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Iran Nuke Talks To Miss Target Date

VIENNA (AP) - A senior U.S. official acknowledged Sunday that Iran nuclear talks will go past their June 30 target date, as Iran's foreign minister prepared to head home for consultations before returning to push for a breakthrough. Iranian media said Mohammed Javad Zarif's trip was

planned in advance. Still, the fact that he was leaving the talks so close to what had been the Tuesday deadline reflected both that the talks had a ways to go and his need to get instructions on how to proceed on issues where the sides remain apart — among them how much access Teh-ran should give to U.N. experts monitoring his country's compliance to any deal.

The United States insists on more intrusive monitoring than Iran is ready to give. With these and other disputes still unresolved, the likelihood that the Tuesday target deadline for an Iran nuclear deal could slip was increasingly growing even before the U.S. confirmation.

The dispute over access surfaced again Sunday, with Iranian Gen. Masoud Jazayeri saying that any inspection by foreigners of Iran's military centers is prohibited. He said the attempt by the U.S. and its allies to "obtain

Iran's military information for years ... by the pressure of sanctions" will not succeed.

Greece Imposes Capital Controls

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece's five-year financial crisis took its most dramatic turn to date Sunday, with the prime minister announcing Greek banks would remain shut indefinitely and restrictions would be imposed on cash withdrawals.

The decision came on the recommendation of the Bank of Greece, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said during a televised address to the nation. He didn't immediately say what types of capital controls would be imposed.

The developments have thrown into question Greece's financial future and continued membership in the 19-nation

shared euro currency — and even the European Union. For the past two days, Greeks have been rushing to ATMs to withdraw money across the country following Tsipras' sudden weekend decision to call a referendum on creditor proposals for Greek reforms in return for vital bailout funds.

The government is urging Greeks to vote against the proposals, arguing that they are humiliating and that they would prolong the country's financial woes.

Churches Confront Same-Sex Ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — After gay marriage ruling, conservative churches confront their new 'moral minority' status

At First Baptist Dallas, where the pulpit was adorned Sunday with red, white and blue bunting to honor the Fourth of July, the pastor called the Supreme Court's gay marriage ruling "an affront in the face of Almighty God.

The iconic rainbow colors that bathed the White House Friday night after the court legalized same-sex marriage nationwide represent "depravity, degradation and what the Bible calls sexual perversion," the Rev. Robert Jeffress said.

"But we are not discouraged," Jeffress said. "We are not going to be silenced. This is a great opportunity for our church to share the truth and love of Jesus Christ and we are going to do it."

On the first Sunday after the high court ruling, theological conservatives grappled with their new status as what the Southern Baptists call "a moral minority" on marriage. Ministers were defiant about publicly upholding their views, and warned church members to prepare themselves for a rough time ahead.

Welcome to the new world. It's just changed for you Christians. You are going to be persecuted," Alabama's Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore said from the pulpit at the Kimberly Church of God, in Kimberly, Ala.

South Debates If Flag Is Real Change

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Across the South, Confederate symbols are toppling, teetering or at least getting critical new looks. But is it a sign of real change in a region known for fiercely defending its complex traditions, or simply the work of frightened politicians and nervous corporate bean counters scrambling for cover in the wake of another white-on-black atrocity? Probably a bit of both, says author Tracy Thompson. "But, so what?"

Same-Sex Marriage

After The Court's Big Decision, What's Next?

BY KATIE SHEPHERD © 2015, Los Angeles Times

The Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage in the United States raised many questions over the status of marriage in the country.

Some states are refusing to issue marriage licenses to gay couples. Religious leaders and business owners are wonder-ing what effect the legalization might have on their practices.

In an interview, law professor Melissa Murray of the University of California, Berkeley, who specializes in family and constitutional law, explored how those issues intersect with same-sex marriage rights.

Q. Same-sex marriage is now legal in all 50 states, but does that mean anyone can get married within the U.S.?

A. "It should mean that," Murray said. "But there's already been some pushback from a number of states."

Louisiana is delaying marriage licenses for same-sex unions until the Supreme Court issues an official mandate announcing that the ruling has taken effect. Mississippi issued three licenses, then called a halt, saying it is waiting for the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to act.

Utah might join the resistance. A state lawmaker has reportedly drafted legislation to stop Utah from issuing marriage licenses to anyone gay or straight.

"You should think of Brown v. the Board of Education, which desegregated schools," Murray said, referring to the 1954 Supreme Court ruling that struck down separatebut-equal schools as unconstitutional. "But it actually took years for that to happen because so many Southern states dragged their feet."

