

## Britain

## 'Extremism at home'

## Parliament honors stabbed lawmaker

LONDON, Oct 18, (AP) - Britain's Parliament opened a somber session on Monday to honor the Conservative lawmaker stabbed to death as he met constituents, an attack that has raised questions about how the country protects its politicians and grapples with extremism at home.

The tributes from shaken and grieving colleagues come as detectives try to determine whether David Amess was targeted simply because he was a legislator, or for more individual reasons.

A 25-year-old British man with Somali heritage, Ali Harbi Ali, was arrested at the scene of the attack and is being held under the Terrorism Act on suspicion of murder. Police say the suspect appears to have acted alone and may have had a "motivation linked to Islamist extremism."

The death of the popular legislator who had served in Parliament for almost 40 years shocked Britain, especially its politicians. It came five years after Labour Party lawmaker Jo Cox was shot and stabbed to death by a far-right extremist. Cox was the first British lawmaker to be killed since a peace accord ended large-scale Northern Ireland violence almost 30 years earlier.

The House of Commons returned Monday from a three-week break for a session that opened with a prayer from the Speaker's chaplain, Tricia Hillas, who said: "May the bright memory of his rich life ever outshine the tragic manner of his death." It was followed by a minute of silence from hundreds of lawmakers in the chamber.

Several hours of tributes will be followed by a service at the medieval St. Margaret's Church in the shadow of Parliament.

The government has ordered a review of lawmakers' security following the attack on Friday. British politicians are protected by armed police when they are in Parliament but generally are not given such protection when they meet with constituents in the districts they represent.

That is despite the fact that many politicians say the amount of abuse they receive, both online and in person, has soared in recent years. Police in Wales said Monday they had arrested a 76-year-old man on suspicion of sending a death threat to Labour lawmaker Chris Bryant, the latest in a string of threats to politicians.

Bryant said the tenor of politics was "more sour now than I've known it in 20 years."

Nick Thomas-Symonds, crime and policing spokesman for the main opposition Labour Party, said he and many other politicians received "intimidation while out on the streets, death threats, terrible letters, awful emails."

"I don't know a member of Parliament who has not suffered in that way," he told the BBC. "It's clear that something now has to change."

While many politicians fear for their safety, most also resist putting more barriers between themselves and the public in a country with a tradition of particular openness and where lawmakers regularly hold open meetings with those they represent. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's spokesman, Max Blain, said that security would be reviewed, but "this attack cannot get in the way of democracy."

"We will not be cowed by those who seek to divide us and spread hate and the PM has been struck by the bravery and commitment to serving constituents expressed by many MPs following Sir David's death," he said.

The killing has also renewed debate about the threat from people radicalized by Islamic extremist or far-right ideology.

