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Global Furnifold Commodities Market Opens to Post High Growth

- by Uche Markoplos

April 8th marked an important day in Furnifold's world affairs, as it was the opening of the Global Furnifold Commodities Market (GFCM) in the Royal Kuthernburg World Trade Building. At the close of the cowbell for the first day of trading, all indexed items and other commodities posted increases in prices, some substantially. Since then, the market has been a little more volatile, but overall very uneventful, as exports have been limited by the current blockade on the nation of Chianski. The market has dipped to 41.19, a drop of four percent since the 8th.

Here are the current prices of goods:

Current prices (in ISD):

Corn- 0.61 per bushel (down 9 percent)

Okra- 19.33 per bushel (down 9 percent)

Rice- 9.93 per bushel (down 3 percent)

Soy- 3.51 per bushel (up 6 percent)

Sugar Cane- 7.81 per bushel (up 8 percent)

Non-Index Commodities (in ISD):

Cotton: 0.69 per pound (up 9 percent)

Endemic Fruits: 7.46 per carton (down 1 percent)

Meat: 10.07 per pound (down 10 percent)

Milk: 46.68 per hundredweight (up 12 percent)

Endemic Vegetables: 24.45 per hundredweight (up 1 percent)

Wheat: 6.71 per bushel (down 10 percent)

Furnifold Increases Presence in LatianBurg

- by F.T. Morison

Furnifold has stepped up its presence in the country of LatianBurg, according to military and diplomatic sources. After video surfaced of Furnifoldian citizens murdered by terrorist group Al-Jaheed, Magistrate Jacopo d'Arrigo authorized a Counter-Insurgency Force (CIF) to the nation, escorted by an amphibious transport dock and a few patrol boats. In an address to reporters, d'Arrigo said that these forces are being utilized to evacuate any remaining Furnifold citizens, and to train the military of LatianBurg in jungle combat. Details of events in LatianBurg are addressed in a separate issue, but companies and charities in Furnifold have been able to raise around three million in humanitarian aid that will go to the embattled nation.

Magistrate d'Arrigo does not have to seek Senate approval to authorize the use of the military in such a way, but if there is to be an increase in an expeditionary force, then the Senate will have to approve it by a vote. Chancellor Jagan has not offered a comment on the developments, but insiders who requested anonymity state that the Senate is likely to vote down any such measure, given the distance from the conflict and the relative lack of citizens currently in Furnifold. Foreign Affairs Secretary Jackson Wool is currently on a diplomatic flotilla, where he is in talks along the subject of post-conflict resolution.

According to sources, the evacuation of the remaining Furnifoldian citizens went very well, and most have been accounted for. What remains are the citizens who reside in areas currently under control of the terrorist group Al-Jaheed.

Developments from Chianski

- by Adam Bly

Furnifold has been allowed to send food exports to the nation of Chianski, past the blockade by the nation of Adumara. Chianski had allegedly been funding the terrorist group Al-Jaheed, which prompted Adumara to blockade the island nation. Since, Foreign Affairs Secretary Jackson Woolf has stated that evidence emerged from Chianski that exonerates the nation from any further funding of the group. As tension heat up, the presence of another nation's ships may serve as a deterrent from full military action on the part of Adumara, and any retaliation by Chianski. For now, Furnifold's imports are subject to

searches from the Adumara navy, and total exports to the nation have been down by 40 percent.

Opinion

Furnifold's Interventionism Needs to Stop

- by Hannah Clothier Lodge

At the time of my writing, Furnifold has a military presence in the country of LatianBurg, and is currently sandwiched in between forces from Adumara and the nation of Chianski. This sort of posturing is putting our people here at home at risk. Let's look at why we are in LatianBurg. No reason whatsoever. Magistrate d'Arrigo brought us into this place, which is an enclave surrounded by the military and economic powerhouse the South Hills, to battle with a separatist group that has no interest in Furnifold. Not only that, but d'Arrigo pushed forth with trade with Chianski, and that nation is currently staring down the cannons of an Adumaran blockade. Our ships are in the middle, giving food to the nation, seemingly oblivious to the fact that attacks on the islands may be imminent.

Is it our place to be involved here? Yes, the video of the people being killed was horrendous, but remember that Furnifold never opened relations with the nation of LatianBurg. There are precious few of our citizens in that country, and we cannot be sure that those who reside there are there for legitimate purposes. It hurts our nation to have to get involved when there are more important things here to worry about, like high unemployment and the high amount of poverty. Hopefully our Magistrate didn't get us involved as political cover for his failing economic policies. I am advocating for assistance when it is necessary, this just does not seem to be one of those times. be smarter, nation.

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