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Islamists See Opportunity For Rise In Egypt

CAIRO (AP) — Islamic hard-liners, some of them heavily suppressed under three decades of Hosni Mubarak's regime, are enthusiastically diving into Egypt's new freedoms, forming political parties to enter upcoming elections and raising alarm that they will try to lead the country into fundamentalist rule.

Some militants, taking advantage of a security vacuum, aren't waiting for the political process. They have attacked Christians and liquor stores, trying to impose their austere version of Islamic law in provincial towns.

The Islamists' newfound energy prompted the ruling military to warn on Monday that Egypt "will not be turned into Gaza or Iran."

Islamists could fare well in parliamentary elections scheduled for September, especially if the various groups run on a unified ticket. Their chances are boosted by the disarray among other groups. Traditional opposition parties were deeply restricted under Mubarak's 29-year rule and have no popular base to speak of. The liberal youth groups behind the 18-day uprising that forced Mubarak to step down on Feb. 11 are still scrambling to organize before voting day.

The Islamists, furthermore, are well funded and organized. The most established fundamentalist group, the Muslim Brotherhood, has years of experience in contesting elections.

Boeing Engineers Didn't Expect Fatigue

PHOENIX (AP) — Boeing was surprised when a section of a Southwest jetliner's fuselage ripped open in flight because the plane wasn't old enough to be worrisome, a company official said Tuesday, as the airline cleared most of its older 737 planes to return to the skies.

Southwest said it had inspected nearly all of the jets it grounded after the accident on Friday. Five were found with the same kinds of cracks suspected of causing the 5-foot-long hole to open as the jet cruised around 34,000 feet. The planes are being repaired, the airline said.

Boeing engineers did not expect to see the cracks because they thought they had designed the joints that hold the 737-300s' aluminum skin in place to be more robust.

They believe the planes would not need inspections for at least 60,000 pressurization cycles, the number of times that a plane takes off and lands. The company hadn't even issued inspection specifications because none of the planes involved were anywhere near that old.

The Southwest jet was 15 years old and logged 39,000 cycles.

Condemned Texas Prisoner Gets Reprieve

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court blocked the first scheduled execution of a Texas death row inmate using a new drug cocktail on Tuesday, although the proposed lethal mix was not mentioned in the court's decision to reconsider the merits of the condemned man's appeal.

Cleve Foster was to have been executed hours later for the 2002 slaying of a Sudanese woman in Fort Worth — the first Texas execution since the state switched to pentobarbital in its three-drug mixture. The sedative has already been used for executions in Oklahoma and Ohio.

On Tuesday morning, the high court agreed to reconsider its January order denying Foster's appeal that raised claims of innocence and poor legal help during his trial and early stages of his appeals.

Foster's lawyers also have argued that Texas prison officials violated administrative procedures last month when they announced the switch to pentobarbital from sodium thiopental, which is in short supply nationwide. Foster's lawyers contend that the rules change in Texas required more time for public comment and review. Lower courts have rejected their appeals and attorneys had planned to take their case to the Texas Supreme Court.

At the same time, defense lawyers sought a rehearing before the U.S. Supreme Court on the high court's rejection of an appeal in January. At that time, it stopped Foster's execution at the last moment, then rejected his claims a week later, clearing the way for Tarrant County authorities to schedule the execution for Tuesday.

Study: Risks Fade After Quitting Estrogen

CHICAGO (AP) — Strokes and other health problems linked with estrogen pills appear to fade when women quit taking them after menopause, the first long-term follow-up of a landmark study found. It's reassuring news for women who take the hormone in their 50s when menopause usually begins.

The latest study bolsters previous evidence that concerns about breast cancer and heart attacks are largely unfounded for those who take the hormone for a short period of time to relieve hot flashes and other menopause symptoms.

Estrogen-only pills are recommended just for women who have had a hysterectomy, and the study focused only on that group. About 25 percent of women in menopause have had hysterectomies. Other women are prescribed a combination pill of estrogen and progestin because for them, estrogen alone can raise the risk for cancer of the uterus.

The study results don't really change the advice doctors have been giving for several years now: Take hormones to relieve menopause symptoms in the lowest possible dose for the shortest possible time.

The women in the study took estrogen for about six years and were evaluated for about four years after stopping. Slightly increased risks for strokes and blood clots that were found while they took the pills disappeared during the follow-up. Unfortunately, the bone-strengthening benefit of estrogen disappeared, too. Once women ended it, they had just as many hip fractures during the follow-up as women who'd taken dummy pills.

Space Junk Safe Distance From Space Station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After monitoring a small piece of space junk for 11 hours, NASA determined it posed no danger Tuesday to the International Space Station and its three residents.

