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Wed 03/15/2025 3:25 PM

All,

As you know, today's emergency session of the UN Humanitarian Compliance Monitoring Mission for the Jorggean/Mabian conflict is being called because both of your nations have filed complaints against the other for breaches of international humanitarian law and requested an opportunity to contest the respective complaints.

We have convened a panel of experts to which you will make your arguments as to why your respective nations have acted in compliance with your legal obligations. The session will consist of five (5) minutes of opening statements each, beginning with Jorgge and then Mable. Twenty (20) minutes of questions from our panel directed at both delegations. Finally, five (5) minutes of closing statements each, beginning with Mable and finishing with Jorgge.

I look forward to hearing your remarks.

Yours,
Dr. Frederick Chilton,
UNHCMM for Jorggean/Mabian conflict

Jorgge Takes Southern Korvos as Mabis Agrees to Neutralized Zone Amid Ongoing Shelling

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By Jame Gumb

Korvos, March 13, 2026 - Jorggean forces consolidated control over large portions of southern Korvos on Tuesday after a rapid advance that split the sprawling metropolis along the Tiber River, marking one of the most significant territorial shifts in the year-long conflict between Jorgge and Mabis.

Military officials from both sides confirmed that Jorgge now holds roughly half of Korvos, a dense industrial and cultural hub of nearly three million residents. The city is divided by the Tiber, with Jorggean units entrenched along the southern bank after Mabian troops, retreating under pressure, detonated all major bridges spanning the river.

The demolitions, carried out late Monday night, were intended to slow Jorgge's advance and prevent armored units from crossing into the northern districts still held by Mabis. Instead, the blasts effectively isolated southern Korvos, leaving tens of thousands of civilians trapped behind rapidly shifting front lines and placing the entire southern half of the city under Jorggean military control.

"This was a calculated but costly decision," said a senior Mabian defense official speaking on condition of anonymity. "The bridges had to be denied to the enemy. Unfortunately, the civilian consequences are severe."

Artillery Duels Across the River

Since the bridge demolitions, Mabian forces positioned north of the Tiber have intensified artillery fire against Jorggean positions in the south. Residents reported near-constant shelling throughout Thursday night, with explosions echoing across the river and plumes of smoke rising from industrial zones and residential blocks alike.

Jorgge's Ministry of Defense stated that its units were "holding firm" despite the bombardment and accused Mabis of indiscriminate fire. Mabian officials countered that all strikes were aimed at military targets and described the shelling as a necessary effort to prevent Jorgge from stabilizing its gains.

Independent verification has been difficult, as journalists have limited access to the southern districts. Aid organizations operating in Korvos say medical facilities are overwhelmed, electricity is intermittent, and clean water access has deteriorated sharply since the bridges were destroyed.

A Desperate Agreement

In a surprising development late Wednesday afternoon, diplomats from both countries announced a provisional agreement to establish a neutral safe zone within the Jorgge-occupied southern part of Korvos. The deal, brokered through back-channel talks and facilitated by regional mediators, is aimed at reducing civilian casualties and allowing limited humanitarian access.

Under the terms of the agreement, Jorgge has committed to pulling heavy weapons and armored vehicles out of designated suburban neighborhoods south of the city, while Mabis has pledged to halt artillery fire into those zones. The area will remain under Jorggean occupation but is to be demilitarized for the duration of the arrangement.

“Mabis could not ignore the humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Korvos,” said Secretary of the Interior Freddie Lounds of Mabis during a televised address. “This agreement is not a concession of territory, but a measure to protect our civilians who are trapped and vulnerable.”

Jorggean officials framed the move as evidence of their willingness to govern responsibly. “We will ensure order and safety in the neutralized zone,” said Defense Minister Clarice Starling. “Any violations by Mabian forces will be documented and responded to.”

Civilians Caught in Between

For residents of southern Korvos, the agreement offers cautious hope. “We don’t care who controls the street anymore,” said Ruth Martin, a schoolteacher who was sheltering with her family in the outskirts of the city. “We just want the shelling to stop and food to come back.”

