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Senior economics major Jason Sanders gets some Recreation Center. Sanders' "La Grange" team plays practice spikes Tuesday afternoon at the Student the Intramural C league.

Suicide attackers storm Masonic lodge in Turkey

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ISTANBUL, Turkey — Two suicide attackers stormed a Masonic lodge Tuesday opening fire with automatic weapons and setting off explosions that killed one person and wounded five, officials said.

One of the attackers also died and one was injured in the assault, which comes months after four suicide bombings blamed on al-Qaida killed dozens of people in Istanbul.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, said Gov. Muammer Guler.

CNN-Turk television said a man chanted "Allah, Allah" before setting off one of the explosions.

Police identified one of the injured, Abdullah Islam, as an attacker, CNN-Turk reported, adding that he was being treated for wounds caused by explosives strapped to his body.



SOURCE: Associated Press AP

the wounded was reported to be in critical condition, officials said.

The Masons, a secret society that traces its roots to medieval craft associations, are active in this predominantly Muslim but strictly secular country.

Four suicide attacks against two synagogues, the British Consulate and a British school killed 62 people in Istanbul last year. Prosecutors have indicted 69 people suspected of belonging to a local al-Qaida cell in the case. Underground leftist and Kurdish groups also are active in Istanbul.

There are an estimated 5 million to 6 million Masons worldwide, pledged to the principles of brotherliness, charity and mutual aid.

Masonic practices include oath-swearing, rituals and pledges of secrecy, conducted in Masonic temples by officials wearing regalia.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mesas to be purchased for wildlife refuge

AUSTIN (AP) — A Central Texas ranch that includes several of the towering sandstone-capped mesas known as the Yegua Knobs will be managed by a land trust after a national conservation group purchased the tract with proceeds from an air pollution settlement.

The 302-acre ranch includes habitat of the

endangered Houston toad and will be used for scientific research, with a management plan eventually include limited recreation.

Trust for Public Land recently used \$574,000 from the Alcoa Inc. pollution settlement to purchase the tract from Roy Knippa of Braunfels, then transfer it to the Bastrop-Pines and Prairies Land Trust. The nonprofit Bastrop trust plans to manage the mostly forested property as the first privately-owned wildlife refuge in Bastrop or Lee counties.

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