Commander Dmitry Kondratyev and his crew were prepared to climb into their attached Russian Soyuz capsule for shelter. But an hour before the closest approach, Mission Control radioed the good news. Additional tracking showed the 6-inch piece of debris would remain a safe distance from the orbiting complex.

"That means we don't get to jump out tonight?" joked Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli. He said he had been looking forward to getting some pizza. "OK, next time," he said.

The debris is from a Chinese satellite that was deliberately destroyed in 2007 as part of a weapons test. Initial estimates put it passing less than three miles from the space station late Thursday afternoon. Mission Control ordered Kondratyev, Nespoli and American Catherine Coleman to prepare to get in the Soyuz; there was not enough time to steer the outpost away from the junk.

But as the afternoon wore on, the threat level went from red to green, and the Soyuz precaution was no longer needed. It ended up coming no closer than 3.3 miles.

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Ivory Coast's Gbagbo Plays Final Hand

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Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Surrounded by troops backing Ivory Coast's democratically elected leader, strongman Laurent Gbagbo huddled Tuesday with his family in a bunker and played his final hand, trying to wrest last-ditch concessions as he negotiated the terms of his surrender.

Down the hill from his luxurious compound, dozens of Gbagbo's soldiers were seen entering a church where they stripped off their uniforms and abandoned their weapons.

Earlier, Gbagbo's three top generals said they had ordered their men to stop fighting, the United Nations said in a statement.

The developments spell game over for a man who refused to accept defeat in last year's election and took his country to the precipice of civil war in his bid to preserve power. His security forces are accused of

using cannons, 60 mm mortars and 50-caliber machine guns to mow down opponents in the four months since his rival, Alassane Ouattara, was declared the winner of the contested vote.

Choi Young-jin, the top United Nations envoy in Ivory Coast said by telephone that Gbagbo's surrender was "imminent."

"He accepted (the) principle of accepting the results of the election, so he doesn't have many cards in his hands," Choi told Associated Press Television News. "The key element they are negotiating is where Mr. Gbagbo would go."

Then, just as he appeared to be on the brink of stepping down, Gbagbo, in his first interview in months, defiantly insisted he had no intention of surrendering power.

"I won the election and I'm not negotiating my departure," he told French TV station LCI by telephone from his bunker. "I find it absolutely incredible that the entire world is playing this ... game of poker."

Veteran observers of this nation on

Africa's western edge say the turn of events could have been taken from a biography of Gbagbo.

In Abidjan, he has long been called Le Boulanger, French for The Baker, because he rolls people in flour, a reference to a popular expression meaning to manipulate and deceive others. The election that was finally held last year was supposed to take place five years earlier.

He was given so many extensions that people here have lost count of how many times the poll was rescheduled.

"I think he's playing for time," said a senior diplomat who has closely followed events and spoke on condition of anonymity because he had not been cleared to speak to the press. "His aim is always to buy himself just one more day."

France's Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Gbagbo would be required to relinquish power in writing and must formally recognize Ouattara, the internationally backed winner of the November election.

Libyan Rebel Leader Says NATO Isn't Doing Enough

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Associated Press

BENGHAZI, Libya — A rebel military leader lashed out at NATO Tuesday, saying it was falling short in its mission to protect Libyan civilians. The alliance said ruler Moammar Gadhafi's forces position heavy weapons in populated areas, preventing some airstrikes.

Abdel-Fattah Younis, chief of staff for the rebel military and Gadhafi's former interior minister, said he was asking the opposi-

tion's leadership council to take their grievances to the U.N. Security Council, which authorized force in Libya to stop government troops from wiping out the anti-Gadhafi uprising that began Feb. 15.

NATO forces "don't do anything" even though the United Nations gave them the right to act, Younis said. He said bureaucracy means that NATO strikes sometimes come eight hours after rebels' have communicated targets.

"The people will die and this crime will be on the face of the international community forever.

What is NATO doing?" Younis said.

NATO last week took control over the international airstrikes that began March 19 as a U.S.-led mission. The airstrikes thwarted Gadhafi's efforts to crush the rebellion in the North African nation he has ruled for more than four decades, but the rebels remain outnumbered and out-gunned and have had difficulty pushing into government-held territory even with air support.

The government pushed back rebel forces in a strategic oil town to the east Tuesday, while rebels claimed they fended off an attack

by Gadhafi's forces in one of a string of opposition-controlled towns southwest of Tripoli, the capital. The rebels have maintained control of much of the eastern half of Libya since early in the uprising, while Gadhafi has clung to much of the west.

Gadhafi has been putting out feelers for a cease-fire, but refuses to step down as the opposition is demanding. On Tuesday his government announced a new foreign minister: Abdelati al-Obeidi, who has been in Europe seeking a diplomatic solution. He replaces Moussa Koussa, who defected last week.

