

Weapons Inspectors Outline Syria Plan

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Inspectors who will oversee Syria's destruction of its chemical weapons said Sunday their first priority is to help the country scrap its ability to manufacture such arms by a Nov. 1 deadline — using every means possible.

The chemical weapons inspectors said that may include smashing mixing equipment with sledgehammers, blowing up delivery missiles, driving tanks over empty shells or filling them with concrete, and running machines without lubricant so they seize up and become inoperable.

On Friday, the U.N. Security Council ordered the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to help Syria destroy its chemical weapons by mid-2014.

On Sunday, inspectors met with media in The Hague to explain their current plan of action, which is to include an initial group of 20 leaving for Syria on Monday.

Strategies Vary With Insurance Markets

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — With new online health insurance exchanges set to launch Tuesday, consumers in many Southern and Plains states will have to look harder for information on how the marketplaces work than their counterparts elsewhere.

In Republican-led states that oppose the federal Affordable Care Act, the strategy has ranged from largely ignoring the health overhaul to encouraging residents not to sign up and even making it harder for nonprofit organizations to provide information about the exchanges.

Health care experts worry that ultimately consumers in these states could end up confused about the exchanges, and the overall rollout of the law could be hindered.

"Without the shared planning and the cooperation of the state government, it's much harder for them to be ready to implement this complicated law," said Rachel Grob of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who has studied differences in how states are implementing segments of the law.

Several of the 14 Northeast, Midwest and Western states running their own insurance exchanges have spent weeks on marketing and advertising campaigns to help residents get ready to buy health insurance. At least \$684 million will be spent on publicity explaining what people need to do next and persuading the doubtful to sign up for coverage, according to data compiled The Associated Press.

Attack On Nigerian College Kills Dozens

POTISKUM, Nigeria (AP) — Suspected Islamic extremists attacked an agricultural college in the dead of night, gunning down dozens of students as they slept in dormitories and torching classrooms, the school's provost said — the latest violence in northeastern Nigeria's ongoing Islamic uprising.

The attack, blamed on the Boko Haram extremist group, came despite a 4 1/2-month-old state of emergency covering three states and one-sixth of the country. It and other recent violence have led many to doubt assurances from the government and the military that they are winning Nigeria's war on the extremists.

Provost Molima Idi Mato of Yobe State College of Agriculture told The Associated Press that there were no security forces protecting the college. Two weeks ago, the state commissioner for education had begged schools and colleges to reopen and promised they would be guarded by soldiers and police.

Idi Mato said as many as 50 students may have been killed in the assault that began at about 1 a.m. Sunday in rural Gujba.

Israel PM Warns White House About Iran

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Mortified that the world may be warming up to Iran, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is taking an unpopular message to the White House and the United Nations this week: Don't be fooled by Tehran's new leadership.

Netanyahu contends Iran is using conciliatory gestures as a smoke screen to conceal an unabated march toward a nuclear bomb.

He will deliver those strong words of caution — and fresh intelligence — in an attempt to persuade the U.S. to maintain tough economic sanctions and not allow the Islamic republic to develop a bomb or even move closer to becoming a nuclear threshold state.

With the White House cautiously optimistic about its dialogue with Iran, Monday's meeting between Netanyahu and President Barack Obama could be tense.

"I will tell the truth in the face of the sweet talk and the onslaught of smiles," Netanyahu said before boarding his flight to the U.S. on Sunday. "Telling the truth today is vital for the security and peace of the world and, of course, it is vital for the



Netanyahu

security of the state of Israel."

Israeli leaders watched with great dismay what they derisively call the "smiley campaign" by Iran's new president, Hassan Rouhani, last week. Rouhani delivered a conciliatory speech at the United Nations in which he repeated Iran's official position that it has no intention of building a nuclear weapon and declared his readiness for new negotiations with the West.

Capping off the visit, Rouhani and Obama held a 15-minute phone call as the Iranian leader was traveling to the airport. By the end of the call, the first conversation between the nation's leaders in 34 years, Obama was suggesting that a breakthrough on the nuclear issue could portend even deeper ties between the U.S. and Iran. U.S. and European diplomats hailed a "very significant shift" in Iran's attitude and tone.

For Netanyahu, such sentiments are nothing short of a nightmare.

For years, he has warned that Iran is steadily marching toward development of

nuclear weapons, an assessment that is widely shared by the West because of Iran's continued enrichment of uranium and its run-ins with international nuclear inspectors.

The Israeli prime minister contends Rouhani's outreach is a ploy to ease international sanctions and buy time. Iran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

Israel considers a nuclear-armed Iran an unacceptable threat, given repeated Iranian assertions that the Jewish state should not exist. Israel has a long list of other grievances against Iran, citing its support for hostile Arab militant groups, its development of long-range missiles and alleged Iranian involvement in attacks on Israeli targets in Europe and Asia.

On Sunday, Israel announced the arrest of a Belgian-Iranian businessman on espionage charges.

