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## Did ISIS Execute American Journalist?

US Trying To Verify Video Of Alleged Killing

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WASHINGTON — A video by Islamic State militants Tuesday purported to show the cold-blooded execution of American journalist James Foley as retribution for U.S. airstrikes in Iraq. The White House, his family and employer said they could not determine the video's authenticity and were attempting to confirm if he had been killed. Foley, a 40-year-old freelance journalist from Rochester, New Hampshire, went missing nearly two years ago in northern Syria while on assignment for Agence France-Presse and the Boston-based media company GlobalPost. The car he was riding in was stopped by four militants in a contested battle zone that both Sunni rebel fighters and government forces were trying to control. He had not been heard from since.

White House National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden said the administration has seen the video and that the intelligence community is working as quickly as possible to determine if it is authentic.

"If genuine, we are appalled by the brutal murder of an innocent American journalist and we express our deepest condolences to his family and friends," Hayden said in a statement.

Philip Balboni, GlobalPost CEO and co-founder, said the company had been informed that the FBI is in the process of

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# A Long Road Ahead

## Officials Say Bridge Replacement On Old Highway 50 A Distant Prospect

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County Commission chairman Bruce Jensen said a replacement for the James River bridge on old Highway 50 near Fleege is still a ways off despite the threat of flooding and deterioration.

"Once we get everything in line, it's still going to take three years to build it," Jensen said. "It's

not going to be an overnight deal and I can't see that sitting there for three years without major problems. I hope I'm wrong, but I can see a day where there's going to be load limits on it or maybe even closed. We have to get going — it's not going to go away, it's going to get worse."

The Fleege Bridge was a major topic of discussion at Tuesday's County Commission meeting.



**Jensen**

Dan Johnson of Johnson Engineering was on hand to discuss with commissioners a problem that recently needed to be addressed with the bridge structure.

"Recently, it was discovered at the Fleege Bridge there was some undermining of one of the bents for that bridge," Johnson said. "We went out there Aug. 7 and immediately, our thought was that we need to do something out there because of the fact that there was a bent undermined — there was basically exposed oiling underneath that bent."

Using a maintenance permit from the U.S.

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**Wind energy plays a large role in northeast Nebraska, as shown in this scene photographed July 1 in northern Knox County, Nebraska. Now, a community wind project is proposed for southeast South Dakota near Beresford.**

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## Proposed Wind Facility Near Beresford 'Halfway' Toward Funding Goal

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VERMILLION — The effort to start a wind farm in southeast South Dakota is nearing the halfway mark of its initial fundraising goal, organizers said Tuesday.

Brian Minish of Lennox, treasurer of the Dakota Power Community Wind (DPCW) project, made the announcement during an investor meeting in Vermillion. The meeting was one of several held across the state, with another round of meetings planned for next week in Sioux Falls.

"We figure \$1.5 million will get us well along the way," he said. "We're about halfway to our minimum. We have \$700,000 raised so far."

Minish described the proposed project, which runs primarily east of Interstate 29. The project could generate up to 1,000 megawatts of energy. The project's price tag could reach up to \$2 billion, requiring outside capital.

"This was started out of a desire by local landowners to harness the wind energy in southern Lincoln County," he said. "We have just under 23,000 acres under option with 100 landowners."

DPCW will develop the site, with the expectation of

**"This (wind project) will facilitate landowners and South Dakota investors to own and develop their own resource."**

**BRIAN MINISH**

selling the site in 3-5 years. Minish pointed to Tuesday's closing of the sale of B&H Wind, located near Tripp and covering land in Hutchinson, Bon Homme and Charles Mix counties.

DPCW officials said they couldn't disclose the name of the purchaser or the sale price. They noted the B&H Wind project had been in the works for about five years.

Minish pointed to the prospects for other wind energy projects in the region, citing a *Forbes* magazine article entitled "Wind Turbines Could Rule Tornado Alley."

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## Dems Want EB-5 Action

Democrats Call For Subpoenas In Beef Plant Case

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SIoux FALLS — South Dakota Democratic lawmakers are calling on a legislative committee to issue subpoenas for Gov. Dennis Daugaard, former Gov. Mike Rounds and others involved in the state's program that administered an investment-for-green-card program.

Lawmakers on Tuesday said the Government Operations and Audit Committee should issue the subpoenas to seek answers regarding allegations of financial misconduct at the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

"The state legislature has a responsibility to the taxpayers to hold the executive branch accountable as part of our democratic system of checks and balances," Rep. Bernie Hunhoff said from prepared remarks at a press event.

A state audit found that before Richard Benda left his job as head of economic development in 2010, he tacked on an extra \$550,000 to a grant agreement to help the struggling Northern Beef Packers plant in Aberdeen. A report from Attorney General Marty Jackley showed the same amount was improperly diverted to SDRC Inc., Benda's new employer.

SDRC, managed by businessman Joop Bollen, administered the EB-5 visa program in the state, which allows people to seek U.S. residency if they invest at least \$500,000 in approved projects. The failed Northern Beef Packers plant in Aberdeen was funded in part through that program and was also the project through which Benda arranged the transfer.

Hunhoff said the Democratic lawmakers hope that mounting pressure from newspaper editorials and the public lead the committee to force Rounds and Daugaard to explain "what they know and when they knew it" regarding the program.

Hunhoff and others said Daugaard, Rounds and Bollen must explain where the \$550,000 in question is, whether Benda was working alone when the money was diverted and what they categorized as finger-pointing between the Rounds and Daugaard administrations.

"The governor is also frustrated that we cannot learn more about what state and federal investigators have found involving the EB-5 program, but he understands that is how the



**Hunhoff**

### Back To School 2014

## Sacred Heart Schools Making Changes For The New Year

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For the last 129 years, Sacred Heart School (SHS) in Yankton has provided the community with quality Catholic education, but as the school begins its new school year today (Wednesday), a notable change has taken place altering the face of the school.

"We are proud to say that we are starting our 130th year in the community," said SHS Elementary principal Laura Haberman. "However, for the first time there will be a principal for both the middle school and the elementary school sites."

Since 2002, when the elemen-

tary building was completed, one principal has overseen both locations of the school. The administrator would split time between the middle school located at Sacred

The move to two principals has been about three years in the planning.

"This wasn't a decision that the advisory council made just because (Regan) Manning left," said new middle school principal Dr. Tim Mulhair. "This was going to happen this year even if he had stayed."

**LAURA HABERMAN**

Heart Parish site in downtown Yankton and the elementary school located at the St. Benedict Parish site on the outside edge of Yankton.

"I honestly don't know how one person could do both jobs," said Haberman. "This year we are going to have about 375 students from our preschool through the eighth grade. The school just keeps growing."

Manning, who had been the principal of SHS for the past several years, resigned to take a similar position in the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools system in July. At that time, Mulhair and Haberman were hired to take on the challenge of filling the new positions.

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**New Sacred Heart Schools (SHS) principals Laura Haberman and Dr. Tim Mulhair have each been given the challenge of overseeing the school through the transition of moving from one administrator to two.**