

Greek killed by extremists in Nigeria identified as lab supervisor

Lebanon and Greece have identified the hostages killed by Islamic extremists in Nigeria, though two people remain unaccounted for out of the seven kidnapped.

Greeces Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that Konstantinos Karras died in the killings claimed Saturday by the extremist group Ansaru. Karras worked as a lab supervisor for the Lebanese construction company Setraco in Nigerias Bauchi state, where the kidnapping took place Feb. 16. Lebanese authorities have identified their dead as Carlos Bou Aziz and Imad Andari.

Previously, the United Kingdom identified its hostage killed as Brendan Vaughan. Italy said its dead hostage was Silvano Trevisan.

Authorities previously identified the remaining two as Lebanese, though that country hasn't confirmed their identities. A Setraco worker has said the two could be Syrian nationals. Officials there have yet to comment.



Viki Stamati, the wife of ex-Defense Minister Akis Tsochatzopoulos, has sent an out-of-court notice to the couple's neighbor after he appeared on TV to complain about the problems he faced when they lived in the neighboring apartment on Dionysiou Areopagitou Street in central Athens.

Last week a court ordered that the property be seized by the state as part of the couple's sentence for failing to fully declare their assets over the past few years.

Tsochatzopoulos also received an eightyear jail sentence as part of the ruling.

He and Stamati are among 19 suspects who are to stand trial in connection with alleged bribe-taking and moneylaundering while Tsochatzopoulos was in office.

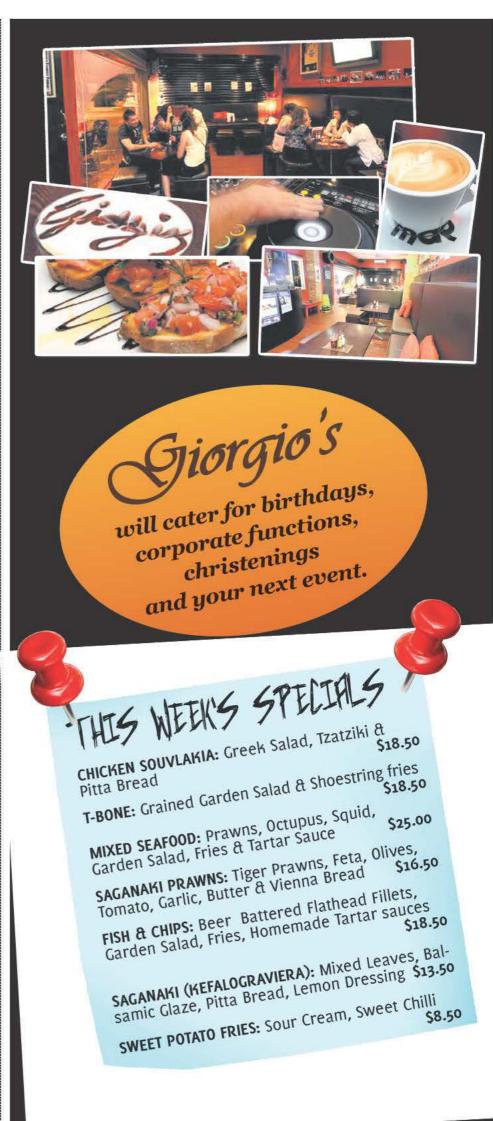
Stamati accused her neighbor, Michalis Haritos, of trying to ensure that the property is repossessed so he can "buy it at minimal cost at auction."



Police find arms during raid on apartment in Exarchia, central Athens

Police found guns and ammunition after searching an apartment and car in Exarchia, central Athens, on Tuesday night.

Officers said they discovered two Kalashnikov assault rifles, four stun grenades and hundreds of bullets. Earlier, police searched an apartment in Piraeus. It is thought the properties are linked to the two armed bank robberies carried out in Velvento, northern Greece, last month as well as possible terrorist activity. Four men declaring themselves to be anarchists have been arrested for the robberies. Another four suspects are being sought.



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