



Yo-get my face off that tub

A Greek man is suing a dairy company in Sweden for using his image on pots of Turkish-style yoghurt.

Swedish media say the man only found out that his picture had been used when a friend living in Sweden said he had seen him on the pots.

The man, who has not been named, appears on the pots of Turkish yoghurt sporting a huge moustache and a red hat, the very image of a traditional Turkish farmer.

But the problem is that he is from Greece.

In the 50 million kronor (\$7.4 million) lawsuit, which the family-run Lindahl dairy company received, the man says the image is misleading because he has no links with Turkey. The company says it bought the picture in good faith from an image library and had assumed everything was in order.

Article from ABC news

caption: The Greek man is represented as a traditional Turkish farmer. (Lindahls)

Greek language conference in Australia

A conference aimed at the professional upgrading of Greek language instructors in Australia and a discussion on the problems being faced over the recent years is being organized by the Union of Modern Greek Instructors of Victoria. The conference's opening, titled, "The Greek language in Australia" will take place on Wednesday, May 19th, while the works will take place on May 20-21 with the participation of 45 instructors and academics.

Greek aid worker released by Taliban insurgents

ATHENS: A Greek volunteer worker kidnapped by Afghan Taliban in northwest Pakistan seven months ago arrived in Athens on Saturday following his release from captivity earlier this week.

Athanasios Lerounis was kidnapped in September near the border with Afghanistan while working as a teacher among the ethnic Kalash community in the mountains of Chitral.

"I am very happy to step in Greek soil," a visibly thinner and emotional Lerounis told reporters at Athens International Airport.

"I wish to apologise for the turmoil and give great thanks to the people of Pakistan, the Greek government and the personal interest of the Prime Minister (George Papandreu), who acted as a human being and not as a politician," he said, according to the semi-state Athens News Agency.

Pakistani officials said Lerounis's seven-month ordeal ended on Wednesday night after he was released in Afghanistan and brought across the border into northwestern Chitral valley.

"It was a difficult task but our intelli-



Athanasios Lerounis, a Greek NGO worker, waves to reporters after his arrival at Athens International Airport Eleftherios Venizelos in Athens April 10, 2010. - Reuters

gence agencies did this job," Rahmatullah Wazir, the top administrative official in Chitral, said by telephone on Thursday. Elders from Chitral had been negotiating with those holding Lerounis in the neighbouring Afghan province of Nuristan, the official said.

The group had demanded a ransom and that Pakistan release three detained Afghan Taliban leaders, but Wazir said none of their demands had been met and that Lerounis had been

released unconditionally.

A Greek negotiator on Saturday also denied the Taliban had received compensation.

Some Kalash people are fair with light-coloured eyes, leading to academic speculation that they might be descended from an ancient Middle Eastern population or even from soldiers of Alexander the Great's army which conquered the area in the fourth century BC. — AFP

Flying Aussie legend's big Greek leap

THE Aussie motorbike daredevil Robbie Maddison has again risked life and limb in the pursuit of an extreme adrenaline rush, this time leaping 85m across the Corinth Canal in Greece.

Maddison, 28, on Thursday nailed the jump across the canal, which connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Aegean Sea.

Failure wasn't an option for the Kiama-born motocross legend. Built in the late 1800s, the canal is 80m deep and any slip-up would have seen Maddison fall to his death.

Maddison took his Honda 500 up to 125kmh on approach to the ramp. He sped past a pool, across a soccer pitch and past a chicken coop on approach to the Red Bull ramp.

At the peak of the leap he was about 95m above the canal.

The daredevil said the approach to the ramp - across grass, concrete, wood, asphalt and carpet - was extremely difficult, but that he also had to conquer his fear.

"Overcoming fear, that's always the hardest part. Jumping across the Corinth Canal became a challenge I just could not resist," he said.

"The jump involved the highest consequences I have faced so far.

"I believe you have to take risks in life to become wiser and facing a challenge like this will help get me ready for the next feat I will face."

Maddison has become famous for his jumps. In 2009 he performed a backflip across London's Tower Bridge, and leapt 30m on to a replica Arc de Triomphe in Las Vegas.

In 2008, he broke the world motorcycle jumping record twice in the same night when he leapt 107m during the Crusty Demons Night of World Records show in Melbourne.

Shortly after Thursday's successful jump, Maddison posted a short message on Twitter: "Yeeewww I made it!!"

A post on his Facebook page read: "At 8.30 this morning, I jumped the biggest canal in the world on my motorbike. It was an amazing feeling to get to the other side. Thank you to everyone that supported me... Thank you Greece for a great time..." Maddison is due to compete in the season opener of the 2010 Red Bull X-Fighters World Tour in Mexico City next week.

Article from The Daily Telegraph

Arthur Sinodinos running for the Sydney seat of Wentworth

John Howard's former chief of staff Greek Arthur Sinodinos has confirmed he's considering running for the Sydney seat of Wentworth at this year's federal election. Mr. Sinodinos, a member of the party's state executive, says he'll make up his mind "pretty soon" about whether or not to nominate for Liberal preselection.

"Wentworth's not a seat that can be taken for granted," he told ABC Radio. "It's a pretty cosmopolitan seat, it has changed over

time. "It's important that we select someone who can certainly maximise the vote." Mr Sinodinos said Mr Turnbull would be a hard act to follow. But he insisted the Liberal Party remained favourite to hold the seat at this year's poll.

"If I were to run it would be on the basis that the preselectors would make up their minds whether the fit was appropriate," he said, adding he encouraged as many Liberals as possible to stand.

