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9 Die After Fired Phillipino Cop Demands Job

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — It looked like a hostage rescue in slow motion: Police creeping up on the bus with sledgehammers and smashing first one window, then another, then trying and failing to rip open the door.

When they finally got inside, authorities said, they found nine bodies: eight Hong Kong tourists and the ex-policeman who had seized the bus to demand his job back.

The bloody denouement to the 12-hour drama in the heart of the Philippine capital, witnessed live on TV, rattled a country already accustomed to kidnappings and violence blamed on Muslim rebels. It provoked demands from the Hong Kong government for an explanation, and an acknowledgment from Philippine President Benigno Aquino III that his police need more training and equipment.

It was 10:15 a.m. Monday in Manila when Rolando Mendoza, 55 and married with three children, hitched a ride with the tourists as they visited historic sites in the city. He wore a camouflage uniform and carried an M16 rifle but didn't seem unusual in the heavily policed capital.

Then he announced that he was taking the travelers hostage to win back his job.

Hurricane Danielle Swirls Out Over Atlantic

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane Danielle has formed far from land in the Atlantic with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph), and it's expected to strengthen in the next couple of days.

Danielle is the second Atlantic hurricane of the year. On Monday afternoon, it was about 1,320 miles (2,120 kilometers) east of the Lesser Antilles islands.

Forecasters say the storm could become a major hurricane by Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Frank has weakened slightly in the Pacific. Its maximum sustained winds were 50 mph (85 kph), but it could gain strength again in the next day or so.

A tropical storm warning is in effect for Mexico's coast from Punta Maldonado westward to Zihuatanejo. A tropical storm watch is in effect from west of Zihuatanejo to Punta San Telmo.

DEA Seeks Ebonics Experts To Translate

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal agents are seeking to hire Ebonics translators to help interpret wiretapped conversations involving targets of undercover drug investigations.

Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Michael Sanders said the agency recently sent memos asking companies that provide translation services to help it find nine translators in the Southeast who are fluent in Ebonics.

Ebonics, which is also known as African American Vernacular English, has been described by the man who coined the term as the combination of English vocabulary with African language structure.

Sanders says he's not certain whether it's the first time the agency has sought to hire Ebonics experts, but that some DEA divisions have agents who help translate it.

Official: Afghanistan Faces Many Challenges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senior U.S. commander on Monday wouldn't predict when Afghanistan might take control of its own security and warned that NATO needs at least another year to recruit and train enough soldiers and police officers.

The assessment by Lt. Gen. Bill Caldwell, the head of NATO's training mission in Afghanistan, further dims U.S. hopes that the planned U.S. withdrawal next year will be significant in size.

President Barack Obama has said that troops will begin pulling out in July 2011, the size and pace of withdrawal depending on security conditions. Defense officials, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, have said they believe next summer's pullout would be modest.

In a Pentagon briefing, Caldwell told reporters that Afghan army and police forces won't reach sufficient numbers until Oct. 31, 2011 — three months after Obama's deadline to start U.S. withdrawals.

NATO has set the goal of creating an Afghan military and police force of 305,600 personnel — 171,600 army and 134,000 police.

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Obama Stem Cell Regulations Temporarily Blocked

BY PETE YOST

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WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Monday temporarily blocked government rules expanding stem cell research, a blow to the Obama administration that could stall potentially lifesaving research.

The nonprofit group Nightlight Christian Adoptions contends that the government's new guidelines will decrease the number of human embryos available for adoption and implantation. Nightlight helps individuals adopt human embryos that are being stored in fertilization clinics. The group provides domestic, international and embryo adoption services to families in all 50 states.

A federal appeals court had ruled that two fellow plaintiffs — doctors who do research with adult stem cells, James Sherley of the Boston Biomedical Research Institute and Theresa Deisher of AVM Biotechnology — were entitled to sue over the new guidelines, prompting U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth on Monday to reverse a decision he made in October when he dismissed the lawsuit.

Sherley and Deisher allege that the guidelines will result in increased competition for limited

ed federal funding and will injure their ability to compete successfully for National Institutes of Health stem cell research money.

Federal law explicitly forbids use of taxpayer dollars to destroy a human embryo — and culling stem cells from an embryo does destroy the embryo. However, once created, these batches of stem cells, or lines, can reproduce indefinitely in lab dishes.

The Obama administration expanded the number of stem cell lines created with private money that federally funded scientists could research, up from the 21 that President George W. Bush had allowed to 75 so far. To qualify, the NIH insisted on evidence that the woman or couple who donated the original embryo did so voluntarily and were told of other options, such as donating to another infertile woman.

Lamberth concluded that those filing the lawsuit have demonstrated a strong likelihood of success in arguing that the new government guidelines violate the intent of the law about federal funding of embryo destruction.

"As demonstrated by the plain language of the statute, the unambiguous intent of Congress is to prohibit the expenditure of

federal funds on "research in which a human embryo or embryos are destroyed," the judge wrote.

Having concluded that the law is unambiguous, "the question before the court is whether ESC research is research in which a human embryo is destroyed. The court concludes that it is," Lamberth added.

The judge's ruling drew praise from the Alliance Defense Fund, a group of Christian attorneys and co-counsel in the suit.

"The American people should not be forced to pay for experiments — prohibited by federal law — that destroy human life. The court is simply enforcing an existing law passed by Congress that prevents Americans from paying another penny for needless research on human embryos," Steven H. Aden, ADF's senior legal counsel, said.

Stem cell research has the potential to produce breakthroughs in treating life-threatening conditions — from spinal cord injury to diabetes to Parkinson's — that have resisted traditional treatment. Scientists say they need to do research with embryonic stem cells as well as so-called adult ones because the former are more flexible, and the NIH is funding both types.

NY Gov, Archbishop To Discuss Mosque

BY MICHAEL GORMLEY

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ALBANY, N.Y. — Gov. David Paterson said Monday he'll meet with Archbishop Timothy Dolan to discuss a mosque and Islamic community center planned two blocks from ground zero.

The private meeting will be held Tuesday at the Democratic governor's Manhattan office.

Paterson spokesman Morgan Hook wouldn't detail the agenda of the meeting, which will be closed to the press. But Paterson and Dolan have sought to offer an alternative site because of the tensions surrounding the current plan.

Some Republicans have called the current proposal an insult to Americans and those who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Polls have shown a rising majority of New Yorkers oppose the project. Last week's Siena College poll found 63 percent of New York voters opposed the plan, with the strongest support — 36 percent — coming from New York City voters.

Opponents and protesters say the mosque

should be moved farther away from where Islamic extremists destroyed the World Trade Center in 2001. Supporters say religious freedom should be protected.

Paterson also has renewed his Aug. 10 offer of state assistance to the project's developers if they want to move.

Hook said the offer still stands despite little response from the center's planners. He said no meeting is scheduled between the governor and the center's organizers, including The Cordoba Initiative.

Cordoba co-founder Daisy Khan declined to comment Monday on whether the organization would consider a move.

Khan, the wife of Iman Feisal Abdul Rauf, told reporters in recent days that proponents hope to soon meet with Paterson, families of victims of the terrorist attacks and others. That appears to be a departure from Friday, when Cordoba announced no meetings were scheduled with Paterson.

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