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BRUSSELS — Once a happy-go-lucky student at one of Brussels' most prestigious high schools, Saint-Pierre d'Uccle, Abdelhamid Abaaoud morphed into Belgium's most notorious jihadi, a zealot so devoted to the cause of holy war that he recruited his 13-year-old brother to join him in Syria.

The child of Moroccan immigrants who grew up in the Belgian capital's scruffy and multiethnic Molenbeek-Saint-Jean neighborhood, the fugitive,

in his late 20s, was identified by French authorities on Monday as the presumed mastermind of the attacks last Friday in Paris that killed 129 people and injured hundreds.

What's more, one French official with direct knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that Abaaoud is believed to have links to earlier terror attacks that were thwarted: one against a Paris-bound high-speed train that was foiled by three young Americans in August, and the other against a church in the French capital's suburbs.

The official wasn't autho-

rized to make public comments on the subject and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"All my life, I have seen the blood of Muslims flow," Abaaoud said in a video made public in 2014. "I pray that Allah will break the backs of those who oppose him, his soldiers and his admirers, and that he will exterminate them."

Belgian authorities suspect him of also helping organize and

finance a terror cell in the eastern city of Verviers that was broken up in an armed police raid on Jan. 15, in which two of his presumed

accomplices were killed.

The following month, Abaaoud was quoted by the Islamic State group's English-language magazine, Dabiq, as saying that he had secretly returned to Belgium to lead the terror cell and then escaped to Syria in the aftermath of the raid despite having his picture broadcast across the news.

"I was even stopped by an officer who contemplated me so as

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to compare me to the picture, but he let me go, as he did not see the resemblance!" Abaaoud boasted.

There was no official comment from the Belgian federal prosecutor's office about Abaaoud's reported role in the Paris attacks. Belgian police over the weekend announced the arrest of three suspects in Molenbeek, his old neighborhood, and were carrying out numerous searches there Monday.

The hardscrabble area in the west of Brussels has long been considered a focal point of Islamic radicalism and recruitment of foreign fighters to go to Iraq and Syria.

Abaaoud's image became grimmer after independent journalists Etienne Huver and Guillaume Lhotellier, visiting the Turkish-Syrian frontier, obtained photos and video last year of Abaaoud's

exploits across Syria. The material included footage of him and his friends loading a pickup truck and a make-shift trailer with a mound of bloodied corpses.

Before driving off, a grinning Abaaoud tells the camera: "Before we towed jet skis, motorcycles, quad bikes, big trailers filled with gifts for vacation in Morocco. Now, thank God, following God's path, we're towing apostates, infidels who are fighting us."

Huver told The Associated Press Monday the video was too fragmentary to say much about Abaaoud's character, but that he detected some signs the Belgian was moving into a leadership role.

"On the one hand I'm surprised," Huver said of Abaaoud's prominence. "On the other hand, I saw that there were beginnings of

something. You can see that he's giving orders. You can feel a charismatic guy who's going up in the world. ... You can see a combatant who's ready to climb the ranks."

French authorities didn't immediately disclose the nature of the Belgian jihadi's purported connection to a pair of foiled terrorism incidents earlier this year in France.

On Aug. 21, a heavily armed passenger who boarded an Amsterdam-to-Paris Thalys high-speed train at Brussels

opened fire in a train car before being overpowered by three Americans, two of them off-duty members of the U.S. armed forces.

French media reported the gunman in the abortive attack, Ayoub El Khazzani, 25, from Morocco, may have had ties to groups being investigated by counter-terrorism

officials in Belgium.

Belgian authorities launched an investigation into his possible accomplices. El Khazzani has been jailed in France on various charges including attempted murder in connection with terrorism and participation in a terror conspiracy.

On April 19, French authorities said they thwarted a plot to attack a church in the Paris suburb of Villejuif after the alleged perpetrator apparently shot himself in the leg and called police.

Arriving officers traced the blood to the car of Sid Ahmed Ghlam, in which they found an arsenal of weapons and indications he was planning to storm a church later in the day.

