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TALOSSA BRANCHES OUT

Talossa, long a nation that has taken a somewhat isolationist stance when it comes to relations with other micronations, has seen quite the turnaround in recent years in public opinion on the issue. Citizens from across the political spectrum have called for a greater reaching out into the micronational sphere, and in recent months we have begun to see the first real fruits of efforts to do just that. The King, acting as a sort of “chief diplomat” by virtue of being head of state, joined by staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been in discussions with representatives from various micronations. First up was the Kingdom of Carcosa, a nation similar in overall structure to our own, albeit with an atmosphere driven by several works of supernatural and Gothic horror. While a treaty of mutual recognition and diplomatic relations is pending ratification in the Hopper (and it may face a bit of an uphill battle on account of recent Carcosan radio silence), it is still an encouraging start for a nation still effectively “getting its bearings” when it comes to dealing with other nations. Likewise, representatives from the Republic of New South Scotland and the Republic of New Solace have graced the Landing Pier with their presence. We at *TN* encourage other

nations within our reader base to reach out as well!

On the other hand, relations with the Big Neighbor have continuously deteriorated due to actions taken by the latter’s administration. Reacting to the heavy-handed response to protests not too far from His Majesty’s hometown, the King released a statement on 13 June announcing his intent, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to levy sanctions on the United States until the American situation improves. Those sanctions were announced on the afternoon of 16 June by Foreign Affairs Minister Antagha Somelieir, and are summarized as follows:

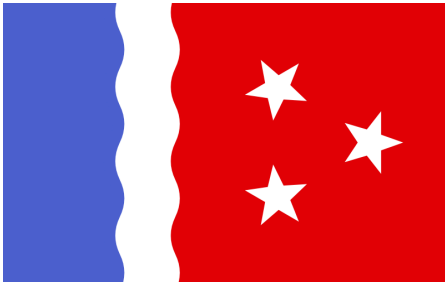
- A demand for recognition of Talossa’s independence;
- An embargo on American beers and wines, and a request that citizens boycott such products until the sanctions are lifted;
- A cessation of all diplomatic ties with the United States’ government “until the rule of law is restored and those guilty are punished.” The King is to summon the US Ambassador (once one is appointed) in order to express Talossa’s displeasure; and

- Freezing all U.S. assets in Talossa until the sanctions are lifted.

It remains to be seen whether or not the American government will acquiesce to any of the Kingdom’s terms, or if they will simply yield in due time by virtue of a change in administration.

Cabinet Shuffled

With the departure of former Maritiimi-Maxhestic Senator Sir Ian Plätschisch to the Cort pü Inalt, a bit of a shakeup became necessary to fill his post of Finance Minister. Furthermore, some personal difficulties have been affecting STUFF Minister Brăneu Excelsio’s ability to meet the (admittedly high) demands of his portfolio. Both portfolios have been reassigned by Seneschal Miestră Schivă to her Distain, Mic’haghl Autófil. S:reu Excelsio retains his post as Defence Minister, but will also remain Deputy Minister of STUFF for Propaganda, meaning that the division of responsibilities at the STUFF Ministry remains effectively unchanged; the main difference is who gets to sit in the big chair.



BE Passes BUS; New Flag Too

The Belacostan Provincial Assembly has adopted a single legal code for the province. Largely a project of *Governadeir* Mic'haglh Autófil, the Belacostan Unified Statute – the BUS, for short – repeals all previous laws passed at any point in the province's history and establishes what is effectively a provincial version of *El Lexhatx*. One of the less-complicated bits of the BUS, yet one of the most important, was the adoption of a new flag for the province. Finally shedding the Benitian design of the past, the Province So Nice They Renamed it Twice is now the second province to make major use of blue in its provincial flag, seen above. (The first to do so was Belacostă's southern neighbor and one-time southern canton, Florencia).

FreeDems, PdR Merge

The Free Democrats of Talossa, one of the defining parties of the post-Reunision era, have merged with their coalition partner, *el Parti da Reformaziun*, to form the Union of Free Reformists (known in the national language as *l'Uniuon dels Reformistaes Livereschti* or URL). The merger took effect on the

evening of 21 July, with the new party's inaugural convention opening immediately. While the party's *Constituziun* was already ratified as part of the merger, debate has now commenced on any amendments to said constitution, as well as defining the party's official platform, logo/branding, and will conclude with the election of the party's first slate of officers, including an Executive Committee, President, and Secretary, as well as a nomination for the party's Seneschal candidate in the next election.

