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In unprecedented move, U.S. names Iran's Revolutionary Guards terrorist group

WASHINGTON/DUBAI (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday branded Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps a terrorist organization, an unprecedented step that raises the specter of retaliation from Tehran in an increasingly tense Middle East. It is the first time the United States has formally labeled another country's military a terrorist group.

"The IRGC is the Iranian government's primary means of directing and implementing its global terrorist campaign," Trump said in a statement. Iran immediately condemned the decision as an illegal act prompted by Tehran's regional influence and "success in fighting against Islamic State," according to state television.

Tensions between the two countries have grown since Trump pulled the United States out of a 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran last May and reimposed sanctions that had crippled Iran's economy. Trump said the accord did not address Iran's ballistic missile activity or what he saw as its malign influence in the region.

Set up after the 1979 Islamic Revolution with the mission of protecting the Shi'ite clerical ruling system, the IRGC is Iran's most powerful security organization and has a huge influence in its political system, controlling large swathes of the economy and the armed forces.

The IRGC's involvement in Iran's banking and shipping industries could complicate matters with U.S. allies, including the European Union, which is setting up a new mechanism to facilitate payments for Iranian exports. It was not immediately clear how Monday's move would impact Europe's trade ties with Iran.

Those who do business with the Guards could now receive up to 20 years in prison and be barred from entering or doing business in the United States.



FILE PHOTO - Members of the Iranian revolutionary guard march during a parade to commemorate the anniversary of the Iran-Iraq war (1980-88), in Tehran September 22, 2011. REUTERS/Stringer

Oil gains up to 2% to five-month high as Libyan output threatened

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Oil prices rose up to 2 percent on Monday, hitting five-month highs on expectations that global supplies would tighten due to fighting in Libya, OPEC-led cuts and U.S. sanctions against Iran and Venezuela.

International benchmark Brent futures rose 76 cents, or 1.1 percent, to settle at \$71.10 a barrel. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures gained \$1.32, or 2.1 percent, to settle at \$64.40 a barrel.

Brent's session high of \$71.19 a barrel and WTI's of \$64.44 were the highest since November.

"This bull continues to run with today's fresh five-month highs further emboldening the speculative community that has recently been gravitating back into the long side of WTI in assertive fashion," said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates, in a note. Traders said prices extended gains after data from market intelligence firm Genscape showed crude stockpiles at Cushing, Oklahoma, the delivery point for WTI, fell by about 419,000 barrels last week.

Investors already were focused on supply during the session as fighting in oil-rich Libya threatened to disrupt exports. Eastern forces were advancing on the country's capital, disregarding global appeals for a truce.



FILE PHOTO: Storage tanks are seen at Ecopetrol's Castilla oil rig platform, in Castilla La Nueva, Colombia June 26, 2018. REUTERS/Luisa Gonzalez/File Photo

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SRI KULKARNI ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR TEXAS' 22ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

21 Current & Former Elected Officials & Community Leaders Endorse Kulkarni

Sugarland, TX. – Sri Kulkarni, former Democratic Nominee and United States Foreign Service Officer, announced his campaign to represent Texas' 22nd Congressional District today.

"Problem-solving continues to take the back seat to divisive politics in Washington, and it's failing the people of Houston," said Kulkarni. "I've dedicated my career to bringing people to the table, listening to their problems, and finding solutions that move communities forward. I'm running for Congress because it's time Washington does the same. Progress for the people of our district – not partisan politics – is what we need."

Kulkarni's campaign announcement includes endorsements from 21 current and former elected officials, as well as community leaders from across the Lone Star State, including Congressman Joaquin Castro, former Congressman Nick Lampson, former State Senator Wendy Davis, and former Houston Mayor Annise Parker.

