

With Khan family, has Trump finally gone too far?

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NEW YORK — In a defensive crouch, Donald Trump complained today about being “viciously attacked” by the father of a decorated Muslim Army captain killed in Iraq, persisting in an emotionally charged feud that has left him increasingly isolated among fellow Republicans.

Trump broke a political and societal taboo over the weekend when he criticized Khizr and Ghazala Khan, the bereaved parents of Capt. Humayun Khan, who was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart after he was killed in Iraq in 2004. Trump stoked outrage by implying Ghazala Khan did not speak while standing alongside her husband at last week’s Democratic convention because she is a Muslim woman.

Outcry

The outcry has been swift and bipartisan. Today, Republican Sen. John McCain said in a statement that the fact Trump won his party’s nomination

doesn’t give him “unfettered license to defame those who are the best among us.” McCain added pointedly: “I’d like to say to Mr. and Mrs. Khan: thank you for immigrating to America. We’re a better country because of you.”

Trump tweeted today that “Mr. Khan, who does not know me, viciously attacked me from the stage of the DNC and is now all over T.V. doing the same.” He said the focus should be on “radical Islamic terrorism,” not the parents. Khizr Khan told CNN today that “We want to be out of this controversy. That is not our style. ... We want to maintain our dignity,” even as the couple kept up a round of TV appearances. Said his wife: “My religion or my family or my culture never stopped me from saying what I want to say. I have all the rights as a wife, as a mother, as a daughter.”

At last week’s convention, Khizr Khan criticized Trump for proposing to freeze the entry of

foreign Muslims into the U.S. and accused him of making no sacrifices for his country.

Both House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell issued statements over the weekend praising the couple’s son. Though neither mentioned Trump, the congressional leaders pointedly denounced his proposed restriction on foreign Muslims, a policy he had altered in recent weeks.

The episode risked setting back whatever progress Trump made during his convention at winning over the independent voters who will probably be key in the fall election.

Yet he’s repeatedly made inflammatory statements at little apparent political cost — and sometimes to his benefit — going back to the beginning of the campaign when he challenged the heroism of McCain, a prisoner of war in Vietnam, and branded Mexican immigrants rapists and criminals. Many of

his supporters have been drawn to his tendency to say the politically unthinkable. The question is whether this, finally, is a step too far.

Pence’s statements

For the second time in a week, Trump’s running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, issued a statement that appeared designed to put some space between the two men. The father of a Marine, Pence said Sunday that he and Trump believe Capt. Khan is a hero and his family “should be cherished by every American.”

Last week, Pence said Russia would face “serious consequences” for meddling in U.S. elections at roughly the same time Trump appeared to encourage it, telling reporters he would welcome Russia unearthing emails that Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton deleted from the private servers she used while secretary of state.

Pence’s statement late Sunday came after an afternoon of debate among his aides as to whether he should find a way to dissociate himself subtly from Trump’s comments, accord-



AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite
Khizr Khan, father of fallen U.S. Army Capt. Humayun S. M. Khan and his wife, Ghazala, speak during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, on Thursday.

ing to a person familiar with the internal campaign conversations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss them publicly.

At last week’s Democratic convention, the Pakistan-born Khizr Khan told his son’s story, questioned whether Trump had ever read the Constitution and said “you have sacrificed nothing.” During the speech, Ghazala Khan stood quietly by his side.

Trump responded in an interview with ABC’s “This Week,” saying: “If you look at his wife, she was standing there. She had nothing to say. She probably, maybe she wasn’t allowed to have anything to say.”

Ghazala Khan wrote in Sunday’s Washington Post that she did not speak because talking about her son’s death remains difficult. “Every day, whenever I pray, I have to pray for him, and I cry,” she wrote.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

The Associated Press

US launches strikes targeting IS in Libya

WASHINGTON — The United States launched multiple airstrikes against Islamic State militants in Libya on Monday, opening a new, more persistent front against the group at the request of the United Nations-backed government, Libyan and U.S. officials said.

Fayez Serraj, the head of the U.N.-brokered presidency council, said in a televised statement that American warplanes attacked the IS bastion of Sirte on the Mediterranean in northern Libya. No U.S. ground forces will be deployed, he said.

The precision strikes, which targeted an Islamic State tank and vehicles, come amid growing concerns about the group’s increased threat to Europe and its ability to inspire attacks across the region.

“The presidency council, as the general army commander, has made a request for direct U.S. support to carry out specific airstrikes,” Serraj said. “The first strikes started today in positions in Sirte, causing major casualties.”

The strikes mark the start of a more intense American role in the fight against IS in Libya, as the U.S.

steps in to assist the fragile, U.N.-backed government there. They were the first strikes by the U.S. on the group in Libya since February.

In a statement, Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said President Barack Obama authorized the strikes following a recommendation from Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“They are consistent with our approach to combating ISIL by working with capable and motivated local forces,” said Cook, using another name for the Islamic State group, adding that “additional U.S. strikes will continue to target ISIL in Sirte.”

