

Hungary Declares State Of Emergency

HORGOS, Serbia (AP) — Hungary sealed off its border with Serbia with massive coils of barbed wire Tuesday and began detaining migrants trying to use the country as a gateway to Western Europe, harsh new measures that left thousands of frustrated asylum-seekers piled up on the Serbian side of the border.

Human rights activists condemned the move, with Amnesty International saying Hungary's "intimidating show of militarized force is shocking." But Prime Minister Viktor Orban defended the measures, saying he was acting to preserve Christian Europe, which he said had become threatened by the large numbers of Muslims streaming into the continent.

"The supply is nearly endless — we can see how many of them are coming," Orban said in a televised address just before the new laws took effect at midnight. "And if we look at the demographics, we can see that these people have more children than our communities who lead a traditional, Christian way of life."

"Mathematics tells you that this will lead to a Europe where our way of life will end up in a minority, or at least face a very serious challenge."

By nightfall Tuesday, thousands of migrants, including many babies and children, prepared to spend a night in the open or in flimsy tents erected in the bushes or on the main highway near the Serbian border with Hungary.

Surge Of Refugees Raises Concern

PARIS (AP) — When Islamic State extremists lost control of a key crossroads town in northern Syria in June, some militants shed their jihadi garb and blended in with the flood of Syrians fleeing across the Turkish border. Since then, the exodus of Syrians and Iraqis toward Europe has surged — and Europeans opposed to taking in more refugees say that more than ever, they fear "disguised terrorists" in their midst.

Governments along the route have different assessments of the threat. Two senior Iraqi officials and a Syrian activist say a small group of hardened Islamic State extremists is believed to have left the war zones of Iraq and Syria to blend in with the masses of asylum seekers in recent weeks.

Intelligence officials in France and Germany expressed skepticism, saying they have no specific evidence. The Soufan Group, a security consulting firm, said Monday that some infiltration was probable but the extent of the danger was unknowable, making it "susceptible to exaggeration and exploitation."

The disarray of Europe's asylum procedures in the face of thousands of applications has heightened worries, although security experts say Europe is at far greater risk from homegrown Islamic State sympathizers with valid European travel documents and the means to plan an attack.

Leaders of countries opposed to taking in the refugees routinely cite the fear as one of their primary reasons. The concerns are fanned by lines of exhausted refugees, be-draggled families walking northward along railroad tracks, and trains carrying refugees between countries with minimal or no identity checks, straining a system already near the breaking point.

3 Killed After Flood Washes Through Park

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Heavy rain sent flash floods coursing through a narrow slot canyon in southern Utah's Zion National Park, killing three people and leaving four others missing, officials said Tuesday.

Three bodies were found a day after the group of four men and three women set out Monday to hike down the canyon, park spokeswoman Holly Baker said. They went canyoneering before park officials closed slot canyons that evening due to flood warnings.

The deaths come after 12 people died when fast-moving floodwaters on Monday swept away two vehicles near the Utah-Arizona border, about 20 miles south of the park. One person remains missing from the small polygamous town of Hildale, Utah.

In Zion, rescuers were waiting for water levels to drop before entering the canyon to search for the missing hikers.

The group hailed from California and Nevada and were all in their 40s and 50s, Baker said. She didn't have further details on their identities.

Senate Dems Block Vote Of Nuclear Deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time, Senate Democrats on Tuesday blocked a vote to move forward on a resolution rejecting the Iran nuclear deal, protecting President Barack Obama's key foreign policy initiative.

The measure failed Tuesday to gain the 60 votes needed to advance — just as it did last Thursday. The vote was 56 to 42.

Though the measure is unlikely to advance, Republicans staged the Senate vote to make political points against Democrats and in future Senate races. They point to polls showing Americans have reservations about the deal.

The second vote was not the final word in the Senate. Frustrated with the outcome, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, set up a third vote Thursday on a measure that would bar Obama from lifting sanctions on Iran unless Tehran recognized Israel as a state and released U.S. prisoners held in Iran.

