

On Dorchester Bay, experts convene talks on rebuilding Iraq

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An Iraqi deputy minister scheduled to kick off a four-day conference at UMass-Boston on rebuilding his war-torn country never showed up, leaving university officials scratching their heads and voicing concern over her whereabouts.

Traveling from Baghdad, Beriwan Khailany, deputy minister of scientific research and higher education, had planned on delivering a keynote address at UMass-Boston on Monday titled "Between the Ousted Regime and the Democratic Government: The Impact of Change on Iraqi Women." Khailany is a geologist by training.

"She's a minister in a country ravaged by war," said Adenrele Awotona, dean of the College of Public and Community Service, who put together the conference. "We'll know very soon."

Word came from Khailany early Tuesday morning in the form of an apologetic e-mail: Her visa wasn't ready, and she promised to visit

Boston once it was.

Visas aren't just a problem for Iraqi ministers. Dr. Abdul Hadi Al Khalili, a neurosurgeon and the cultural attaché at Iraq's embassy in Washington, D.C., pushed for students to be able to apply for visas in Baghdad. Currently, they have to apply in Jordan, he said.

Khalili also called for stronger ties between American and Iraqi colleges, with American universities to accept faculty from Iraq for sabbaticals and joint research, as well as providing Iraqi students with access to online teaching programs and donations of CDs, DVDs, journals and books.

Khalili said he was not sure if security concerns were preventing Iraqi students from applying straight out of Baghdad. "Maybe that's part of the problem," he acknowledged.

But the larger problem of rebuilding Iraq remains as parts of the country continue to be wracked by suicide attacks and civil war. Officials from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, a current reservist, and the president of the National Iraqi Council of Women joined academics and others at the conference in UMass-Boston's Campus Center.

Drawing on President Franklin Roosevelt's job creation initiatives from the 1930s, Gerald Paulus, a gas division director for Mesa natural gas utility in Arizona, outlined his plan for setting up local employment camps around the country.

The root cause of the raging insurgency is not religion or tribal feuding, he said. "These things only become a catalyst," said Paulus, 51, a lieutenant colonel in the Army National Guard and a reservist who served in Iraq in 2006. "The root cause is economic."

The camps would allow for "pick and shovel" work, rebuilding the country and providing "honest jobs" to a nation with a 70 percent unemployment rate, he said. The program would be funded through oil and natural gas revenues, allowing countries to receive foreign exchange

credits for the oil in the ground in exchange for helping Iraq.

The plan would maintain U.S. troops' job of providing security and stability, but potentially halve the length of stay, said Paulus, who added that he submitted the plan to Republican presidential candidate John McCain, but hasn't heard back. "It must be an Iraqi program for the Iraqi people," he said.

Michael Donlan, vice chairman emeritus of the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and Muhammad Ali-Salaam, the BRA's deputy director both co-wrote a paper saying their agency is a model for Iraqis to use.

"Notably, over the past half century, the BRA has assembled real estate parcels in strategic locations, especially land that suffers from blight; and upon finishing such assembly and setting out public planning for the subject land, the BRA will issue 'Requests for Proposals' seeking response from the private

sector," they wrote. "The response to these RFPs has been strong and impressive."

A similar institutional agency in Iraq would function the same way, they said. "Notably, cities in Kurdistan are ripe to pursue such redevelopment process; and a pilot effort in Kurdistan with a model municipal development agency can become a model for all Iraq."

Two individuals with the Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (ACDI/VOCA), a private economic development non-profit based in D.C., also submitted a paper calling for a focus on Iraq's youth, with half of Iraqis under 20 years old.

"It is clear that Iraqi youth have been increasingly alienated and disenfranchised as violence engulfs their daily lives and there are few outlets for their

vaulting energy and pent-up frustrations," wrote Sally Iadarola and Tamara Heimur, with accompanying photos of ACDI/VOCA-supported schools and soccer teams. "In this transitional period in Iraq, international and Iraqi institutions supporting the country's development must make the engagement of youth in Iraq's future a top priority."

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To QUINCY DESSEAU LAST KNOWN OF DORCHESTER in the County of SUFFOLK AND NOW OF PARTS UNKNOWN AND TO THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF DECARIA DESSEAU OF PARTS UNKNOWN and to all persons interested in the above captioned matter, a petition has been presented praying that CORINE DESSEAU of DORCHESTER in the County of SUFFOLK or some other suitable person be appointed guardian of the person and the estate of DECARIA DESSEAU of DORCHESTER in the County of SUFFOLK, a minor child, to serve without surety.

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Witness, HON. JOHN M. SMOOT, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at BOSTON this day, July 5, 2007.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. 01D0294 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION MAYRA I. CORREA, Plaintiff v. JANSEL A. CRUZ, Defendant To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Mayra I. Correa, seeking Divorce. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 41.1, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties, and that the said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and that his/her present whereabouts are unknown; the personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable, and that said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

You are required to serve upon Mayra I. Correa, plaintiff, whose address is 24 Magnolia St., #2, Dorchester, MA 02125 your answer on or before November 1, 2007. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, JOHN M. SMOOT, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at BOSTON this 19th day of July 2007.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. 96P0092-GM1 To Joy V. Wangnoon of Whitman, Plymouth County and to Victor Douglas of Dorchester, in the County of Suffolk, interested in the estate of Alexis Destiny Wangnoon of Whitman, in the County of Plymouth, a minor child under guardianship.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Elaine Wangnoon of Essex, Maryland, as she is the mother of Alexis Destiny Wangnoon, praying for certain visitation with said minor as directed by the Court.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY SHOULD FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT PLYMOUTH ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST 2007, THE RETURN DAY OF THIS CITATION.

Witness, CATHERINE B. SABAITIS, ESQUIRE, First Judge of said Court, this tenth day of July 2007.

Robert E. McCarthy
Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. 07P1472EP1 IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD J. HARTIN, SR. Late of DORCHESTER In the County of SUFFOLK Date of Death June 30, 2007 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all person interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ANNE MARIE BRAZZO of PALM HARBOR in the State of FLORIDA and JOHN GIANNINO of LOWELL in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executors, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON September 20, 2007.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, HON. JOHN M. SMOOT, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at BOSTON this day, June 6, 2007.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. 07P1482EP1 IN THE ESTATE OF MARGARET M. MAHAN Late of BOSTON In the County of SUFFOLK Date of Death April 20, 2007 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all person interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that ELIZABETH M. ALLEN of HARVARD in the County of WORCESTER be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON August 16, 2007.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, HON. JOHN M. SMOOT, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at BOSTON this day, July 13, 2007.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. 07D1197 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION JESSICA A. VILLAFANE-CHOATE, Plaintiff v. CARROL V. CHOATE, Defendant To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Jessica A. Villafane-Choate, seeking Divorce. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 41.1, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties, and that the said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and that his/her present whereabouts are unknown; the personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable, and that said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

You are required to serve upon Jessica A. Villafane-Choate, plaintiff, whose address is 34 Selden St., #2, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer on or before October 11, 2007. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, JOHN M. SMOOT, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at BOSTON this 5th day of July 2007.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. 07D1197 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION JESSICA A. VILLAFANE-CHOATE, Plaintiff v. CARROL V. CHOATE, Defendant To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Jessica A. Villafane-Choate, seeking Divorce. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 41.1, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties, and that the said defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and that his/her present whereabouts are unknown; the personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable, and that said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

You are required to serve upon Jessica A. Villafane-Choate, plaintiff, whose address is 34 Selden St., #2, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer on or before October 11, 2007. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, JOHN M. SMOOT, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at BOSTON this 5th day of July 2007.

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