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### Afghanistan: 'Imminent Attack' Warned

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. Embassy said Monday it has received "credible reports of an imminent attack" in

A statement on the embassy's website urged U.S. citizens to exercise "extreme caution" if moving around in Kabul during the next 48 hours. The statement said the embassy has no further information about the targets, timing or nature of the

The Taliban often carry out attacks in Kabul and elsewhere, mainly targeting Afghan security forces and foreigners. Supporters of the Islamic State group have a growing presence

The U.S. State Department has long warned against travel to Afghanistan, which has been mired in war for decades.

In Washington, department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau told reporters that the U.S. Embassy received the reports of a specific and credible imminent threat, but it wasn't against the embassy, U.S. citizens or U.S. interests.

She would not elaborate on the nature of the threat or who

was behind it, but said "it was sufficient enough that we did feel that an email and a message should go out to U.S. citizens

### **Pope Urges Peace While Visiting Mosque**

BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) — Pope Francis made a historic visit to the last remaining Muslim neighborhood in Central African Republic's capital Monday, a move that almost immediately opened up a part of the divided city troubled for months by retaliatory violence between Muslim

Moments after he left, hundreds of Muslims who had essentially been barricaded inside by armed Christians burst into what had been a no-man's land only a day earlier. Some jubilant residents even followed the pope into the city center shouting, "The war is over!" — a hopeful sign for potential

The bold visit by the pope, who traveled into the most volatile part of Bangui in his open-air popemobile, underscored his message of faith over fear. He was not without heavy security, though, including armed peacekeepers in the central mosque's minarets high above the crowds.

Francis had insisted on visiting the PK5 neighborhood to appeal for peace in a country where two years of Christian-Muslim violence has forced nearly 1 million people to flee their homes, including thousands living in a camp at the airport, amid wrecked planes. The neighborhood's once vibrant markets are now largely shuttered and many of the Muslimowned businesses stand in ruins.

At the Central Mosque, Pope Francis removed his shoes, bowed his head and stood silently at the mihrab, or area of the mosque that faces Mecca.

### Turkey Refuses To Apologize To Russia

Turkey won't apologize to Russia for shooting down a warplane operating over Syria, the Turkish prime minister said Monday, stressing that the military was doing its job defending the country's airspace.

Ahmet Davutoglu also said Turkey hopes Moscow will reconsider economic sanctions announced against Turkish interests following last week's incident. The Turkish resort town of Antalya is "like a second home" to many Russian holidaymakers, he said, but refused to yield on Turkish security.

"No Turkish prime minister or president will apologize ... because of doing our duty," Davutoglu told reporters after meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in Brussels.

Protection of Turkish airspace, Turkish borders is a national duty, and our army did their job to protect this airspace. But if the Russian side wants to talk, and wants to prevent any future unintentional events like this, we are ready to talk.

Turkish F-16s shot down a Russian warplane on Nov. 24, sparking Cold War-style tensions between Russia and NATO, of which Turkey is a member. One of the Russian pilots was killed, while a second was rescued.

# **World Leaders Gather In Paris To Address Climate**

Associated Press

LE BOURGET, France — With dramatic vows to save future generations from an overheated planet, the largest gathering ever of world leaders began two weeks of talks Monday aimed at producing the most far-reaching pact yet to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and avert environmental havoc.

"We should ask what will we say to our grandchildren if we fail," British Prime Minister David Cameron said as the U.N. climate summit opened under heavy security on the outskirts of Paris, two weeks after the extremist attacks that left 130 people dead. "Instead of making excuses tomorrow, let's take action today.'

Even before the gathering, more than 180 countries pledged to cut or curb their emissions, but scientific analyses show that much bigger reductions would be needed to limit man-made warming of the Earth to 2 degrees Centigrade (3.8 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial times, the internationally agreed-upon

The biggest issue facing the 151 heads of state and government at the summit is who should bear most of the burden of closing that gap: wealthy Western nations that have polluted the most historically, or developing countries like China and India that are now the biggest and thirdbiggest emitters of greenhouse gases?

Addressing climate change should not deny the legitimate needs of developing countries to reduce poverty and improve living standards," Chinese leader



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French Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, Segolene Royal shakes hands with U.S. President Barack Obama during the official opening of the COP21 UN Conference on Climate Change Monday held at Le Bourget, near Paris, France.

Xi Jinping told the conference.

The last major climate agreement, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, required only rich countries to cut emissions, and the U.S. never signed on. Since then, global temperatures and sea levels have continued to rise, and the Earth has seen an extraordinary run of extreme weather, including severe droughts and storms.

This new round of talks seeks to produce an agreement that would require all countries, rich and poor, to take action. While the specifics have yet to be

worked out, the pact is meant to chart a path toward reduced reliance on coal, oil and gas and expanded use of renewable energy such as wind and solar power.

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The negotiations will focus on whether emissions targets should be binding or voluntary and how to verify that countries are hitting their targets. Another big issue will be how to provide the finance and technology that developing countries will need to reduce their emissions and cope with the effects of rising seas, intensifying heat waves and floods.

#### Planned Parenthood Attack

## **Suspect Makes First Court Appearance**

**BY SADIE GURMAN** 

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS. Colo. — The man accused in the shooting rampage at a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic made his first court appearance Monday and learned that he will face first-degree murder charges in the deaths of three people killed in the standoff with police.

Speaking in a raspy voice, Robert Lewis Dear appeared via a video hookup from the El Paso County Jail, where he has been held since surrendering after Friday's five-hour siege.

The white-bearded suspect wore a padded vest with black straps and gazed downward



asked by

Chief District Dear Judge Gilbert Martinez if he understood his rights, Dear replied, "no

questions. Public defender Daniel King, who represented Colorado theater shooter James Holmes, stood beside Dear and will act as his attorney. The suspect is expected to be formally charged on Dec. 9.

fatally shooting a university police officer who responded to the attack, as well as an Iraq war veteran and a mother of two inside the clinic. Nine other people were wounded.

After Monday's hearing, District Attorney Dan May said Dear could face other charges, but he did not elaborate.

Police have declined to speculate on a motive for the attack. A law enforcement official said Dear told authorities, "no more baby parts," after being arrested. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not allowed to publicly discuss the ongoing investigation.

Planned Parenthood has said witnesses believe the

gunman was motivated by his opposition to abortion. But Dear has been described by acquaintances as a reclusive loner who did not seem to have strong political or social opinions.

The Colorado district attorney said he has been in touch with U.S. Attorney John Walsh's office about the case. Walsh said investigators have been consulting with the Justice Department's civil rights and national security divisions, a move that suggests authorities could pursue federal charges in addition to state homicide ones. He did not elaborate.

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