

## Obama Asks Nations To Fight Pollution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In the first international test for his climate-change strategy, President Barack Obama pressed world leaders Tuesday to follow the United States' lead on the issue, even as a United Nations summit revealed the many obstacles that still stand in the way of wider agreements to reduce heat-trapping pollution.

"The United States has made ambitious investments in clean energy and ambitious reductions in our carbon emissions," Obama said. "Today I call on all countries to join us, not next year or the year after that, but right now. Because no nation can meet this global threat alone."

But none of the pledges made at Tuesday's one-day meeting was binding. The largest-ever gathering of world leaders to discuss climate was designed to lay the groundwork for a new global climate-change treaty. It also revealed the sharp differences that divide countries on matters such as deforestation, carbon pollution and methane leaks from oil and gas production:

— Brazil, home to the Amazon rainforest, said it would not sign a pledge to halt deforestation by 2030.

— The United States decided not to join 73 countries in supporting a price on carbon, which Congress has indicated it would reject.

## US: Ebola May Infect 1.4 Million People

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials Tuesday laid out worst-case and best-case scenarios for the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, warning that the number of infected people could explode to at least 1.4 million by mid-January — or peak well below that, if efforts to control the outbreak are ramped up.

The widely varying projections by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were based on conditions in late August and do not take into account a recent international surge in medical aid for the stricken region. That burst has given health authorities reason for some optimism.

"I'm confident the most dire projections are not going to come to pass," CDC chief Dr. Tom Frieden said in releasing the report.

About 5,800 illnesses and over 2,800 deaths have been counted since the first cases were reported six months ago. But international health authorities have warned that the crisis is probably far worse in reality, with many corpses and infected people hidden or unreported.

The CDC, for example, estimated that the real number of cases, reported and unreported, could reach 21,000 by Sept. 30 in just two of the hardest-hit countries, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

## Man Charged In Case Of Missing Student

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The man authorities believe was the last person seen with a University of Virginia student before she disappeared has been charged with abduction, police said Tuesday night.

Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said at a news conference that officers are looking for Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., 32, after obtaining a felony arrest warrant from a magistrate on a charge of abduction with intent to defile. They also continue to search for 18-year-old Hannah Graham, who went missing early the morning of Sept. 13.

Matthew was last seen Saturday when he stopped by the police station with his mother and uncle to ask for a lawyer. Police say he sped away afterward, losing officers who had him under surveillance and prompting authorities to issue two arrest warrants for reckless driving.

Longo said police, who have searched Matthew's car once and his apartment twice, decided they had probable cause to charge him in Graham's disappearance. He declined to say what new information police had, and he did not take questions.

Matthew has been employed at the University of Virginia Medical Center since Aug. 12, 2012, as a patient technician in the operating room, university spokesman McGregor McCance said.

## Ferguson: Fire Destroys Brown Memorial

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Anger spilled over Tuesday after fire destroyed one of two memorials on the street where Michael Brown was killed, a site that has become sacred to many in Ferguson and others nationwide focused on interactions between minorities and police.

How the fire happened wasn't immediately clear, but it stoked fresh resentment among those who question whether the shooting of the unarmed, black 18-year-old by a white Ferguson police officer on Aug. 9 is being adequately investigated.

"It's the same as if somebody came and desecrated a grave," Anthony Levine of Florissant, another St. Louis suburb, said as he studied the charred scene and shook his head.

Many who gathered at the site Tuesday blamed police for the blaze, even as the chief said officers did everything they could to keep the stuffed animals and other items from burning.

More than six weeks after Brown's death, residents and others remain upset about the way his body lay in the street for more than four hours while police investigated the shooting. Many insist he was trying to surrender, with his hands up.

## Palestinians Seek \$3.8B In Aid For Gaza

NEW YORK (AP) — Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah said Tuesday he has asked for \$3.8 billion in urgent aid to help rebuild Gaza following its devastating 50-day war with Israel this summer.

Hamdallah told The Associated Press that Saudi Arabia has pledged \$500 million and other nations have indicated they would join in. He spoke at the end of a donor meeting led by Norway on the sidelines of a gathering of world leaders at the United Nations.

The aid request comes as Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas is preparing to submit a resolution to the U.N. Security Council seeking a three-year timetable for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the West Bank.

Palestinian officials said the resolution will be handed in immediately after Abbas speaks at the U.N. General Assembly on Friday.

The recent Gaza war has weakened Abbas domestically, with Hamas enjoying a surge of popularity among Palestinians for fighting Israel. He is under pressure at home to come up with a new political strategy after his repeated but failed attempts to establish a Palestinian state through U.S.-mediated negotiations with Israel.

## Ark. Voters Bombarded With Political Ads

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Little Rock friends Mike Thomas and Jack Evans don't support the same candidate in the nationally watched U.S. Senate race here, but they certainly agree on what to do when the contenders' ads start pouring out of the television.