OBITUARIES

Andre Olson

MENNO — A memorial service for Andre Olson of Menno will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 at the Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall, with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. A family burial of his urn will take place at a later date in the Gayville Cemetery, Gayville. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

Andre Ernest Olson was born Sunday, December 22, 1940 at Gayville, South Dakota to Marvin and Vera (Nyrop) Olson. He was baptized into faith at the Gayville Lutheran Church. Andre traveled with his family in his youth. Andre enjoyed swimming and listening to his mother play the piano and taking long walks. He lived in Gayville during his younger years and lived in Redfield before coming to the Menno-Olivet Care Center 1997. Andre passed away on Monday, April 4, 2011 at the age of 70 years, 3 months and 12 days. Andre will be remembered

by his sister, Linda (Olson) Gibson and husband Gary of Tyndall; two nieces: Debbie Schiltz of Gayville and Brenda Dockendorf of Tyndall; three nephews: Kevin Gibson of Springfield, Brian Gibson of Wayne, Nebraska and Brad Gibson of Tyndall, and all of their families. He is also survived by many cousins and several great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

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Gail Delfs

LANSING, Iowa — Gail Ann Delfs, 80, of Lansing, Iowa, formerly of Morton, Ill., died at 8:55 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011, at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Waukon, Iowa.

She was born Jan. 22, 1931, in Yankton, S.D., to Ernest and Janice (Jeglum) Johnson. She married Jim R. Delfs on Aug. 16, 1953, in Volin, S.D.

Surviving are one son, James Delfs of Pekin; two daughters, Sue (Barry) Mueller of Postville, Iowa, and Rebecca Smith of Morton; and three grandchildren, Jennifer Smith of Shutesbury, Mass., and Bryan and Jason Mueller, both of Postville, Iowa.



Delfs

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years; her parents; her sister, Joy Steinbach, and her brother, Warren Johnson.

A 1953 graduate of the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in South Dakota. She taught in the Morton School District for many years.

Gail was a member of Morton United Methodist Church; the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority; the American Association of University Women and several bridge clubs. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

In 2005, she became a resident of Thornton Manor in Lansing, Iowa.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, 2011, in Hirstein Cemetery in

Morton, with Rev. Paul Walles officiating.

Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton is handling arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Morton Public Library, 315 W. Pershing St., Morton, IL 61550; Alzheimers Association, Central Illinois Chapter, 606 W. Glen Ave., Peoria, IL 61614 or to the Arthritis Foundation, Central Illinois Chapter, 2621 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61604.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.knappjohnson.com.

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Rebecca Rae Taylor

FT. THOMPSON — Funeral services for Rebecca R. Taylor, 55, of Ft. Thompson, South Dakota will be held at 2:00 p.m.

on Friday, April 8 in Fort Thompson. A wake service will be held

Wednesday evening and Thursday at the Fort Thompson Community Center. Burial will be at Christ Episcopal Cemetery. Rev. Liz Powers will officiate, along with Terry Quilt and Red Olson. Rebecca journeyed to the spirit world on April 4, 2011 at Mid-Dakota Hospital in Chamberlain, South Dakota after a lengthy illness.

Rebecca Rae Crowe was born August 6, 1955 in Yankton, South Dakota to Alberta (Jones) and Louis Crowe Sr. She attended Yankton public schools, then went on to pursue a culinary degree at United Sioux Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota. She met and married Roger Taylor, Sr. on February 6, 1980 and resided in Fort Thompson until the time of her death.



Taylor

Survivors include her husband, Roger, Sr.; two daughters: Gail J. Crowe of Sioux City Iowa and Renita F. Taylor of Fort Thompson; three sons: Rick Taylor of Vermillion, Roy Taylor of Sioux Falls, and Roger Taylor, Jr. of Fort Thompson; two sisters: Kathy Crowe of Sioux Falls and Waunita (Paul) Denney of Yankton; five brothers: Virgil (Deloris) Crowe of Fort Thompson, Everett Crowe, Sr. of Tuscon, Arizona, Alan Crowe and Louis Crowe, Sr., both of Yankton and James Crowe of Vermillion; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Alberta Crowe, Sr., grandparents Stanley and Rebecca Jones, Sr., a sister, Candace L. Crowe and a nephew, Ira W. Hawk.

She will be loved and missed always by her family and friends for her outgoing personality. www.hickeyfuneralchapel.com.

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Benjamin Cap

Benjamin Cap, 89, of Yankton died Tuesday (April 5, 2011) at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Deloris Kotschegarow

Deloris M. Kotschegarow, 69, of Yankton died unexpectedly Monday (April 4, 2011) at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton, with the Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitations is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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