

## WORLD IN BRIEF

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## Calls grow for Sessions to withdraw from Russia probe

WASHINGTON — A growing number of Republicans joined Democratic leaders today in calling for Attorney General Jeff Sessions to step aside from an investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 White House election.

Top Democrats demanded that Sessions go further and resign as the nation's top law enforcement officer after the revelation that he had twice talked with Moscow's U.S. envoy during the campaign. Sessions' conversations with Ambassador Sergey Kislyak seem to contradict Sessions' sworn statements to Congress during his confirmation hearings.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi accused Sessions of "lying under oath," and she and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said he should step down. Schumer said the Justice Department should appoint a special prosecutor to examine whether the federal investigation into the Kremlin's meddling in the U.S. election has been compromised by Sessions.

"There's nothing wrong with meeting with the Russian ambassador. If there was nothing wrong, why don't you just tell the truth?" Schumer said. "It was definitely extremely misleading to say the least."

"I have said that, when it's appropriate, I will recuse myself" from the investigation, Sessions told MSNBC today.

There's no need, said White House spokesman Sean Spicer. "There's nothing to recuse himself from," Spicer said in an interview with Fox News. He said that Sessions was "100 percent straight" about his contacts with Russia and that people playing politics with the issue "should be ashamed of themselves."

Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore., said today, "Reports are now clear that Attorney General Jeff Sessions misled the Senate Judiciary Committee during his confirmation hearing. He can no longer be trusted to lead the nation's top law enforcement agency. Leading the Department of Justice requires honesty, truth, and transparency. Jeff Sessions must resign."

## Bull trout lawsuit targeting Columbia Basin dams dismissed

BOISE, Idaho — A federal lawsuit filed by an environmental group seeking to force federal agencies to analyze whether about two dozen dams operating in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana are harming bull trout has been dismissed.

U.S. District Court Judge Marco Hernandez in a ruling last week said federal agencies took action after the lawsuit was filed in July that met demands made by Montana-based Alliance for the Wild Rockies, meaning there was no need for the lawsuit to move forward.

The lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation sought to force the agencies to complete consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on how to operate the dams in areas designated as critical bull trout habitat.

Specifically, the lawsuit contended the agencies failed to write biological assessments for many of the dams pertaining to bull trout and required following the 2010 designation of critical habitat for the species in the four states and a small portion of Nevada.

The federal agencies in their motion to dismiss the lawsuit said those consultations have now been started or reinitiated for all the dams.

"We are thrilled that the agencies finally did what they were supposed to do in 2010, which was to consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that these dams don't harm bull trout



Bart Gamett/U.S. Forest Service

**A bull trout swims in the Little Lost River in Idaho. A federal lawsuit by an environmental group seeking to force federal agencies to analyze whether about two dozen dams operating in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana are harming bull trout has been dismissed.**

critical habitat," Mike Garrity, executive director of Alliance for the Wild Rockies, said in a statement.

The lawsuit named 26 dams that include the four large dams that span the Columbia River where it forms the border between Oregon and Washington state. Four Snake River dams in Washington state are also named. Idaho and Montana have two dams each named in the lawsuit, and additional dams are listed in Oregon's Willamette Basin, which feeds into the Columbia River.

## Southern Oregon president warns of steep tuition increase

PORTLAND — The president of Southern Oregon University warns the school might have to raise tuition by 12 percent if the state doesn't come through with additional funding.

Linda Schott told the Mail Tribune editorial board that such a tuition increase, along with a 3 to 5 percent increase in housing, would mean in-state, undergraduate students would pay an extra \$1,300 to \$1,600 a year.

To prevent such price increases, SOU and other public universities have asked the Oregon Legislature for an additional \$100 million over the \$667 million that Gov. Kate Brown has proposed for public universities in her budget.

The University of Oregon said last month that without extra funding it will have to increase tuition by nearly 11 percent to help close a \$27.5 million budget gap.

## Nations pledge millions after US pulls family planning funds

BRUSSELS — Nations started pledging tens of millions of dollars today at an international family planning conference in Brussels aimed at making up for a gap left by President Donald Trump's ban on U.S. funding to groups linked to abortion.

Some 50 governments are attending the hastily convened one-day conference. Early on, total pledges were already closing in on 100 million dollars, with Sweden and Finland each promising some 20 million euros (\$21 million dollars.)

One of Trump's first acts as president was to withhold an estimated half billion dollars a year in funding from international groups that perform abortions or provide information about them. The Trump administration said the ban is necessary because it

doesn't want to provide funds for something it considers morally wrong. Officials in many European nations and around the world say the move will hurt women and girls who need family planning most.

"The purely ideological decision of one country" can push women and girls back "into the dark Ages," said conference host and Belgian Deputy Premier Alexander De Croos.

"We will start with making something great again," he said of the drive to boost family planning policies in developing nations, riffing off Trump's "make America great again" campaign slogan.

## UN ramps up aid for Syrians stuck in desert near Jordan

RUKBAN CAMP, Jordan-Syria Border — U.N. agencies are ramping up aid delivery to tens of thousands of war-displaced Syrians stuck in the desert on Jordan's sealed border, after months of being denied access, but harsh weather and anxious crowds often disrupt one of the U.N.'s most complex missions anywhere.

Illustrating the logistics challenge, a U.N. convoy taking journalists to a new health center near the Syrian encampment of Rukban got bogged down for hours after heavy rains mixed with hail turned the hard desert floor to mud. After nightfall, Jordanian armored personnel carriers repeatedly had to pull the SUVs out of the soggy soil.

For Rukban residents huddling in flimsy tents and makeshift shelters just a few miles away, the flooding was one more of many hardships, including scarce food and inadequate medical care. Anemia and respiratory illnesses are widespread in Rukban, where two-thirds of the residents are women and children, U.N. health officials said.

"I live in a small tent, two meters, and I had to leave my tent yesterday because of heavy rain," said a 39-year-old woman from Rukban who had come to the U.N. health center Wednesday with her 3-year-old daughter, Hawraa, who she said suffered from an infection. "I spent the night at my neighbor's place. The situation is bad."

Another woman, a mother of six in her early 30s, was seeking treatment for an ear infection at the health center. She said her youngest son, Hamid, died in Rukban at the age of seven months as a result of severe diarrhea.

## Lawyers sue Chinese authorities for not getting rid of smog

BEIJING — Lawyer Cheng Hai has an itemized list of compensation demands from Beijing authorities over the city's smog: 65 yuan (\$9) for having to buy face masks, 100 yuan (\$15) for seeing a doctor for a sore throat and 9,999 yuan (\$1,500) for emotional distress.

Fed up with what they consider halfhearted efforts to fight air pollution, Cheng and like-minded lawyers are putting China's legal system to the test by suing the governments of the capital and its surrounding regions.

"Some people might think that air pollution is inevitable with economic development, but they are wrong," said Cheng, 64. "We have laws to protect air quality, and major pollution can be avoided if they are fully enforced."

The lawsuits demonstrate the mounting frustration of China's middle class at the country's notoriously bad air, a topic that is expected to be discussed at the upcoming annual meeting of the country's parliament three years after Premier Li Keqiang declared a "war on pollution" at the same event.

The dissatisfaction comes even as authorities in the capital are closing factories, getting rid of coal-fired boilers and taking older, heavier-polluting vehicles off the road.

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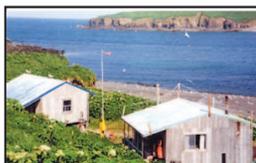
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