

Israel: Raid Seized Rockets For Militants

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli naval forces on Wednesday seized a ship laden with rockets allegedly bound for militants in the Gaza Strip, and officials accused Iran of orchestrating the delivery in an elaborate 5,000-mile (8,000-kilometer) journey that included covert stops across the region.

The Syrian-made M-302 rockets would have put Israel's biggest cities well within range of Gaza, where militants already possess thousands of less powerful rockets. During eight days of fighting in 2012, armed groups fired 1,500 rockets into Israel, including several that reached the outskirts of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

The naval raid, which took place in the Red Sea hundreds of miles from Israel, came as Iran showed off powerful new ballistic missiles equipped with multiple warheads. The arms bust drew renewed Israeli calls for world powers to toughen their stand in negotiations over the Iranian nuclear program.

"Iran has been exposed for what it is. It smiles in the Geneva talks about its own nuclear ambitions, gives soothing words, and as they're doing that, they're shipping these deadly weapons to the world's worst terrorists," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in California during a U.S. visit. "Such a regime must not be able to have the capacity to make nuclear weapons."

Israel believes that Iran is trying to build a nuclear weapon, a charge Iran denies.

Sen. Blocks Confirmation For C. Rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's choice to lead the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division was blocked by bipartisan Senate opposition Wednesday in an emotional postscript to the long-ago murder of a Philadelphia policeman and the legal help his killer received.

The vote against advancing Debo Adebile toward confirmation was 47-52, shy of the majority needed under new procedures Democrats put in place late last year to overcome Republican stalling tactics.

In this case, though, to the dismay of civil rights organizations and the White House, Democratic desertions played a decisive role in the outcome. Eight members of Obama's party joined all 44 Republicans in preventing a final vote.

Obama swiftly condemned the action. In a statement, he called it a "travesty based on wildly unfair character attacks against a good and qualified public servant."

Administration officials left open the possibility the nomination would be withdrawn rather than put to a second vote, although Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is positioned to call for one after changing his "yes" to "no" in a last-minute procedural move.

Court: 'Upskirt Photos' Not Prohibited

BOSTON (AP) — A man who took cellphone photos up the skirts of women riding the Boston subway did not violate state law because the women were not nude or partially nude, Massachusetts' highest court ruled Wednesday.

The Supreme Judicial Court overruled a lower court that had upheld charges against Michael Robertson, who was arrested in August 2010 by transit police who set up a sting after getting reports that he was using his cellphone to take photos and video up female riders' skirts and dresses.

The ruling immediately prompted top Beacon Hill lawmakers to pledge to update state law.

Existing so-called Peeping Tom laws protect people from being photographed in dressing rooms and bathrooms when nude or partially nude, but the way the law is written, it does not protect clothed people in public areas, the court said.

"A female passenger on a MBTA trolley who is wearing a skirt, dress, or the like covering these parts of her body is not a person who is 'partially nude,' no matter what is or is not underneath the skirt by way of underwear or other clothing," the court said in its ruling.

New Health Law Regs. Include Extension

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warding off the specter of election-year health insurance cancellations, the Obama administration Wednesday announced a two-year extension for individual policies that don't meet requirements of the new health care law.

The decision helps defuse a political problem for Democrats in tough re-election battles this fall, especially for senators who in 2010 stood with President Barack Obama and voted to pass his health overhaul.

The extension was part of a major package of regulations that sets ground rules for 2015, the second year of government-subsidized health insurance markets under Obama's law — and the first year that larger employers will face a requirement to provide coverage.

Hundreds of pages of provisions affecting insurers, employers and consumers were issued by the Treasury Department and the Department of Health and Human Services. It will likely take days for lawyers and consultants to fully assess the implications.

The cancellation last fall of at least 4.7 million individual policies was one of the most damaging issues in the transition to a new insurance system under Obama's law. The wave of cancellations hit around the time that the new HealthCare.gov website was overwhelmed with technical problems.

Volatility Reigns In Ukraine

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PARIS — The United States and Western diplomats failed to bring Russian and Ukrainian foreign ministers together Wednesday for face-to-face talks on the confrontation in Crimea, even as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry voiced optimism that an exit strategy was possible. "I'd rather be where we are today than where we were yesterday," he said.

The flurry of diplomatic activity came as NATO punished Russia by suspending military cooperation, and the European Union extended \$15 billion in aid to Ukraine, matching the amount the country's fugitive president accepted from Moscow to turn his back on an EU trade accord.

After an intense round of diplomacy with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and several European counterparts in Paris, Kerry said the meetings were "very constructive, without promising something that is not defined yet, without raising hopes that are inappropriate to raise."

"I want to be realistic. This is hard, tough stuff, and a very serious moment," Kerry said. "I personally feel that I have something concrete to take back and talk to President Obama about," he added, without specifying what that was.

Speaking separately after what he called "a very long day" of discussions on Ukraine, Lavrov said the sides agreed to continue talks in coming days "about how we can help in efforts to normalize the situation and



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Ukraine sailors prepare to protect their base against Russian intrusion at Novoozernaya, Crimea, Wednesday.

overcome the crisis."

