Assad is defiant as US-led strikes pose no threat to his hold on power

BEIRUT (The Washington Post) - U.S.-led strikes against Syrian chemical weapons facilities prompted defiant celebrations in Damascus on Saturday as it became clear that the limited attack posed no threat to President Bashar Assad's hold on power and would likely have no impact on the trajectory of the Syrian war.

Fears of a wider escalation faded after it emerged that the locations targeted by the United States, Britain and France had been confined to three sites associated with the Syrian chemical weapons program, had caused no serious casualties and had probably not destroyed Syria's capacity to develop and deploy banned chemical substances.

There were expressions of anger from Syria's allies, with Russia label-

Russia fails in UN bid to condemn strikes on Syria

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - A Russian bid for the United Nations Security Council to condemn U.S.,

ing the attack an "act of aggression," Iran calling it "a war crime" and Syria describing it as "barbarous." President Trump called the attacks an "enormous success," tweeting that they represented a "Mission Accomplished."

But on the streets of Damascus, there was jubilation. Residents gathered in central squares and danced to patriotic songs, waving Syrian flags alongside those of Russia and Iran, Syria's allies in the fight against the anti-Assad rebellion.

"The honorable cannot be humiliated," said a tweet by the Twitter account maintained by Assad's office shortly after the attack. A few hours later, the account tweeted a video of him walking nonchalantly to work through the halls of the Syrian presidential palace.

British and French airstrikes on Syria over a suspected chemical weapons attack failed on Saturday after only China and Bolivia joined Russia to vote in favor of a draft resolution.

The 15-member council met on Saturday, at Russia's request, the fifth time it has met on Syria since a suspected deadly poison gas attack in the Syrian

Though the strikes appeared to have satisfied the conflicting agendas of the world powers competing for influence in Syria, they won't make any difference to the war on the ground - which Assad is steadily winning, said Amr al-Azm, a professor of history at Shawnee University in Ohio.

"This was more about the Western allies making sure their red lines were addressed rather than trying to seriously damage the Assad regime, prevent the further killing of civilians or reduce the capacity of the Assad regime to keep fighting," he said.

"From Assad's perspective, this was a big win. He must be thinking, this is good, I came out on top, I gained much more than I lost."

It was unclear even whether there would be a long-term impact on Syria's

town of Douma a week ago. The United States, France and Britain fired 105 missiles overnight in retaliation, targeting Syria's chemical weapons program.

"Why didn't you wait for the outcome of the investigation you called for?" Russian U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said after the vote. He accused the United States, France

capacity to develop and use chemical weapons. Trump had telegraphed for days the likely response of the United States to the alleged chemical attack that killed civilians in a rebel stronghold last Saturday, giving the Syrian authorities and their Iranian and Russian allies time to vacate the facilities that were targeted - and perhaps also to remove vital equipment and stores.

Russia said that the damage had been minimal, and that most of the more than 100 missiles fired were intercepted. According to the Syrian army command, three civilians were injured, in the vicinity of one of the strikes against Homs.

"It remains to be seen whether the allied attack fulfilled all its intended goals," said Karl Dewey of Jane's by I.H.S. Markit defense consultancy.

and Britain of "demonstrating a blatant disregard for international law."

"I hope hot heads will cool down and that will be it," he told reporters.

International Investigators from the global chemical weapons watchdog are in Syria and were due to start their inquiry on Saturday into the suspected toxic gas attack.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM TERRITORY OF GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF GUAM
FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION OF
TITLE TO LAND DESIGNATED AS
LOT NO. 79. ESTATE 26. MUNICIPAL
OF UMATAC. TERRITORY OF GUAM

LAND REGISTRATION CASE NO. LR0007-96

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO LAND TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that
a Petition has been filed in this Court by
the Government of Guam for the registrations of the title to the real estate described
as: Lot No. 79, Estate 26, Municipality of
Umatac. Territory of Guam, described
more fully in the Technical Description of
Lot No. 79, Estate 26, Municipality of
Umatac and map attached to the petition
and recorded as Document No. 499993.
All interested persons may contact the
Attorney General's Office for further
particulars and for an examination of the

By: Nicolas E. Toft, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General of Guam



IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM TERRITORY OF GUAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR INITIAL REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO LAND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 10154. MUNICIPAL OF DEDEDO AND YIGO.

TERRITORY OF GUAM

LAND REGISTRATION CASE NO. LR0004-86

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has

been filed in this Court by the Government of Guam for the registrations of the title to the real estate described as Lot No. 10154, Municipality of Dededo and Yigo Territory of Guam, described more fully in the Technical Description of Lot 10154, Municipality of Dededo and Yigo and map attached to the petition and recorded as Document No. 369914. All interested persons may contact the Attorney General's Office for further particulars and for an examination of the notice in full.

Dated: April 10, 2018

By: Nicolas E. Toft, Assistant

Attorney General. Office of the

Attorney General of Guam

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In accordance with the provisions of Guam Code Annotated, Title XI, Chapter III, Section 3315, notice is hereby given that:

REYES JR., THOMAS SANTOS dba: UPTOWN PUB & GRILL

has applied for a Class: 4 General On Sale Alcoholic Beverage License said premises being marked as Lot: 18-NEW-NEW Tract 10417, Ste 101 & 102C Yigo Town Ctr



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Regular Session Meeting, Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 3:00 PM 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 (TOD) at 649-1801. Executive meeting may be called if necessary.

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