

Israeli Leader Confronts White House

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is sounding increasingly agitated over what it views as Americans dithering with economic sanctions too weak to force Iran to end its suspected drive toward nuclear weapons.

In a clear message aimed at the White House, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday criticized what he said was the world's failure to spell out what would provoke a U.S.-led military strike against Iranian nuclear facilities. The comments came in response to U.S. refusals in recent days to set "red lines" for Tehran.

With his strong words, Netanyahu is taking a bold gamble. He clearly hopes to rattle the U.S. into doing more, for fear that Israel might otherwise soon attack Iran on its own. But he risks antagonizing President Barack Obama during a re-election campaign and straining relations with Israel's closest and most important ally. Relations between the two leaders have often been tense in the past.

Israeli officials say American politics do not factor into their thinking, but that the sense of urgency is so grave that the world cannot hold its breath until after the November election.

"The world tells Israel, 'Wait. There's still time,'" Netanyahu said Tuesday. "And I say: 'Wait for what? Wait until when?' Those in the international community who refuse to put red lines before Iran don't have a moral right to place a red light before Israel."

For 9/11 Campaigns Suspend Partisan Digs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and challenger Mitt Romney declared a fleeting truce for partisan digs Tuesday as the nation remembered the 9/11 terrorist attacks, but campaign politics crackled through even their somber observances.

The campaigns pulled their negative ads and scheduled no rallies. But both candidates stayed in the public eye as the nation marked the 11th anniversary of the jetliner crashes that left nearly 3,000 dead.

Obama observed a White House moment of silence, attended a memorial service at the Pentagon, visited Arlington National Cemetery and then met privately with wounded soldiers and their families at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. But former President Bill Clinton carried on with a campaign stop for Obama in Florida, and the Democrat's camp issued registration appeals under first lady Michelle Obama's name.

In an echo of his usual campaign speech, Obama noted that the war in Iraq is over and troops are on track to leave Afghanistan in 2014.

"Al-Qaida's leadership has been devastated, and Osama bin Laden will never threaten us again," Obama said at the Pentagon. "Our country is safer and our people are resilient."

Protestors Angry Over US Embassy Cairo Wall

CAIRO (AP) — Mainly ultraconservative protesters climbed the walls of the U.S. Embassy in Egypt's capital Tuesday and brought down the American flag, replacing it with a black Islamist flag to protest a U.S.-produced film attacking the Prophet Muhammad. Hours later, armed men in eastern Libya also stormed the US consulate there and set it on fire as anger spread.

It was the first time ever that the U.S. Embassy in Cairo has been breached and comes as Egypt is struggling to overcome months of unrest following the ouster of Hosni Mubarak's autocratic regime. U.S. officials said no Americans were reported harmed in the assaults in Cairo or the eastern city of Benghazi.

The unrest in Cairo began when hundreds of protesters marched to the downtown embassy, gathering outside its walls and chanting against the movie and the U.S.

"Say it, don't fear: Their ambassador must leave," the crowd chanted.

Dozens of protesters then scaled the embassy walls, and several went into the courtyard and took down the flag from a pole. They brought it back to the crowd outside, which tried to burn it, but failing that tore it apart. The protesters on the wall then raised on the flagpole a black flag with a Muslim declaration of faith, "There is no god but God and Muhammad is his prophet." The flag, similar to the banner used by al-Qaida, is commonly used by ultraconservatives around the region.

Facebook CEO Acknowledges Stock Fall

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, acknowledging concerns about his company's stock performance, said Tuesday that Facebook has survived troubles before.

He spoke to a standing-room-only audience at a tech conference in San Francisco in his first interview since the company's rocky initial public offering in May. Facebook Inc.'s stock has lost half its value since the IPO.

Zuckerberg said the drop "has obviously been disappointing," but he said it's a great time to "double down" on the company's future.

"Facebook has not been an uncontroversial company," Zuckerberg said. "It's not like this is the first up and down we have ever had."

Among other things, Facebook Inc. has repeatedly faced criticism and user rebellion over its policies and practices affecting data privacy.

Dry NW Burns After Weekend Storms

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — A haze of thick smoke formed Tuesday over vast swaths of the West as wildfires forced more residents to flee their homes in several states.

Fire officials reported seven homes were destroyed and hundreds of people were evacuated near Casper, Wyo., where a wildfire has burned across almost 24 square miles. In western Montana, fire crews said there was no containment in sight for a blaze that has prompted an evacuation order for 400 houses west of Hamilton.

With winds dying down, fire crews in eastern Washington were hopeful they could gain ground on dozens of fires sparked by weekend lightning storms, but more evacuation orders were issued Tuesday as a wildfire continued to move in the hills west of Wenatchee, a fruit capital on the banks of the Columbia River.