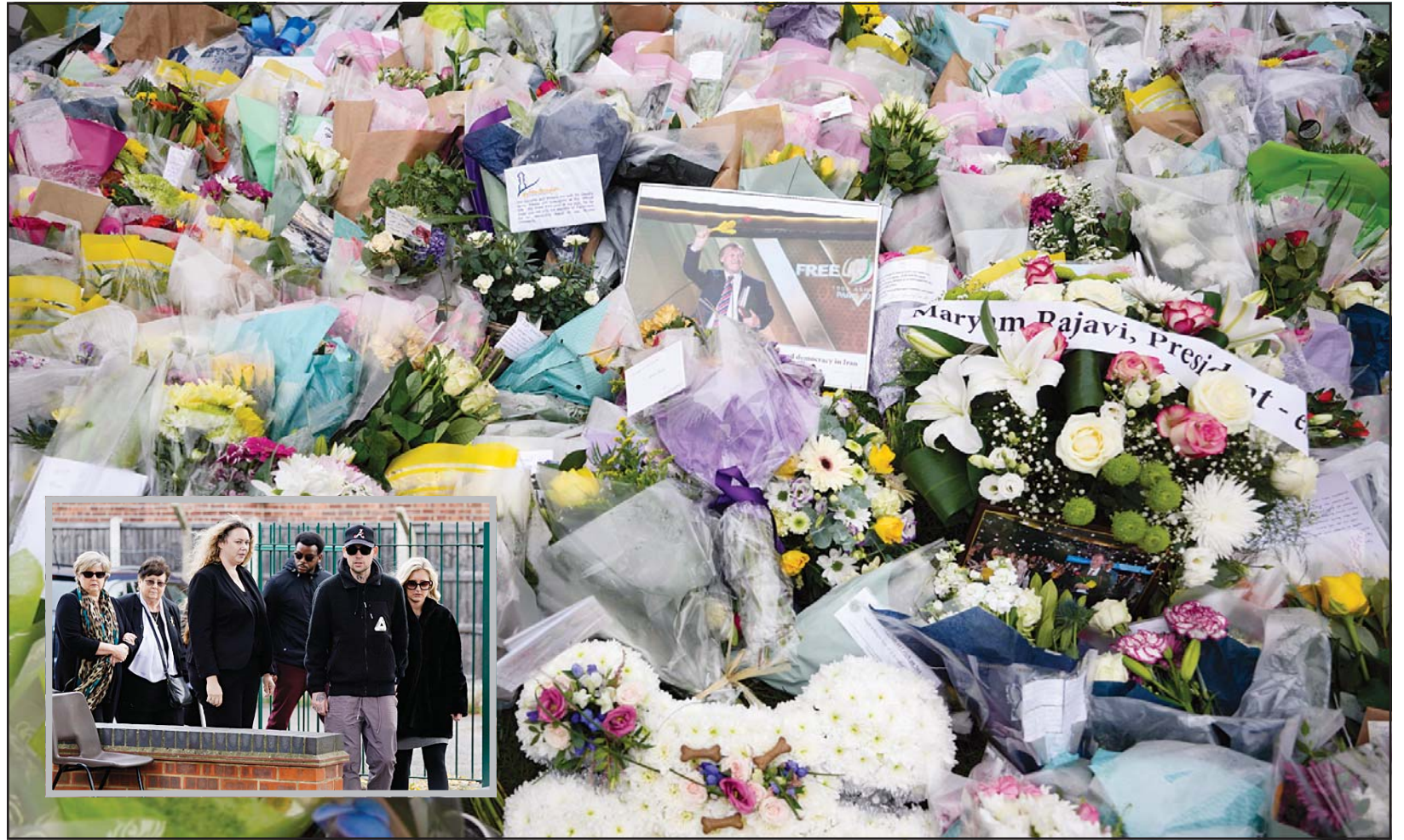
Multiple media outlets have reported that the suspect was referred several years ago to a government-sponsored program designed to steer people away from extremism, but was not considered a current subject of interest by the security services.

Ali comes from a family prominent in politics in Somalia. His father, Harbi Ali Kullane, a former adviser to Somalia's prime minister, told the Sunday Times he was "traumatized" by the attack and his son's arrest.

Police have until Friday to question the suspect, and are working to determine what, if any, connection he had to Amess and why he targeted the lawmaker. The politician's meeting with voters in the seaside town of Leigh-on-Sea was public and open to all.



Amess



Floral tributes lie on the road leading to the Belfairs Methodist Church where British lawmaker David Amess, was killed Friday during a meeting with constituents, in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England. (Inset): Julia Amess (left), the widow of Conservative MP Amess, arrives with friends and family members to view flowers and tributes left for her late husband at Belfairs Methodist Church, (AP)



Vice President Kamala Harris waves at the end of a discussion of different care policies ranging from at-home medical care to childcare, during a virtual town hall, Thursday, Oct 14. (AP)

## America

**Sinclair identifies data breach:** Sinclair Broadcast Group said Monday that it suffered a data breach and is still working to determine what information the data contained.

The company said it started investigating the potential security incident on Saturday and on Sunday it identified certain servers and workstations that were encrypted with ransomware. It also found that certain office and operational networks were disrupted. Data was also taken from the company's network.

The Hunt Valley, Maryland-based company owns and/or operates 21 regional sports network and owns, operates and/or provides services to 185 television stations in 86 markets.

Sinclair said it's taken measures to contain the incident and that its forensic investigation is ongoing. However, the company said that the data breach has caused - and may continue to cause - disruption to parts of its business, including

certain aspects of local advertisements by local broadcast stations on behalf of its customers. The company said that it is working diligently to restore operations quickly and securely. (AP)

**Jill surprises her 'prayer partner':**

Jill Biden on Sunday returned to the South Carolina Baptist church where she says she began to repair her relationship with God following her son's death from

government funding that could distract from getting the president's agenda across the finish line.

Biden is trying to stabilize his presidency after a difficult stretch marked by the tumultuous end of the Afghanistan war, a diplomatic spat with a longtime ally and a surge in COVID-19 cases that rattled the nation's economic recovery and sent his poll numbers tumbling.

His team has continued its strategy - one that served it well during the campaign and earlier this year - of blocking out the outside noise to stay focused on a singular mission, this time to pass the two-part package that will give Democrats a platform on which to run in next year's midterm elections.