"Either way this debate will continue," the Republican leader said.

Professor Admits To Shooting Girlfriend

GAUTIER, Miss. (AP) — In a 911 call, his voice only slightly shaky, college professor Shannon Lamb told police he had shot his wife and officers needed to get over to their house. Lamb made a point to say his "sweet dog" was there alive and probably upset, and said the dead woman's family contacts could be found on her phone.

Inside the home, officers found Amy Prentiss' body and a hand-written note scribbled on white legal pad: "I am so very sorry I wish I could take it back I loved Amy and she is the only woman who ever loved me," read the letter authorities say was signed by Lamb.

There was no indication that Lamb, who was teaching two online classes for Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, had already traveled 300 miles to the school's campus, where police believe he shot and killed a well-liked history professor, Ethan Schmidt, in the doorway to his office. Delta State University police chief Lynn Buford said university officials heard about the shooting at 10:18 a.m. Monday. He said Lamb made the fateful 911 call sometime after that.

By the end of the day, there would be one more death: Lamb took his own life as police closed in on him.

A day after the school shooting forced students and faculty to hide behind locked doors, authorities were still trying to piece together what motivated Lamb. The details released by investigators at both ends of the state as well as students and staff who knew him helped paint a picture of a talented but possibly troubled teacher.

2 Die After Bus Rolls Off Overpass

HOUSTON (AP) — A school bus plunged off a highway overpass in Houston after being hit by a car driven by a teacher Tuesday, killing two students and seriously injuring three other people, police and school officials said.

A 17-year-old female student died at the scene, while a 14-year-old girl died at a hospital, according to the Houston Independent School District. The driver and the other passengers on the bus — a male student and a female student — are hospitalized. Their injuries are not believed to be life-threatening, according to a police statement.

The names of the students haven't been released.

"We are deeply saddened by this tragedy," Superintendent Terry Grier said in a statement. "I ask all of the HISD community to join me in praying for all of those involved."

Police spokesman Victor Senties said investigators believe a car struck the front driver's side of the bus after swerving to avoid another vehicle during morning rush-hour traffic. The bus then lurched to the right, struck a guardrail and toppled to the road below, Senties said.

Striking Seattle Teachers Poised To Return To Classroom

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SEATTLE — School could resume this week for Seattle's 53,000 students after teachers who have been on strike for five days reached a tentative contract agreement Tuesday with Washington state's largest school district.

The sides hammered out a three-year deal, but the teachers union's executive board and representative assembly must sign off on it before the strike is suspended, Seattle Education Association President Jonathan Knapp said. If they do, teachers could be back in the classroom Wednesday, with students returning as early as Thursday.

The agreement addresses major sticking points around pay, testing, student equity, teacher evaluations and length of the school day, Knapp said at a news conference. He declined to provide other specifics, saying he was waiting for the teachers to review it.

"This is great news for our 53,000 students. We are eager to open schools, welcome students and begin learning," district Superintendent Larry Nyland said in a statement.

The teachers walked out Sept. 9, delaying the start of the school year. They complained that living expenses have become unaffordable as the city's high-paid technology industry booms and they have gone six years without a cost-of-living increase. The district provided raises totaling 8 percent out of local levy money in that time.

If union leaders recommend the deal's approval, the strike would be suspended pending a vote by the full union membership this weekend. The district is preparing for school to resume Thursday, Seattle Public Schools spokeswoman Stacy Howard said Tuesday.

School librarian Sean



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School district teachers and staff including Mary Minor, left, a nurse at Tops K-8 and Montlake Elementary Schools, meet outside Roosevelt High School in Seattle to learn details about a tentative agreement between teachers and the district on Tuesday, Sept. 15. The district hopes to start school by Thursday, if the nearly weeklong strike ends.

Harvey picketed Tuesday outside Loyal Heights Elementary, saying he and his colleagues want to go back to work, but "it isn't over until it's over."

