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IN BRIEF

Militants kidnap Pakistani embassy employee

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The family of a Pakistani embassy employee kidnapped in Baghdad appealed Sunday for his captors to release him, and al-Qaida's ally in Iraq claimed to have kidnapped and killed a senior police official.

The kidnappings came as Iraq's most feared terrorist organization issued an Internet statement rejecting any efforts by the new government to make peace.

Malik Mohammed Javed, a consular and community affairs employee at Pakistan's embassy, went missing in Baghdad on Saturday after leaving home to pray at a mosque, officials said.

The previously unknown Omar bin Khattab group claimed responsibility for his kidnapping and Javed called the embassy to say his abductors had not harmed him, Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Ministry spokesman Jalil Abbas Jilani said he had no information about the group.

Metasequoia proposed as state fossil

SALEM — Oregon is the only western state without a state fossil, and Guy DiTorrice wants to change that.

If DiTorrice can convince Legislature, the new state fossil will be the Metasequoia, a tree.

The idea isn't unusual. California has the saber-toothed cat, Washington has the woolly mammoth and Utah has the Allosaurus.

"Fossils are coming back. The earth sciences are on the rebound," said DiTorrice, who is from Newport.

He first pitched the idea to lawmakers in 2003. This time he's getting attention: House Joint Resolution 3, which would elevate the Metasequoia to a state symbol, recently passed the House and is headed to the Senate.

He's had the help of MacKenzie Smith, an 11-year-old paleontologist in training.

"I thought it was a great idea," said Smith, who met DiTorrice while hunting for fossils near the Eastern Oregon town of Fossil.

Smith's favorite fossil is a dinosaur called parasauropus, but, alas: "You can't find it in Oregon," Smith said.

A state fossil could help promote tourism, said DiTorrice, who gives fossil tours on the Oregon coast when he's not working as credit union manager.

And Metasequoia fossils are abundant in Oregon, DiTorrice said.

"How many people actually get to see the fossil remains of a woolly mammoth?" he said.

Rep. Alan Brown, R-Newport, who introduced the fossil resolution, said a tree is an appropriate symbol for a state known for timber.

Few states have chosen plants as their state fossil, although North Dakota picked Terebinth, a type of petrified wood bored by marine clams.

Metasequoia is also a living fossil. Metasequoias were discovered growing in a remote region of China in the 1940s and can now be found in nurseries as "dawn redwood."

—The Associated Press

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