

Fighting Grows By MH17 Disaster Site

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian armed forces mounted a major onslaught against pro-Russian separatist fighters Sunday in an attempt to gain control over the area where a Malaysia Airlines plane was downed earlier this month.

The U.S. State Department, meanwhile, released satellite images that it says back up its claims that rockets have been fired from Russia into eastern Ukraine and heavy artillery for separatists has also crossed the border.

A four-page document released by the State Department seems to show blast marks from where rockets were launched and craters where they landed. Officials said the images, sourced from the U.S. Director of National Intelligence, show heavy weapons fired between July 21 and July 26 — after the July 17 downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17.

Moscow has angrily denied allegations of Russia's involvement in eastern Ukraine. Russia's foreign ministry over the weekend accused the U.S. of conducting "an unrelenting campaign of slander against Russia, ever more relying on open lies."

Secretary of State John Kerry spoke by phone Sunday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, urging him to stop the flow of heavy weapons and rocket and artillery fire from Russia into Ukraine, said a State Department official. Kerry did not accept Lavrov's denial that heavy weapons from Russia were contributing to the conflict, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details of the call.

Ebola Kills High Profile Liberian Doctor

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — One of Liberia's most high-profile doctors has died of Ebola, officials said Sunday, and an American physician was being treated for the deadly virus, highlighting the risks facing health workers trying to combat an outbreak that has killed more than 670 people in West Africa — the largest ever recorded.

A second American, a missionary working in the Liberian capital, was also taken ill and was being treated in isolation there, said the pastor of a North Carolina church that sponsored her work.

Dr. Samuel Brisbane, a top Liberian health official, was treating Ebola patients at the country's largest hospital, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Medical Center in Monrovia, when he fell ill. He died Saturday, said Tolbert Nyenswah, an assistant health minister. A Ugandan doctor died earlier this month.

The American physician, 33-year-old Dr. Kent Brantly, was in Liberia helping to respond to the outbreak that has killed 129 people nationwide when he fell ill, according to the North Carolina-based medical charity, Samaritan's Purse.

He was receiving intensive medical care in a Monrovia hospital and was in stable condition, according to a spokeswoman for the aid group, Melissa Strickland.

Family Of Five Shot In Maine Apartment

SACO, Maine (AP) — A family of five, including three children ranging in age from 4 to 12 years old, were found shot to death Sunday inside a southern Maine apartment, authorities said.

Investigators said a gun was found near one of the bodies and it appeared someone in the family was responsible for the shootings. A state police spokesman said causes of death would be determined by the state medical examiner.

Authorities did not release the names of the family but said the parents were in their 30s and the children were ages 4, 7 and 12.

Neighbors Heather and Dellas Mason stopped to place flowers on the ground outside the apartment building, which was surrounded by crime scene tape. Heather Mason said she used to baby-sit the children.

"I still don't want to believe it," she said. "I love those children like they were my own."

Fire Near Yosemite Park Grows Rapidly

PLYMOUTH, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters in Northern California on Sunday battled a wildfire that has destroyed 10 homes and forced hundreds of evacuations in the Sierra Nevada foothills, while a fire near Yosemite National Park destroyed one home and grew significantly overnight.

East of Sacramento, the Sand Fire in the Sierra foothills has burned about 3,800 acres, roughly 6 square miles, of steep, rugged terrain near wine-growing regions in Amador and El Dorado counties since Friday, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The fire, which has also destroyed seven outbuildings, was 35 percent contained Sunday afternoon, but it threatens hundreds of homes in the drought-stricken region, according to CalFire.

"All of the vegetation in the area is struggling. It's burning very easily," spokeswoman Lynne Tolmachoff said. "It causes the fire to be a lot hotter and to spread more easily."

The Sand Fire has prompted authorities to evacuate about 500 homes and close several roads near the town of Plymouth. Nearly 1,500 firefighters, aided by aircraft including a DC-10 air tanker, are working to control the blaze.