Several hundred parents, children and other supporters waved signs and chanted as they walked nearly 2 miles from Seattle's Pioneer Square to school district headquarters Tuesday in a previously arranged march to support teachers.

"I'm really ready for school. It's been boring," said Tyler Simpson a senior at Nova High School who joined the march. "I stand by teachers. They should get raises. They're a hugely important part of our society. They deserve more."

The Seattle City Council also threw its support behind the striking educators, passing a resolution Monday recognizing the union.

Pay has been a big sticking point. The union made a counterproposal over the weekend that called for raises totaling 9.75 percent over two years — far less than the 21 percent over three years they initially sought.

Teacher salaries in Seattle range from about \$44,000 to more than \$86,000, depending on experience and education.

This year, lawmakers — facing a court order to increase spending on education — came up with money for new teachers and supplies. Some \$37 million of that will go to Seattle. The district says it has offered raises totaling 14 percent over three years — including cost-of-living adjustments from the state — but it also wants to extend the school day by 20 minutes, arguing that Seattle has one of the shortest instructional days

in the state, at 6 hours and 10 minutes.

The union said the proposal would have forced teachers to work that extra time for free. Over the weekend, the district offered to pay teachers for the added instructional minutes, Howard said. The union proposed studying the pros and cons of an extended school day.

Some teachers and parents said they were eager to see what's in the deal. Jeanne Bastasch, a physical education teacher at Greenwood Elementary, said she won't vote for just anything.

Parent Heather Dachary joined the picket line at that school Tuesday with her two children and said teachers shouldn't have to.

"I really want my kids back in school, but I want it done fairly," she said.

UN: Israel-Palestinian Clashes A Threat Beyond Jerusalem

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UNITED NATIONS — The U.N.'s Middle East envoy warned Tuesday that clashes between Israelis and Palestinians in and around Jerusalem's holy sites have the potential to ignite violence well beyond the walls of its old city, pointing to "a vicious tide of terror and extremism" in the region.

Nikolay Mladenov urged all parties to refrain from "provocative actions and rhetoric" and called on political, community and religious leaders to ensure that visitors and worshippers "demonstrate restraint and respect for the sanctity of the area."

He told the U.N. Security Council by video link Tuesday that the clashes followed "sweeping restrictions" that Israel imposed on entry to Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site, the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, on Aug. 26. Since then, he said, Israel has banned members of Muslim and Jewish groups considered to be extremist.

"These latest incidents have echoed widely and have been condemned across the Muslim world and beyond," Mladenov said.

"It is imperative that the historic status quo is preserved" in line with agreements between Israel and Jordan's King Abdullah II, who is custodian of the Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem, he said.

Mladenov noted that Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said his government "will use all means to maintain the status quo and law and order on the compound."

Against this backdrop, Mladenov said, "frustration, fear and violence have continued to spiral, undermining belief in finding a way out of the impasse."

He said "bold, concrete actions" are needed on the ground, in the region and internationally to reach a two-state solution.

This must include "significant policy shifts by Israel" and "an unflinching commitment on the Palestinian side to achieving genuine national unity," he said.

Mladenov said the Quartet of Mideast

mediators — the U.N., U.S., European Union and Russia — and key Arab nations will meet Sept. 30 on the sidelines of the General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting to discuss how to link regional and international efforts to create conditions for a return to "meaningful negotiations."

Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian U.N. ambassador, told reporters the Palestinians want a time frame for talks and ending Israel's occupation.

He ruled out the previous practice of U.S.-brokered negotiations with Israel, saying a larger group will have "better atmosphere for increasing the chance for success." He pointed to the six-party talks that led to the Iran nuclear deal and the collective process that has tried, so far unsuccessfully, to get the government and rebels in Syria to peace negotiations in Geneva as examples.

Mansour called the situation at the holy sites in Jerusalem "extremely dangerous," accusing Israeli extremists of trying to have a Jewish presence at the Al-Aqsa mosque.

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