

# 35 Killed In Gaza; Israeli Soldier Feared Captured

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A Gaza cease-fire quickly unraveled on Friday as violence erupted in and around a southern town in the war-ravaged strip, with at least 40 Palestinians killed in Israeli shelling while the military said two soldiers were killed and an infantry officer was feared captured during fighting there.

Israel and Hamas accused each other of breaking the cease-fire, which had been announced by the U.S. and the U.N. and took effect at 8:00 a.m. Friday. The fighting broke out less than two hours later.

The breakdown of the cease-fire and the apparent capture of the Israeli soldier set the stage for a major escalation of the 25-day-old conflict, which has already devastated large swaths of the impoverished coastal area.

The White House condemned the apparent capture of the soldier near the southern Gaza town of Rafah, describing it as an "absolutely outrageous" action by Hamas. Deputy National Security Adviser Tony Blinken said the soldier must be released immediately.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, meanwhile, told U.S. Secretary of



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Her home completely destroyed, a woman sits on the side of the road at the start of a 72-hour ceasefire on Thursday when people return to their homes in the Shejaiya neighborhood of Gaza City to reclaim what belongings they can find.

State John Kerry in a telephone conversation that Palestinian militants had "unilaterally and grossly" violated the ceasefire and attacked Israeli soldiers after 9 a.m.

"Israel will take all necessary steps against those who call for our destruction and perpetrate terrorism against our citizens," Netanyahu told Kerry, according to a statement from the prime minister's office.

Mark Regev, Netanyahu's spokesman, said Hamas had "yet again thrown away a chance for a humanitarian relief for the people of Gaza, by deliberately violating this

ceasefire."

Moussa Abu Marzouk, Hamas' deputy leader, told Al-Arabiya news channel from Cairo that the movement's military wing carried no military operations after 8:00, when the truce came into force.

If confirmed, the capture of the soldier could dramatically change the trajectory of the conflict. Any cease-fire efforts would likely be put on hold and Israel might instead expand its ground operation. Israel has in the past gone to great lengths to return captured soldiers. In 2011, it traded hundreds of Palestinian prisoners for an

Israeli soldier who had been captured by Hamas-allied militants in 2006.

Israel had already said it would continue demolishing cross-border tunnels behind its own defensive lines during the cease-fire, and the military said its troops were attacked during one such operation.

Gunmen emerged from one or more tunnel openings and opened fire, with at least one of the fighters detonating an explosives vest, Israeli army spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner said.

He said 2nd Lt. Hadar Goldin, a 23-year-old from the central town of Kfar Saba, was apparently captured during the ensuing mayhem and taken back into Gaza through a tunnel, while another two soldiers were killed.

"We suspect that he has been kidnapped," Lerner said, adding that the attack took place an hour and a half after the cease-fire began.

A Hamas spokesman, Fawzi Barhoum, would not confirm or deny Goldin's capture, saying that it was being used — along with news that two Israeli soldiers were killed in the area of Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip — as a cover for a "massacre" in Rafah that followed the apparent capture.

## Economy is Accelerating From Job Growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sixth straight month of solid 200,000-plus job growth in July reinforced growing evidence that the U.S. economy is accelerating after five years of sluggish expansion.

Employers added 209,000 jobs last month. Though that was fewer than in the previous three months, the economy has now produced an average 244,000 jobs a month since February — the best six-month string in eight years.

At the same time, most economists don't think the pace of job growth is enough to cause the Federal Reserve to speed up its timetable for raising interest rates. Most still think the Fed will start raising rates to ward off inflation around mid-2015.

The Labor Department's jobs report Friday pointed to an economy that has bounced back with force after a grim start to the year and is expected to sustain its strength into 2015. Economists generally expect it to grow at a 3 percent annual rate in the second half of this year after expanding 4 percent in the second quarter. Consumer spending is rising, manufacturing is expanding rapidly and auto sales are up.

"There is no doubt that the economy and the labor market have been strengthening," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at California State University's Smith School of Business. "People are rejoicing the labor force. All these factors point to moderate, but sustained economic growth in 2014."

## Ebola Vaccines Still In Development

LONDON (AP) — In the four decades since the Ebola virus was first identified in Africa, treatment hasn't changed much. There are no licensed drugs or vaccines for the deadly disease.

