

# France Deploys Riot Police To Bolster Calais Security

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CALAIS, France — The young Afghan has tried every single day for three months to get into the railway tunnel in Calais leading to England and what he hopes will be a better life. For him, like the dozens who appeared as darkness fell, Wednesday would be the same even if their numbers were immeasurably larger than even a week ago.

Undeterred by an influx of French riot police, a surveillance helicopter, or a ninth death this summer among the tens of thousands who attempt to cross the Channel, the migrants came in groups of a dozen or more. Men and women, some hiding their faces beneath bandannas, walked single file to sneak over a bent fence along the train tracks leading to the tunnel and ultimately to England.

One migrant was crushed to death and another was critically injured after being electrocuted in Paris on Wednesday alone.

"Every day there's a risk of life. People are losing their life. Accept them or reject them," said 31-year-old Nazirullah, who gave no surname. He said he arrived in Calais three months ago, speaking good English and claiming he had worked at the French Embassy back in Afghanistan.

Migrants pressing northward toward both countries are fleeing war, dictatorship and poverty in Africa and the Middle East. They tend

to spend as little time as possible in their southern European landing spots, like Italy, where two ships unloaded on Wednesday, one carrying 435 passengers and 14 bodies and another with 692 migrants.

Many hit a dead end on the French side of the 50-kilometer (30-mile) Channel Tunnel, often referred to as the Chunnel, which is used by passenger trains and freight services to connect France and Britain.

British officials have increasingly sounded the alarm over a potential influx of foreigners. French officials, meanwhile, are concerned about the roughly 3,000 migrants in encampments called "the jungle" by the inhabitants of the largely lawless sites scattered haphazardly in the area.

It's not clear how many ever reach Britain, although at least a few succeeded this week in stowing aboard trains to make the 35-minute trip. Others were led away in the darkness, including a small group retrieved from a ditch by a single watchman wielding little more than a flashlight.

France dispatched 120 riot police immediately to Calais to bolster security that British authorities complain has been lax. France's government, meanwhile, called on Eurotunnel, the company that operates the tunnel, to step up its protection of the sensitive site.

By Wednesday night, a police helicopter hovered overhead and gendarmes in flak jackets turned back about two dozen.

Those caught on the French side are generally immediately freed to return to the camps and try again. Those caught on the in British side may be detained while their applications for asylum are considered. But many stay hidden aboard trucks as they roll off the trains until they stop for fuel, then hop off and vanish.

"Smugglers sell migrants the notion that Britain is the only El Dorado for a better life," said Emmanuel Agrius, the deputy mayor of Calais.

Eurotunnel defended its efforts, saying Wednesday it had blocked more than 37,000 attempts since January. Nine people have died trying since June, including the man crushed by a truck. An Egyptian trying to leap from a train roof and board the Eurostar at Paris' Gare du Nord train station was in critical condition after being electrocuted.

There were wildly conflicting totals of people involved in Wednesday's rush for the tunnel, ranging from 150 to as many as 1,200. But French authorities and the company agreed there had been about 2,000 attempts on each of two successive nights. British Home Secretary Theresa May said "a number" of migrants made it through overnight.

Attempts have been increasing exponentially as has the sense of crisis in recent weeks, spurred by new barriers around the Eurotunnel site, lack of access to the Calais port, labor strife that turned the rails into protest sites for striking workers, and an influx of desperate

migrants.

"This exceptional migrant situation has dramatic human consequences," French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said. "Calais is a mirror of conflicts tearing up regions of the world."

About 25 migrants were seen getting off a public bus in Calais early Wednesday with a police officer who left them by the side of the road. Several said they were returning from a night of trying to cross the Channel.

"(We) come from train here and tomorrow, inshallah, try again in the train," said an Eritrean, using the Arabic expression for "God willing," who would not give his name as he planned further attempts to reach England.

The man killed overnight, believed to be a Sudanese man in his mid-20s, was crushed by a truck as he tried to stow away, Gilles Debove, a police union official told The Associated Press.

The delays caused mayhem for truckers on both sides of the Channel. Cargo trucks were backed up overnight in Calais for several kilometers (miles) leading to the loading zone, some of them stuck on a highway overpass above one of the many makeshift migrant camps. British police, meanwhile, turned parts of a highway near the British end of the tunnel into a giant parking lot. Passenger service was also delayed.

## High School Students Attend Healthcare Careers Summer Camp

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine hosted 40 students from four states at the ninth annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp.