Residents of nearly 120 homes were evacuated due to the fire burning about 140 miles east of Seattle.

About 160 firefighters from across the state gathered to help fight the blaze. Resident Shannon Grosdidier and her four daughters delivered oatmeal cookies to several stationed at the end of her street Monday night.

Protesting Miners Block Roads In Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — Hundreds of miners are blocking three principal highways leading into Bolivia's capital city, demanding authorities grant control over a profitable tin mine to them rather than a rival group.

Interior Minister Carlos Romero says the miners have placed large rocks in the roads, forcing hundreds of cars to stop.

Heavily armed riot police are on hand but have not moved against the protesters.

The miners are demanding control of the lucrative Colquiri mine, which is 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of La Paz. The mine has been a point of dispute between them and a group working for a state-owned company.

On Monday, the other group set off small dynamite charges in the roads to demand control of the mine.

Space Agency Eyes Manned Flights With China

BERLIN (AP) — The European Space Agency is exploring the possibility of cooperating with China on manned space missions by the end of the decade.

The head of ESA's human spaceflight division says some European astronauts are already learning Chinese in preparation for joint missions.

Thomas Reiter told The Associated Press on Tuesday that ESA would barter for seats on Chinese spacecraft in the same way it has long done with Russia and the United States.

Europe doesn't have its own spacecraft capable of putting humans into orbit.

Reiter says ESA would also like China to become a member of the International Space Station program if U.S. objections can be overcome.

China launched its first into space astronaut in 2003.

Smaller Memorials On 9/11 Anniversary

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NEW YORK — There were still the tearful messages to loved ones, clutches of photos and flowers, and moments of silence. But 11 years after Sept. 11, Americans appeared to enter a new, scaled-back chapter of collective mourning for the worst terror attack in U.S. history.

Crowds gathered, as always, at the World Trade Center site in New York, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania memorial Tuesday to mourn the nearly 3,000 victims of the 2001 terror attacks, reciting their names and remembering with music, tolling bells and prayer. But they came in fewer numbers, ceremonies were less elaborate and some cities canceled their remembrances altogether. A year after the milestone 10th anniversary, some said the memorials may have reached an emotional turning point.

"It's human nature, so people move on," said Wanda Ortiz, of New York City, whose husband, Emilio Ortiz, was killed in the trade center's north tower, leaving behind her and their 5-month-old twin daughters. "My concern now is ... how I keep the memory of my husband alive."

It was also a year when politicians largely took a back seat to grieving families; no elected officials spoke at all at New York's 3 1/2-hour ceremony. President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney pulled negative campaign ads and avoided rallies, with the president laying a wreath at the Pentagon ceremony and visiting wounded soldiers at a Maryland hospital. And beyond the victims of the 2001 attacks, attention was paid to the wars that followed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In Middletown, N.J., a bedroom community that lost 37 residents in the attacks, town officials laid a wreath at the entrance to the park in a small, silent ceremony. Last year, 3,700 people attended a remembrance with speeches, music and names read.

"This year," said Deputy Mayor Stephen Massell, "I think less is more."

Some worried that moving on would mean Sept. 11 will fade from memory.

"It's been 11 years already," said Michael Reneo, whose sister-in-law, Daniela Notaro, was killed at the trade center. "And unfortunately for some, the reality of this day seems to be fading as the years go by. ... I hope we never lose focus on what really happened here."

Thousands had attended the ceremony in New York in previous years, including last year's milestone 10th anniversary. In New York, a crowd of fewer than 200 swelled to about 1,000 by late Tuesday morning, as family members laid roses and made paper rubbings of their loved ones' names etched onto the Sept. 11 memorial. A few hundred attended ceremonies at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa., fewer than in years past.

As bagpipes played at the year-old Sept. 11 memorial in New York, families holding balloons, flowers and photos of their loved ones bowed their heads in silence at 8:46 a.m., the moment that the first hijacked jetliner crashed into the trade center's north tower. Bells tolled to mark the moments that planes crashed into the second tower, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field, and the moments that each tower collapsed.

President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama laid a white floral wreath at the Pentagon, above a concrete slab that said "Sept. 11, 2001 — 937 am." Obama later recalled the horror of the attacks, declaring, "Our country is safer and our people are resilient."

Vice President Joe Biden remembered the 40 victims of the plane that crashed in a field south of Pittsburgh, saying he understood 11 years haven't diminished memories.

"Today is just as monumental a day for all of you, for each of your families, as any Sept. 11 has ever been," he said.

Wearing white ribbons, many wearing T-shirts with their loved ones' pictures, victims' family in New York read loved ones' names, and looked up to the sky to talk to their family — even those they hadn't met.

Juan Torres wasn't old enough to remem-

U.S. Employers Posted Fewer Job Openings In July

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

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WASHINGTON — U.S. employers posted fewer jobs in July than in June, further evidence that hiring may stay weak in the coming months.

