

# A toast to independence



**DIPLOMATS:** The Consuls General of Korea and the Philippines, Lim Hee-soon, left, and Marciano De Borja, center, are joined by the Honorary Consul General from Italy, Roberto Fracassini at the Kalayaan 2018, a "vin d'honneur," or wine of honor reception Tuesday evening at the Pacific Star Resort & Spa. The reception was held in celebration of the 120th anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. Guam and the Philippines were sold by Spain to the United States in a \$20 million deal.  
Photos by Norman M. Taruc/The Guam Daily Post



**ANTHEMS:** Agatha De Borja sings the national anthems of the Philippines, United States and Guam to start the Kalayaan 2018, or Freedom 2018, ceremony Tuesday night.



**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE:** Recording artist John Lesaca, a violinist from Manila, performed at the "vin d'honneur" on Tuesday evening at the Pacific Star Resort & Spa.



**KALAYAAN 2018:** Philippine Consul General Marciano De Borja, right, was joined by his wife, Esperanza, center, and daughter, Agatha, at the Kalayaan 2018 event.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform you that **Thomas Santos Reyes Jr.** is no longer employed by TITAN Imports Effective May 24, 2018.

As a consequence of Mr. Reyes' departure he is not able to conduct business on behalf of TITAN Imports and we will not honor any transactions made with him after May 24, 2018.

Due to this staffing change, we have an excellent opportunity for a **Key Account Manager** to join our sales team. While we find a new Key Account Manager at TITAN Imports, please contact Ronna at 647-4268 during this adjustment period to provide you with excellent customer service and support.

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**GUAM BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHARMACY**

**Regular Session Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:30 AM** at the Terlaje Professional Building, 194 Herman Cortez Avenue, 2nd Floor, Suite 209 Health Professional Licensing Office Board Conference Room, Hagatna, Guam.

For more information please contact the Board office at 735-7405 thru 12. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodations may call Jimmy Sian at 735-7172 or the telecommunication device for the Hearing/Speech Impaired (TDD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

# Afghan Taliban: Eid ceasefire proved unity, 'wide support' for movement

KABUL (Reuters) — The Afghan Taliban said their three-day Eid ceasefire, which ends on Sunday, proved the unity of their movement and its "wide national support" as the presidential palace extended its own ceasefire with the militants by 10 days.

Taliban fighters headed into cities across Afghanistan over the weekend as they celebrated their Eid cessation of hostilities with feasts, hugs and selfies, raising questions about what happens when their ceasefire ends at midnight on Sunday.

"Mujahideen throughout the country are ordered to continue their operations against the foreign invaders and their internal puppets as before," they said in a statement.

"The announcement (of the ceasefire), implementation and the wide national support and welcome of the Mujahideen by the people proves that the demands of the Islamic Emirate and the nation are identical — all want the withdrawal of foreign invaders and establishment of an Islamic government," they said.

"Our enemies used to propagate that 20 different groups operate against them in Afghanistan or that the Islamic Emirate is not cohesive and unified. But it has now become abundantly clear to everyone that this assertion is baseless."

President Ashraf Ghani said on Saturday he would extend the government ceasefire beyond June 20 and on Sunday the presidential office said it would be extended by 10 days.

Some have criticized his move, which allowed the Taliban to flow into cities across the country, though the militants said they would withdraw by



**CEASEFIRE:** Taliban members walk as they celebrate ceasefire in Ghanikhel district of Nangarhar province, Afghanistan, June 16. Reuters

sunset on Sunday.

"I have seen several Taliban vehicles and motorcycles leaving the city today in the afternoon," Sohrab Qaderi, provincial council member of Nangarhar province in the east, told Reuters.

Ghani had committed "a grave mistake" by allowing Taliban fighters to enter government-controlled areas, said Amarullah Saleh, a politician and former head of the National Directorate of Security.