Soon-to-be sophomore, junior and senior high school students from South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota had an opportunity in June to learn about health care professions and meet with more than 30 professionals representing a wide range of specialty areas. In addition to daily sessions that introduced students to the gross anatomy lab, administering EKGs and CPR certification, camp participants were able to speak directly with presenters and ask career-minded questions about the health care industry. Tours of the Sanford Medical Centers in Vermillion and Sioux Falls, USD Sanford School of Medicine and Southeast Technical Institute were also made available to campers.

Area students participating in this year's camp included Breanna Swee and Caitlin Worth of Beresford; Sophia Taggart of Vermillion; Tiffany

Divine of Wakonda; and Hannah Williams of Yankton.

Sponsorship of the ninth annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp was provided by Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, the Dakota Hospital Foundation, Delta Dental of South Dakota Foundation, Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center, Sanford Health Burke Medical Clinic, Sanford Jackson (Minnesota) Medical Center, Sanford School of Medicine, Northeast South Dakota Health Education Center, USD School of Health Sciences, Sanford Health, and the Seventh District Medical Society.

The 10th annual Healthcare Careers Summer Camp is tentatively scheduled for June 19-24, 2016. Registration is open to students entering 10th through 12th grades in the fall of 2016. Students are selected to participate based on their academic record, previous volunteer experience and a personal statement written by the student. More information about the camp is available at [www.usd.edu/medical-school/health-careers-camp.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/medical-school/health-careers-camp.cfm) or by calling (605) 658-6329.

## Dakota Hospital Foundation Grant Awarded To Public Schools Foundation



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VERMILLION — Dakota Hospital Foundation has awarded the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation a \$3,000 grant to partially fund needed improvements of the tennis courts at Vermillion High School.

The grant requested funds to repair and resurface four tennis courts and replace nets at the existing tennis facilities. Additional dollars have also been raised through other sources to achieve the total project cost of \$22,000.

"The Vermillion Public Schools Foundation wants to thank the Dakota Hospital Foundation for its generous support. The VPS Foundation is pleased to assist the tennis supporters and the Vermillion Athletic Boosters in this project that provides a valuable community asset for the east side of town and also benefits the tennis program in the Vermillion Public schools.

The tennis courts will be available to people on the east side much like the city courts are available on the west side at Barstow Park," said Susan Tuve, President of the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation.

"We are excited to help with renovations to the tennis courts that will enhance the tennis program for our youth and for community members who wish to utilize the upgraded facilities," said Lisa Ketcham, President, Dakota Hospital Foundation Board.

Dakota Hospital Foundation held an open grant period from April 1 - 30, 2015. Five grants applications were received and three were awarded for a total of \$9,500. The next open grant period for DHF will be October 1 - 31, 2015. Learn more at [sanford-vermillion.org/foundation](http://sanford-vermillion.org/foundation).

## Fest

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but today, the Shooters celebrate every five years.

"It's a very honorable event which honors our fallen military," said Terry. He said the parade usually attracts about 100 entries including tractors of all makes and sizes.

The day gets really serious about 1 p.m. when the "shooting of the bird" takes center stage. The large carved wooden bird, designed this year by Kyle Hochstein of Hartington is placed on the top of a 40-foot pole. After a roster of dignitaries take a shot at the bird, it is open to the Honor Guard members. About 30-40 men will try a shot but it isn't an easy feat said Pinkelman.

The guns are prepared by members of the Honor guard and the first rounds are steel jackets and as the shooting gets more serious, the ammunition is changed to lead bullets so the impact will take the bird down, Terry said. U the early rounds, the bullets will splinter the wooden bird and which every shooter knocks the bird off the pole is the king and he chooses his queen to reign over the festival until another one rolls around.

For reigning king Danny Thoene, it was a surprise when his shot took the bird down in 2010. Just like this year's recipient, he received an engraved, specially built Schuetzenfest rifle which hangs in his home.

"They asked if I wanted to shoot my gun in this year's event and I went to my six boys for their opinion," said Thoene. "The boys agreed it would be

okay so it will be used the first time at this year's festival and certainly a story to be handed down through the generations." Thoene and his wife will be dressing their six-month grandson as a shooter and recently traveled to Westfield, Iowa, for a Schuetzenfest celebration.