Still, there was no direct meeting between Lavrov and his Ukrainian counterpart, Andriy Deshchytzia, though the Ukrainian foreign minister said Kerry asked him to delay his flight home in hopes of getting the two to sit down together.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Deshchytzia said he had hoped to brief Lavrov on a Ukrainian plan to offer Crimea more autonomy while still claiming it within the country's borders. Any vote taken toward autonomy would require international observers to replace armed groups in order to work, he said.

"Our position is to use all the peaceful means, all the diplomatic ways to settle the issue without victims and tragedy — and without taking territory away," Deshchytzia said. "We don't want war with Russia."

But Lavrov was not ready to meet. Leaving the French Foreign Ministry, he was asked by reporters if he had met

with his Ukrainian counterpart. "Who is it?" Lavrov answered. "I didn't see anybody."

At a news conference at the U.S. ambassador's residence, Kerry played down the failure, saying there had been "zero expectation" of that, though U.S. officials said that is still the goal.

Kerry also repeated the West's demand that Russia pull its forces from the Crimean Peninsula, saying "Russia's violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity has actually united the world in support of the Ukrainian people."

On the ground in Ukraine, meanwhile, volatility reigned. A special U.N. envoy visiting Crimea came under threat by armed men who forced him to leave the region. And hundreds of demonstrators — many chanting "Russia! Russia!" — stormed a government building in eastern Ukraine, spreading concern that turmoil could engulf other Russian-dominated

parts of Ukraine.

Ukraine's prime minister told the AP in his first interview since taking office that he still feared Russian President Vladimir Putin might attempt more land grabs: "Mr. President," Arseniy Yatsenyuk said, "stop this mess."

But most of the bargaining chips belonged to Russia, whose troops are fanned out across Crimea and control most of its strategic facilities.

Lavrov, speaking in Spain before meeting with Kerry, warned against Western support of what Moscow views as a coup in Ukraine, saying that could encourage government takeovers elsewhere.

"We must understand that a bad example is infectious," he said.

While Russia expressed openness to international mediation, a major sticking point has been Moscow's refusal to recognize Ukraine's new leaders much less sit down at the table with them.

NATO tried to apply pressure on Moscow in its own talks with Russia in Brussels.

The alliance's secretary-general, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, said ambassadors for the 28 member states decided after a meeting with their Russian counterpart to suspend plans for a joint mission as well as all civilian and military meetings.

Rasmussen said that because of Russia's military action in the Crimean Peninsula, "the entire range of NATO-Russia cooperation (is) under review." Rasmussen said NATO will continue to meet with Moscow at the political level but insisted that halting all other cooperation "sends a very clear message to Russia."

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"I went from a three-person public relations department in Sioux Falls to (eventually becoming) the chief marketing officer for Eastman Kodak," Hayzlett said. "So you can imagine what it was like when I walked in and my budget became \$17 billion, and I had a staff of 2,500 marketers overnight."

People ask him all the time why Kodak went bankrupt in 2012.

"Think of Apple times 10," Hayzlett said of the size of Kodak in its heyday. "They were bigger than all of the automobile companies in the 1950s, which was huge."

He believes Kodak went bankrupt in 1975 when a company engineer named Steve Sasson created the first digital camera. Sasson told Kodak executives that it would change the way people take "Kodak moments," Hayzlett said the response from company leadership was that

the camera should be shelved and that Kodak is a film company.

"(Film) was a good product at the time," he stated. "It was making 90 percent profit margins. That's pretty frickin' good."

"But they were never a film company," Hayzlett continued. "If you think about what they were, they were an emotional technology company. That's what they did."

Hayzlett said Kodak had the only product that people would run into a burning building to retrieve.

"I know that to be true, because in 2001 I was in my home in South Dakota and lightning struck our house," he stated. "It came through the house and actually hit me. I'm out. I can't see or hear. When I wake up, my wife is running by with a box of photographs and says, 'Are you OK?'"

The story illustrates how companies need to adapt, change or die, according to Hayzlett.

"Those are the only phases of businesses that you really need to know," he said.

In order to be successful, Hayzlett said individuals and

businesses must get over fear, accept tension in the form of healthy debate, be radically transparent and admit to weaknesses, be willing to take on risk and follow through with promises.

Furthermore, the three things that drive Hayzlett are a desire to learn and grow, having fun and building wealth for himself and his family.

"I'm the biggest cheerleader for South Dakota," Hayzlett said. "This is a very special place. I think it's one of the most special places in the world. We're a different breed of people out here on the prairie."

"I've got to build wealth for me and my family," he continued. "I've learned that the same things I was doing in South Dakota, I could do somewhere else and charge a s***load more for it."

When asked what South Dakota companies he admires, Hayzlett named Raven Industries, Daktronics and Sanford Health.

"I'm particularly excited about what Sanford Health is doing now," he said. "They're saying we can do all these things in South Dakota. We can be the leader in diabetes

research (for example)."