Obama To Rename Program For Mandela

WASHINGTON (AP) — A program designed to foster a new generation of young African leaders will be renamed after former South African President Nelson Mandela, the White House said Sunday.

President Barack Obama, who has said he was one of the untold millions of people around the world who were inspired by Mandela's life, is set to announce the name change at a town hall-style event on Monday in Washington with several hundred young leaders from across sub-Saharan Africa.

The youngsters are participating in the inaugural Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders, part of the broader Young African Leaders Initiative that Obama launched in 2010 to support a new generation of leadership there. The fellowship is being renamed as a tribute to Mandela, who died last December at age 95.

Obama announced the fellowship during a stop in South Africa last summer. It connects young African leaders to leadership training opportunities at top U.S. universities.

In remarks at Monday's event, Obama also was announcing new public-private partnerships to create more programs for young African leaders, including four regional leadership centers across Africa, online classes and other resources, the White House said.

Mandela spent 27 years in jail under apartheid, South Africa's former system of white minority rule, before eventually leading his country through a difficult transition to democracy. In 1994, he became the first democratically elected leader of a post-apartheid South Africa.

Vincenzo Nibali Wins Tour de France

PARIS (AP)—Vincenzo Nibali, a 29-year-old Sicilian who calls himself "a flag-bearer of anti-doping," won the Tour de France on Sunday, the first Italian to do so in 16 years.

Nibali won four stages — a feat not equaled by a Tour winner since Lance Armstrong won five a decade ago. The Italian wore the yellow jersey for all but two stages since Stage 1. His 7 minute, 37 second margin over runner-up Jean-Christophe Peraud equals that of Armstrong over Swiss rider Alex Zülle in 1999 — a result nullified for doping.

The last Italian to win the Tour was Marco Pantani in 1998.

US Sending Dirty Coal Abroad

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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — As the Obama administration weans the U.S. off dirty fuels blamed for global warming, energy companies have been sending more of America's unwanted energy leftovers to other parts of the world where they could create even more pollution.

This fossil fuel trade threatens to undermine President Barack Obama's strategy for reducing the gases blamed for climate change and reveals a little-discussed side effect of countries acting alone on a global problem. The contribution of this exported pollution to global warming is not something the administration wants to measure, or even talk about.

"This is the single biggest flaw in U.S. climate policy," said Roger Martella, the former general counsel at the Environmental Protection Agency under President George W. Bush. "Although the administration is moving forward with climate change regulations at home, we don't consider how policy decisions in the United States impact greenhouse gas emissions in other parts of the world."

Over the past six years, American energy companies have sent more coal than ever before to other parts of the world, in some cases to places with more lax environmental standards.

The consequence: This global shell game makes the U.S. appear to be making more progress than it is on global warming. That's because it shifts some pollution — and the burden for cleaning it up — onto other countries' balance sheets.

"Energy exports bit by bit are chipping away at gains we are making on carbon dioxide domestically," said Shakeb Afsah, an economist who runs an energy consulting firm in Bethesda, Maryland.

As companies look to double U.S. coal exports, with three new terminals along the West Coast, America could be fueling demand for coal when many experts say that most fossil fuels should remain buried to avert the most disastrous effects of climate change.

But the administration has resisted calls from governors in Washington and Oregon to evaluate and disclose such global fallout, saying that if the U.S. didn't supply the coal, another country would.

White House officials say U.S. coal has a negligible global footprint and reducing coal's use worldwide is the best way to ease global warming. The U.S. in 2012 accounted for 9 percent of worldwide coal exports, the latest data available.

"There may be a very marginal increase in coal exports caused by our climate policies," said Rick Duke, Obama's deputy climate adviser, in an interview with The Associated Press. "Given that coal supply is widely available from many sources, our time is better spent working on leading toward a global commitment to cut carbon pollution on the demand side."

Guidance drafted by White House officials in 2010 did outline how broadly agencies should look at carbon emissions from U.S. projects. Four years later, that guidance is still under review.

