

## Iraqi Civilians Fear ISIS Reprisal Attacks

BAGHDAD (AP) — Mosul resident Mohammed Younis says he had nothing to do with the Islamic State group's capture of his city or its mass killings, beheadings and other atrocities — but that may not be enough to spare him if the extremists are driven out.

A letter left on his doorstep by a shadowy group calling itself the Freemen of Mosul said "vengeance is coming," and contained vague threats of eye-for-an-eye retribution. Dozens of other Mosul families have reported similar threats, and as Iraqi forces backed by feared Shiite militias gradually push up from Baghdad into the Sunni heartland, some fear the retreat of the extremist group could set off a new round of violence.

Younis thinks he was targeted because his cousin is a suspected Islamic State militant. "Because of the acts of a criminal cousin, me and some of my relatives will be killed or displaced," he said. "We have nothing to do with Daesh, but I think that nobody will listen when payback time comes," he added, using the Arabic acronym for the group.

Iraqi troops and Iranian-backed Shiite militias launched a long-awaited offensive this month aimed at capturing Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, a Sunni bastion on the Tigris river whose capture would pave the way for an assault on Mosul, which could come as soon as next month.

Iraq's government has sought to rally Sunni support, hoping to recruit powerful tribes to drive out the extremists and reunite the country. But past offensives have been followed by threats and reports of vicious sectarian reprisals.

## Ferguson Report Resonates Across US

SEATTLE (AP) — Felix Vargas read the Justice Department's report on Ferguson, Missouri, and thought some of it sounded awfully familiar: a mostly white police department overseeing a mostly minority town; questionable uses of force; officers ill-equipped to deal with mentally ill residents.

They're the same issues his heavily Hispanic community, the agricultural Washington city of Pasco, has confronted since the fatal police shooting of an immigrant farmworker last month.

"We know Pasco is only the most recent area where this has happened," said Vargas, chairman of a local Hispanic business organization called Consejo Latino. "We have a national problem. We continue to struggle with this issue of policing."

Ferguson has become an emblem of the tensions between minorities and police departments nationwide since Darren Wilson, a white officer, shot and killed Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old, last summer. The Justice Department cleared Wilson of criminal wrongdoing, but in its report last week, it made numerous allegations against the city's police department that included racial disparities in arrests, bigotry and profit-driven law enforcement — essentially using the black community as a piggy bank to support the city's budget through fines.

Though the report centered on Ferguson, its findings have resonated beyond the St. Louis suburbs as residents in some communities across the country say they feel they face the same struggles with their police departments and city leadership.

## MH370 Beacon Battery Had Expired

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — The first comprehensive report into the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 revealed Sunday that the battery of the locator beacon for the plane's data recorder had expired more than a year before the jet vanished on March 8, 2014.

The report came as Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said the hunt for the plane would not end even if the scouring of the current search area off Australia's west coast comes up empty.

Apart from the anomaly of the expired battery, the detailed report devoted pages after pages describing the complete normality of the flight, which disappeared while heading from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, setting off aviation's biggest mystery.

Families of the 239 people who were on board the plane marked the anniversary of the Boeing 777's disappearance, vowing to never give up on the desperate search for wreckage and answers to what happened to their loved ones.

Despite an exhaustive search for the plane, no trace of it has been found. In late January, Malaysia's government formally declared the incident an accident and said all those on board were presumed dead.

## Charges Brought In Nemtsov Killing

MOSCOW (AP) — Five men were behind bars Sunday either charged or suspected in the killing of Kremlin critic Boris Nemtsov, but details remained unclear in the case that has shaken Russia's marginalized and struggling opposition movement.

The five appeared in a Moscow court, where two of them were charged in connection with the shooting of Nemtsov as he walked across a bridge near the Kremlin on Feb. 27. The other three were remanded to jail pending the filing of charges, which Russian law says must be done within 10 days.

Russian news reports meanwhile cited unnamed sources as saying another suspect had killed himself with a grenade after police blocked his apartment on Saturday in Grozny, the capital of the republic of Chechnya. There was no official comment from Moscow on the reports, but Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov appeared to partially confirm it Sunday.