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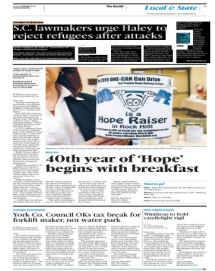
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COLUMBIA
More than a dozen S.C. lawmakers Monday called on Gov. Nikki Haley to block international refugees from coming to South Carolina.

The calls came after attacks that killed more than 125 people in Paris over the weekend, renewing fears of terrorists com-

ing to the United States while posing as refugees. Haley has backed the efforts of faith groups in Spartanburg to resettle refugees in South Carolina. However, late Monday, Haley asked the U.S. State Department not to resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina, citing the difficulty of

checking their back-grounds.

State Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler, R-Gaffney, who represents parts of western and northern York

County, wrote to the governor, saying, "With the bombings and shootings in Paris this weekend, we need to be even more vigilant

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about protecting the state of South Carolina and her citizens. We do not want potential terrorists in our state."

State Sen. Lee Bright, R-Spartanburg, Rep. Bill Chumley, R-Spartanburg, and Rep. Mike Burns, R-Greenville, co-signed a separate letter urging Haley to "immediately halt the refugee resettlement program in South Carolina."

Twelve other S.C. House Republicans, including Speaker Pro Tempore Tommy Pope, R-York, sent a third letter to Haley, noting "at least six

other governors have decided to reject the federal government's plans to relocate refugees within their borders. We urge you to do the same as quickly as possible."

The Islamic State terrorist organization has claimed responsibility for the Paris attacks. One of the terrorists who took part in that attack is thought to have entered Europe with refugees fleeing Syria, a stronghold for the terrorist organization.

A spokesman for one of two groups that has relocated refugees to the state said Monday that neither

his group nor another has brought any Syrian refugees into South Carolina. Instead, the spokesman said, 90 percent of the refugees that his group has helped have come from Burma and the Congo.

Talking to reporters Monday, Haley said she was not aware of any Syrian refugees coming to South Carolina.

However, she said she plans to find out whether that has changed. "If we think in any way whatsoever South Carolinians are going to be in danger, we're going to change our policy."

No Syrian refugees have arrived in South Carolina this year, said Jason Lee, director of the S.C. office of World Relief, which helps churches minister to refugees in the Greenville-Spartanburg area.

Lee said it was his understanding that Lutheran Services Carolinas, the other S.C. refugee organization, also has not brought any Syrian refugees into the state. That group did not return phone calls Monday.

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Often, “refugees are fleeing terrorists themselves,” Lee said.

World Relief follows a “very rigorous” screening process that takes 18 to 24 months for incoming refugees, Lee said.

World Relief has approval to bring an additional 116 refugees to the Spartanburg area in 2016, Lee said. None are Syrian.

“We grieve with the situation that’s happened in Paris,” Lee said. “We

hope people understand there are millions of refugees displaced and we’re guided by a biblical call, a Christian call, to try to help them.”

State Rep. James Smith, D-Richland, said a knee-jerk decision to close U.S. borders to refugees is “not who we are as the American people,” calling on Haley not to stop the programs.

“What about the guy who’s fought in combat with American Special Forces for a decade?” asked Smith, a major in the S.C. National Guard. Smith, who served in

Afghanistan, said one of his interpreters there recently drowned when trying to flee to freedom along the refugee trail from Turkey to Europe. The interpreter, who had worked alongside Smith for almost seven months, was trying to obtain a special immigrant visa to enter the United States that is offered to interpreters who aid U.S. forces.

Haley said she planned to talk to U.S. Homeland Security and the FBI officials Monday about refugees being brought to South Carolina.

Haley added the refu-

gees being brought to the state are people who have been persecuted for being Christians or for their political beliefs. Some also are interpreters who assisted the U.S. military “and saved our American lives and so, in turn, we saved theirs.”

Refugees in S.C. through World Relief

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States sign new deal for
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SAVANNAH, Ga. - A proposed \$4.5 billion port terminal to be shared by Georgia and South Carolina came closer to reality Monday as the states' port officials signed a new deal for managing the project and voted to ask a federal agency for the permits required to start construction.