Aid groups welcomed the announcement but warned that the arrangement remains fragile. “Neutral zones in active conflicts only work if both sides strictly adhere to them,” said a spokesperson for the International Relief Coalition. “Given the intensity of fighting around Korvos, the risk of collapse is high.”

Strategic Implications

Military analysts say the capture of southern Korvos gives Jorgge a significant strategic advantage, providing control over key logistics hubs, river ports, and manufacturing centers. However, the inability to cross the Tiber has stalled further advances, potentially locking both sides into a prolonged urban standoff.

“The river is now a hard front line,” said analyst Will Graham of the Eastland Security Institute. “Unless new crossings are established or one side achieves overwhelming fire superiority, Korvos could remain divided for months.”

As night fell this Friday, artillery fire had greatly diminished near areas designated for the neutralized zone, though consistent explosions continued elsewhere along the river. Whether the agreement marks the first step toward de-escalation or merely a pause in the fighting remains uncertain.

For now, Korvos stands as a city split not just by water, but by a conflict with no clear end in sight.

PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEUTRALIZED CIVILIAN ZONE

Southern Korvos (Tiber River Basin)

11 March 2026

Preamble

The Parties to this Agreement,

The Republic of Jorge and The State of Mabis,

Recognizing the urgent need to protect civilian populations in the city of Korvos,

Acknowledging the temporary military situation following the destruction of all fixed crossings over the Tiber River,

Without prejudice to claims of sovereignty or final status,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I - Definition of the Neutralized Zone

A Neutralized Zone (hereafter “the Zone”) is hereby established within designated districts of southern Korvos, located south of the Tiber River.

The precise boundaries of the Zone shall be defined by mutually agreed geographic markers and communicated through military liaison channels.

Article II - Status of Control

The Zone shall remain under Jorggean administrative and security control.

The establishment of the Zone shall not constitute recognition, explicit or implicit, by Mabis of Jorge’s sovereignty or permanent authority over the territory.

Article III - Demilitarization Measures

Jorge shall:

Withdraw all artillery, multiple-launch rocket systems, armored vehicles, and heavy weapons from within the Zone.

Refrain from establishing firing positions, command posts, or logistics depots inside the Zone.

Refrain from conducting any military activities in furtherance of the armed conflict currently taking place between Jorge and Mabis inside the Zone.

Light infantry and internal security forces may remain solely for:

- Public order
- Protection of civilians
- Facilitation of humanitarian operations

Article IV - Prohibitions on Hostilities

Mabis shall:

Cease all artillery, rocket, missile, and indirect fire into the Zone.

Refrain from targeting personnel or facilities located within the Zone.

Both Parties shall abstain from any military action that would endanger civilians inside the Zone.

Refrain from conducting any military activities in furtherance of the armed conflict currently taking place between Mabis and Jorge inside the Zone.

Article V - Humanitarian Access

The Parties shall permit limited humanitarian access to the Zone, subject to security coordination.

Authorized humanitarian activities include:

- Medical evacuation and treatment
- Delivery of food, water, and essential supplies
- Emergency shelter and civilian registration

Humanitarian personnel shall not be targeted or impeded.

Article VI - Monitoring and Compliance

Each Party shall designate liaison officers to monitor compliance.

Alleged violations shall be documented and communicated through established military-to-military channels.

No independent enforcement mechanism is established under this Agreement. Disputes shall be brought to the attention of the UN Humanitarian Compliance Monitoring Mission for the conflict.

Article VII - Duration

This Agreement is provisional and shall remain in effect so long as both Parties adhere to its terms.

Either Party may suspend its obligations in the event of material breach, following notification.

Korvos' Neutralized Zone: Calm, Care...and Quiet Questions

Inside the newly established neutral zone in southern Korvos, daily life has taken on an uneasy but markedly calmer rhythm. After days of relentless shelling and uncertainty, civilians entering the zone describe an atmosphere of relative safety, steady food distribution, and visible efforts by Jorggean forces to present the area as stable and humane.

For many residents, the contrast with the chaos that preceded the agreement is stark.

