

Syria suicide bombing kills 10; UN chief says regime clampdown 'intolerable'

The Associated Press

BEIRUT

Two weeks into a cease-fire agreement, there still was no peace in Syria: Security agents in Damascus collected the remains of 10 people killed in a suicide bombing. Activists reported troops firing on protesters. Video showed a crowd carrying a slain boy to U.N. observers as proof of regime violence.

The head of the United Nations said Syrian President Bashar Assad's continued crackdown on protests has reached an "intolerable stage," and that the U.N. will try to speed up the deployment of up to 300 monitors to Syria. Only 15 are there now.

"The government of Syria must live up to its promises to the world," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Friday.

Tens of thousands of people poured into the streets across Syria for weekly anti-regime marches after Muslim noon prayers Friday. Amateur video from the central city of Homs, where the presence of U.N. observers helped halt weeks of artillery attacks, showed rows of men lining up in a main street, holding each other by the shoulders as they sang and danced.

In another protest, people held up 45 squares of cardboard with writing and drawings that — when viewed together from above — showed a picture of Assad and the words "oppression, corruption, despotism, demolition." When they simultaneously flipped over the squares, it created a new message that read: "Toward a modern society that is more developed and sensible."

Troops have routinely opened fire on protesters since the uprising against Assad began 13 months ago, but there appeared to be fewer violent incidents Friday than in previous weeks. Still, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said five protesters were killed by fire from the security forces, including a 10-year-old boy.

A plan brokered by special envoy Kofi Annan proposed an April 12 cease-fire, to be followed by talks between the regime and the opposition. Since that date, the U.N. has said the regime has broken many of its truce promises, such as withdrawing forces from towns and cities. Rebel fighters have also kept up shooting and bombing attacks on Syrian security forces.

With the U.S. and France in the lead, Western powers have threatened tougher U.N. Security Council measures if Assad keeps breaking his promises, although Syria's allies Russia and China could use their veto powers in the council to shield him.

British Foreign Office Minister Alistair Burt said his government will seek "robust action" in the council if Syria doesn't comply with Annan's plan.

The suicide bomber in Damascus detonated an explosives belt Friday near members of the security forces, killing at least nine people and wounding 26, the state-run news agency SANA reported. The remains of two other people also were found, one believed to be the bomber, according to Health Minister Nader al-Halqi. The minister said seven police were among the dead.

The blast went off near a mosque in the downtown Midan neighbourhood, an area of opposition sympathizers. The government said it would use an iron fist against those "who might intimidate residents and spread anarchy in the country," SANA reported.

Video on Syrian TV showed white smoke billowing from under a bridge as people streamed out of a mosque. The streets were stained with blood.

An Associated Press reporter saw remains of the dead in the street and a police bus with shattered windows. As police cordoned off the area, security agents wearing gloves collected the remains from the street and piled them onto a sheet.

Anas Haqqi said he was walking with his father when the bomb went off. "I fell on the ground," said the 13-year-old, who was being treated for shoulder and leg wounds at Mujtahid hospital.

Three smaller explosions elsewhere in the capital killed one person.

27 injured in 4 blasts in eastern Ukraine; Govt claims terror, opposition sees plot

The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine

Four explosions rocked an eastern Ukrainian city on Friday, injuring 27 people. Authorities say it was a terrorist attack but an opposition lawmaker claims it could be a government plot to divert attention from the imprisonment of opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko.

Top law enforcement officials rushed to Dnipropetrovsk, 400 kilometres (250 miles) southeast of Kyiv, to investigate but there was no immediate claim of responsibility. The violence undermined Ukraine's security just weeks before it co-hosts the European soccer championships in June.

Many Ukrainian officials called blasts terrorist attacks, including Deputy Prosecutor General Yevgeny Blazhivsky. Ukraine has not been afflicted with political terrorism but there have been previous explosions connected to criminal extortion.

President Viktor Yanukovich vowed to investigate and punish the perpetrators.

"This is yet another challenge for us, for the whole country," Yanukovich told reporters in televised comments. "We will think of how to respond to this properly."

The opposition party led by the jailed former prime minister, Yulia Tymoshenko, however, suggested that Yanukovich's

government may have organized the blasts in order to deflect the world's attention from Tymoshenko's imprisonment and reported abuse in prison.

The president's office declined to comment on the opposition charges. But Prime Minister Mykola Azarov commented on his Facebook page that the blasts "are profitable to those forces that are interested in destabilizing the situation in the country."

The first of four explosions rocked a tram stop shortly before noon, injuring 13 people, said Emergency Situations Ministry spokeswoman Yulia Yershova. The bomb was planted in a garbage bin.

The second bomb, also planted in a garbage bin, went off about 40 minutes later near a movie theatre and a trade school, injuring two adults and nine teenagers. A third blast in the city centre wounded three people and a fourth, also downtown, caused no casualties.

Television footage showed passers-by walking among broken glass trying to help a moaning victim of the tram-stop explosion, while others bandaged a bloodied arm of another victim, a middle-aged man. An elderly woman with blood on her legs lay motionless on the ground and pleaded with someone to call her daughter. Other victims were put on stretchers and transported into ambulances.



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FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2012. This is an annual maintenance activity that maintains water quality and system infrastructure. Residents may notice some discoloring of water, which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed. Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, you may wish to flush the water from your home for a few minutes by watering your lawn or running your tap. Please note that the flushing in your home will not correct private plumbing/corrosion problems. Thank you for your understanding.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #3181

Southlands Phase 6A – Somerside Way S.E. and Somerside Gate S.E. **FINAL**

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Monday April 16th, 2012 to Bylaw #4106, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw #3181, the Land Use Bylaw.

