

Togo holds state funeral for ex-president

LOME, Togo (AP)—Togo on Sunday officially mourned its former president, whose death a month ago set off protests that forced the long-ruling leader's son to abandon his attempt to take control of the West African country.

Gnassingbe Eyadema's body, which was preserved for over a month in the capital, was expected to be transported to northern Togo for burial in his home village.

The military, which supported Eyadema during 38 years of rule until his death on Feb. 5 at age 69, opened the funeral with a 21-gun salute.

"Those who believe in God will die one day, but they will live forever in the Lord," Eric Kpabe, a lawmaker, said in a speech over Eyadema's casket. "Eyadema is therefore not dead; he will live forever for the Togolese people."

It was unclear why the funeral took place more than a month after Eyadema's



President Gnassingbe Eyadema's coffin is carried past a sign reading "I will always be with you," in Lome, Togo on Sunday. Togo officially mourned its recently deceased president on Sunday with a funeral attended by regional leaders working to calm the country after the death of Africa's longest-serving leader touched off a presidential-succession struggle.

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Hours after Eyadema's death was announced, the military announced that his son, Faure Gnassingbe,

would become president. Congress, stacked with ruling party members, amended the constitution to grant the move retroactive legitimacy.

Family names are often reversed in Africa.

Protesters angry at the transfer of power clashed with security forces in Lome, leaving several demonstrators dead, and African leaders quickly stepped in with condemnation and sanctions against what they branded a military coup.

Faure Gnassingbe stepped down under heavy pressure

led by Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo and a West African leaders' bloc, and promised to hold elections on April 24.

The deputy speaker of parliament, Bonfoh Abass, is leading Togo until a new leader is chosen by voters. Gnassingbe has said he will stand in the elections.

The presidents of Niger, Benin, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Nigeria joined the state funeral in the capital, Lome, along with Michel Barnier, the foreign minister of France, Togo's former colonial master.

The elder Eyadema, who had been Africa's longest-ruling leader, led one of postcolonial Africa's first coups d'etat in 1963 and as-

sumed direct power four years later.

Fond of well-tailored French suits and often wearing dark sunglasses indoors, Eyadema was for many Africans the quintessential "Big Man" who brooked no dissent and ruled harshly. He used troops and repression to resist the wave of democracy that rolled across the rest of sub-Saharan Africa in the 1990s.

Togo, a former French colony that gained independence in 1960, has an annual per-capita income of \$270 from an economy based on cocoa, coffee production and mining. The country sits between Ghana and Benin on the Gulf of Guinea on the west coast of Africa.

Grammy-winning N'Dour returns home to adulation

DAKAR, Senegal (AP)—Youssou N'Dour made a triumphal tour through Senegal's capital, holding his new Grammy Award aloft to cheers from thousands of fans.

N'Dour won the Grammy for best contemporary world music album for "Egypt," released after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks to show the gentler side of Islam as practiced in his west African homeland.

His prize was delivered last week.

On Saturday, fans cheered as N'Dour's motorcade slowly rolled through the streets of the impoverished Medina neighborhood where he was born.

A superstar across Africa, he rose to prominence in the United States and Europe in the 1980s with his country's homegrown popular music, mbalax. The music is a mix of the traditional drumming of Senegal's Wolof ethnic group, African-rooted Cuban sounds and American soul and rock.

Combining the sounds of Cairo's Fathy Salama Orchestra with a small group of Senegalese musicians and singers, "Egypt"—unusually religious for N'Dour—is a homage to saints and sages of Senegal's mystical and moderate Sufi take on Islam.

While "Egypt" had been ready for years, it wasn't released until after the Sept. 11

attacks that N'Dour says have unfairly sullied Islam's image in the West.

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Senegalese superstar Youssou N'Dour speaks at Africa Live, a two day anti-malaria concert held in the Senegalese capital of Dakar on Friday. Africa's top musicians, led by N'Dour, Salif Keita and Baaba Maal, gathered in the United Nations-sponsored campaign to fight malaria, a mosquito-borne disease that kills a child every 30 seconds on the continent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND ACTION PLAN 2005 FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A draft of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan 2005 for Housing and Community Development in Clark County will be available **March 14, 2005** for a 30-day public review and comment period. The purpose of the HUD Consolidated Plan is to provide current information on housing and community development at the local level, to estimate housing needs, to identify relevant issues, and to outline housing and community development policies to address existing and future problems. The Annual Action Plan describes the federally funded affordable housing, emergency housing, public service, and community facility projects planned for 2005-2006 in Clark County, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, and Mesquite. A summary of the Consolidated Plan is provided below.

The Consolidated Plan must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on May 13, 2005 for review and approval. If you would like to receive a copy of the Draft Consolidated Plan, please contact Clark County Community Resources Management at 455-5025 or the City of Las Vegas Neighborhood Services Department at 229-2330 or email a request with name and address to: krc@co.clark.nv.us or visit the Clark County website at www.accessclarkcounty.com/finance/crm/crm_index.htm. All comments on the Consolidated Plan must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2005 to:

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Summary

Citizen participation for the HCP Consortium Consolidated Plan included community meetings, committees and task forces and public hearings of the jurisdictional governing bodies.

Over 122,000 moderate- and low-income households are estimated to be paying for housing they cannot really afford. Over 50,000 of these households are low-income households with "worst case" housing needs - families who have incomes at or below 50% of the area median and pay more than half of their income for housing. The median price of a home is now over \$250,000 and an average rent is \$701. Affordable housing Strategies include new construction of rental and ownership housing, rehabilitation of existing units, rental assistance, downpayment assistance and housing for people with special needs.

There are over 7,000 homeless individuals in Clark County underserved by shelters, transitional and permanent housing. Homeless Strategies include but are not limited to increasing the number transitional and affordable housing units, increasing medical and mental health care services and employment programs.

The Community Development Strategic Plan includes new construction and rehabilitation of community facilities, provision of supportive services for youth, seniors and families, infrastructure improvements, and neighborhood revitalization.