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First formal secession of LUKP since dissolution Bowdani

SKY CITY/SOUTH WATCH, 11/11/316 || The LUKP government in Sky City is losing more and more control of its territory, after areas in the vicinity of South Watch decided that they didn't want to wait until 'Sky City signs yet another document that does absolutely nothing to protect them', but some communities elsewhere announced that they would 'take matters in their own hand'. Although most of them didn't formally declare themselves independent, the towns of Taskä (Taskey) and Bbicobes (Twibrook) did just that and announced the establishment of the Free Republic of the Western Shore on Wednesday evening.

The cities and towns that started organising their own defence include Disky, Urban's Cove, and North Watch. The town of Sarigis as well is said to be among the 'self determining cities', although it is suspected that Emma Gough, self-declared Lady of Sarigis, is just using the confusion to drastically increase security on her estate in order to prevent the LUKP government from taking possession of it. In the meantime the city of Pearyt, on the western shore of Lake Pearyt, is abusing the situation by increasing taxes for everyone who wants to cross the lake by ferry. The mayor of Twobridges, the largest city on the northeastern shore, has issued a formal protest with the LUKP government, but it is not expected that the latter will be able to do anything whatsoever about the situation.

The government of LUKP is more occupied with the declaration of independence of the so called Free Republic of the Western Shore. Minister of Foreign Affairs Kaddör Beess issued a statement condemning the move, which he called counterproductive in resolving LUKP's current problems. He even went as far as suggesting the Free States of Tak, were somehow involved in this in order to destabilise LUKP and create a buffer state between LUKP and Tak, although he later claimed that his words were misinterpreted. The Free Republic of the Western Shore (FRWS), provisionally headed by prime minister Đona Cottur, denied involvement of Tak or any other foreign nation in the establishment of his country, saying instead that it was LUKP's lack of power and decision that made the move logical and necessary.

Elsewhere in LUKP and in the other former Bowdani countries the creation of yet another country didn't trigger a lot of reaction. Mayor Rass Bbaugust of Fort Boare agreed with the FRWS prime minister that declaring independence was a logical step and that it would be unwise to assume that there won't be any further cases.

Leaders of political parties attacked the government for its lack of action. 'Every morning I wake up, half expecting that our country has gone and that nobody actually cares about it', LPF leader Joyce Juggashveale said. 'They call this an *acting* government; may I suggest that our Grand Pensionary looks up in a dictionary what exactly the word *acting* means?' Peter N. Cable's FCL in the meantime fears that the country's stability will soon deteriorate beyond the point where elections can be held without putting citizens to risk. 'I'm not suggesting that we start a dictatorship or something, but bringing the elections forward might help', he said.

Coare considers temporarily introducing foreign currency

COARNIGG, 10/11/316 || The Coare Republic government has announced that it is considering the temporary introduction of a foreign currency to back up the Bowdani Shester in the midst of fears that the situation in the LUKP may affect the Shester's value.



100 RealmsZaster coins

Dame Mildred Kerr, the prime minister of the Coare Republic, defended the move. 'I confess that the introduction of a foreign currency wasn't planned, but the introduction of the new Coare currency Ntymaersy has been scheduled for June 317 at the earliest; until then, our economy could benefit from the use of a more stable currency than the Bowdani Shester.' She didn't specify which currency would be suitable; experts suggest the Tak Sab or the Burovian RealmsZaster.

Conflict LUKP and ICSA

SKY CITY, 11/11/316 || Almost immediately after the unilateral declaration of independence by the Free Republic of the Western Shore, the Institute of Central Smalik Affairs (ICSA) announced that it will invite the new country to become a cooperating member of the institute, a move that angered LUKP officials.

'The ICSA is a neutral institution that doesn't interfere in nor lets itself being guided by national politics of its member states', director Balthasar Knight stated. 'If the FRWS accepts to participate in the institute as a separate partner, we will welcome this step.'

Knight suggested that the LUKP attributes too much importance to the Institute. 'Our main goal is to gather information about as many former Bowdani nations as possible; if the LUKP thinks there is more behind us than that, I'm curious to know what precisely.'

Knight announced that the FRWS will be listed on the website of the ICSA within a couple of days.



The flag of the Western Shore

Boynton acting deputy GP

SKY CITY, 12/11/316 || Defense minister Oliver Boynton has been appointed deputy Grand Pensionary, it has emerged.

Although the office of deputy Grand Pensionary has been foreseen in the provisional constitution, it wasn't considered necessary for an acting government – until now apparently; no explanation has been given for the appointment, although one reason could be that the government thinks it wise to have an official line of succession in place in the current unstable climate in the LUKP.

According to the provisional constitution, the Grand Pensionary is allowed to appoint his government with or without of the Council of Peoples, although the latter is recommended.

State of emergency in LUKP

SKY CITY, 12/11/316 || Acting Grand Pensionary Duncan Fairweather has extended the state of emergency to the entire nation today, he announced in a short televised announcement. So far it was active only in and around South Watch. The state of emergency includes a curfew ordering citizens to refrain from leaving their houses between 9 PM and 6 AM.