Governors of the neighboring states decided eight years ago to work together on developing the Jasper Ocean Terminal on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River. The plan calls for the states to jointly run a shipping terminal with space for up to 7 million cargo containers before growing business causes the ports of Savannah and Charleston to run out of room.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said the new agreement will help ensure "that we not only grow today but that we continue to grow for decades to come." And South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley hailed the deal as "an incredible opportunity to strengthen our ports system."

After years of studying — and sometimes debating — whether the massive project was feasible, port officials from both states have now agreed to spend the coming years working toward designing and financing the shared terminal while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducts the environmental studies required before

construction can begin.

Paperwork asking the Corps' Charleston District to begin studies on the land construction should be submitted before Thanksgiving, said Doug Marchand, the project's executive adviser. A similar packet seeking permits to widen and deepen the shipping channel is expected to be sent to the agency's Savannah District in early December.

The terminal would be built in Jasper County, South Carolina, across the river from Savannah. Environmental studies could take eight years, with years of construction following. Consultants have said 2029 is the earliest they would expect to see completion of the project's first phase, which is expected to cost more than \$2 billion.

The new joint project agreement calls for Georgia and South Carolina to each shoulder half the Jasper terminal's costs.

The states still need to decide how they would pay for it. Jeffrey Holt, a banker who specializes in financing for port expansions and other infrastructure projects, told the board overseeing the Jasper County terminal Monday that for every \$1 billion borrowed, the states should expect to pay \$50 million to \$130 million each year to cover debt obligations.

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that the volunteer organizations are focusing on," Shwedo said. But "they can't do anything without contributions coming from this organization."

Haley indicated she won't push for Congress to pass a relief package for South Carolina like the one passed for Hurricane Sandy relief in 2013. Four of South Carolina's congressmen and both U.S. senators vot-

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"There's a small pool right now who are the most vulnerable

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ed against that package, so it's unclear whether something like that could pass.

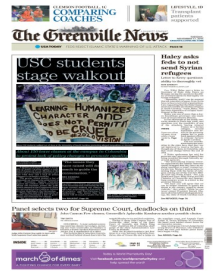
Haley said residents can't wait on a political fight in Washington.

"We can go to Congress and we can go through that whole fight of doing that, but I know the generosity of the people of South Carolina, and I want these

people to have their homes now," Haley said.

Haley announced a wide-ranging committee that will help raise money. They include former GOP Gov. David Beasley, comedian Stephen Colbert, Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson, musician Darius Rucker, University of South Carolina women's basketball coach Dawn Staley and more.

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A group of students at the University of South Carolina staged a walkout of classes at 11 a.m. Monday at the university's Columbia campus to protest what they call a lack of policy changes to promote equality.

The group, which posted a list of demands on change.org addressed to USC President Harris Pastides, signed the petition 2020 Visionaries. About 150 students joined the walk, which started at the Longstreet Theatre and ended at the Osborne Admini-

stration Building in the Horseshoe.

There, they met with university officials and presented a list of grievances and demands for change.

"We appreciate our students making their voice heard, participating in civil discourse and continuing the dialogue toward making our campus a safe and welcoming environment for all students," said Wes Hickman, USC spokesman. "The issues they have raised will do much to guide the con-

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versation. In fact, many are already being addressed or are included in the university's strategic plans."

The group's petition lists 12 racial or gender identity demands it wants the university to address. Demands include expanding minority recruitment,

adding gender-neutral housing for transgender students, increasing funding for the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the Counseling Center, mandatory diversity training for faculty and staff, and restructuring Homecoming "to accurately reflect and celebrate the various communities and cultures that

exist and continue to grow within our campus, our alumni, and our community."

The 2020 Visionaries want USC to create a Student board of trustees to oversee implementation of the demands before 2020.

The protest comes days after Pastides emailed a letter to the

USC community that detailed steps the university has taken to address diversity, including listening forums, meetings with students, faculty and staff and hiring John Dozier two years ago as the university's first chief diversity officer.

Dozier has begun to draft an initiative to ad-

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dress race issues and reconciliation, Pastides said.

The university also has created a task force to explore ways to eliminate discrimination, hazing, sexual assault and alcohol and drug abuse.

The task force will present a full report and recommendations in the spring semester, Hickman said.

The walkout follows actions taken on other university campuses in recent weeks – most notably the University of Missouri – where students held similar walkouts to protest diversity issues.