"I am proud to endorse Sri Kulkarni to represent the people of Texas' 22nd District. Sri has dedicated his life to bringing people together, both here at home and around the world. I look forward to working with Sri to help deliver results for the people of Texas on healthcare, job creation and education." – Congressman Joaquin Castro, District 20 "Serving as a leader, both here at home and around the world, Sri has a unique perspective and skillset that is desperately needed in Washington today. I'm proud to endorse Sri's campaign for Congress because I know he will bring transparency as well as accessibility back to the office and put the needs of Texas first." – Wendy Davis,

Former State Senator, District 10

"We need representatives who will hold both parties in Washington accountable to our community. Sri has the unique experience and unwavering passion to do just that and deliver real results for the people of the Greater Houston area. That is why I am excited to endorse Sri Kulkarni for Congress." – Annise Parker, Former Mayor of Houston

[Complete List of Endorsements for Kulkarni:](#)

Congressman Joaquin Castro – Congressional District 20
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Cynthia Bennet – Head of Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, Fort Bend
 Alice Chen – Candidate, Stafford City Council
 Todd Litton – Former Candidate, Congressional District 2
 Nabila Mansoor – Candidate, Sugarland City Council
 Eliz Markowitz – Candidate, State House District 28
 Raj Salhotra – Candidate, Houston City Council
 Sofia Sheikh – Candidate, Independent School District Trustee, Lamar

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Editor's Choice



FILE PHOTO: Actor Felicity Huffman, facing charges in a nationwide college admissions cheating scheme, leave federal court in Boston



Anti-Brexit protesters are seen outside the Houses of Parliament, in London, Britain April 8, 2019. REUTERS/Henry Nicholls



Patrons dine outside the clubhouse during practice for the 2019 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, U.S.



The sign of the Cologne-Bonn Sparkasse is pictured at the bank's headquarters in Bonn, Germany, April 8, 2019. REUTERS/Wolfgang Rattay



The Boeoegg, a snowman made of wadding and filled with firecrackers, is burning in a bonfire in the Sechselaeuten square in Zurich



U.N.'s Bachelet shakes hands with Mexico's Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard after signing an agreement on the provision of guidance and technical assistance in the Ayotzinapa case, in Mexico City



FILE PHOTO: Oprah Winfrey talks on stage during a taping of her TV show in the Manhattan borough of New York City



Patrons take pictures of one of the direction signs during practice for the 2019 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, U.S.

SNG Chairman Visits Malawi Ambassador In Washington, DC

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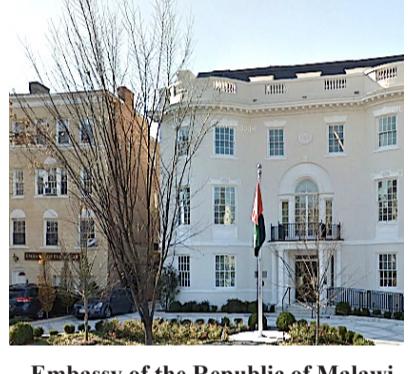
April 6, 2019)

It was a beautiful spring day as I traveled with my sister Florence and friend Jing to a Washington DC suburb. The cherry blossoms were blooming and we were filled with such seasonal favors and smells. This is the best time to visit the U.S. capitol.



We also paid a special visit to the Malawi Embassy and met with H. E. Ambassador Edward Yakobe Sawyerengerera. We enjoyed a cup of coffee especially produced in Malawi.

The Ambassador gave us an introduction to his country and pointed out that Malawi enjoys the most peaceful political climate on the African continent. They have the most beautiful lake there, Lake Malawi as well as lands with very rich resources ready for development.



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COMMUNITY

Ambassador Sawyerengerera has just completed a successful one year of duty as Ambassador of Malawi to the United States of America. Prior to this, he served as the Ambassador of Malawi to the Federal Republic of Brazil, during which he facilitated and signed, on behalf of his Government, the Investment Cooperation and Facilitation Agreement between Brazil and Malawi. Ambassador Sawyerengerera worked as Director General for State Residences (Chief of Staff).