One of the judges in the two separate hearings said suspect Zaur Dadaev had acknowledged involvement, but Dadaev did not admit guilt in the courtroom, according to state-run and independent news agencies in Russia. The other suspect who was charged, Anzor Gubashev, denied guilt, the reports said.

The three others include Gubashev's younger brother Shagid, along with Khamzad Bakhaev and Tamerlan Es-kerkhanov, state news agency Tass reported.

## Some States Fighting Wood Fire Rules

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Smoke wafting from wood fires has long provided a familiar winter smell in many parts of the country — and, in some cases, a foggy haze that has filled people's lungs with fine particles that can cause coughing and wheezing.

Citing health concerns, the Environmental Protection Agency now is pressing ahead with regulations to significantly limit the pollution from newly manufactured residential wood heaters. But some of the states with the most wood smoke are refusing to go along, claiming that the EPA's new rules could leave low-income residents in the cold.

Missouri and Michigan already have barred their environmental agencies from enforcing the EPA standards. Similar measures recently passed Virginia's legislature and are pending in at least three other states, even though residents in some places say the rules don't do enough to clear the air.

It's been a harsh winter for many people, particularly those in regions repeatedly battered by snow. And the EPA's new rules are stoking fears that some residents won't be able to afford new stoves when their older models give out.

"People have been burning wood since the beginning of recorded time," said Phillip Todd, 59, who uses a wood-fired furnace to heat his home in Holts Summit. "They're trying to regulate it out of existence, I believe, and they really have no concern about the economic consequences or the hardship it's going to cause."

# Remembering Bloody Sunday



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Thousands wait downtown to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on Sunday in Selma, Alabama.

## On Anniversary, Thousands In Selma Recall Voting Rights Act

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SELMA, Ala. — Selma paid tribute Sunday to the late President Lyndon Johnson for the 1965 Voting Rights Act, recalling the clashes between police and marchers 50 years ago in this Alabama city that helped secure those equal voting protections.

Police beat and tear-gassed marchers at the foot of the bridge in Selma on March 7, 1965, in a spasm of violence that shocked the nation. The attack on demonstrators preceded the Selma-to-Montgomery march, which occurred two weeks later. Both helped build momentum for congressional approval of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

Luci Baines Johnson accepted the award Sunday from Selma city officials on behalf of her father, saying it meant so much to her a half century later to see him honored for the landmark act.

"You remember how deeply Daddy cared about social justice and how hard he worked to make it happen," she told the crowd. Several hundred gave her a standing ovation and some chanted, "L.B.J., L.B.J."

She said what happened in Selma changed the world, adding that she witnessed the painful injustice of segregation as a child. She also recalled standing behind her father as he signed the act into law.

A march from Selma to Montgomery in remembrance of the journey is set to

begin Monday morning and culminate with a rally at the Alabama Capitol Friday afternoon.

Many had gathered for a unity breakfast, film screenings and a planned pre-march rally starting Sunday afternoon at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, where President Barack Obama spoke a day earlier.

On Saturday, Obama touched on improvements in American race relations. He mentioned recent high-profile clashes between citizens and law enforcement on the circumstances leading to fatal police shootings and law enforcement tactics toward minorities.

"We just need to open our eyes, and ears, and hearts, to know that this nation's racial history still casts its long shadow upon us," Obama said. "We know the march is not yet over, the race is not yet won, and that reaching that blessed destination where we are judged by the content of our character requires admitting as much."

Obama was joined by others in the town of roughly 20,000 to hear speeches from leaders including Georgia Rep. John Lewis — an Alabama native who was among the demonstrators attacked by law officers on a march for equal voting rights.

Bishop Dennis Proctor of the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District said his group brought five buses to the anniversary commemoration. But he told members not to come to Selma if they couldn't commit to fighting to restore protections in the Voting Rights Act

that were recently eliminated.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2013 struck down section 4 of the Voting Rights Act which required states with a history of minority voter suppression to get permission from the Justice Department before changing voting laws.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, speaking at Sunday's unity breakfast, said the changes in voting laws threatened to push minority voters backward down the bridge.

"While we are celebrating, there are those that are trying to dismantle what we are celebrating," Sharpton said.

