

Up To 11,000 People Flee Syria In 24 Hours

BEIRUT (AP) — As many as 11,000 people fled Syria in 24 hours, some of them desperately clambering through a razor-wire fence into Turkey on Friday to escape fierce fighting between rebels and government forces for control of a border town.

The exodus is a sign of the escalating ferocity of the violence, which has killed more than 36,000 people since March 2011. Despite the bloodshed, embattled President Bashar Assad insisted there was no civil war in Syria, saying in a rare TV appearance that he was protecting Syrians against "terrorism" supported from abroad.

The flood of Syrians into neighboring Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon was "the highest that we have had in quite some time," said Panos Moutmtzis, the U.N. refugee agency's regional coordinator for the region.

About 2,000 to 3,000 people are fleeing Syria daily, and the recent surge brings the number registered with the agency to more than 408,000, he said.

States Await Federal Response To Pot Measures

DENVER (AP) — Should marijuana be treated like alcohol? Or should it remain in the same legal category as heroin and the most dangerous drugs? Votes this week by Colorado and Washington to allow adult marijuana possession have prompted what could be a turning point in the nation's conflicted and confusing war on drugs.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder was to talk Friday by phone with Colorado's governor, who wants to know whether the federal government would sue to block the marijuana measures. Both states are holding off on plans to regulate and tax the drug while waiting to see whether the U.S. Justice Department would assert federal authority over drug law.

The Obama administration has largely turned a blind eye to the 17 states that currently flout federal drug law by allowing people with certain medical conditions to use pot, something banned under federal law.

Pentagon Cracks Down On Spilling Secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military is cracking down on special operations troops who share knowledge of their secret missions for profit, punishing seven Navy SEALs, including one involved in the mission to get Osama bin Laden, who moonlighted as advisers on a combat video game.

Current and former SEALs, including the author of a tell-all book on the bin Laden raid, complain they're getting mixed messages from the military, which likes to see itself on big and small screens on its own terms.

The seven SEALs are being reprimanded and having their pay docked for sharing information with the designers of "Medal of Honor: Warfighter," by video game company EA, according to military officials speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigations publicly.

The men will remain in the SEAL teams, but were punished for working on the video without their command's permission, revealing classified information by sharing the tactics they use and showing designers some of their specially designed combat equipment unique to their unit, the officials said.

Four more SEALs could face the similar punishment.

Obama: Americans Agree With My Approach

BY ANDREW TAYLOR AND JULIE PACE Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, laying down his marker for grueling "fiscal cliff" negotiations, said Friday he won't accept any approach to federal deficit reduction that doesn't ask the wealthy to pay more in taxes.

"This was a central question during the election," Obama said in his first postelection comments on the economy. "The majority of Americans agree with my approach."

Following up, Obama's spokesman said later that the president would veto any legislation extending tax cuts for families making \$250,000 or more.

The president, speaking in the White House East Room, said he wasn't wedded to every detail of the plans he outlined during the election, adding, "I'm open to compromise." But he offered no indication that he was willing to back down.

Republicans stood their ground. At the Capitol, Republican House



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U.S. President Barack Obama delivers a statement about the action to keep the economy growing and to reduce the deficit in the East Room of the White House on Friday.

Speaker John Boehner said he remains unwilling to raise tax rates on upper-income earners. But he left open the possibility of balancing spending cuts with new revenue that could be achieved by revising the tax code to lower rates but also

eliminate some tax breaks.

Obama said he had invited congressional leaders of both parties to the White House next week for their first postelection negotiations. Their assignment: avert the "fiscal cliff" tax increases and automatic spend-

ing cuts due to hit in January. Both parties agree that those changes, the result of failed deficit-cut talks earlier this year, could send the economy back into recession.

He avoided any mention of actual tax rates in his remarks, saying only that the wealthy should pay more. That omission might seem to open a door for negotiating, but spokesman Jay Carney's statement on the likelihood of a veto suggested otherwise.

Both sides agree that failure to address the automatic tax increases and spending cuts could cripple the economy. A Congressional Budget Office report on Thursday projected that the economy would fall back into recession if there is a protracted impasse in Washington.

Obama and Republicans have tangled over the tax cuts first approved by George W. Bush for years. The president gave in to Republican demands to extend the cuts across the board in 2010, but he ran for reelection on a pledge to allow the rates to increase on families making more than \$250,000 a year.

High Court To Take New Look At Voting Rights Law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Friday it will consider eliminating the government's most potent weapon against racial discrimination at polling places since the 1960s. The court acted three days after a diverse coalition of voters propelled President Barack Obama to a second term in the White House.

With a look at affirmative action in higher education already on the agenda, the court is putting a spotlight on race by re-examining the ongoing necessity of laws and programs aimed at giving racial minorities access to major areas of American life from which they

once were systematically excluded.

"This is a term in which many core pillars of civil rights and pathways to opportunity hang in the balance," said Debo Adebile, acting president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

In an order Friday, the justices agreed to hear a constitutional challenge to the part of the landmark Voting Rights Act that requires all or parts of 16 states with a history of discrimination in voting to get federal approval before making any changes in the way they hold elections.

The high court considered the same issue three years ago but sidestepped what Chief Justice John Roberts then called "a difficult constitutional question."

The new appeal from Shelby County, Ala., near Birmingham, says state and local governments covered by the law have made significant progress and no longer should be forced to live under oversight from Washington.

"The America that elected and reelected Barack Obama as its first African-American president is far different than when the Voting Rights Act was first enacted in 1965. Congress unwisely reautho-

rized a bill that is stuck in a Jim Crow-era time warp. It is unconstitutional," said Edward Blum, director of the not-for-profit Project on Fair Representation, which is funding the challenges to the voting rights law and affirmative action.

