

Portland imam encouraged fighting against U.S. troops

By STEVEN DUBOIS
Associated Press

PORTLAND (AP) — An old accusation that the imam of the largest mosque in Portland encouraged local Muslims to fight U.S. forces in Afghanistan has been revived by government lawyers seeking to strip him of his citizenship.

Mohamed Sheikh Abdirahman Kariye told members of the so-called Portland Seven that they should join the fight and collected money for their travels, according to a court document filed by

lawyers with the Justice Department's Office of Immigration Litigation in Washington, D.C.

"Kariye was present when members of the Portland Seven left to go wage jihad, and he wished them good luck on their journey," the filing says.

The Portland Seven case grabbed attention in the early days of the fight against terrorism. Then-U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft announced indictments in 2002, hailing the move as a defining day in the war.

The arrests were made on the same day John Walker Lindh was

sentenced to prison for fighting for the Taliban.

Unlike Lindh, the Portland Seven never actually saw battle. The six male members traveled to China in late 2001 but failed to gain entry into Afghanistan. Most returned to the U.S.

Five of the six men eventually pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges and the one who did not return to the U.S. was killed in Pakistan. A woman who remained in Oregon and wired money pleaded guilty to money laundering. Sentences ranged from three years to 18 years.

It's been more than a decade since the government first maintained that Kariye provided support to the group. The imam, however, has never been charged with any crime related to the claims.

Kariye's lawyer, Nicole Nelson, declined comment on the specifics of the Portland Seven allegation.

She wants to have the citizenship case dismissed on jurisdictional grounds, saying the law requires the local U.S. attorney to bring the naturalization complaint, not the Washington, D.C.-based Office of Immigration Litigation.

"There isn't anything new that they haven't known about since 2001, 2002," she said. "So why now after all this time?"

U.S. authorities filed the denaturalization lawsuit against Kariye in July. They allege he withheld required information from immigration workers in 1998.

The newest document states Kariye lacks the moral character to remain a U.S. citizen, and that his involvement with the Portland Seven shows he "was not well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States at the time of his naturalization."

Liquefied gas port, pipeline get OK for facility on Oregon Coast

By JEFF BARNARD
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GRANTS PASS — Federal regulators granted final environmental approval Wednesday for building a pipeline and port facilities for shipping Rocky Mountain natural gas to Asia via the Oregon coast.

The final environmental impact statement prepared for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission found that building and operating the gas terminal and pipeline would cause some environmental damage.

However, it noted the problems would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures proposed by project developers.

The Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas terminal at Coos Bay would be the first LNG port on the West Coast and would be linked to existing pipelines by construction of the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline across southwestern Oregon.

The \$7 billion project is led by Calgary, Alberta-based Veresen Inc.

Final commission approval is expected by the end of this year, with a notice to proceed from the commission by the middle of next year. Developers have said gas is not likely to begin flowing until 2019.

The projects were initially envisioned for importing natural gas into the U.S., but development of gas deposits in the Rockies created an abundance of the fuel that pushed the projects to switch to exports.

Veresen President and CEO Don Althoff said in a statement that the final environmental report was a significant milestone and represented three years of work.

Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyoming, urged the U.S. Department of Energy to quickly approve the project.

"The administration has given communities along the Gulf Coast and East Coast the opportunity to access overseas markets," Barrasso said in a statement. "It must not leave the West behind."

The 230-mile pipeline route from the farming town of Malin east of the Cascades just north of the California border to Coos Bay has been opposed by private landowners and conservation groups. It crosses rivers, mountain ranges and a mix of private and public lands.

Lesley Adams, head of the Rogue Riverkeeper conservation group, said the state of Oregon still has to decide on a Clean Water Act permit for the pipeline, and if FERC approves the projects, a coalition of landowners and conservationists plan to take legal action to reverse it.

"It's clear to us there are adverse impacts to forests, streams and species," she said. "One of the big problems with the project is water — raising temperatures and sediment impacts on fish."

The port facilities to be built include a shipping channel, berths for LNG tankers and tugboats and refrigeration facilities to turn the gas into a liquid.

Scientists say the site could someday be subjected to a magnitude-9.0 earthquake and a 50-foot tsunami from the Cascade Subduction Zone.

Federal regulators said the port facilities must be built to withstand earthquakes and tsunamis, limit ship traffic, and provide mitigation for lost wetlands and erosion along the pipeline route.