King Adopts House Law

His Majesty the King has issued a new House Law. Among other facets, the Law clarifies that the title of "Prince of Prospect" is a title bestowed upon the duly-confirmed Heir Presumptive; this move confirms that Prince Patrick, the eldest of King John's sons to be a Talossan citizen, is no longer the Prince of Prospect, a status that was unclear following the abolition of the hereditary monarchy. The new House Law also introduces the titles of *Mieusegnhor* and *Midonça*, to be used for male and female members of the Royal Family respectively, apart from the King, Queen, and any children thereof. The former was already in use for the King's twin brother, Avocat-Xheneral Pôl dal Nordselvă.

Decency SotZ Passes

On the July Clark, a Sense of the Ziu which made the first step in

addressing the problem of citizens harassing each other received widespread support. 61RZ13 condemned the harassment faced by the Secretary of State from Green Party leader Breneir Tzaracomprada. The bill further affirmed the Ziu's support for the Chancery in tackling the thorny problem of community moderation when dealing with elected officials, as the tightrope between "not addressing antisocial behavior" and "silencing political debate" is an unenviable path to walk. *TN* would like to similarly express its support for the Chancery and the Secretary of State, who has performed his role to the utmost quality in his first nine months.

Royal Commission Named

His Majesty the King has convened a Royal Commission on Immigration. Composed of the King as chair, Distain Mic'haglh Autófil, A-X Pôl dal Nordselvă, Baron Alexandreu Davinescu, and Sir X. Pol Briga, the Commission will address the issues the nation has been facing with retaining interest from prospective citizens, and develop ideas on the routes the Government may take to reverse the issues we have been seeing. Among suggestions already raised is the issue of many of Talossa's "fun" or cultural events being conducted on Witt boards only open to citizens; it would seem the Chancery is already taking steps to make more things available to the people we want to see them the most.

TCAT 2025 CONTINUES

The Talossan Cycling Association Tour (TCAT), Talossa's premier cycling series, has begun its fourth season, with the Italy leg (coincident with the *Girona d'Italia*) wrapping up on 1 June. The second leg, coincident with the *Tour de France*, has begun, including some cycling through the French city of Saint-Malo, the mainland port nearest the island province of Cézembre. TCAT Taliă was won by newcomer team *Esqipă Velocostă*, bringing the total number of Belacostan-based teams up to four (and the number of teams registered in a single leg up to a record **14**). EVC joins fellow Belacostan squad Cyclohexane as the only teams to ever win their debut leg, with CHX's debut also coming in Italy two years prior.

Ten of the teams from Italy have entered in France, retaining consideration for the season championship.

Talossan Cycling Association Tour 2025 Season Standings (as of 22 July)

Pos.	Team	IT	FR (tent.)	TOTAL Pts.	Gen. Manager
1	Gordon Hiatus Support Team	7508	6555	14063	Sir Lüc da Schir
2	Velociposse Florencia	8404	5535	13939	Brener Tzaracomprada
3	<i>Esqipă Velocostă</i>	8615	5293	13908	Mic'haghl Autófil
4	Cyclohexane	6568	6842	13410	Erschéveþ da Schir
5	Port Maxhestic AC	7391	5593	12984	Sir Ian Plätschisch
6	<i>Els Talossaes Rexhitais</i>	8027	4327	12354	HM King Txec
7	<i>BdC Caçeirs dals Mailintzarăs</i>	6726	5536	12262	Glüc da Dhi
8	<i>Cézembre Fieschă</i>	5348	5578	10926	þerxh Sant-Enogat
9	<i>Naziun Cjovani</i>	5028	5630	10658	Iason Taiwos
10	<i>Dirnalaiset Mortescu</i>	6163	4263	10426	Tric'hard Lenxheir

CTR: Estonia

The inaugural *Ceampiunità Talossan del Rälli* (Talossan Rally Championship) underwent its second leg this week with the 2025 Rally Estonia. Intended to be for rally racing what TCAT is for cycling, the CRT sees Talossans choose a Rally1 car to follow through the WRC season. Their driver earns points equivalent to what they earn in the WRC standings, with additional points based on their overall manufacturer team's performance.

Driver/Co-Driver	Manager	Pts.
Evans/Martin	A. Roibeardet	49.75
Rovanperä/Halttunen	M. Autófil	46.75
Tänak/Järveoja	G. da Dhi	42
Katsuta/Johnston	T. Lenxheir	21.75
Munster/Louka	King Txec	13