"I grab the remote," said Thomas, a retired schoolteacher who's supporting Democratic Sen. Mark Pryor's bid for reelection. "I change it to the SEC Network," said Evans, a backer of GOP challenger Tom Cotton, referring to the college football channel.

Although politics has always been fiercely contested sport in Arkansas, the state has been especially hard hit this year by an ad blitz focused on the state's Senate race and, to a lesser extent, the governor's office.

With campaign treasuries overflowing and Arkansas' small-market airtime cheap, the Senate candidates, political parties and independent groups have run more than 38,000 ads since early last year, amounting to roughly \$7 per voter in the nation's 32nd largest state, according to an Associated Press analysis of federal records and data compiled by the nonpartisan Center for Public Integrity and the ad tracking service Kantar Media/CMAG.

# Airstrikes Alone May Not Be Enough To Defeat Islamic State Group

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BAGHDAD — In their Syrian strongholds, extremists from the Islamic State group had been moving into civilian apartment buildings for cover days before the U.S. and its allies began pounding them before dawn Tuesday, activists say. It's just one sign of the difficulties in trying to destroy the group by relying mainly on airstrikes.

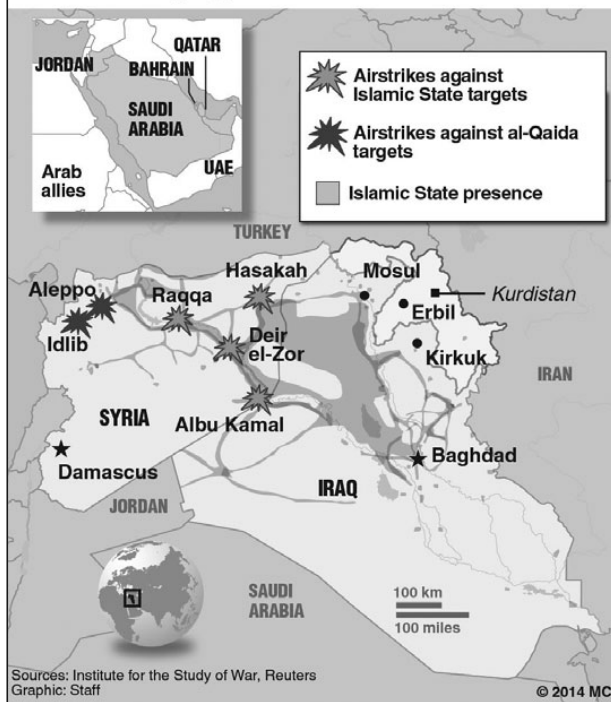
Breaking the militants' hold over the cities they have captured in both Iraq and Syria will be complicated because the group can easily melt into the population. In the Iraqi city of Mosul, the extremists have enough support among the mainly Sunni Muslim population that they have reduced the presence of their fighters in the streets without apparent worry about their grip on power.

Another problem is that there are no allied forces on the ground poised to move in to control territory should the militants retreat under the aerial bombardment.

That's particularly the case in Syria, where rebels opposed to the Islamic State group have been almost completely driven from areas it controls. Across a broad stretch of eastern Syria, the only forces that could conceivably capitalize on the airstrikes at the moment are a few remaining units of President Bashar Assad's military, holed up in isolated bases in the Deir el-Zour and Hassakeh areas. But the Obama administration says it still wants Assad's ouster and doesn't want to help him regain ground.

## Airstrike campaign begins

The United States and Arab allies bombed Syria for the first time on Tuesday, killing dozens of Islamic State fighters. Separately, U.S. forces acting alone launched strikes in another area of Syria against an al-Qaida-linked group, the Nusra Front.



So far, the coalition also has resisted calls by Kurds in Syria for arms, training and air cover. Those Kurdish forces, fighting in a group known as the YPG, had successfully pushed back the Islamic State group for two years in a band of territory that hugs the Syrian-Turkish border in the north and northwest. In recent days, however, the extremists have made gains in the area near the town of Kobani, forcing more than 130,000 people — mostly Kurds — to flee into Turkey.

A spokesman for the fighters said they could not match the firepower of the militants, who seized arms

and armored vehicles from Iraqi forces fleeing their advance in June.

The U.S. and its allies have been carrying out airstrikes in Iraq for weeks, and Iraqi government forces, Shiite militiamen and Iraqi Kurdish fighters moved in to retake two sites in the north after bombardments pushed back the extremists: the Mosul dam and the besieged village of Amirli.

So far, the strikes have not targeted large urban areas such as Mosul, Fallujah and Tikrit, where breaking the extremists' grip is harder and the risk of civilians casualties is higher. In a sign of their confidence, Islamic

State group fighters paraded 30 captured Iraqi soldiers in pickup trucks through the streets of Fallujah on Tuesday, only hours after the coalition strikes across the border in Syria.

The opening salvo in Syria by the U.S. and Arab nations blasted key government buildings held by Islamic State fighters in their de facto capital of Raqqa as well as the group's checkpoints and bases around the east. Syrian activist groups reported dozens of extremist fighters killed with seemingly few civilian casualties, although precise numbers were impossible to get.