The commission must negotiate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries Service over how the projects might harm protected species, such as the northern spotted owl and salmon.

Man charged after allegedly shooting Lane Co. deputy

EUGENE (AP) — A man is facing criminal charges after allegedly wounding a Lane County sheriff's deputy during a shootout.

The Register-Guard reports that 38-year-old Carlos Roa, who was also shot, was arraigned Monday at a Springfield hospital on charges of attempted aggravated murder with a firearm and unlawful use of a weapon.

The incident began Friday when four deputies responded to a home near Cottage Grove to reports of someone firing a gun. Roa allegedly opened fire on the deputies with an AK-47 rifle.

Deputy Todd Olson suffered a gunshot wound during the incident. He was taken to a hospital and has since been released.

Roa was also treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound.

Sage grouse provision left out of defense bill

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Congress has failed to advance a measure that would have blocked new land-use plans meant to protect a wide-ranging Western bird, the greater sage grouse.

The sage grouse provision backed by Republican U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop of Utah had been approved in May by the House as part of a \$612 billion defense policy bill.

Bishop's office said Wednesday the measure was left out of a House-Senate compromise on the defense bill.

BRIEFLY

The Interior Department said last week that sage grouse don't need Endangered Species Act protections. But the agency adopted plans that limit oil and gas drilling, mining and other activities within the sage grouse's 11-state range.

Officials in Idaho and Nevada and some mining companies have sued Interior Secretary Sally Jewell over the changes.

2 teens charged with attempted murder

SALEM (AP) — Two teens have been charged with attempted murder in connection to a suspected gang-related shooting on Sunday.

The *Statesman Journal* in Salem reports that the Marion County District Attorney's office has charged a 13-year-old boy and a 14-year-old boy with three counts of attempted murder and three counts of unauthorized use of a weapon.

The boys scheduled to have a hearing on Oct. 12.

The two were taken into custody Sunday after several people reported shots had been fired in Salem. Police say the two teens were walking when a vehicle with three adults inside drove by. Words were exchanged between the two groups and both teens fired handguns.

No one was injured in the shooting.

Review: Olympia officer didn't violate police policies

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — An Olympia police officer did not violate department policies when he shot and injured two young men in a May encounter that sparked protests, a five-member shooting review board announced Wednesday.

Officer Ryan Donald, who has been on administrative leave since the May 21 shooting, will return to work in the next few weeks after the board unanimously found he acted within policy when he fired his gun and that his actions did not precipitate the use of force.

The board sent its findings to Olympia Police Chief Ronnie Roberts, who agreed with them.

Donald, who is white, encountered the two half brothers, who are black, after responding to a report that two men carrying skateboards tried to steal beer from a grocery store. Donald reported he was being assaulted with a skateboard before the shooting.

Police officials have said race was not a factor, but the shooting set off a series of protests in Olympia, the state capital.

In early September, Thurston County Prosecutor Jon Tunheim said he won't seek criminal charges against Donald.

Corrections

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Nice with plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny and pleasant	Cooler with a couple of showers	Clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny and nice

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
73°	51°	73°	47°	63°
51°	47°	47°	44°	69°
71°	49°			

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
76°	51°	75°	50°	68°
51°	50°	50°	43°	73°
49°				

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	72°	43°
Normals	71°	43°
Records	89° (1992)	27° (1911)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.81"
Normal month to date 0.56"
Year to date 5.82"
Last year to date 8.54"
Normal year to date 8.94"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	76°	40°
Normals	73°	43°
Records	88° (1976)	27° (1933)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.22"
Normal month to date 0.44"
Year to date 3.48"
Last year to date 4.98"
Normal year to date 6.56"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:36 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:18 p.m.
Moonset today	11:09 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 4	Oct 12	Oct 20	Oct 27

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today; however, sunnier in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Showers around in the south and upper Treasure Valley today; sunshine elsewhere.

Western Washington: Low clouds followed by some sun today. Increasing clouds tonight. A shower tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Some clouds, then sunshine today.

Cascades: Mostly sunny today; however, some clouds across the north; pleasant in the south.