But defenders of the law said there is a continuing need for it and pointed to the Justice Department's efforts to block voter ID laws in South Carolina and Texas, as well as a redistricting plan in Texas that a federal court found discriminated against the state's large and growing Hispanic population.

OBITUARIES

Lawrence Marbach

Reverend Lawrence J. Marbach, age 86, of Yankton, SD died Wednesday, November 07, 2012 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD of an extended illness. He was comforted in death by the presence of his brothers, Mr. Jerome Marbach and Mr. Donald Marbach along with his brother priest, Reverend Ken Lulf.



Marbach

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 12, 2012 for Father Lawrence Marbach at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD. The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop, of Sioux Falls, SD will preside at the Mass. Father Marbach's cousin, Reverend Jerome Ranek, will offer the homily. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

Visitations will begin at 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening with a rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by a liturgical scripture service at 7:30 PM. The Knights of Columbus will provide the honor guard. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers are: Don Marbach, Joe Marbach, Ron Marbach, Ray Marbach, Mark Marbach, Larry

Murphy and Mark East. Fr. Lawrence was born in Yankton, SD on May 28, 1926 to Joseph and Marie (Mader) Marbach and raised in Yankton, SD. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School and Yankton High School. Seminary training began at St. Bernard Seminary of Sioux Falls, SD, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN and St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN for six years. Upon completing the seminary course, he was ordained into the priesthood at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton, SD on May 31, 1952 by the Most Reverend William O. Brady, Bishop of Sioux Falls, SD.

Upon his ordination, Father Marbach served as an associate pastor at the parishes of Saint Agnes, Vermillion and Saint Thomas More, Brookings. In 1958 he was appointed pastor and served in the parishes of Saint Pius X, Onida, Holy Rosary, Agar, and Holy Spirit, Blunt. Father Marbach went on to serve as pastor at the parishes of Immaculate Conception, Waubay, Saint Paul the Apostle, Armour, Saint Ann,

Miller, Christ the King, Webster, Saint Anthony, Bristol, Saint Joseph, Lily, Saint Michael, Clark, and Saint James, Willow Lake-Bryant. In June of 1996, Father Marbach retired from active ministry.

After completing his assignments and while living in the Yankton area, Father Marbach offered priestly ministry to the infirmed at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital and its related facilities as well as to the imprisoned at the Yankton Federal Prison Camp. Father Marbach was also active in providing substitute Sunday Mass coverage to surrounding parishes and, with great regularity, provided pastoral ministry to the faithful of Saint Agnes Parish (Sige) in rural Utica, and House of Mary Shrine.

This past year, Father Marbach was joined by two ordination classmates, Reverend Charles Duman and Monsignor Carlton Hermann, in celebrating their sixtieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood at a celebration held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yankton.

Father Marbach had two passions in his life: automobiles and priesthood.

He is survived by his two brothers: Don Marbach, Yankton, SD and Jerome "Joe" (Jody) Marbach,

Pierre, SD; nephew, Mark Marbach and children: Nicholas and Emily Marbach, Pierre, SD; niece, Nancy (Mark) East, and children: Caiden and Cody, Sioux Falls, SD, cousins: Jeanne (John) Ranek, Sioux Falls, SD and their family and grandchildren, Howard (Mary) Bechen, Letcher, SD, Edward (Joyce) Bechen, Artesian, SD, Raymond (Janet) Marbach, Manchester, IA, Ronald (Marjean) Marbach, Dyersville, IA, William Killingsworth, Florida, Bradley Killingsworth, Bolivia, William (Donna) Grovjahn, Yankton, SD, Agnes Grovjahn, Yankton, SD, Dolores Donovan, Columbia, MO, Robert (Mary) Grovjahn, Billings, MT, many nieces and nephews, and special friend, Robert Ritter, Brookings, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Clara Rye

Clara A. Rye, 93, of Yankton died Friday, Nov. 9, 2012, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. David Lund officiating. Burial

will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the family present from 6-8 p.m. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral.

To send an online sympathy message, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Max Young

Max H. Young, age 90, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Avera Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 12, 2012, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with Reverend Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Military Honors will be provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service on Monday.

Honorary Pallbearers are Max's grandchildren: Robert Young, Chad Young, Russ young, Jonathon Raap, Derek Zelenka, Rachel Zelenka, Adam Young, Matt Young, and Alex Janak.

Max Young was born August 27, 1922 in Academy, South Dakota, to



Young

Mervin and Veronica (Dreger) Young. He grew up in Platte, South Dakota, moving to Yankton when he was in high school, where he met and later married the love of his life, Marjorie Lefler on June 2, 1943. He served in the Navy Air Corps, during World War II as a night pilot bomber, flying from an aircraft carrier. After his discharge he returned to Yankton and worked at Larson Auto Electric, eventually buying the business and operating it as Young-Yankton Auto Electric until 1983. Upon retirement he and Maggie became Florida snowbirds and for the next 25 years lived in North Fort

Meyers, Florida during the winter and returning to Yankton in the summer.

Max had an insatiable passion for travel, he couldn't wait to get behind the wheel and he would take you wherever you wanted to go. They traveled to every state in the United States except Alaska. He especially loved to spend the summers camping and boating with his family at Lewis & Clark Lake in Yankton. Max could fix anything and was a wonderful mechanic. Max and Maggie returned to Yankton in 2008. Max was recently cared for at the Sister James Care Center in Yankton.

Max is survived by his wife, Maggie of 69 years, two sons: Gary (Alice) Young of Rochester, Minnesota and Tom (Margo) Young of Gardner, Kansas; one daughter,

Nancy (Pat) Zelenka of Yankton; nine grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and one brother, Gordon Young of Sioux City, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Laura; and his sister, Jane Borin.

To post an online sympathy message please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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