“We are sleeping through the night for the first time in weeks,” said Reba McClane, a 62-year-old resident of Korvos, clutching a food ration box distributed by aid workers. “There is bread, water, some rice, and no explosions. That is enough for now.”

Orderly Entry, Conditional Access

Entry into the neutralized zone is tightly controlled. At checkpoints along the southern approaches, Jorggean soldiers screen civilians before allowing them to pass. According to multiple civilians interviewed, the process is calm but deliberate.

Individuals seeking entry are asked three standard questions:

1. Whether they are related to any Mabian soldiers or government employees
2. Whether they have knowledge of military or government buildings on the north side of Korvos, still held by Mabis
3. Whether they own a boat, and if so, whether they are willing to sell it to Jorggean authorities

Jorggean officers state that the questions are intended to ensure security and facilitate logistics in a city now divided by a river with no functioning bridges. Civilians who decline to answer are not detained, but they are denied entry into the neutralized zone and redirected away from controlled areas.

“They were polite, not threatening,” said one man who agreed to answer the questions and asked not to be named. “But it was clear, no answers, no entry.”

Another resident, who refused to respond to the second question, said she was turned away. “They told me I could go elsewhere, but not inside,” she said. “I understood their rules, even if I didn’t like them.”

LIFE INSIDE

Jorgge has not publicly addressed the refusal policy, but military spokespeople insist the screenings are consistent with the agreement and necessary to prevent infiltration or misuse of the zone.

Safety and Sustenance

Within the zone itself, conditions appear stable. Heavy weapons are absent, armored vehicles are not visible, and Jorggean soldiers patrol primarily on foot. Aid convoys, operating under coordination with Jorggean authorities, have delivered food, bottled water, and medical supplies to several neighborhoods.

Local clinics report fewer trauma cases since the agreement took effect, though chronic conditions and shortages of specialized medicine remain concerns.

“We are busy, but no longer overwhelmed by mass casualties,” said Lloyd Bowman, nurse at a temporary medical station set up in a former school building. “People are tired, but they feel safe here.”

Children have begun playing again in courtyards and streets cleared of debris, while community kitchens operate under the watch of both aid workers and soldiers.

Drones Overhead

Despite the relative calm on the ground, tension lingers in the skies. Residents and aid personnel have reported seeing Mabian military drones flying over the neutralized zone in recent days, often at high altitude.

Jorggean officials have protested the flights, calling them a violation of the spirit of the agreement. When asked for comment, Mabian authorities defended the surveillance. “We are merely surveilling the area to ensure that our citizens are being well treated while we set up our official monitoring mechanisms,” a Mabian Defense Department spokesperson said in a written statement.

The neutralized zone agreement does not explicitly ban aerial surveillance, leaving the issue in a legal gray area that both sides appear unwilling to escalate, at least for now.

A Fragile Normalcy

For civilians inside the zone, the arrangement feels less like peace and more like a pause held together by mutual restraint.

“No one thinks this will last forever,” said Francis Dolarhyde, a shop owner who reopened his storefront with limited supplies. “But today, my children ate, and tonight we will sleep without running to the basement. That matters.”

As artillery continues to echo faintly from fighting north of the Tiber, the neutralized zone stands as a narrow strip of enforced calm in a divided city, safe for now, but shaped as much by quiet questioning as by relief.



Statement from the Curator of the National Art Museum of Korvos

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Dr. Carolyn Perron, Curator, National Museum of Korvos

MARCH 13, 2026

I issue this statement with profound sorrow and unequivocal condemnation.

Over the past forty-eight hours, Jorggean military units operating in southern Korvos have removed the city's iconic glass statues, 16 in total, from public squares and transported them out of the country to Jorgge. These works are not military assets, not movable decorations, and not spoils of war. They are irreplaceable cultural treasures belonging to the people of Korvos and therefore the shared heritage of humanity.

The statues universally known as The Warren Figures were created between 1989 and 2004 by the late Ed Warren, Korvos's most celebrated sculptor and a foundational figure in contemporary glass art. Each statue stands approximately the height and mass of a fully grown human adult, rendered entirely in layered, hand-blown glass. Their scale alone was considered revolutionary; their execution was thought, even at the time of their unveiling, to be technically impossible to replicate.

