbours, not strangers.

Perhaps that is the reason we have been so struck by this. Our neighbours have been taken and we want them back.

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