Expert to Rio athletes: ‘Don’t put your head under water’

RIO DE JANEIRO — Just days ahead of the Olympic Games the waterways of Rio de Janeiro are as filthy as ever, contaminated with raw human sewage teeming with dangerous viruses and bacteria, according to a 16-month-long study commissioned by The Associated Press.

Not only are some 1,400 athletes at risk of getting violently ill in water competitions, but the AP’s

tests indicate that tourists also face potentially serious health risks on the golden beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana.

The AP’s survey of the aquatic Olympic and Paralympic venues has revealed consistent and dangerously high levels of viruses from the pollution, a major black eye on Rio’s Olympic project that has set off alarm bells among sailors, rowers and open-water swimmers.

The first results of the study published over a year ago showed viral levels at up to 1.7 million times what would be considered worrisome in the United States or Europe. At those concentrations, swimmers and athletes who ingest just three teaspoons of water are almost certain to be infected with viruses that can cause stomach and respiratory illnesses and more rarely heart and brain inflammation — although whether they actually fall ill depends on a series of factors including the strength of the individual’s immune system.

Since the AP released the initial results last July, athletes have been taking elaborate precautions to prevent illnesses that could potentially knock them out of the competition, including preventatively taking antibiotics, bleaching oars and donning plastic suits and gloves in a bid to limit contact with the water.

Obama points to strides in veterans’ health

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is touting strides in reducing homelessness among military veterans as his administration reaches the halfway point in building a massive database on veterans’ health.

Overall veteran homelessness has been cut nearly in half, by 47 percent, although that’s still short of Obama’s long-held goal of getting it to zero by 2015. Credit also goes to first lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joe Biden’s wife, Jill, for using their initiative on military families to challenge mayors and county officials nationwide to end veterans’ homelessness, the White House says.

A half-million veterans have voluntarily given blood samples and health data for a long-term government research program that seeks to enroll 1 million veterans as part of an Obama initiative to make “precision medicine,” or tailored treatment, a reality.

Those two milestones are being announced Monday when Obama addresses the annual convention of the Disabled American Veterans in Atlanta, the White House said. The appearance before the service organization is a vaudeville address by Obama, who ends his eight years in the White House in January.

In a preview of his comments, the White House says Obama will argue that getting ex-military members the health care and benefits they’ve earned is a national promise that “can’t be broken.” He also will recap how he has tried to help former military members, moving beyond headline-grabbing scandals over lengthy wait-times for veterans seeking medical care that led to the firing of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki.

Texas balloon pilot had been arrested for DWI in 2000

LOCKHART, Texas — The pilot of a hot air balloon that crashed in Texas and killed all 16 people aboard had been arrested in Missouri for driving while intoxicated in 2000, police said, and the Better Business Bureau there had warned consumers about doing business with him after complaints about his balloon touring company.

Alfred “Skip” Nichols, 49, was identified as the pilot by his friend and roommate Alan Lirette, who said that Nichols was a good pilot.

“That’s the only thing I want to talk about, is that he’s a great pilot,” Lirette said, speaking to the AP from a house he shared with Nichols in Kyle, Texas. “There’s going to be all kinds of reports out in the press and I want a positive image there too.”

