

# ould lead to resolution

June 8, Alachua Chief Judge E. Roundtree Jr. and the consolidation of lawsuits involving the Alachua vs. the City of Alachua, stating that both "involve the same facts and the same issues of law." According to Sexton, the last meeting does not involve either the Alachua Commission, which previously approved the ordinance, or the Alachua Commission, which voted to file suit to challenge the ordinance. "We're at the staff level, doing things in an Alachua City Commission or Alachua Commission," he said. "We're trying to reach a

tentative solution during that meeting or meetings, then they would take it to their respective boards for their approval.

"And if they don't reach agreement or tentative resolution, then the next step is to go to joint meetings between the two commissions, or multiple ones, where they try to reach an agreement between the two political bodies.

"If they're unable to reach an agreement there, then it goes into the court system and that's when litigation begins."

According to City of Alachua Assistant City Manager Adam Boukari, "The City will have our city manager, our city attorney, assistant city manager, key members of the planning department and public

services department at the meeting."

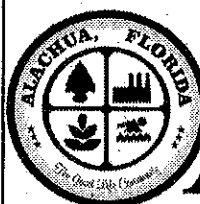
Boukari requested a list of who will represent the County during the first meeting.

The County responded with a roster that included the county manager, assistant county manager, county attorney, two assistant county attorneys, and staff from the planning and environmental protection departments.

"Basically it will be our staffs getting together to discuss what the issues are and what resolutions we may recommend that are available for resolving those issues," Boukari said.

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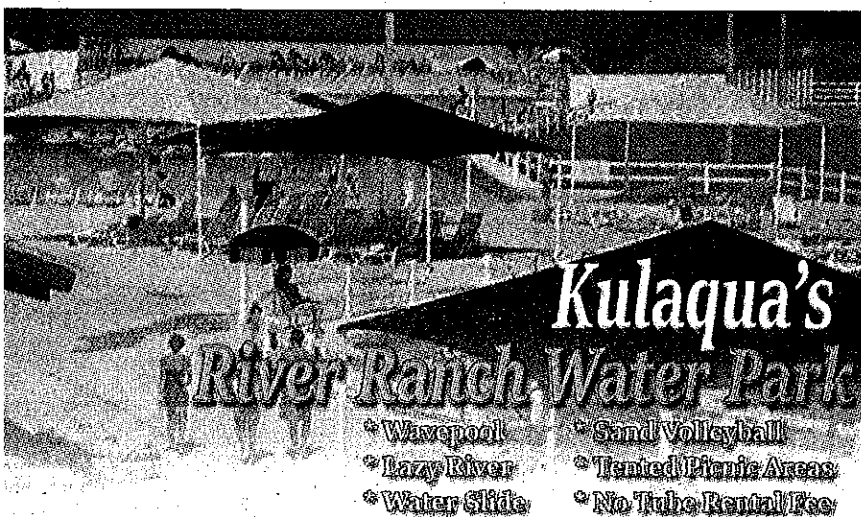
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# North Korea reports worst drought in a century

*The drought could lead to even more starvation among the country's struggling population.*

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea says it has been hit by its worst drought in a century, resulting in extensive damage to agriculture during its main planting season.

The official Korean Central News Agency said the drought has caused about 30 percent of its rice paddies to dry up. Young rice plants normally need to be partially submerged in water during the early summer.

"Recently in our country, there has been a severe drought with sudden extremely high temperatures and nearly no rain," Ri Yong Nam, a senior North Korean weather official, told

The Associated Press on Wednesday. "Now the drought is causing a water shortage and great damage to agriculture, and we foresee this drought will continue for a while."

He said temperatures in May were 5-7 degrees Celsius (9-12 degrees Fahrenheit) higher than normal.

Both North and South Korea have had unusually dry weather this year.

South Korea's Unification Ministry said precipitation in North Korea was abnormally low in May, and food production could decline significantly if the shortage continues. However, a ministry official said he couldn't confirm North Korea's claim that it was experiencing its worst drought in a century.

Jane Howard, a spokeswoman for the World Food Program in Rome, said North Korea has been experiencing water shortages since late last year because of low

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rain and snowfall. "The lack of water now could seriously affect the main crop season later this year," she said.

The main crop season is planted in June-July and normally accounts for 90 percent of total food production, she said in an email.

"We are very concerned that if there is poor crop production this year, there will be a significant increase in malnutrition, especially among children," she said.

KCNA said South Hwanghae province was one of North Korea's worst-hit areas.

Farmers at Gangan Coopera-

tive Farm in the province said they have been unable to grow rice seedlings.

"This is the first drought damage in my 20 years of farming experience," Sin Jong Choi, head of a work team at the farm, told AP. He said the seedlings dried out, so farmers plowed the fields again and planted corn instead.

But even the corn plants "are completely burned to death," said Bae Tae Il, the farm's chief engineer. "We are launching all-out efforts to overcome the drought damage."