While at State House, he established favorable and constructive working relationships with various sections of the Presidency, including State House, the President's Advisory Team, and the Office of the President and Cabinet.

Ambassador Edward Yakobe Sawyerengerera has had a remarkable and distinguished career in public and private sector management in Malawi. For 20 years, Ambassador Sawyerengerera worked at the Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (ADMARC), a state marketing agency, where he rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Head of Operations. He worked tirelessly to ensure efficient and reliable markets for smallholder farmer outputs, and provision of adequate farm inputs at all ADMARC depots.

Ambassador Sawyerengerera holds a Diploma in Agriculture from Bunda College of Agriculture of the University of Malawi (1975), a Post-Graduate Certificate in Agricultural Marketing and Supply from Loughborough Cooperative College-UK (1986), and an MBA in Strategic Management from Strathclyde Graduate Business School-UK (1994). He is a strategic thinker with excellent negotiation skills, and the ability to build partnerships and networks with relevant stakeholders. Throughout his career, Ambassador Sawyerengerera has achieved productivity improvement and turned non-performing operations around. His Excellency Edward Y. Sawyerengerera presented his letters of credence to the United States on 16 September, 2016. He is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Malawi to the United States on a residential basis. He is also accredited on a nonresidential basis to the Bahamas, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Ambassador Sawyerengerera is happily married.

Malawi is beating faster now and the legendary welcome is there for all who wish to experience the unrivaled combination of Lake, Landscape, Wildlife & Culture in one of Africa's most beautiful and compact countries.

Described as the 'Warm Heart Of Africa', this relatively little known gem of this diverse continent has so much to offer; wildlife, culture, adventure, scenery, and of course the third largest lake in Africa. A year-round destination, some even go as far to describe Malawi as the most attractive country in sub-Saharan Africa!

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Malawi – A Special African Destination

Malawi is a landlocked country in southeastern Africa, defined by its topography of highlands split by the Great Rift Valley and enormous Lake Malawi. The lake's southern end falls within Lake Malawi National Park – sheltering diverse wildlife from colorful fish to baboons – and its clear waters are popular for diving and boating. Peninsular Cape Maclear is known for its beach resorts.

I invited the ambassador to visit us Texas in the near future. We promised to do our best to help this special African inland country to become more visible in America. /Wea H. Lee, Chairman SNG

Ambassador Edward Yakobe Sawyerengerera

In the past 15 years, Ambassador Sawyerengerera has held several executive leadership positions including; Deputy Chief Executive Officer of David Whitehead & Sons (DWS), a textile Company; Chief Executive Officer of the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA), a strategic grain reserve for the state; and Executive Director of Malawi Social Action Fund (MASAF), a government project designed to finance self-help community projects and transfer cash through safety net activities.

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SPECIAL REPORT

HAVANA (AP) — After a tornado slammed Havana in late January, Mijail Ramirez complained on Twitter that authorities were threatening to evict him from his damaged home. A week later he said the government had changed its mind and would help him rebuild the house.

Jorge Luis Leon used the official Twitter account of a Cuban vice president to request that hospital waiting rooms have seating for family members, while a group of young people launched "Sube," a ride-hailing app for the aging American sedans that ply the streets of Havana.

In the 2 1/2 months since Cuba allowed its citizens internet access via cellphones, fast-moving changes are subtle but palpable as Cubans challenge government officials online, post photos of filthy school bathrooms and drag what was one of the world's least-connected countries into the digital age. Communist authorities, in turn, are having to learn how to deal with more visible pressure coming from outside of party-controlled popular and neighborhood committees.

"Life has changed," said Alberto Cabrera, 25, who is part of the team that developed the Sube app. "You see it when you walk down the street. The other day, looking from the roof of my house I could see that a neighbor had mobile internet service, as did the person in front and the person beyond him. You never saw that before."



A man holds his phone showing the app "Sube," a ride-hailing app for the aging American sedans on the streets of Havana, in Havana, Cuba, Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019.