And same-sex couples might not be able to get married everywhere; churches, temples and other religious institutions could seek religious exemptions from the Supreme Court ruling.

Whether those exemptions would stand up under the Constitution is unclear, Murray said, but in states where same-sex marriage was already legal, most churches and religious leaders retained the freedom to refuse to perform such unions.

Q. Louisiana and Mississippi are not issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. What legal stand-



KARL MONDON/BAY AREA NEWS GROUP/TNS

Robert Molina, second from left, has both an American flag and a gay pride flag to wave during the San Francisco Pride Celebration and Parade along Market Street on Sunday. Molina is from Fresno, Calif.

ing do they have to delay this process? A. These states are on

unclear legal ground. "Think about abortion," Murray said. "Women have a

right to abortion, but the state doesn't seem to have to furnish the ability to have one."

States don't have to support or fund abortion clinics even though the Constitution guarantees women the right to choose to end a pregnancy.

In other words, even when rights are confirmed by the Constitution, states don't necessarily have to provide avenues to exercise those rights. Actively denying those rights or outlawing their exercise is unconstitutional, but states may be able to circumvent

same-sex marriages by avoiding marriage altogether. Whether states have an obligation to furnish the mechanisms necessary to enter a marriage is unclear, Murray said. But equally unclear is the sustainability of a strategy of total avoidance, she added.

Q. The governors of Texas and Louisiana hope to stop same-sex marriage. What options do they have?

A. "The Supreme Court is the court of last resort on the question," Murray said. "Un-

But a new, related case could spur the courts to clarify the extent to which states must facilitate same-sex marriages

A. Did the Supreme Court leave any room for states to regulate marriage in any way?

States maintain plenty of leeway under the Supreme Court ruling to regulate marriage individually. But no states can outlaw same-sex marriage, Murray said.

"States can prescribe who may marry as long as it is within constitutional bounds,' she said.

She recalled Loving v. Virginia, the 1967 Supreme Court case which struck down bans on interracial marriage

Although states could not outlaw interracial unions, they could still issue a number of requirements - blood tests, signatures, fees - for marriage licenses as long as those requirements didn't prevent couples of different races from tying the knot.

These same kinds of provisions can still be imposed by states as long as they don't prevent same-sex couples from getting married.

Q. Does everyone have to perform same-sex mar-

tion is also unclear, Murray said. Most states that allowed same-sex marriages before the ruling also provided religious exemptions.

The First Amendment guarantees people the right to free expression, which could include expressing objections to same-sex marriage by not providing marriage services.

But the extent to which services can be denied and by whom will likely depend on future challenges to the law and more court rulings, Murray said.

Q. What about other people in the marriage business? Do florists and bakers have to provide services to same-sex couples?

A. Again, the effect of the Supreme Court ruling is unclear. Previous challenges involving businesses turning away gay customers who were trying to throw a wedding have resulted in wins for the couples.

Most states faced with this question have affirmed in court that it is illegal to denv services to someone based on sexual orientation.

Still, Murray says, lawsuits could influence these business owners and couples seeking clothing, food and decor for

'I'm sure there's a lot of expedient backtracking going on," said Thompson, who wrote "The New Mind of the South." "If it's going in the right direction, who cares?"

One who does care is the Rev. Joseph Darby - a longtime friend of Clementa Pinckney, one of nine slain during a Bible study at a black church in Charleston, South Carolina. And he thinks it's a bit premature to declare this a new "New South," as some commentators have suggested.

Taking down those flags is not that big a deal," he said of Gov. Nikki Haley's call to remove the Confederate battle flag from the statehouse lawn and Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley's order Wednesday to take down four rebel banners from a memorial at his capitol. Some citizens have long taken offense to the flags, which they associate with racial conflict.

Tunisia Launches Nationwide Manhunt

SOUSSE, Tunisia (AP) - The student who massacred holidaymakers on a Tunisian beach and at a swank resort hotel acted alone during the attack but had accomplices who supported him beforehand, an Interior Ministry official said Sunday.

Police were searching nationwide for more suspects after the slaughter of at least 38 people in Sousse on Friday, in Tunisia's deadliest ever such attack. The attacker's father and three roommates were detained and being questioned in the capital, Tunis, Interior Ministry spokesman Mohamed Ali Aroui told The Associated Press.

The attacker has been identified as Seifeddine Rezgui, a 24-year-old graduate of Tunisia's Kairouan University where he had been living with the other students. The attack was claimed by the radical Islamic State group.