The Sunday, August 2, event has free admission with food vendors on the grounds. A 5 K Fun Run starts at 7:30 a.m. A new addition this year is a raffle, which includes a new Schuetzenfest rifle, shot by dignitaries in shooting competition, and other items.

"We are adding the raffle to raise money to replace the ceiling in the dance hall," said Clint. "And there will be beer. It would be a sin if we didn't drink beer."

For more information, check out Bow Valley Schuetzenfest on Facebook.

## Nancy Lyngstad

Nancy Marie Lyngstad, age 61, of Yankton, SD passed away Monday, July 27, 2015 at the Select Specialty Hospital (Sanford), Sioux Falls, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 1 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Ken Lulf officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, SD with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a memorial tribute video and then Scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitations will



Lyngstad

resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers are: Bob Lyngstad, Dan Lyngstad, Larry Lyngstad, Tim Lyngstad, Jerald Hinseth and Ryan Howard. Online condolences may be sent at [www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com](http://www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com).

Nancy was born August 31, 1953 to Colleen (McManus) and Wesley Lyngstad. She grew up in the Walshtown area, graduated from Irene High School in 1971, and attended the University of South Dakota. She married Timothy Abbott in 1971 and to this union two children were born. She lived in Kansas City, KS most of her life and returned to Yankton, SD in October 2010. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton.

Nancy enjoyed reading, watching the Kansas City Chiefs, visiting with friends and time with family. She

had a contagious laugh and a quick wit. While attending college, she discovered her strength for accounting which led her to work at various companies using these skills. She was proud of her abilities and career accomplishments. Her largest passion was her grandchildren and treasured time with them. Her strength was apparent during her health struggles the last few years and her courage was inspiring.

Nancy is survived by her daughter Tricia and her husband Jerald Hinseth and their children Bailey, Caitlin, and Hunter, Irene, SD; her daughter Susan and her husband Ryan Howard and their children Ryann, McCoy and William, Simpsonville, SC; mother Colleen Slagle, Yankton, SD; eight brothers and sisters and their spouses: Robert (Marilyn) Lyngstad, Volin; Dan

(Jolene) Lyngstad, Irene; Mary (Curt) Svarstad, Irene; Larry (Kristie) Lyngstad, Volin; Janet (Randy) Anderson, Irene; Tim (Lori) Lyngstad, Edwardsville, KS; Judy Lyngstad and Wanda Nelson, Irene; Lisa Lyngstad and Jane Baarstad, Sioux Falls; and step siblings: Jean (Dennis) Freiden, AR; Judy (Dan) Sovereign, AR; brother-in-law Steve Ellis, Yankton; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father Wesley Lyngstad, step father Milford Slagle, sister, Kaye Ellis, brother Tom Lyngstad; step-brother Tom Slagle and great niece Madison Hackett.

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## Jeannine Liska

Funeral services for Jeannine Liska, age 79, of Niobrara, Nebraska will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2015, at the W.F.L.A. Hall in Niobrara. Delores Ruzicka will officiate, with burial in L'Eau Qui Court Cemetery in Niobrara.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Niobrara.

Jeannine died Monday, July 27 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota.

Jeannine Liska, daughter of William and Tillie (Rohloff) Halva, was born April 19, 1936, at Lynch, Nebraska on the family farm. She attended Lynch

Public School, graduating in 1954. Jean taught school at Scottville Country School, northwest of Verdigre, Nebraska for one year. She was married to Adolph O. Liska, Jr. on November 22, 1955, at Verdigre. Two children were born to them, Rory in 1960 and Patrick in 1963.

Jean was a farmwife and homemaker who loved living on the farm and enjoying nature. She loved watching all the different birds that came to her feeders and all of her many pets. All five of her grandchildren were blessed to be able to grow up on the farm with her. One of her greatest joys was sitting in her lawn chair and watching her grandchildren riding their bicycles around the farm. She was also a member of the Sparta Sisters Extension Club for many years.

Survivors include her best friend and companion, Sang Olson; sons and their

wives, Rory and Karel Liska and Patrick and Kathi Liska all of Verdigre; grandchildren, Dustin Liska of Omaha, Nebraska, Kai Liska and Karly Liska of Verdigre, Macey Liska of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Reid Liska of Verdigre; brother, Bill (Mary-Ann) Halva of Lynch, Nebraska; sister-in-law, Kathryn

(Roger) Sundell of Niobrara, Nebraska; and many nieces, nephew, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Tillie Halva; and her husband, Junior.

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