The group's letter says USC's issues are more locally directed.

"We stand with Mizzou, but our needs are different," it says.

Clemson University President Jim Clements also sent a letter to Clemson students Monday in response to the events that took place on other college campuses last week.

"Last week was a challenging one for many colleges and universities across America as voices calling for changes to campus culture regarding race and inclusiveness grew louder," Clements said. "All of us charged with leading universities are paying close attention to the events of the past few weeks and are looking for lessons that may apply to our own campuses."

Some Clemson students "face hurtful discouraging and even vile comments on a daily basis" on social media,

Clements said in his letter. "Social media reminds us, distressingly, that sexual harassment, racism and other forms of discrimination are part of the daily conversation right here at Clemson," he said.

Clemson needs to communicate with transparency its efforts to improve diversity, Clements said.

A history task force created by the university's board of trustees has met multiple times this semester and has approved wording for three historical markers that document the role of slavery, convict labor and Native Americans in the history of the university and the land it was built upon.

Clemson has scheduled open listening sessions Wednesday and Fri-

day for the Clemson community to present ideas or concerns for the history task force.

Clements said he's asked his leadership team for a near-term plan to find a better space for the recently opened Gantt Multicultural Center and access and equity offices on campus. He also wants Clemson to develop a long-term plan for a new multicultural center.

This comes as Clemson searches for a new chief diversity officer following the retirement of Leon Wiles. Max Allen, Clements' chief of staff, is acting as interim chief.

Gov. Nikki Haley said she hopes the protest leads to both sides listening and acting where needed.

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Letter to Kerry questions ability to thoroughly vet

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Gov. Nikki Haley sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday saying she questions the ability of federal agents to thoroughly vet Syrian refugees.

"Therefore, until I can be assured that all potential refugees from Syria have no ties to terrorist organizations, I am requesting that the State Department not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina," wrote Haley, who has been supportive of refugee resettlement in the state.

Haley was one of more than a dozen Republican governors who made such pronouncements Monday.

In the aftermath of the deadly terrorist attacks in Paris last week, and questions over the possibility of one of the attackers having entered

France as a Syrian refugee, several legislators sent let-

ters to the governor urging her to push back against efforts to relocate Syrians in South Carolina. The two resettlement agencies operating in the state have said they are not approved to receive Syrians, although one of them, in Columbia, said that could change before the end of 2016.

A Haley spokesman has said the governor can't prevent refugees from being resettled through federally approved agencies.

"The international Islamic terrorist organization the Islamic State has openly bragged that they have an ongoing operation to insert trained terrorists into Western democracies by mixing them with the horde of refugees coming out of the war-torn Mid-

dle East and North Africa," Sen. Lee Bright and Reps. Mike Burns and Bill Chumley of Greenville and Spartanburg counties wrote in a letter to the governor Monday.

"We hope you will agree that we can no longer continue to ignore the threat to our country posed by these radicals," they added. "While we can never expect President Barack Obama to alter his leftist ideological strategy, the state of South Carolina must

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do everything in our power to halt this potential invasion."

Meanwhile, the Islamic Society of Greenville condemned the "horrific crimes" committed by terrorists in France and said the attackers were not acting in accord with the principles of Islam.

"Killing of innocent lives is not supported by any religion, let alone Islam, which has so clearly condemned in many verses in Quran," a statement released by the Muslim organization says. "This kind of irrational ideology is as foreign to

us as it is to any civilized human being belonging to any religion or any school of thought."

Concerns over the possibilities of terrorists slipping into South Carolina under the guise of refugees stems in part from a lack of background information available on Syrians as they flee from their war-torn nation, a point U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan made frequently prior to last Friday's attacks.

On Monday, he issued a statement calling on President Obama to "immediately halt" the resettlement of any refugees

from Syria, and other countries with known radical Islamic terrorist cells, "at least until ISIS has been defeated and an improved refugee vetting process has been established."

"This is a chilling reminder to Europe and the United States

that open border policies endanger our communities," the 3rd District Republican said. "Islamic extremists will continue to infiltrate and radicalize citizens living within our borders with the goal of committing acts of terror and intimidation."