Some are being developed, but none have been rigorously tested in humans. One experimental treatment, though, was tried this week in an American aid worker sick with Ebola, according to the U.S.-based group that she works for in Liberia.

Without a specific treatment, doctors and nurses focus on easing the disease's symptoms — fever, headache, vomiting and diarrhea — and on keeping patients hydrated and comfortable.

The outbreak in three West African countries — Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone — has sickened more than 1,300 people and more than 700 have died since March.

## 2 Americans Detained In North Korea

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Two American tourists charged with "anti-state" crimes in North Korea said Friday they expect to be tried soon and pleaded for help from the U.S. government to secure their release from what they say could be long prison terms.

In their first appearance since being detained more than three months ago, Matthew Todd Miller and Jeffrey Edward Fowle told a local AP Television News crew that they were in good health and were being treated well. They also said they were allowed to take daily walks. The brief meeting was conducted under the condition that the specific location not be disclosed.

Fowle said he fears his situation will get much worse once he goes on trial.

"The horizon for me is pretty dark," he said. "I don't know what the worst-case scenario would be, but I need help to extricate myself from this situation. I ask the government for help in that regards."

It was not clear whether they were speaking on their own initiative, or if their comments were coerced. The TV crew was permitted to ask them questions.

## Was Wars In Iraq And Afghanistan A Failure?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three in four Americans think history will judge the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as failures, according to an Associated Press-GfK poll that shows that about the same percentage think it was right to pull forces from the two countries.

Americans surveyed in last month's poll were not optimistic about the chance that a stable democratic government will be established in either country. Seventy-eight percent said it was either not too likely or not at all likely in Afghanistan and 80 percent said the same about Iraq.

Roughly three out of four Americans polled think that in hindsight, each war will be deemed as an outright "complete failure" or "more of a failure than success."

A majority of those polled, or 70 percent, said the United States was right to withdraw American troops from Iraq in 2011 and pull most U.S. forces out of Afghanistan by December. The two conflicts have consumed the nation for more than a decade and claimed the lives of 6,800 U.S. troops.

Nelson Philip, 73, of Oswego, Illinois, is of two minds. He judges the Afghan war a failure, but wants U.S. troops to stay in countries that remain in turmoil.

# House Moves Toward Vote On Border Bill

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WASHINGTON — House Republicans revived their bill on the U.S.-Mexico border crisis in dramatic fashion Friday, preparing to pass it after winning over conservatives with tough new provisions that could threaten deportation for hundreds of thousands of immigrants already working in this country legally. President Barack Obama condemned the Republican action and said he'd act unilaterally, as best he could.

A day after GOP leaders pulled the border bill from the floor in a chaotic retreat, tea party lawmakers were enthusiastically on board with the new \$694 million version and a companion measure that would shut off a program created by Obama granting work permits to immigrants brought here illegally as kids. The second bill also seemed

designed to prevent the more than 500,000 people who've already gotten work permits under the program from renewing them, ultimately making them subject to deportation.

Votes on both measures were expected later Friday. "It's dealing with the issue that the American people care about more than any other, and that is stopping the invasion of illegal foreign nationals into our country," said Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn. "And we got to yes."

But Obama said no. "They're not even trying to solve the problem," the president said. "I'm going to have to act alone, because we do not have enough resources."

Obama said he would reallocate resources where he could, while making clear his options were limited without congressional action.

The moves in the House came on what was to have

been the first day of lawmakers' five-week summer recess, delayed by GOP leaders after their vote plans unexpectedly collapsed on Thursday. Senators had already left Washington after killing their own legislation on the border crisis, so there was no prospect of reaching a final deal. But three months before midterm elections, House Republicans were determined to show that they, at least, could take action to address the crisis involving tens of thousands of unaccompanied minors fleeing violence and poverty in Central America to cross illegally into South Texas.

"It would be irresponsible and unstatesmanlike to head home for the month without passing a bill to address this serious, present crisis on the border," said Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

To reach a deal, GOP leaders had to satisfy the demands

of a group of a dozen or more conservative lawmakers who were meeting behind the scenes with Sens. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., and taking their cues from outside groups such as the Heritage Foundation that opposed earlier versions of the legislation.

These lawmakers objected to sending any more money to Obama without a strong stance against his two-year-old deportation relief program, which Republicans blame for causing the current border crisis by creating the perception that once here, young migrants would be allowed to stay — a point the administration disputes.