"We don't have mechanisms in place to mitigate the breach of ceasefire by the Taliban," Saleh told Reuters. Members of parliament opposing Ghani's move said he had not consulted politicians and would be left with no recourse if the Taliban rejected his impromptu request.

A senior Western diplomat in Kabul earlier said Ghani's decision was "a bold move" but questioned what happens if the Taliban do not extend their halt in hostilities against government forces.

"The consequences could be disastrous," he said.

A suicide bombing in Jalalabad,

close to the governor's office in Nangarhar province, killed at least 18 people on Sunday and wounded scores, an official and doctor said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility.

A car bomb killed 36 people at a gathering of Taliban and Afghan armed forces in the same province on Saturday. Islamic State, not covered by the government ceasefire, claimed responsibility for that attack.

### 'No clue how many Taliban in civilian areas'

Western diplomats based in Kabul said they were issuing fresh travel warnings for the country.

"The Taliban can always use a ceasefire as an opportunity to attack foreigners," one Western diplomat said. "Nobody has any clue how many Taliban militants are now hiding in civilian areas."

The Taliban also said the "entire nation" should realize that there are "no public or secret talks taking place with the puppet Kabul regime."

"All the baseless propaganda and attempts to confuse public opinion by the opposition in this regard only

serves to complicate the ongoing crisis and negatively impacts efforts for peace," the group said.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, echoing Ghani's announcement on Saturday, said peace talks would have to include a discussion on the role of "international actors and forces."

"Ghani has full blessings of the U.S. administration and it is crucial for the U.S. officials to prove that (U.S. President Donald) Trump's policies are working and talks with the Afghan Taliban are imminent," said a senior diplomat who met Afghan officials on Sunday to discuss the chance of back-channel talks with Taliban leaders.

The United States wants Pakistan, which it accuses of harboring Afghan Taliban commanders, to exert more influence on the group to bring it to the negotiating table.

The only time direct talks between the Afghan government and the Taliban have been held, in 2015, they broke down almost immediately.

The Taliban are fighting U.S.-led NATO forces combined under the Resolute Support mission, and Ghani's U.S.-backed government to restore sharia, or Islamic law, after their ouster by U.S.-led forces in 2001.

But Afghanistan has been at war for four decades, ever since the Soviet invasion in 1979.

"What we witnessed over the last two days was an overwhelmingly positive response by all Afghans to peace," Lt. Col. Martin O'Donnell, a spokesman for Resolute Support and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, told Reuters.

## PUBLIC NOTICE - PUBLIC COMMENTING PERIOD

### Proposed Issuance of Solid Waste Processing Permit

Public Review and Comment Period: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 to Friday, Aug. 3, 2018

The Guam Environmental Protection Agency (Guam EPA) wishes to notify the general public and other interested parties of Guam EPA's intent to issue a Solid Waste Permit to the following company. The Permits and their conditions are proposed and open for public comment pursuant to 10 Guam Code Annotated Section 51104.

Guam EPA has received an application from the following company for the following Solid Waste Facility:

**Applicant:** Hensen Phelps Construction Company  
**Facility type:** Processing: Wood Chipping Service for Green Waste  
**Location:** Various DoD Properties & Projects

A copy of the proposed Permit and Permit Applications for the above applicant and all other supporting documents are available for public inspection at the following location:

**Guam EPA Main Office:**  
 17-3304 Mariner Avenue, Tiyan, Barrigada  
**Phone Number:**  
 (671) 300-4751/52/53  
**Hours:**  
 Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Contact:**  
 Glenn San Nicolas

Written comments may be hand delivered to Guam EPA's main office at 17-3304 Mariner Ave, Tiyan. Comments must be received by Guam EPA or post marked no later than 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, 2018. No fax submittals will be accepted.

The final decision to set conditions and issue the final permits or deny application for the permits will be decided after all comments have been considered. Please bring this information to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.

This Public Notice was paid for by Hensen Phelps Construction Company.

 /s/ WALTER S. LEON GUERRERO  
 Administrator



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