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“While America has a proud history of providing refuge for those who have been persecuted for their beliefs or otherwise face imminent harm, we have a duty to ensure the necessary background investigations can be done to stop terrorists from exploiting Americans’ generosity and ruthlessly taking more innocent lives,” he said.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, who has made defeating radical Islam the centerpiece of his flagging campaign for the Republican nomination for president.

“The one thing I’ve learned from Paris is that we need to have a timeout on bringing refugees into this country until we have a system that we think will work,” he said in a statement released by his office.

Also, Sen. Tim Scott has called on Obama to suspend admission of Syrian refugees.

“My heart goes out to those families directly impacted by the crisis in Syria, however in absence of a fail-proof system, we simply cannot put American lives at risk.”

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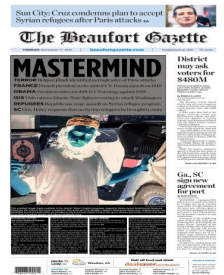
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The official wasn't authorized to make public comments on the subject and spoke on condition of anonymity.

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to make public comments on the subject and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"All my life, I have seen the blood of Muslims flow," Abaaoud said in a video made public in 2014. "I pray that Allah will break the backs of those who oppose him, his soldiers and his admirers, and that he will exterminate them."

Belgian authorities suspect him of also helping organize and

finance a terror cell in the eastern city of Verviers that was broken up in an armed police raid on Jan. 15, in which two of his presumed accomplices were killed.

The following month, Abaaoud was quoted by the Islamic State group's English-language magazine, Dabiq, as saying that he had secretly returned to Belgium to lead the terror cell and then escaped to Syria in the aftermath of the raid despite having his picture broadcast across the news.

"I was even stopped by an officer who contemplated me so as

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to compare me to the picture, but he let me go, as he did not see the resemblance!" Abaaoud boasted.

There was no official comment from the Belgian federal prosecutor's office about Abaaoud's reported role in the Paris attacks. Belgian police over the weekend announced the arrest of three suspects in Molenbeek, his old neighborhood, and were carrying out numerous searches there Monday.

The hardscrabble area in the west of Brussels has long been considered a focal point of Islamic radicalism and recruitment of foreign fighters to go to Iraq and Syria.

Abaaoud's image became grimmer after independent journalists Etienne Huver and Guillaume Lhotellier, visiting the Turkish-Syrian frontier, obtained photos and video last year of Abaaoud's

exploits across Syria. The material included footage of him and his friends loading a pickup truck and a make-shift trailer with a mound of bloodied corpses.

Before driving off, a grinning Abaaoud tells the camera: "Before we towed jet skis, motorcycles, quad bikes, big trailers filled with gifts for vacation in Morocco. Now, thank God, following God's path, we're towing apostates, infidels who are fighting us."

Huver told The Associated Press Monday the video was too fragmentary to say much about Abaaoud's character, but that he detected some signs the Belgian was moving into a leadership role.

"On the one hand I'm surprised," Huver said of Abaaoud's prominence. "On the other hand, I saw that there were beginnings of

something. You can see that he's giving orders. You can feel a charismatic guy who's going up in the world. ... You can see a combatant who's ready to climb the ranks."

French authorities didn't immediately disclose the nature of the Belgian jihadi's purported connection to a pair of foiled terrorism incidents earlier this year in France.

On Aug. 21, a heavily-armed passenger who boarded an Amsterdam-to-Paris Thalys high-speed train at Brussels

opened fire in a train car before being overpowered by three Americans, two of them off-duty members of the U.S. armed forces.

French media reported the gunman in the abortive attack, Ayoub El Khazzani, 25, from Morocco, may have had ties to groups being investigated by counter-terrorism

officials in Belgium.

Belgian authorities launched an investigation into his possible accomplices. El Khazzani has been jailed in France on various charges including attempted murder and participation in a terror conspiracy.

On April 19, French authorities said they thwarted a plot to attack a church in the Paris suburb of Villejuif after the alleged perpetrator apparently shot himself in the leg and called police.

Arriving officers traced the blood to the car of Sid Ahmed Ghlam, in which they found an arsenal of weapons and indications he was planning to storm a church later in the day.

French authorities have said the plot was masterminded from Syria.