But many of the buildings hit in the strikes were already empty, said Rami Abdurrahman, head of the London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the conflict through activists in Syria. Most of the deaths came in strikes on a training camp and on checkpoints outside cities, he said.

For days before, militant fighters in Raqqa melted away among the city's civilians, said Abu Ibrahim al-Raqqaqi, who oversees another secret collective of activists. "They are taking apartments in civilian buildings, so you have six flats full of Daesh fighters, and four flats of ordinary people," he said, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

Many of the militants sent their wives and children to nearby villages considered to be safer. Fighters have been appearing more rarely in the daytime and instead gather in public places like coffee shops at night, al-Raqqaqi said, citing activists still in the city.

## OBITUARIES

### Ray Hochhalter

Ray J. Hochhalter, 74, of Yankton died Sunday, September 21, 2014, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

A memorial service will be 10:30 AM on Friday, September 26, 2014, at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton, South Dakota with Monsignor Carlton Hermann officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post No. 791, Yankton, South Dakota and the South Dakota Army National Guard. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service on Friday.

Honorary pallbearers are Ray's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ray Hochhalter was born September 3, 1940 in Yankton, South Dakota, to Leonard and Gertrude



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(Ament) Hochhalter. Ray grew up in Yankton and attended school in Yankton graduating from Yankton High School in 1959. He then started working construction, helping build the interstate in South Dakota. He joined the Army National Guard and served during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He married Iris Sheldon on November 9, 1963 in Yankton. He began working at Kolberg Pioneer in 1965 and began as a welder. He then moved up through the company to a supervisor of the shoe department then into the sales department, and finally as the traffic manager until retiring in 2009.

Ray was involved in Youth Baseball and the Sack Pack Program in Yankton. He also became a storm chaser and was a past board member of the South Dakota Truckers Association. Ray enjoyed traveling, hunting, shooting skeet and riding in his jeeps and woodworking. Ray built all of the furniture in their home and was one of Santa's elves for many children in Yankton, building them cradles or cars for Christmas. Ray was a gentle man who loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and had a soft spot in his heart for children in need. Ray loved his wife and family and was loved by everyone he met. He was truly a hero in the eyes of his family.

Survivors include his wife, Iris of Yankton; two sons: Tony (Renee)

Hochhalter of Yankton and Jeff (Kristina) Kopejka of Yankton; 10 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; brother, Arnold Hochhalter of Minneapolis, Minnesota and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Leonard Jr. and Allen; and sister, Shirley Elkins.

To post an online sympathy message visit [wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Jo Nickles

Jo Jayne Nickles, 55, of Cody, Wyoming and formerly of Yankton, died as a result of cancer on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Spirit Mountain Hospice in Cody.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m., on Friday, September 26, 2014 at the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton with the Reverend Rodney Veldhuizen officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home.

Jo was born February 23, 1959 in Blue Island, Illinois to Paul and Gaylene Petty. She was the oldest of three



Nickles

children and graduated Niobrara County High School in Lusk, Wyoming in 1977. Jo then moved to Yankton to attend school at Mount Marty College. She married Larry Nickles on July 1, 1978 and had two children, Mark and Kayla. Jo lived in Sidney, Nebraska from 1981 to 1990 and then moved back to Yankton where she worked at the Human Services Center. Jo and Larry divorced in 1998 and she remained in Yankton with her kids until they finished school. Jo

moved to Cody, Wyoming in 2004 and worked with Northern DDS and then NOWCAP, assisting intellectually challenged children and adults. Jo enjoyed spending time with her family when she could and would do anything for anyone that needed help. She loved animals, rock collecting, movies, fishing, cooking and going to Yellowstone National Park.

Jo is survived by her son, Mark (Arica) Nickles of Yankton; daughter Kayla Nickles of Cody, Wyoming, two grandchildren, Conner and Anna of Yankton; parents, Paul and Gaylene Petty of Cody; two sisters, Jana (Tom) McAtee of Cody and Joni (John) Konhilas of

Tucson, Arizona, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Jo was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ronald and Nila Petty, and Orbra and Ethel Kilpatrick.

To send an online message to the family, please visit [www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com).

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### Donald Kennedy

Donald Henry Kennedy, 63, of Eastvale, California, entered into eternity and the arms of the Lord on Wednesday afternoon, May 14, 2014, in Los Angeles, following recent hospitalization.

Memorial services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, at St. Boniface Catholic

Church, (Idylwilde) rural Freeman, with the Rev. Randy Phillips officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with service details.

### Evelyn Beran

Evelyn L. Beran, 99 of Tabor died Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, at her home.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at the Opsahl Kostel Memorial Chapel in Tabor. Burial will take place at the ZCJB Cemetery south of Tabor after the funeral service.

Visitations are at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 5-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the memorial chapel.

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