Groups traveled to Selma from across the nation, including five busloads of people from Nashville.

Gloria Haugabook McKissack, a retired college history teacher who participated in lunch counter sit-ins in Nashville, was the main organizer of the trip from Nashville, adding that more buses were added because of demand.

"It just grew as people began to hear that we were going to make this journey," McKissack said.

The buses carried civil rights leaders — some Freedom Riders — lawmakers, city council members and college students.

"It's up to us ... to explain to them what actually happened and why this march is happening," said Ernest Patton, a Nashville Freedom Rider who made the trip. "They should walk up to somebody and say, 'were you a part of this 50 years ago?' And get the history."

## Clinton Urged To Explain Email Actions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton should fully explain her actions involving the use of a private, nongovernment email account when she was the country's top diplomat, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein said on Sunday, becoming the first major Democrat to urge Clinton to share more details of the private account.

Feinstein said the former first lady and New York senator "needs to step up and come out and say exactly what the situation was," adding that from "this point on, the silence is going to hurt her."

Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, avoided the controversy Sunday morning.

Asked whether his wife was treated fairly, Bill Clinton



Clinton

replied, "I'm not the one to judge that. I have an opinion, but I have a bias."

"I shouldn't be making news on this," he said, in remarks reported on CNN.com.

Hillary Clinton has been criticized for her use of the private email account and whether she complied with federal rules requiring officials to retain their communications. Clinton says that she's turned over all relevant emails — totaling 55,000 pages — to the State Department for review.

Last week, the House committee investigating the Benghazi, Libya, attacks, issued subpoenas for Clinton's emails, and the chairman

said Sunday, "We're not entitled to everything. I don't want everything. I just want everything related to Libya and Benghazi."

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., said "there are gaps of months and months and months" in the emails the committee had previously received. "It's not up to Secretary Clinton to decide what's a public record and what's not."

Clinton is considered the front-runner for the party's 2016 presidential nomination, but hasn't entered the race yet. So far, a tweet has been her only comment on the controversy. She did not address the issue Saturday night during an event in Coral Gables, Florida, for the Clinton Global Initiative University.

One of Clinton's predecessors, former Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he has retained none of the emails sent from his personal

email account during his tenure at the department in the first George W. Bush administration.

"I don't have any to turn over," he said on Sunday. "I did not keep a cache of them. I did not print them off."

Powell added: "A lot of the emails that came out of my personal account went into the State Department system. They were addressed to State Department employees and the State.gov domain. But I don't know if the servers (for) the State Department captured those or not."

Powell said all the emails from his account were unclassified and most were "pretty benign, so I'm not terribly concerned even if they were able to recover them."

Feinstein appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press." Gowdy was on CBS' "Face the Nation," and Powell spoke on ABC's "This Week."

## Jeb Bush Jumps Into Retail Politics In Iowa

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Since announcing on Facebook his plan to explore running for president, Jeb Bush has courted high-dollar donors in private rooms and luxury resorts, and delivered weighty speeches in hotel ballrooms and city clubs.

This weekend, he was at a Pizza Ranch.

The former Florida governor arrived in Cedar Rapids behind schedule, a sign as

strong as any that he is, in fact, running for president. Looking a bit disheveled, with his open-collared shirt coming untucked, Bush took questions for more than 30 minutes at a location of the Iowa-based pizza chain that's as much a part of politics in the state as the caucuses themselves.

"Are you with me?" Bush said to one visitor, throwing his arm over the man's shoulder. Standing side by side and

grinning, Bush said, "Ten years from now, I know at least two guys who are going to be 10 years older."

Bush appears certain to get into the 2016 race with an early and dominating lead in fundraising. He's hired some of the best talent in the Republican Party and earned generally solid reviews at the early "cat-le calls" where White House prospects gather en masse to address party loyalists.

But he acknowledged this weekend that winning over his party will depend just as much on his success at working the room and posing for pictures. Viewed by many as the ultimate establishment Republican, thanks to his family ties, he set out to introduce himself to voters, one at a time, in the "retail" politics that defines the campaign for president in Iowa and the other early voting states.

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