If officials want leaps in entrepreneurship along the Interstate 29 corridor, Hayzlett said it will take some work.

"You can't just build it and hope they will come, because all you will be is a baseball field in the middle of Iowa," he stated. "We need to attract the talent and jobs — it's all got to come together. It's difficult for us, but it certainly can be done. That's why there needs to be more infusion from our government, in terms of providing incentives for those businesses to leave and want to come here."

South Dakota has a disadvantage with its cold, snowy winters and the perceptions it creates, Hayzlett said.

"You've got to build it around your strengths," he added. "I think what we've done with ethanol has been very smart. (A vision for development has) got to be believable and relatable."

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OBITUARIES

Arlene Sudrla

Arlene R. Sudrla, 81, of South Sioux City, NE passed away on March 4, 2014 at Regency Square Care Center in South Sioux City, NE.



Sudrla

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2014, with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at Becker-Hunt Funeral Home in South Sioux City, NE under the direction of Becker-Hunt Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Soehn Brothers Funeral Home in Lake Andes, SD. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Lake Andes, SD.

Arlene was born on April 18, 1932 in Lake Andes, SD to Joseph and Barbara (Hermanek) Kisely. She graduated from Lake Andes High School. Arlene was united in marriage to Rudolph J. Sudrla on May 22, 1956 in Lake Andes, SD. He preceded her

in death in October of 1998 in Sioux City, IA. Arlene was a homemaker and worked for a number of years with the South Sioux City School's food services.

Arlene was very proud of her family and grandchildren, and looked forward to family gatherings. She enjoyed playing cards, bowling, gardening, and treasured her rich Czech heritage taking pride in their music, food and culture.

She is survived by her 4 children, son Kerry (Barbara) Sudrla of Gretna, NE; son Terry (Laurie) Sudrla of Sioux City, IA; daughter Connie (Clayton) Koehler of South Sioux City, NE and daughter Kaylene Sudrla and significant other Richard Alexander of Omaha, NE; 7 grandchildren: Andrew Koehler, Nikole Mueller, Erin Rensink, Jason Sudrla, Brianna Sudrla, AJ Sudrla, and Shannon Sudrla, a great granddaughter Sophie Lane; a sister Lillian Gibson of South Sioux City, NE and a brother Leonard Kisely of Lake Andes, SD.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

husband, sisters Blanche and Laura and a brother Arthur.
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Thomas Weidemann

Thomas Paul Weidemann, 52, of Yankton, South Dakota, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 1, 2014, in a car accident outside of Yankton.



Weidemann

A celebration of his life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2014, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Vermillion, South Dakota, with Fr. Paul Sneve officiating.

A committal ceremony will be held at a later date.

A memorial service will also be held in Columbia, Maryland, later this spring.

Tom was born on September 20, 1961, in Wilmington, Delaware, to Charles and Marlene (Fedorchak) Weidemann.

He graduated from Penn State in 1985 and went on to work for many years as an electrical engineer in Maryland. His work on Naval trainers with Singer Link allowed him to travel and work in Portugal and Taiwan.

He later added network administrator, sound engineer and franchise owner to his roster. He was married to Wendy Baird for 15 years and they welcomed son Adam into their lives in 1992.

He had a wonderful sense of humor and easy congeniality and seemed to pick up friends wherever he went. He counted co-workers, neighbors, fellow concert goers and bicyclists he happened to meet along a trail among them. Between 2003 and 2013 he was married to Rebecca Mulhollem. He moved to Yankton within the last year in order to be closer to his family.

Tom's most treasured connection was with his son, Adam, whom he loved dearly. Tom also loved nature and enjoyed taking in every sunrise he could. His hobbies usually led him outdoors as he enjoyed walking,

especially with his dachshunds, hiking, cycling, golfing and racquetball. He was an avid movie buff and also enjoyed cooking, knitting and woodworking.

Tom is survived by his son, Adam Weidemann of Columbia; his mother, Marlene Weidemann of Vermillion; his sisters, Laurie (Gary) Girard of Vermillion, and Michaelene (Dave) Adams of Vermillion; and his aunt, Pat Javorski of Wilmington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Weidemann.

Memorials may be directed to Dakota Dachshund Rescue, P.O. Box 2771, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101.

Services have been entrusted to the Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Pistulka

Funeral services for Robert Pistulka, 91, of Fairfax, are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014, at St.

Anthony's Catholic Church in Fairfax. Burial will be in the St. Anthony's Cemetery, Fairfax.

There will be a scripture service on Friday at 7 p.m. at the church.

Visitation will be one hour prior to both services at the church.

Robert died March 4 at Yankton.

Kathleen Sedlacek

Kathleen "Kathy" M. Sedlacek, 63, of Tabor, died Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with the Rev. Steven Jones officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

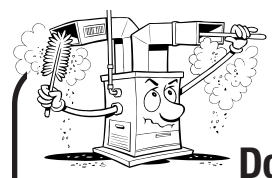
Visitations is 5-7 p.m. Friday at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor, with a wake service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor, is assisting with service details.

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