Job openings fell to a seasonally adjusted 3.67 million, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That's down from June's 3.72 million job openings, which was revised lower.

The data follow Friday's disappointing employment report, which said the economy added only 96,000 jobs in August. That's below July's total of 141,000 and the average 226,000 a month added in the first three months of the year. The unemployment rate fell to 8.1 percent from 8.3 percent, but only because the number of people working or looking for work fell.

The drop in available positions has made job hunting more competitive. Nearly 12.8 million people were unemployed in July, meaning 3.5 people were competing for each open position.

While that's down from a post-recession high of 7 to 1 in July 2009, in a healthy economy the ratio is usually 2 to 1.

Job openings have increased 68 percent from 2.2 million over the past three years. But companies aren't filling them quickly. Total hiring has increased only 11 percent in that stretch.

There are several reasons companies aren't hiring faster, economists say. Companies may not be offering sufficient pay to entice workers to take the jobs. Some employers say they can't find enough skilled workers in certain industries, such as information technology.

Businesses are also worried about Europe's financial crisis, slowing growth in China and the

pending expiration of tax breaks in the United States.

Jeff Joerres, chief executive of ManpowerGroup, an employment services firm, said those trends are making even healthy companies reluctant to hire.

"It's all I hear about," he said. Some of his company's clients say, "Our business is good, but we're worried," he added.

Employers are still posting fewer jobs than before the recession, when they advertised about 4.4 million a month.

In July, the number of available jobs fell in manufacturing, health care, and professional and business services, a category that includes engineers, accountants and lawyers.

The government's monthly employment report measures net hiring.

Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, shows the amount of hiring and firing that takes place in the U.S. each month. It provides more details than the monthly jobs report.

It also highlights one reason the job market remains weak. Layoffs have fallen steadily recently, but companies aren't stepping up hiring.

Layoffs fell to 1.6 million in July. That's the lowest level in the 10 years the government has tracked the data. It shows companies aren't cutting jobs, despite their worries about future growth. It's also likely why weekly applications for unemployment benefits have trended down recently.

But they aren't adding many either.

Overall, employers hired 4.2 million people in July, down from almost 4.3 million in the previous month. Before the recession, total hires routinely topped 5 million.

OBITUARIES

Magdalene Claudine "Maggie" Manas

"Dearest Maggie, please know that our greatest blessing was having you."

Maggie was born on September 7th, 2012 in Sioux Falls, SD and passed away in the loving arms of her Papa on September 8th, 2012 in Ann Arbor, MI.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 14, 2012 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Lesterville, SD with Msgr. Carlton Hermann and Rev. Joe Forcelle officiating. Burial will be in the Nikodym Cemetery, rural Utica, SD. Visitations will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2012 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor with a 7 p.m. wake service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Dearest Maggie, you never got to ride with Papa in the tractor or help Mama check on cows. You never got a chance to run and play on the farm with Connor but in our hearts you did. Even though our time with you was short, you have forever left footprints on our hearts. We now have a guarding angel in heaven watching over us all.

Survivors include her parents; Terry and Lacey (O'Connor) Manas and brother,

Connor, Utica, SD; Grandparents; Jack & Claudine O'Connor, Ismay, MT; Marvin Manas, Utica, SD; Great Grandpa Ray Michels, Laurel, MT; Aunts & Uncles; Ty & Rachael O'Connor, Ekalaka, MT; Paige O'Connor, Ft. Bridger, WY; Ashley & Jordan O'Donnell, Dayton, WY; Ry O'Connor, Ismay, MT; Lori & Dave Lammers, Hartington, NE; Marvin Manas Jr., Chattanooga, TN; Lisa & Wade Dangler, Yankton, SD; Sandra & Eric Van Driel, Norfolk, NE; Susan & Trevor Goeden, Yankton, SD; Amie & Andy Colvin, Yankton, SD; Diane & Travis Krein, Sioux Falls, SD; Cousins; Mick, Tyra, Nasya, Tiernan, and Cortland O'Connor; Blaine, Jenna, and Ryan Lammers; Alex, Madison, Brady, and Bryce Dangler, Caleb, Gavin, and Breely Van Driel; Kaylee and Brooke Goeden; Caden and Evan Colvin.

Maggie was preceded in death by her great grandparents John and Emily Manas, Andrew and Agatha Kleinschmit, Jim and Magdalene O'Connor and Louise Michels.

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Leigh Squires

Leigh V. Squires, of Centerville, SD passed away Tuesday, September 11 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending with the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion, SD.

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Priscilla Schneider

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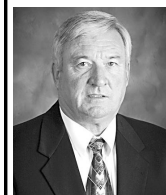
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