TV LISTINGS

Evening listings
MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING											AUGUST 1		
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelorette (SF) (N)				Bachelorette "After the Final Rose" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Bachelorette (SF) (N)				Bachelorette "After the Final Rose" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	American Ninja Warrior "Oklahoma City Finals" (N)				Running Wild "Nick Jonas" (SP) (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Mom	2 Broke Girls	Mom	The Odd Couple	Scorpion "Charades"		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Mom	2 Broke Girls	Mom	The Odd Couple	Scorpion "Charades"		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	American Ninja Warrior "Oklahoma City Finals" (N)				Running Wild "Nick Jonas" (SP) (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supergirl "Pilot"		Supergirl "Stronger Together"		KGW News at 10	(35) Two 1/2 Men	(35) Two 1/2 Men	(35) King of Hill
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour	Antiques Rd. "Vintage New Orleans" (N)		Rick Steves' Special "Ireland"		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Atlanta"		POV "Ins" (N)	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	So You Think You Can Dance "Top 8 Perform and Elimination" (N)				10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	Loves Ray
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dolls"		Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Angels"
13	KCPQ	(13) Name Game		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	So You Think You Can Dance "Top 8 Perform and Elimination" (N)				Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	Modern Family
20	TBS	(20) American Dad	American Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Angie Tribeca (N)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Full Frontal (N)		Conan
22	KZJN	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball (L)		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:30) Soccer Friendly (L)			SportsCenter	Streetsball	Hopefuls: Gold	Baseball Tonight (L)		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	NFL Live		Jalen & Jacoby
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Game Shakers	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Liv and Maddie	K.C. Undercover	Austin & Ally	K.C. Undercover	Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	Girl Meets World	Friends Whenever	Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	Backstage	K.C. Undercover
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) *** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11)	Daniel Radcliffe.			The Fosters "Justify" (N)		Guilt "A Fall from Grace" (N)		Dead of Summer		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) *** X-Men: First Class (11)	James McAvoy.		(40) *** X-Men: First Class (2011, Action)	Michael Fassbender.	Jennifer Lawrence, James McAvoy.			(25) FXM Presents	*** XXX: State of the Union (05) Ice Cube.		
36	LIFE	(36) To Be Announced				To Be Announced		Maids "Much Ado About Buffing" (N)		UnREAL "Espionage" (N)		To Be Announced	
38	ROOT	(38) Griffey HOF	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Seattle		Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)				Post-game	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Seattle Mariners		
39	F51	(39) UFC 201				FOX Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		FOX Sports Live	Best I Heard (N)	FOX Sports Live	TMZ Sports
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:30) *** Forrest Gump (1994, Comedy/Drama)	Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.			FOX Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	I Am "JFK Jr." (N)		*** Forrest Gump (94, Com/Dra)	Sally Field, Tom Hanks.		
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show	The Nightly Show
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	"Mad as a Picker"	A. Pickers "Oddities and Commodities"		American Pickers		American Pickers	"Need for Speed"	American Pickers		(05) American Pickers	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "On Ice/Overkill"		The First 48 "Stray Shot"		The First 48 "Bad Love"		Murder in Enchanted Hills The shocking murder of Phillip Danner.		The First 48 "Murder in Treme"			
47	TLC	(47) Untold Stories "Creepy Crawlies"		Conjoined Twins: One Mind		Girls Who Don't Age		Baby Bodybuilders (N)		Real Life Hulks (N)		Baby Bodybuilders	
48	DISC	(48) Misfit Garage "Guardian of the Galaxie"		Misfit "Galaxie Quest: Barrett Jackson"		Misfit "Wrestling With Disaster" (N)		MisfitGarage "Truckin' It With Trejo" (N)		Vegas Rat Rods "Desert Rat"		Misfit Garage "Truckin' It With Trejo"	
49	NGEO	(49) Wicked Tuna "Back in the Battle"		Live Free or Die "Call of the Wild"		Wicked Tuna "Back in the Battle"		Wicked Tuna "Wicked Waters" (N)		Live Free or Die "The Hunt Is On" (N)		Wicked Tuna "Wicked Waters"	
50	TNT	(50) Castle "Need to Know"		Castle "Number One Fan"		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles "65 Hours" (N)		The Major Crimes "Moral Hazard" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "65 Hours"	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** X-Men: The Fugitive (93, Thriller)	Sela Ward, Tommy Lee Jones, Harrison Ford.			*** Walking Tall (04) Johnny Knoxville, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.				The Making of the Mob: Chicago (N)		Mob Chi. "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" (05) Queen "El Engano Como la Regla" (05) Queen "Burn For The Worse"	
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Secrets"		Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw		Cake Wars "Halo" (N)		Chopped "Pesto Chango"		Chopped "Burn For The Worse"	
53	FOOD	(53) Carnival Eats (N)	Carnival Eats (N)	Carnival Eats (N)	Carnival Eats (N)	Cupcake Wars (N)		Cake Wars "Halo" (N)		Chopped "Pesto Chango"		Chopped "Burn For The Worse"	
54	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Tiny House, Big	Tiny House, Big	HouseHunters (N)	HouseHunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	TinyHouseHunters	TinyHouseHunters
56	FX	(56) (5:30) *** 2 Guns (2013, Action)	Mark Wahlberg, Paula Patton, Denzel Washington.			*** The Heat (2013, Comedy)	Melissa McCarthy, Michael McDonald, Sandra Bullock.			*** The Heat (13, Com)	Melissa McCarthy, Sandra Bullock.		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		West Texas Investors "Cup in Smoke"		West Texas "Little Heart on the Prairie"		West Texas "Some Don't Like It Hot"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRVA	(63) The Real Housewives		The Real Housewives "Frozen Assets"		Orange County Social (N)		The Real Housewives (N)		Odd Mom Out (N)	Odd Mom Out	WatchWhat (N)	Real Housewives
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Scarlet Street		*** The Red House (047) Lon McCallister, Judith Anderson, Edward G. Robinson.		*** Our Vines Have Tender Grapes (45) Margaret O'Brien.		*** Our Vines Have Tender Grapes (45) Margaret O'Brien.		Odd Mom Out (N)	Odd Mom Out	WatchWhat (N)	Real Housewives
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Daybreakers (09) Jay Laga'aia.		*** Resident Evil: Apocalypse (04) Sienna Guillory, Oded Fehr, Milla Jovovich.		*** Freddy vs. Jason (2003, Horror)	Ken Kirzinger, Monica Keena, Robert Englund.			Queen of the Damned Stuart Townsend.		Queen of the Damned Stuart Townsend.	
162	RFD	(162) American Rancher	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "WLAC Championship"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	

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