Netanyahu says the new Iranian leader must be judged on his actions, not his words. In the meantime, he says sanctions and other international pressure, including the threat of military action, must be increased. He has likened Iran to North Korea, which used the guise of international negotiations to secretly develop a nuclear weapon.

Few Drop Out Of School Lunch Program

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department says 524 schools — out of about 100,000 — have dropped out of the federally subsidized national school lunch program since the government introduced new standards for healthier foods last year.

The new standards have been met with grumbling from school nutrition officials who say they are difficult and expensive to follow, conservatives who say the government shouldn't be dictating what kids eat and — unsurprisingly — from some children who say the less-greasy food doesn't taste as good. But USDA says the vast majority of schools are serving healthier food, with some success.

Data the department is planning to release Monday shows that 80 percent of schools say they have already met the requirements, which went into place at the beginning of the 2012 school year. About a half percent have dropped out of the program.

In an effort to stem high childhood obesity levels, the new guidelines set limits on calories and salt, and phase in more whole grains in federally subsidized meals served in schools' main lunch line. Schools must offer at least one vegetable or fruit per meal and comply with a variety of other specific nutrition requirements. The rules aim to introduce more nutrients to growing kids and also make old favorites healthier — pizza with low-fat cheese and whole-wheat crust, for example, or

baked instead of fried potatoes.

If schools do not follow the rules, or if they drop out, they are not eligible for the federal dollars that reimburse them for free and low-cost meals served to low-income students. That means wealthier schools with fewer needy students are more likely to be able to operate outside of the program.

According to the USDA data, gathered from the states that administer the programs, 90 of the 524 schools that dropped out of the program said specifically that they did so because of the new meal-plan requirements. Most of the rest did not give a reason.

Some school nutrition officials have said buying the healthier foods put a strain on

their budgets. A study by the Pew Charitable Trusts' Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project, also expected to be released Monday, said that 91 percent of school food officials the group surveyed said they face challenges in putting the standards in place, including problems with food costs and availability, training employees to follow the new guidelines, and a lack of the proper equipment to cook healthier meals.

But that study says 94 percent of the more than 3,300 officials surveyed said they expect to be able to meet all of the requirements by the end of this school year.

"It shows that this is certainly doable," said Jessica Donze Black, director of the Pew project, which has lobbied for the healthier foods.

OBITUARIES

Donna 'Georgene' Bennett

Donna "Georgene" Bennett, age 77, of Irene, South Dakota, died Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at Sunset Manor Avera Health in Irene, South Dakota.

Visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota with a time of sharing at 3:30 p.m.

Cremation will take place after the visitation, and burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Yankton at a later date.

Donna Georgene Bennett was born May 28, 1936, in Nampa, Idaho to David and Dorothy (Madison) Bennett. Donna was born with cerebral palsy and preferred to be called Georgene. She lived with her aunt Mattie Vanderpool in Yankton until the age of nine when she entered the Redfield State Hospital/School in Redfield, South Dakota in 1945. During her time in Redfield Georgene continued to make advancements much faster than anticipated. On November 2, 1983, she moved to a group home in Yankton and later became a resident of Sunset Manor Avera Health in Irene on December 30, 1993.



Bennett

Georgene was always very social and loved being around people. She enjoyed attending the activities at Sunset Manor and loved to color, sew, lace cards, and putting playing cards in the correct order. She was loved by the staff at Sunset Manor and they became her family. She was always able to put a smile on your face.

Survivors include her family and friends at Sunset Manor in Irene. She was preceded in death by her parents. To send an online sympathy card, please visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Joseph Vyborny

Joseph F. Vyborny, 81, of Utica died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, at the VA Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with Msgr. Carlton Hermann celebrating and the Rev. Ken Lulf concelebrating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery with military rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791 Honor Guard, Yankton and the SDARNG Honor Guard, Sioux Falls.

Visitations are 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a video tribute and a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Helen Ferwerda

Helen Marie Ferwerda, 76, of Yankton died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Leonard Kayser celebrating and the Rev. Ken Lulf concelebrating. Burial will be at approximately 1:30 p.m. in the St. Leo's Catholic Cemetery, Tyndall.

Visitations are 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a video tribute and 7:30 p.m. Scripture service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Charles Wray

Charles J. Wray, 83, of Elk Point died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, at Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk, Neb.

Funeral arrangements are with Kober Funeral Home, Elk Point.

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October 14th	November 4th
October 21st	November 11th

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The Normal Experience & Features of Grief
Constructive Ways of Handling Grief
The Need To Reach Out and Set Goals
Coping with Special Days
Grief, the Latter Stages
What does the Future Hold?

Jennifer attended Yankton College and University of South Dakota, receiving a Bachelor of Music Education from YC and a Master's in Educational Psychology and Counseling from USD. Jennifer and her husband Ted live in Yankton and have 4 children. Jennifer has 20 years' experience in the field of counseling.

Anyone who has suffered a loss is welcome to join in this program, which will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory in Yankton.

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Oct. 21 Exploring the Grief
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