Ed Warren died in 2008. He left behind no apprentices capable of reproducing his techniques, no molds, and no written records of his precise methods. Every statue is singularly formed through an experimental process that fused heat-worked glass, internal metal frameworks, and optical layering that gave the figures their characteristic illusion of motion and breath. Any damage, removal, or alteration permanently diminishes them.

For decades, these statues have stood in Korvos's public squares not as ornaments, but as civic anchors. They survived floods, political upheaval, and earlier conflicts precisely because all sides once recognized their value beyond politics. Children learned their names before learning the names of streets. Weddings, vigils, protests, and memorials all gathered beneath their transparent silhouettes. They were deliberately placed in open air so that art, like citizenship, could not be locked away.

Their forcible removal, under military escort, without consultation with cultural authorities in northern Korvos, is an act of cultural dispossession. It strips a besieged city not only of beauty, but of continuity, memory, and dignity at a moment when its civilians are already struggling to hold on to normal life.

No claim of "safekeeping" can justify this action. These statues were never endangered by the public they served. They were endangered only when they were lifted from their foundations and loaded for transport.

I call upon the authorities of Jorgge to:

- Publicly acknowledge the removal of the statues
- Immediately disclose their current location and condition
- Commit to their unconditional return to Korvos once safe transport can be arranged

I further call upon international cultural institutions, museums, and heritage organizations to recognize that the protection of civilians must include the protection of their cultural landmarks. A city does not survive on food and shelter alone; it survives on identity.

Korvos can be divided by a river. It must not be stripped of its soul.

Dr. Carolyn Perron

Curator, National Art Museum of Korvos



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Statement Regarding the Temporary Relocation of the Warren Figures from Southern Korvos

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The Jorggean Armed Forces confirm that, over the past several days, units operating in southern Korvos have undertaken the temporary relocation of the glass sculptures known internationally as the Warren Figures from exposed public squares to secure storage within Jorgge.

This decision was taken solely for protective purposes and in response to the deteriorating security environment in southern Korvos, particularly the continued artillery and indirect fire launched by Mabian forces across the Tiber River. As a result of these strikes, two of the statues sustained visible damage, including cracking and surface fracturing consistent with nearby blast impacts.

The Warren Figures are universally recognized as unique, fragile, and irreplaceable works of art. Their material composition, large-scale, hand-formed glass, renders them exceptionally vulnerable to shockwaves, shrapnel, and vibration. Despite efforts to shield them in place, the ongoing shelling made their continued presence in open public squares untenable. Additionally, the shelling made any attempt to store them in other buildings in Korvos fraught with risk to both our service members and the Figures themselves.

Clarification of Military Activity

The Jorggean Armed Forces categorically state the following:

- While Jorggean units have moved through areas adjacent to certain public squares during operations in southern Korvos,
- No public square containing a Warren Figure was designated, occupied, or used as a permanent military position, firing point, command post, or logistics site.
- The presence of forces in these areas was transitory and operationally unavoidable in an active urban environment, not a deliberate militarization of cultural sites.



The continued targeting of southern Korvos by Mabian artillery, regardless of military posture, created an unacceptable risk to cultural landmarks and to civilians sheltering nearby.

Rationale for Relocation

In the absence of functioning bridges, stable ceasefire conditions, or effective third-party monitoring mechanisms, the Jorggean Armed Forces determined that temporary removal was the only viable means of preventing further damage or total loss of the sculptures.

The statues were:

- Carefully dismantled under engineering supervision
- Transported using vibration-controlled vehicles
- Catalogued and documented prior to movement

They are currently held in secure, climate-controlled facilities under protective custody.

Commitment to Cultural Preservation

Jorgge recognizes the profound cultural importance of the Warren Figures to the people of Korvos and to the broader international artistic community. Their relocation does not constitute seizure, appropriation, or permanent transfer of ownership.

The Jorggean Armed Forces reiterate that the protection of civilians includes the protection of cultural heritage, particularly when that heritage is placed at risk by continued hostilities beyond our control.

End of Statement