In Pyongyang, the capital, the water level of the Taedong River was very low Wednesday.

The United Nations said in a report in April that about 70 percent of North Korea's people face food insecurity, and more than a quarter of children under age of 5 experience chronic malnutrition.

It said North Korea continues

to restrict proper monitoring of aid operations, while international financial sanctions targeting the country's nuclear and missile programs have added to the difficulties of aid distribution.

International aid donations to North Korea have fallen in recent years as it continues to pursue nuclear development. The U.N. report said it is seeking \$111 million for North Korean operations this year, its lowest such funding appeal since at least 2009.

North Korea suffered a devastating famine during the 1990s that is believed to have killed hundreds of thousands of people. The famine is also believed to have loosened the authoritarian state's control over the economy by damaging its public food distribution system and paving the way for private economic activity in unofficial markets.

# NATO shows force in Poland, Baltics

*The exercise is meant to show the group's commitment to Eastern Europe.*

The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Warships. Tanks. Helicopters. Rapid reaction forces. Thousands of NATO troops are on the move this month in Poland and the Baltic states, practicing sea landings, air lifts and assaults. The massive maneuvers on NATO's eastern flank that began in early June include the first-ever training by the new, rapid reaction "spearhead" force, and are NATO's biggest defense boost since the Cold War.

Polish and Baltic state leaders have made it clear that they want to host large numbers of U.S. and NATO forces as a deterrent in the face of a resurgent Russia, and they are welcoming the thousands of allied troops to their land and sea test ranges. Polish and Romanian leaders are even seeking more of a permanent allied military presence ahead of next year's NATO summit in Warsaw.

"We must know how to defend ourselves. It is our goal to assure a stable order," Polish Foreign Minister Grzegorz Schetyna said.

"In the face of new, real threats, the biggest enhancement since the Cold War of the alliance's collective defense is taking place," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told the Polish PAP news agency.

He added that the spearhead exercise means to show that NATO is "ready and capable of facing every challenge and every threat."

East European countries that took pains to shed Moscow's dominance almost three decades ago have been jittery ever since Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula last year and began backing separatists in the deadly conflict in eastern Ukraine. They have urged NATO to show force as a



Soldiers sit atop amphibious vehicles as NATO troops participate in the BALTOPS exercises in Ustka, Poland, on Wednesday.

deterrent.

In response, all kinds of NATO troops are testing their readiness this month to react and cooperate in the face of a potential crisis in the Allied Shield exercise in Poland, the Baltic states and in Romania. Those nations had significantly downsized their armies and defense spending since the Cold War, but now they want to be sure that NATO will defend them in time of need — especially Poland, with its memories of failed defense alliances at the start of World War II.

More than 2,000 of the troops taking part in the Noble Jump maneuvers in southwestern Poland are from the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force that President Barack Obama and NATO leaders agreed upon at a NATO summit last fall.

Multi-national drills are also being held at Poland's northwestern range in Drawsko Pomorskie, along with greatly scaled-up annual BALTOPS exercises on the Baltic Sea.

BALTOPS this year includes a spectacular amphibious landing of 700 allied troops on a beach in Ustka in northern Poland. Its maneuvers involve some 60 ships from 17 NATO and partner nations and about 5,000 troops. But for the first time they are taking place without

Russia, whose Kaliningrad military port is on the Baltic.

Underscoring the maneuvers' significance, the Noble Jump exercises are being visited Wednesday and today by Stoltenberg and NATO's commander for Europe, Gen. Philip M. Breedlove, as well as Polish Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak and defense ministers from some other NATO nations.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is not taking all this military activity lying down. On Tuesday, he announced a substantial re-armament program for Russia that, among other things, will add to its nuclear arsenal this year "over 40 new intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of penetrating even the most technologically advanced missile defense systems."

Stoltenberg reacted by saying that Russia is "undermining the treaties we have had jointly in place for several years, which are important for arms control."

Russia's long-standing nuclear rhetoric, investment in nuclear forces and in military exercises "requires that NATO is responding," Stoltenberg said.

Poland and Romania have been in talks to have U.S. Army heavy equip-

ment permanently stationed on their territory to speed up deployment in an emergency — since it's faster to ferry troops than tanks and howitzers.

Romanian Defense Minister Mircea Dusa said two other East European countries were also in these negotiations but did not name them.

The U.S. decision on placing heavy equipment is expected within weeks, Poland's Siemoniak said.

Poland's President-elect Andrzej Duda, who takes office in August, says security guarantees for Europe are not sufficient enough. He plans to further encourage NATO and U.S. military commitment to the region on Moscow's doorstep.

"A realistic thinking does not base itself on wishful thinking that peace will come on its own, but it is secured by mutual, hard security guarantees," said Duda's foreign policy adviser, Krzysztof Szczerski.



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