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'Bird took my daughter'

TUUT, 14-12-317 • nJaah Goot, a woman who stands trial for involvement in the disappearance of her five year old daughter Gns, claims that Gns was taken by a giant bird. This announcement came as a surprise during the first hearing yesterday, as Goot so far hadn't wanted to elaborate on the events. The woman gave a very detailed description of the bird, saying that it was almost like it fell from the air onto Gns. For a moment she thought it was dead but then it took off with Goot's daughter in its talons.

It was clear during the trial that the others who were present, including the judge and Goot's own lawyer, didn't believe a word of what she said. Goot said that she was afraid that nobody would believe her so she didn't tell anybody.

There are several large species of birds of prey living in the mountains in the western part of Tak, but they are rarely spotted as far east as Tuut and aren't known to attack humans. According to experts it is possible however that small children are targeted, especially if there are no adult humans in the vicinity as far as the bird can see.

It is unclear what will happen to nJaah Goot following her statement. The defense will probably go looking for evidence that a giant bird has indeed been sighted in the vicinity of Tuut, but just after the first hearing ended and the news came out, local police stations already reported a huge increase of citizens who allegedly saw such a bird.

Biiti Jak Pə nAayu takes over national tv

AG/MØG, 02-01-318 • nTaah Biiti Jak n Brtt Pə o Slt, the national broadcasting company of Tak commonly known as *Biiti*, will be subject to a hostile takeover by local broadcasting company Biiti Jak Pə nAayu (BJA), it emerged today.

The news follows the weak performance of Biiti at the Tak Stock Exchange in recent weeks and rumours that shareholders are not at all happy with the course the current management is taking.

Biiti is a private company but the government used to have a majority of the shares until 312, when it sold some of its shares to the investment company Huab Ip Pə that has good ties with the government. Or 'had': BJA, which is owned by Ag magnate Ham ob Sin and services the entire south-west of Tak, used to have only 32% of the Biiti shares, but appears to be in the process of buying out Huab Ip Pə, in which case BJA will end up with the majority.

The development has caused shock at the ministry of Communication and Media. According to minister Dyrj ob Syk, Huab Ip Pə is legally not allowed to sell its shares at this point, as it signed a contract that it would have to inform the government of any such plans at least six months in advance. "The national broadcasting company has a duty to uphold a certain quality and to inform the viewers adequately", she said. "If Biiti ends up in the hands of the market completely, few ways remain to keep guaranteeing this".

A spokesman of BJA replied that the contract foresees some 'interesting escape routes'. "It is clear that the policies of the current management are highly unpopular. BJA is using the available legal means to put a stop to it."

Once the takeover is complete, it is certain that the current board will be sacked. Sources at the ministry of media suggest that the government is trying to find a solution that will prevent the Huab Ip Pə shares from falling in the hands of BJA, but most of them are negative about the likeliness of a successful outcome.

Vit starts new year with surprise visit druids

VIT, 01-01-318 • Citizens of the city of Vit in the mid-west were pleasantly surprised by a few dozens of Druids visiting the city to observe the arrival of the new year. It is very rare that the Druids take part in such events together with ordinary people and several people were seen crying from happiness. "Although the Druids didn't say much – as usual – their presence was considered by the citizens of Vit to be a good omen for the next year", Vit mayor Ral ob Til said.

Drug use police next chapter in TPoS drama

MØG, 19-12-317 • A next chapter in the drama surrounding the national police force TPoS has been opened: minister of domestic affairs Høek ob A, who succeeded Bos ob Sæk two months ago after the latter resigned because of the financial chaos of TPoS that became apparent earlier this year, informed parliament that drug use among police officers is common in divisions in nearly every part of the country. Høek promised a complete overhaul of the hierarchy and working culture of TPoS "although at this point I am wondering if it wouldn't be better if we just entirely replaced TPoS by a new national police force", the minister added, to the hilarity of many members of parliament.

Film 'Independence Day' now in local cinemas

MØG, 04-01-318 • The celebratory film *Po-nəMeevi ηKeesi Mp* ('Independence Day') about the year 308 in which Tak unilaterally declared independence from Bowdani, has been released in cinemas throughout the country.

The film, directed by Bos ob Hut, recounts the political and societal events that preceded the formal declaration on 24 December 308, but according to several people who 'were actually there when it happened', such as former prime minister Fəs ob Brf, so much drama has been added that the whole series of events has become a travesty.

The public didn't seem to mind though, and the number of visitors on the opening night was far higher than expected.

Tak is celebrating ten years of independence this year. Apart from the film, several other celebratory events will take place this year with a main festive event on the 24th of December.