House GOP leaders agreed earlier in the week to hold a separate vote to prevent Obama from expanding the deportation relief program, but that didn't satisfy conservatives who held out for stronger steps.

## Car Talk

# Car Fan Likely Needs A New Resistor

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

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**Dear Tom and Ray,**  
My car is a 2005 Hyundai Sonata. The fan just started blowing air full blast whether the switch is set to On, Off, High or Low. I pressed all the buttons and turned my car off and on several times. The heat and air conditioning still work. Help!  
— Lindsey

**TOM:** You need a new resistor, Lindsey. Or you need to resist the temptation to use your car.

**RAY:** A resistor is a component that creates electrical resistance. If you think of electricity being like water running through a hose, a resistor is something that constricts the hose, making it narrower and allowing less water to pass through.

**TOM:** The speed of your fan is controlled with resistors. Let's say your fan

switch has four settings: Off, High and two middle positions.

**RAY:** When the fan is set on full blast, there's no resistor involved. A full 12 volts of electricity is sent to the fan motor.

**TOM:** If you turn down the fan switch one notch, one resistor is then engaged. That reduces the amount of electricity sent to the fan motor, which reduces the fan speed. You switch the fan to the next-lower speed, and yet another resistor is engaged. And so on, until you have the fan switch set to Off, and there 's no electricity getting to the fan.

**RAY:** My guess is that your resistors are fried, so you 're always getting a full 12 volts to the fan, and it's always running at high speed.

**TOM:** There's a little box under the dashboard that's called, surprisingly enough, the fan motor resistor. It's actually a set of resistors, but the part is re-

ferred to as "the resistor."

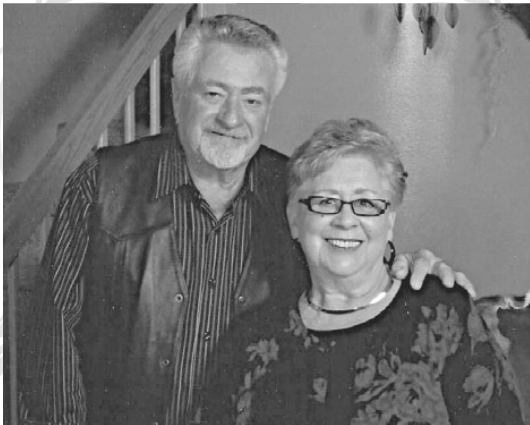
**RAY:** You need a new one. Or a bunch of paperweights and magnets to keep things from blowing around in your passenger compartment.

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## 50th Anniversary Celebration



**Mr. & Mrs. Dick Stratman**

Dick and Judy Stratman are celebrating 50 years of marriage on August 11, 2014. Greetings can be sent to: 89818 557th Ave., Yankton, SD 57078. Their children and grandchildren include: Paulette (Steve) Olson of Rosemount, MN; Chris (Tori) Stratman and Rachel, Ethan of Wahoo, NE; Dominic (Lisa) Stratman and Shawnda, Alex, Ryan of Lawton, IA; Robyn (Larry) Tweedy and Adam (Sami), Jenna, Rachel, Caitlyn of Pierce, NE; and Neal Stratman of Sioux Falls, SD.

## 75th Anniversary Celebration



**Mr. & Mrs. Simonsen**

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence and Ruth Simonsen of Menno, SD, will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on August 6, 2014. The couple has two children: Lonnie (Ken) Remington of Yankton, SD, and Roger (Jeanie) Simonsen of Menno, SD. They have three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Their family requests a card shower. Greetings may be sent to: PO Box 472, Menno, SD 57045.

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**Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wiebelhaus**

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wiebelhaus will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 9, 2014 with an open house starting at 5:30pm at Wiebelhaus Recreation in Crofton, NE, hosted by the couple's children. Food will be provided and refreshments will be available for purchase. Come and reminisce with the couple and enjoy lots of fun. JoAnn Gobel and Bob Wiebelhaus were married on August 12, 1989 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Crofton, NE. The couple has five children: Jaclyn Wiebelhaus and Steve Hale, Joslyn Wiebelhaus, Jared Wiebelhaus, Brandy Wiebelhaus, Jenna Wiebelhaus and two grandchildren, Kaclyn and Hunter Hale. Greetings may be sent to: P.O. Box 111, Fordyce, NE 68736