Northern California: Rain today; colder in the interior mountains. Sunny at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	66	51	c	65	46	c
Baker City	67	40	sh	72	34	pc
Bend	68	40	s	69	36	s
Brookings	63	50	s	69	50	pc
Burns	67	40	sh	72	32	pc
Enterprise	67	42	sh	69	37	c
Eugene	76	45	pc	71	47	s
Heppner	71	47	s	72	43	pc
Hermiston	76	51	s	75	50	pc
John Day	64	46	s	69	44	pc
Klamath Falls	67	35	s	73	33	s
La Grande	70	42	sh	70	43	pc
Meacham	65	38	sh	67	38	pc
Medford	79	48	s	79	46	s
Newport	59	49	pc	60	47	pc
North Bend	62	50	pc	62	48	s
Ontario	74	52	sh	79	42	pc
Pasco	80	47	s	78	49	pc
Pendleton	73	51	s	73	47	pc
Portland	76	52	pc	70	49	pc
Redmond	70	33	s	72	31	s
Salem	76	47	pc	70	48	pc
Spokane	77	47	s	72	49	pc
Ukiah	67	40	s	69	38	c
Vancouver	74	50	pc	66	46	pc
Walla Walla	74	54	s	73	50	pc
Yakima	82	47	s	78	47	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	71	53	s	78	51	s
Hong Kong	91	77	pc	89	80	pc
Jerusalem	86	68	s	85	68	s
London	64	47	s	64	47	pc
Mexico City	69	48	t	71	43	t
Moscow	52	46	c	57	49	pc
Paris	62	44	s	66	46	s
Rome	67	61	t	73	58	t
Seoul	71	51	r	73	62	s
Sydney	75	61	pc	74	59	s
Tokyo	76	72	sh	80	65	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	W 3-6	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	WNW 4-8	WSW 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY

0	2	4	4	2	0
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Rain and gusty winds will encompass most of the East Coast today with cool air dominating the Eastern states. Rain will push from northern California to Idaho as heat bakes the Desert Southwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 107° in Imperial, Calif. **Low 23°** in Olney, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	89	61	s	86	56	s
Atlanta	72	60	sh	63	56	sh
Atlantic City	64	56	r	59	55	r
Baltimore	62	49	r	53	48	r
Billings	74	52	c	63	47	sh
Birmingham	71	59	c	66	56	sh
Boise	75	54	sh	77	47	pc
Boston	62	48	r	55	47	r
Charleston, SC	78	62	sh	70	62	c
Charleston, WV	66	52	c	58	49	c
Chicago	60	49	pc	62	49	pc
Cleveland	60	47	pc	58	47	pc
Dallas	85	62	s	79	55	s
Denver	82	54	pc	75	46	t
Detroit	62	45	s	62	46	pc
El Paso	94	68	s	95	69	s
Fairbanks	34	26	pc	40	35	r
Fargo	66	41	pc	63	40	pc
Honolulu	87	75	s	86	76	pc
Houston	88	61	s	82	55	s
Indianapolis	65	48	s	66	48	pc
Jacksonville	85	69	t	76	64	c
Kansas City	67	44	pc	64	43	pc
Las Vegas	98	70	s	89	68	s
Little Rock	79	52	s	75	54	pc
Los Angeles	86	66	s	85	65	s

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Louisville	67	53	pc	62	50	r
Memphis	75	55	s	71	57	pc
Miami	91	76	pc	91	74	c
Millwaukee	57	48	pc	59	48	s
Minneapolis	62	40	s	61	41	s
Nashville	67	53	pc	61	51	r
New Orleans	85	65	s	78	64	s
New York City	64	50	r	54	49	r
Oklahoma City	73	50	sh	71	48	c
Omaha	66	42	pc	63	42	pc
Philadelphia	62	51	r	55	49	r
Phoenix	106	75	s	97	70	s
Portland, ME	62	40	c	58	40	c
Providence	60	47	r	54	47	r
Raleigh	62	55	r	59	53	r
Rapid City	72	48	c	59	38	c
Reno	65	50	r	72	46	s
Sacramento	77	55	r	88	54	s
St. Louis	68	48	s	67	50	s
Salt Lake City	68	58	pc	64	62	pc
San Diego	83	70	s	80	69	sh
San Francisco	72	56	c	74	56	sh
Seattle	69	52	pc	64	51	c
Tucson	102	69	s	96	66	s
Washington, DC	63	53	r	55	51	r
Wichita	73	47	pc	68	47	c