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Cruisanist pastor arrested for abuse

LP, 13-06-317 • A pastor of the Cruisanist community in Lp has been arrested for corporal abuse, the local police confirmed. Under the pretense of exorcising the Demons of Evil from the bodies and souls of mostly female members of his community, he submitted them to beatings and other forms of torture. The husband of a woman who was beaten so severely that she had to be taken to hospital, alerted the police.

Financial shortage TPoS 'hidden for years'

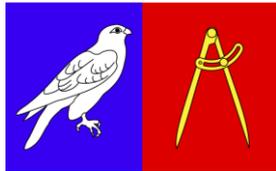
MØG, 21-06-317 • The financial situation of the *nTaah Polis o Stt* (TPoS, Tak National Police) is 'very very bad', a team of auditors have revealed after reports of undeclared expenses prompted the ministry of domestic affairs to launch an investigation. It turned out that money has been disappearing for several years. The head of the TPoS, Col. Yls ob Gys, has been suspended with immediate effect.

Minister of domestic affairs Bos ob Sæk didn't want to speak of fraud or corruption yet, "but it is clear that substantial amounts of money are unaccounted for. As the police are a government department, this money belongs to all of us, so if part of the police budget was wrongly displaced on purpose, we have a serious problem indeed!"

It is unclear if the financial crisis that has hit the TPoS will result in staff reduction. "The government planned to increase the number of personnel, but now it turns out that money may have been thrown in a bottomless well", a TPoS spokesman explained. "At this point speculating about the near future is a waste of time. We will do everything in our power however to preserve the existing jobs."

Smalik Union for Economic Cooperation and Security founded in Er Qeet

ER QEET, 03-04-317 • Today, government representatives of the Coare Republic, the Duchy of Gen, the Free States of Tak, and the Free Republic of the Western Shore signed the founding treaty of the Smalik Union for Economic Cooperation and Security (SUECS) in the lakeside Tak village of Er Qeet. Tak prime minister Mar ob Qaat hailed the move as an important step to bring more stability to the region.



The so called Treaty of Er Qeet will be ratified by the four member states in the next couple of months and will be deposited with the

government of Tak in six languages, all versions of which are deemed equally valid. The member states of SUECS will initially create a customs union and a military organisation that should enhance and coordinate military cooperation between the members. In a less nearby future, SUECS can be expanded to include further economic cooperation, and perhaps a political union – but the creation of the latter may take many years.

Although the people of the four countries generally reacted positively to the creation of SUECS, there were some small protests in various cities by opponents who fear that SUECS will be an attempt to restore Bowdani and its oppressive system.

"There is nothing oppressive about SUECS", the prime minister responded to these concerns. "SUECS is positioned *between* and not *above* the member states; this means we tell it what to do instead of it us. The goal of SUECS and of this government are the same: we want to improve economic and social conditions and military security in Smalik. The best way to achieve that is to work together and to put aside any differences between our countries."

Rob ob Sam 19th after ICARA Round 29

KENDRYVILLE (RYS), 20-06-317 • After finishing second in the ICARA race that took place in Kendryville (Rys Lynyrch), Tak driver Rob ob Sam is currently placed 19th in the ICARA Championship of 317. The 29 year old is not unsatisfied with the overall result so far: "19th place out of 100 is not bad; better is certainly possible."

Tom nSiin, who is considered by some to be the 'pioneer' of Tak car racing, is currently in 38th place, slightly worse than his 316 result. "There are several more chances this year to move up some places in the overall ranking; I intend to use them," Tom said.

Tak hails Caboteniasan move to leave CFA

MØG, 30-03-317 • Foreign minister Zoot ob Laar hailed the decision by the government of the United Kingdom of Caboteniasa to abrogate the Compact of Free Association yesterday. The country entered the CFA with the Zartanian Empire not long ago, but the move was met with concern by both the Tak government as with several Caboteniasan minority groups (among which some indigenous Tak), who felt that the Zartanian military force could help the Caboteniasan government to oppress opponents.

A spokesman of the CaboTak announced today that the current leadership of the United Kingdom is "clearly" not up to the task of ruling the country anymore and he called for a referendum to be held at the latest in 318 in which the people of Caboteniasa can take a decision about the nation's future.

The foreign minister didn't want to comment on the call for a referendum – "That is an internal matter of Caboteniasa" – but emphasised the need for our neighbour to the north to be less distant to its Smalik neighbours.

Common traffic code for SUECS and LUKP

MØG/SKY CITY (LUKP), 06-07-317 • The governments of the SUECS countries and the LUKP have engaged in discussions to introduce a common traffic code for the entire region. According to traffic minister Nom ob Lep the alignment shouldn't be too problematic: "In Bowdani we all had the same traffic code; after our independence, Tak introduced some minor modifications, but our partners of SUECS suggested that it would be useful to return to one code, which we consider useful."

Bältse, Flovaigne, and Vaara may also be part of this code but aren't taking part in the talks yet.