We are sure that others helped, but did not participate," Aroui said. "They participated indirectly.

Investigators believe the suspected accomplices provided the Kalashnikov assault rifle to Rezgui and helped him get to the scene, Aroui said.

Phoenix Hit By 1st Dust Storm Of Season

PHOENIX (AP) — The first big dust storm of the monsoon season slammed the Phoenix area on Saturday with winds snapping utility poles and leaving thousands without power.

Arizona Public Service and Salt River Project, the two biggest utilities that serve metropolitan Phoenix, said Sunday that electricity had been restored to most customers.

APS initially reported outages at 14,000 homes the night before. SRP at one point had more than 15,000 customers with no power.

According to the National Weather Service, winds were up to 51 mph around Sky Harbor International Airport. There were also isolated showers in communities such as Globe and Carefree.

There have been no reports of serious storm-related injuries.

Meteorologists say there is potential for more intense wind Sunday afternoon and advise against driving in blowing dust.

less there's another decision related to it, I don't think they can go back to the courts."

riages, even if they are morally opposed? A. The answer to this questheir wedding ceremonies.

SpaceX Rocket Destroyed On Liftoff

BY MARCIA DUNN AP Aerospace Writer

An unmanned SpaceX rocket carrying supplies to the International Space Station broke apart Sunday shortly after liftoff. It was a severe blow to NASA, the third cargo mission to fail in eight months.

The accident happened about 2 1/2 minutes into the flight from Cape Canaveral, Florida. A billowing white cloud emerged in the sky, growing bigger and bigger, then fiery plumes shot out. Pieces of the rocket could be seen falling into the Atlantic like a fireworks display gone wrong.

More than 5,200 pounds of space station cargo were on board, including the first docking port designed for future commercial crew capsules, a new spacesuit and a water filtration system.

NASA officials said they have enough supplies for the three-person crew on board the station to last till October and still plan to send three more crewmembers up in a late July launch. NASA likes to have a six-month cushion of food and water, but is now down to four months.

"We're good from a food and water standpoint," NASA's top spaceflight official, William Gerstenmaier said at a press conference.

This puts added pressure on another resupply launch scheduled for Friday by Russia, its first attempt since losing a supply capsule in April.

SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket shattered while traveling at 2,900 mph, about 27 miles up. Everything seemed to be going well until the rocket went supersonic.

"We appear to have had a launch vehicle failure," announced NASA commentator George Diller.

Data stopped flowing from the Falcon 9 rocket around 2 minutes and 19 seconds, he said.

SpaceX founder and chief



RED HUBER/ORLANDO SENTINEL/TNS) A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on its seventh official Commercial Resupply (CRS) mission to the orbiting International Space Station breaks apart on Sunday after launching from Launch Complex 40 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida.

executive Elon Musk later said that the pressure got too high in the liquid-oxygen tank of the rocket's upper stage.

"That's all we can say with confidence right now," Musk said via Twitter.

The private company is in charge of the accident investigation, with oversight from the Federal Aviation Administration, which licensed the flight.

The Dragon capsule, which is designed to eventually carry people, still sent signals to the ground after the rocket broke apart, said SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell. Had astronauts been on board.

a still-being tested abort system, would have whisked them away to safety in such a mishap, she said.

SpaceX hopes to launch astronauts from U.S. soil again aboard the Falcon-Dragon combination in December 2017. They still can make that target, Shotwell said. Now NASA buys seats from Russia to get astronauts to the orbiting lab.

Shotwell assured reporters that the California-based company will fix the problem "and get back to flight."

Losing this shipment which included replacements for items lost in the two earlier failed supply flights — a huge setback for NASA.

This is a blow to us, Gerstenmaier said, citing the docking port, a spacesuit and considerable scientific research that had been on board. He said there was nothing common among the three accidents, "other than it's space and it's difficult to go fly.

In April, a Russian cargo ship spun out of control and burned up upon re-entry. And last October, an Orbital Sciences Corp. capsule was destroyed in a launch accident in Virginia. Orbital Sciences and SpaceX have NASA contracts to ship cargo

"Three failures on three different vehicles is unusual, but it would be even more worrisome if we had only one means of access," former NASA associate administrator Scott Pace wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

In addition to Friday's scheduled Russian launch, Orbital Sciences may be able to launch their supply ship at the end of this year, using another company's rocket. And a Japanese resupply ship is scheduled for August, Gerstenmaier said.

The seven previous SpaceX supply runs, dating back to 2012, had gone exceedingly well.