"They have sat on their hands," said George Kimbrell, a senior attorney for the Center for Food Safety, which has sued the administration over this delay.

Carbon dioxide, regardless of where it enters the atmosphere, contributes to the sea level rise and in some cases severe weather in the U.S. and the world.

Changing the global system to account for production would carry political risks, especially for the U.S., which is trying to boost production of energy and exports even as it addresses global warming.

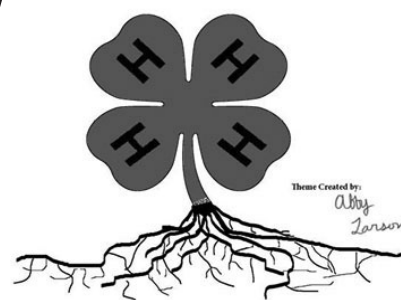
"The U.S. needs to be pragmatic on this," said Jason Bordoff, director of Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy. "If our coal exports are very small and having no or little impact on global greenhouse gas emissions ... the government has to take into account the economic and foreign policy costs of restricting exports."

"We've got a good thing growing ..."

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ACHIEVEMENT DAYS

AUG. 1-3, 2014



FRIDAY, AUG. 1

7:30 a.m. - 4-H Lunch Stand & Grounds Open
8:00 a.m. - 4-H Rabbit Show
8:30 a.m. - 4-H Poultry & Egg Judging
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Swine Show
2:30 p.m. - Candy Drop
3:00-3:30 p.m. - Dog Agility Demonstration
4:00 p.m. - 4-H Beef Show
5:00 p.m. - Jr. Leaders Barn Yard Olympics (to follow Beef Show)
5:30-7:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social - Sponsored by Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce AgriBusiness Committee
8:00-10:00 p.m. - Laser Tag
10:00 p.m. - Grounds Close



SATURDAY, AUG. 2

7:30 a.m. - Grounds Open
8:30 a.m. - 4-H Sheep & Goat Show
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. - Tractor Demonstration, Tri-State Old Iron Association
3:00-5:00 p.m. - Tractor Games, Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Association
5:00-7:00 p.m. - 4-H Supper
5:00 p.m. - Fashion Revue Style Show
5:15 p.m. - Cake, Cupcake and Cookie Auction (to follow Fashion Revue)
6:00 p.m. - Celebrity Round Robin
7:00-9:00 p.m. - Laser Tag
10:00 p.m. - Grounds Close



SUNDAY, AUG. 3

8:30-11:00 a.m. - Pancake Feed
9:00 a.m. - Round Robin Champion Showmanship (Pig raffle announcement to follow)
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Tractor Demonstration, Tri-State Old Iron Tractor Association
12:00 p.m. - Grounds Close



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Battery Exchange LLC
Blackburn & Stevens Prof. LLC.
Bonanza Family Restaurant
Bonnie's Shear Design
Bernie Hunhoff – S.D. State Representative
C & B Operations-Fred Haar Co.
Charlie's Pizza House
Chesterman Co.
Coca-Cola
Cimpl's-Sheboygan Sausage Co.
Cox Auto Supply
Dakota Trailer Manufacturing
Days Inn
Double T Truck Stop
Edward Jones-Wayne Ibarolle & Devin Anderson
Farmers Elevator Co. of Mission Hill
First Chiropractic Center
First Dakota National Bank
First National Bank of SD
Floor to Ceiling
Gary's Repair & Towing Service
Gerstner Oil
Girard Auction Services
Godfather's Pizza
Graham Tire & Auto Service
Gramps
Hair AND Beyond
Harding Glass
Hedahl Auto Plus
Heine Farms Feed Lot
Hubbs Agency Inc.
JB Auto Body
JC Penney
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L & S Electric
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Printing Specialists
Proefrock Electric
Sapa Extrusions
Sears
Shur-Co
Sign Tech
State Farm Insurance-Rhonda Wesseln
State Farm Insurance-Roy Wilcox
Steiner's Locker Service
Stewart Carpet Center
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