

### Iran Starts Implementing Nuclear Deal

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran unplugged banks of centrifuges involved in its most sensitive uranium enrichment work on Monday, prompting the United States and European Union to partially lift economic sanctions as a landmark deal aimed at easing concerns over Iran's nuclear program went into effect.

The mutual actions — curbing atomic work in exchange for some sanctions relief — start a six-month clock for Tehran and the world powers to negotiate a final accord that the Obama administration and its European allies say will be intended to ensure Iran cannot build a nuclear weapon.

In the meantime, the interim deal puts limits on Iran's program — though it continues low levels of uranium enrichment. Tehran denies its nuclear program is intended to produce a bomb.

The payoff to Iran is an injection of billions of dollars into its crippled economy over the next six months from the suspension of some sanctions — though other sanctions remain in place.

In part a reflection of a thaw between Washington and Tehran, the moves coincidentally occurred on the 33rd anniversary of the end of the Iran hostage crisis. The holding of 52 Americans for 444 days by radical Iranian students that ended Jan. 20, 1981 was followed by more than three decades of U.S.-Iranian enmity that only began to ease last year with signs that Iran was ready to meet U.S. demands and scale back its nuclear activities.

### Family Of NK Detainee Worried, Hopeful

SEATTLE (AP) — The family of an American missionary held more than a year in North Korea was heartbroken and encouraged by a brief news conference in which Kenneth Bae, wearing a gray cap and inmate's uniform with the number 103 on his chest, apologized and said he committed anti-government acts.

"Our end goal is to see Kenneth reunited so he can recover emotionally and physically. He has chronic health problems," family friend Derek Sciba told The Associated Press. Sciba is a friend of Bae's sister, Terri Chung of Edmonds, and part of a group pushing for Bae's release.

"On the one hand it's heartbreaking to see him in a prison uniform at the mercy of folks in North Korea, but on the other hand it's encouraging to see him and that he's able to speak," Sciba said.

Bae made the comments at what he called a press conference held at his own request. He was under guard during the appearance. It is not unusual for prisoners in North Korea to say after their release that they spoke in similar situations under duress.

Bae spoke in Korean during the brief appearance, which was attended by The Associated Press and several other members of the foreign media in Pyongyang.

### Russians Study Islamic Militant Video

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's counter-terrorism agency says it's studying a video posted by an Islamic militant group that asserted responsibility for suicide bombings that killed 34 people last month and is threatening to strike the Winter Olympics in Sochi.

Security experts say the Russians are right in taking the threat seriously.

The video was posted online Sunday by a militant group in Dagestan, a predominantly Muslim republic in Russia's volatile North Caucasus. The Olympic host city of Sochi lies only 500 kilometers (300 miles) west of Dagestan.

Two Russian-speaking men featured in the video are identified as members of Ansar al-Sunna, the name of a Jihadist group operating in Iraq. It was unclear whether the men in the video had received funding or training from that group or only adopted its name.

There was no confirmation the two men were the suicide bombers who struck the southern Russian city of Volgograd last month as the video claims. Scores of people were also injured by the bombings of a train station and a bus.

### Syria

# Iran Invitation Is Rescinded

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GENEVA — A last-minute U.N. invitation for Iran to join this week's Syria peace talks threw the long-awaited Geneva conference into doubt Monday, forcing U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon to rescind his offer under intense U.S. pressure after the opposition threatened to boycott.

With the invitation withdrawn, the main Western-backed opposition group said it would attend the talks aimed at ending Syria's ruinous three-year civil war. The opposition said the conference should seek to establish a transitional government with full executive powers "in which killers and criminals do not participate."

The surprise invitation, extended Sunday by the U.N. secretary-general, set off a flurry of diplomatic activity to salvage the talks. The U.S. said the offer should be rescinded, and the opposition threatened to skip the event entirely.

The conference is set to begin Wednesday in the Swiss luxury resort city of Montreux, with high-ranking delegations from the United States, Russia and close to 40 other countries attending. Face-to-face negotiations between the Syrian government and its opponents — the first of the uprising — are to start Friday in Geneva.

The uproar over Iran's invitation put the entire event at risk of being scuttled.

The Syrian National Coalition, which had voted late Saturday to attend after months of rancorous debate, issued an ultimatum, saying that Iran must commit publicly within hours to withdraw its "troops and militias" from Syria and abide by a 2012 roadmap to establish a transitional government. Otherwise, the group said, the U.N. should withdraw its invitation for Tehran to take part.

The confusion surrounding the Iranian invitation underscored the tenuous nature of the diplomatic effort to end the bloody conflict, which has morphed from

peaceful protests into a vicious civil war with outside powers backing rebels who are fighting not only the government but rival insurgents as well.

It is not clear what exactly motivated Ban to issue the invitation, but it came hours after he said he had received assurances from Tehran that it accepted the premise of the talks.

Syria has been ruled by President Bashar Assad's family since 1970, and Iran is Assad's strongest regional ally, supplying his government with advisers, money and materiel since the uprising began in 2011. The Islamic Republic's allies, most notably the Lebanese Shiite militant group Hezbollah, have also gone to Syria to help bolster Assad's forces.

The last-minute invitation appeared to take the U.S. and its European allies by surprise. An Iranian statement said Iran had accepted the offer without "any pre-conditions."