"These bills, in my view, are literally about competitiveness versus complacency, about opportunity versus decay, and about leading the world or continuing to let the world move by us," Biden said Friday while pushing the legislation in Connecticut.

Yet beneath the White House's pleas for patience - reminding people that hard things take time - is a bubbling sense of urgency that a deal needs to be struck rapidly.

For the White House, there are the explicit target dates, including an end-of-month deadline on transportation funding and Biden's upcoming foreign trip. But there are also more abstract imperatives: proving Democrats can deliver on their promises to voters and protecting Biden's waning political capital.

With new urgency, the administration has sent signals to Capitol Hill in recent days that it is time to wrap up negotiations, that a deal needs to be reached, according to two White House officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations. Biden himself has expressed impatience and will be increasing his own personal outreach this week to push lawmakers to find a compromise and bring the bills to a vote, the officials said.

## Agenda

## Bid to showcase administration's accomplishments

## Biden faces critical next two weeks

WASHINGTON, Oct 18, (AP) - US President Joe Biden is entering a crucial two weeks for his ambitious agenda, racing to conclude contentious congressional negotiations ahead of both domestic deadlines and a chance to showcase his administration's accomplishments on a global stage.

Biden and his fellow Democrats are struggling to bridge intraparty divides by month's end to pass a bipartisan infrastructure bill and a larger social services package. The president hopes to nail down both before Air Force One lifts off for Europe on Oct. 28 for a pair of world leader summits, including the most ambitious climate change meeting in years.

But that goal has been jeopardized by fractures among Democrats, imperiling the fate of promised sweeping new efforts to grapple with climate change. There's also rising anxiety within the party about a bellwether gubernatorial contest in Virginia and looming Senate fights over the federal debt limit and



Beau



Jill

brain cancer six years ago.

The first lady quietly flew to West Columbia for a surprise appearance at the 50th anniversary celebration for Pastor Charles B. Jackson Sr. of Brookland Baptist Church. But she ended up giving one of the most extensive explanations yet of how her faith wavered after Beau Biden's death and how she found her way back to God with help from her "prayer partner" - Robin Jackson, the pastor's wife. (AP)

Including a series of activities and events in collaboration with "Sidra Association" and a number of well-known brands

## "Chery Alghanim" organizes an awareness campaign titled "Together We Rise", to provide emotional and psychological support for breast cancer fighters

As part of its social responsibility and its deep connection with the community, and in response to the needs of female clients, coinciding with the Breast Cancer Awareness Month throughout the month of October, Chery Alghanim organized a number of activities and events for this occasion aiming to spread awareness and knowledge about the necessity of early detection of breast cancer with the aim of full recovery from it.

These activities were the movements of support "Chery Alghanim" reflected to raise awareness of breast cancer under a very inspiring headline "Together We Rise" and in partnership with "Al-Sidra Association" for the Emotional Care of Cancer Fighters, in order to show the care of "Chery Alghanim" for women on such important occasions.

The campaign received a very well media coverage in order to benefit the largest possible segment of society, as it included



The campaign involved a yoga class and a flower arrangement workshop in partnership with "Floward", with the participation of women who fought breast cancer

a set of diverse and purposeful activities, hosted by the "Sidra Association", in the presence of its Chairman, Sheikha Azza Jaber Al-Ali Al-Sabah, especially since the association's headquarters is a suitable place for such events; providing a calm, comfortable and safe environment for events prepared for cancer fighters.

**Yoga Class**

The first of the activities was with a "Yoga" class due to its great importance as an essential element in the journey of recovering and fighting cancer for many patients. The class was given by a very specialized Yoga Trainer, Huda, on October 6 at the headquarters of "Sidra Association" with the participation of 12 women.

**Flower Arrangement workshop with "Floward"**

One of the campaign's activities also included a very thoughtful and special

flower arrangement workshop on Wednesday, October 13, in collaboration with "Floward", where 10 to 12 women were invited to the "Sidra Association" headquarters to participate in it, with the aim of training them to arrange their own flower bouquets.

50% discount on mammograms for all women over the age of 40 in collaboration with "Taiba" Hospital

"Chery Alghanim" collaborated with a number of food and beverage brands, including: "ZO Bakery", "Super Foods" and "Nagwa".

Among the awareness activities, "Chery Alghanim" placed a large signage on one of their trucks roaming the streets of Kuwait, with a very touching and deep message about breast cancer awareness. And with an honorable collaboration with "Taiba" Hospital, a 50% discount on mammograms was offered to all women over the age of 40.

Chery Alghanim continues to support this cause in its showrooms by placing awareness tent cards and posting on social media. You can visit Shuwaikh and Fahaheel locations to connect with this cause.