The land that is the subject of proposed Bylaw #4106, legally described as Lots 1 - 22 inclusive, 24 - 28 inclusive, Block 9, Plan 0912931 (hereinafter referred to as the "subject land") is presently designated as R2-, Low Density Residential District and is the subject to the current R-2 District Overlay Southlands Phase 6 Accessory Dwelling Units in Schedule 'E'.

An application has been made to amend the district overlay of the subject land by modifying Schedule 'E' of the City of Medicine Hat Land Use Bylaw, the R-2 District Overlay Southlands Phase 6 Accessory Dwelling Units;

A Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second and Third Readings of proposed Bylaw 4106 will be held in Council Chambers at 580 First Street S.E. in Medicine Hat, Alberta on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

A copy of proposed Bylaw 4106 and related documents may be inspected during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, or accessed on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca (Hover your mouse over the "City Government" heading, click on "Bylaws", click again on the hypertext link "Bylaws", then scroll to the heading "Proposed Bylaws" and choose Bylaw 4106)

Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed rezoning of the subject land may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to the City Clerk Department by 12:00 o'clock noon, Wednesday, May 16th, 2012. The mailing address is 580 First Street S.E., Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 8E6. The e-mail address is clerk@medicinehat.ca. Any such written submission will become a public document.

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 21st day of April, 2012.

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FLC Revised Hours
Wednesday, May 30th
Public Swim 7am – 1:00pm
Closed 1-4pm (Due to Staff Training)
Public Swim 4-9pm

Summer Lesson Registration
begins Tuesday, May 1st @8:00am
Call our NEW phone #
403.525.8844
for information or to Register!



The Solid Waste Utility currently has bags of finished yard waste compost (SureGrow) for sale, while quantities last.

SureGrow is a class A compost that greatly enhances overall soil structure and improves movement of air and water within the soil - essential to healthy plant growth. Plants grown in soil amended with compost tend to be healthier, require less watering and are more disease and pest resistant.

Bagged compost can be purchased at the Landfill Scalehouse. The summer hours are:

8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday
8 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday

For more information call
403.529.8176 or visit
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DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED APRIL 19 TO APRIL 25, 2012, PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 18 Sunrise Rd SW (Lot 22, Block 19, Plan 0213535) Permit No. DP9635. With Conditions. A/C and Attached Garage Sideyard Setback Waiver.
- 175 10 Street SW (Lot 19, 20, Block 22, Plan 2177M) Permit No. DP9705. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
- 67 Chartwell PI SE (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9708. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling: Attached Garage, Front Covered Entry.
- 2053 Hull Way NE (Lot 3, Block 4, Plan 8310543) Permit No. DP9739. With Conditions. Detached Garage (On Existing Pad) With Setback Waiver.
- 48 Henderson Crt NE (Lot 23, Block 18, Plan 9913114) Permit No. DP9741. With Conditions. Sunroom.
- 969 3 Street SE (Lot 9, Block C, Plan 23593) Permit No. DP9742. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling with Attached Garage.
- 443 7 Street NW (Lot 16, Block 9, Plan 7989HD) Permit No. DP9746. With Conditions. Detached Heated Garage.
- 174 12 Street NW (Lot 22, Block 5, Plan 703HE) Permit No. DP9756. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
- 84 Ranchview Way NE (Lot 9, Block 16, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP9764. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 98 Schneider Cres SE (Lot 34, Block 29, Plan 9411002) Permit No. DP9770. With Conditions. Rear Yard Setback Waiver For Detached Garage.
- 2 Smeaton Ave SE (Lot 9, Block 20, Plan 8210189) Permit No. DP9783. With Conditions. Existing Covered Deck.
- 542 12 Street SW (Lot 25, 26, Block 26, Plan 1729M) Permit No. DP9795. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling on Existing Foundation.
- 317 Ranchview Crt NE (Lot 51, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP9814. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 40 Rosland Street SE (Lot 65, Block 10, Plan 7810695) Permit No. DP9832. With Conditions. Existing Covered Patio.

COMMERCIAL

- 1 - 3307 Dunmore Rd SE (Lot , Block , Plan) Permit No. DP9776. With Conditions. Change of Use to Acupuncture Clinic.
- 105 - 1234 Southview Dr SE (Lot 7, Block F, Plan 1113429) Permit No. DP9794. With Conditions. Commercial Fascia Sign.

HOME OCCUPATION

- 35 Taylor Blvd SE (Lot 9, Block 51, Plan 9010219) Permit No. DP9813. Office Use Only. Publishing. 3 Year Renewal.
- 1186 16 Street NE (Lot 30, Block 1, Plan 8510848) Permit No. DP9816. Office Use Only. General Contractor.
- 36 Heritage PI NE (Lot 10, Block 12, Plan 9711353) Permit No. DP9820. Office Use Only. Secretarial. 3 Year Renewal.
- 29 Sillak Cres SE (Lot 21, Block 3, Plan 7711135) Permit No. DP9822. Office Use Only. HandyMan.
- 518 8 Street SE (Lot 32, 33, Block 21, Plan 1595M) Permit No. DP9826. Office Use Only. Handyman/Landscaping. 3 Year Renewal.
- 28 Terrace Ave NE (Lot 18, Block 5, Plan 0513294) Permit No. DP9827. Office Use Only. General Contractor.
- 2181 24 Street SE (Lot 6, Block 8, Plan 1171LK) Permit No. DP9841. 10 Customer Per Week. Accounting and Tax - 3 Year Renewal.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning, Building & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).