Ban said he was "deeply disappointed" by Iran's statements Monday.

## MLK Day: Marching And Remembering



TIM DOMINICK/THE STATE/MCT

King Day at the Dome, a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., began Monday morning with a prayer service at Zion Baptist Church and continued with a march to the South Carolina State House for speeches and song.

### Christie Pushes Back On Mayor's Charge

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Republican Gov. Chris Christie's administration on Monday pushed back against a claim that Superstorm Sandy relief funding was withheld from a severely flooded city because its Democratic mayor wouldn't sign off on a politically connected real estate venture.

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno strongly denied Hoboken Mayor Dawn Zimmer's claims as "false" and "illogical" on Monday, the day before Christie's second-term inauguration. And Marc Ferzan, executive director of the Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding, told reporters in a conference call that Hoboken has been treated no differently than other cities with respect to storm relief funds.

Zimmer said on Saturday that Guadagno pulled her aside at a supermarket opening in May and said Hoboken's storm recovery funds hinged on Zimmer's approval of a commercial development whose lawyer and lobbyist are close to the governor.

# Speeches, Marches Honor Martin Luther King Jr.

BY PHILLIP LUCAS  
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ATLANTA — As the nation remembered and reflected Monday on the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., leaders and everyday Americans talked about how far the country has come in the past 50 years and how much more is to be done.

At Ebenezer Baptist Church in King's hometown of Atlanta, civil rights leaders and members of King's own family spoke about poverty, violence, health care and voting rights, all themes from the civil rights struggle that still resonate to this day.

"There is much work that we must do," King's daughter Bernice King said. "Are we afraid, or are we truly committed to the work that must be done?"

The event in Atlanta featured music, songs and choirs and was one of many celebrations, marches, parades and community service projects held Monday across the nation to honor the slain civil rights leader. It was about 50 years ago today that King had just appeared on the cover of *Time*

magazine as its Man of the Year, and the nation was on the cusp of passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964. King would win the Nobel Peace Prize later that year.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said not many states could boast a native son that merited a national holiday. "But we Georgians can," he told the audience.

Deal said this year he would work with state legislators to find a way to honor King at the Georgia Capitol, which drew a standing ovation. He did not give any specifics, but civil rights leaders have suggested a statue. The only current tribute to King at the state Capitol is a portrait inside the Statehouse.

"I think that more than just saying kind thoughts about him we ought to take action ourselves," said Deal, a Republican. "That's how we embed truth into our words. I think it's time for Georgia's leaders to follow in Dr. King's footsteps and take action, too."

In the fall, a statue of 19th century white supremacist politician and newspaperman Tom Watson was removed from the Capitol.

Deal also touched on crimi-

nal justice reforms his administration has tried to make, including drug and mental health courts, saying too many people are not being rehabilitated in prisons.

"Let's build a monument, but the monument should inspire us to build a better world," said the Atlanta event's keynote speaker, the Rev. Raphael Warnock. He also said the growing disparities in income, opportunity and health care are indications of a continuing struggle for equality decades after King's death.

The event closed with the choir singing "We Shall Overcome," with visitors singing verses in Spanish, Hebrew and Italian as audience members joined hands and swayed in unison.

### OBITUARIES

#### Joyce Suga

Joyce Elaine Suga died peacefully in her sleep on Friday, January 17th, 2014. She was born January 24th, 1933 to Johanna and Carl Damm in a farmhouse near Centerville, SD. She was the youngest of three daughters. Joyce graduated from Yankton High School in 1951 and later completed nursing school at St. Mary's in Rochester, MN in 1954. She was married to Ben Tsutomu Suga in October of 1955. They had two sons and two daughters.



Suga

Joyce worked in numerous positions as an RN before retiring in 1983 from the Human Services Center in Yankton. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Joyce loved music, was an accomplished cellist, and also played piano and flute. She loved reading and literature and volunteered for years at the Yankton Public Library. She also volunteered for many years at the Banquet in Yankton. Joyce had a unique and lovable personality and was truly a free spirit.

Joyce is survived by; her sister, Mary Ann Rager; her son Bob (Maureen) Suga of Sioux Falls and their children, Ben Suga of New Brunswick, NJ, Kim Gertsen (Lee and son, Tommy) of Sioux Falls, and Ellyn Suga of Sioux Falls; her son Leslie (Doug) Suga of Indianapolis, IN; her daughter Courtney LeFebvre and her daughter Emily of Fort Worth, TX; as well as many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Carol; her husband, Ben; and her oldest sister, Annie.

Her memorial service will be at the Miller Funeral Home Chapel, 507 S. Main Ave, Sioux Falls on Friday, January 24th at 4:00 p.m.

A complete obituary and online registry is available at www.millerfh.com/.

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#### Donna Konken

Donna Jean Konken, 84, of Coleridge, Neb., died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, at the Parkview

Haven Nursing Home, Coleridge.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Coleridge, with the Rev. Katherine Russell officiating. Burial will be at Lawn Ridge Cemetery in rural Coleridge.

Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Wintz Funeral Home, Coleridge, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday at church one hour prior to services.

#### Lisa Goehring

Lisa Goehring, 52, of Menno died Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at the Menno-Olivet Care Center, Menno.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

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