

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Kelly defends plan for Russia back channel as a 'good thing'

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly is defending an alleged effort by top White House adviser Jared Kushner to create back-channel communications with Russia, describing it as a "good thing" as the Trump administration sought to quell mounting questions over secret ties to the Kremlin.

Speaking on Sunday's news shows, Kelly said he didn't know whether the reports by The Associated Press and other news outlets involving Kushner, who is President Donald Trump's son-in-law, were true. But Kelly said such back-channel communications don't bother him and would not be harmful to U.S. security interests.

"It's both normal, in my opinion, and acceptable," Kelly said. "Any way that you can communicate with people, particularly organizations that are maybe not particularly friendly to us, is a good thing."

Congressional Democrats demanded to hear directly from Kushner over allegations of the proposed secret back-channel, saying his security clearance may need to be revoked. But Trump immediately railed against administration leaks in a flurry of tweets Sunday, calling them "fabricated lies."

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, said it was "obviously very concerning" if a key Trump campaign figure was possibly seeking secret communications during the transition period with a country that intelligence experts say intervened in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Trump lashes out at leaks, considers staff upheaval

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is assailing internal leaks as he considers an overhaul of his White House staff and grapples with a burgeoning crisis involving alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 campaign.

Frustrated with what he views as his team's inability to push back against the drumbeat of new revelations, Trump is seeking expanded teams of lawyers and experienced public relations hands. While he has called his first trip abroad a "home run," it was shadowed by reports about Moscow's interference and possible improper dealings with the Trump campaign and associates.

The latest reports hit close to the Oval Office, alleging that Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner proposed secret back-channel communications with Russia during the presidential transition.

Trump struck back Sunday, after maintaining a limited social media presence throughout his nine-day trip. He unleashed a flurry of tweets, lashing out at what he called the "fake news" media. He focused heavily on leaks — both those coming out of the White House and an intelligence leak blamed on Americans about the deadly bombing at a concert in Britain.

On the bombing investigation Trump wrote: "British Prime Minister May was very angry that the info the U.K. gave to U.S. about Manchester was leaked."

6-day war begets 50 years of conflict for Israel

JERUSALEM — It may well be remembered as a pyrrhic victory for Israel: in six days it stunned the world by vanquishing several Arab armies, only to be saddled with a deeply corrosive 50-year fight with the Palestinians for the Holy Land.

For several weeks in 1967, the underdog Israelis genuinely feared that their young Jewish state would be wiped out, even with memories of the Nazi Holocaust in Europe still fresh. They mobilized reserves to face Egyptian troops arrayed at the border. They appointed the eyepatch-wearing military hero Moshe Dayan as minister of defense. They barricaded the streets with sacks of sand.

Then it was over in a shocking flash. A pre-emptive airstrike on June 5 destroyed the Egyptian air force on the ground, and the Israeli army also pushed back Jordan and Syria. Israel vastly expanded its territory, and was crowned a regional power.

"The Six Day War was one of the greatest victories in the history of Israel," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a nationalist, recently said in marking the anniversary.

But there is another view: many in Israel are coming to the conclusion that the "Six Day War" may have planted the seeds of doom. That's because Israel seized the West Bank and east Jerusalem from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt, ruling over a Palestinian population roughly equal in number to that of the Jews. It has since faced charges that its treatment of the Palestinians is a form of apartheid, and has gone from being a darling of the West in the 1960s to one of the world's most ostracized nations.



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

Julian Jefford marks the graves of family and friends at Leavenworth National Cemetery on the eve of Memorial Day in Leavenworth, Kan.

NKorean missile launch may be testing rivals, not technology

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's latest missile test Monday may have less to do with perfecting its weapons technology than with showing U.S. and South Korean forces in the region that it can strike them at will.

South Korean and Japanese officials said the suspected Scud-type short-range missile flew about 280 miles on Monday morning before landing in Japan's maritime economic zone, setting off the usual round of condemnation from Washington and the North's neighbors.

It's the latest in a string of test launches by North Korea as it seeks to build nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles that can reach the U.S. mainland, a drive that puts North Korea high on the list of foreign policy worries for Japan, Washington and Seoul.

North Korea already has an arsenal of reliable short-range missiles. While North Korean scientists could be tweaking them — for instance, developing a new solid-fuel short-range missile — the North tests these shorter-range missiles much less than it does its less dependable, longer-range missiles.

This sets up the possibility that North Korea hopes to use the test to show it can hit U.S. targets near and far and emphasize its defiance of U.S.-led pressure on its missile and nuclear programs, which has included vague threats from President Donald Trump and the arrival in Korean waters of powerful U.S. military hardware. Scuds are capable of striking U.S. troops in South Korea, for instance, and the two newly developed missiles tested earlier this month have potential ranges that include Japan, Guam and even, according to some South Korean analysts, Alaska.

Merkel: Europe must stay united in face of ally uncertainty

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Sunday urged European Union nations to stick together in the face of emerging policy divisions with the U.S., Britain's decision to leave the bloc and other challenges.

Speaking at a campaign event held in a Bavarian beer tent, Merkel suggested that the G-7 summit in Italy that ended Saturday had served as something of a wakeup call. G-7 leaders were unable to reach unanimous agreement on climate change after U.S. President Donald Trump said he needed more time to decide whether to back a key climate accord.

"The times in which we can fully count on others are somewhat over, as I have experienced in the past few days," Merkel told the crowd of some 2,500 that gathered to hear her and Bavarian governor Horst Seehofer.

"And so all I can say is that we Europeans must really take our destiny into our own hands," she said, according to the dpa news agency.

Merkel emphasized the need for continued friendly relations with the U.S. and Britain and also stressed the importance of being good neighbors "wherever that is possible, including with Russia, but also with others."

Putin set to visit France in hope of mending strained ties

MOSCOW — On a trip that will likely shape Russia-France ties for years to come, President Vladimir Putin is set to visit France for talks on Monday with newly-elected French President Emmanuel Macron after expressing sympathy for his rivals during

the campaign.

After Moscow lost its bets in the French vote, the visit offers the Russian leader a chance to turn the page and try to establish ties with Macron as the Kremlin has struggled to mend a bitter rift in relations with the West.

The meeting comes in the wake of the Group of Seven's summit over the weekend where relations with Russia were part of the agenda, making Macron the first Western leader to speak to Putin after the talks.

The Kremlin has hailed the visit as a chance for Putin and Macron to get to know each other and better understand their views on a range of disputed issues, including the Ukrainian crisis, the war in Syria and Russia's ties with the European Union.

Macron's invitation for Putin was a surprise after his tough stance on Russia during the presidential campaign that contrasted with the platforms of some of his rivals, including far-right candidate Marine Le Pen and conservative Francois Fillon, who both have spoken for ending Western sanctions against Moscow over the Ukrainian crisis.

Relative 'devastated' after shooting kills 8 in Mississippi

BROOKHAVEN, Miss. — Head in hands, his voice strained, Vincent Mitchell sat outside his little yellow home and tried to make sense of how a family dispute led to a rampage that killed eight people, including the deputy who tried to keep them safe.

"I'm devastated. It don't seem like it's real," Mitchell said shortly after the arrest of his stepson-in-law, Willie Corey Godbolt. "Him and my stepdaughter, they've been going back and forth for a couple of years with that domestic violence."

Godbolt showed up at Mitchell's home in the southern Mississippi town of Bogue Chitto shortly before midnight Saturday to demand that his estranged wife give up their two children. She and the kids had been staying with them for about three weeks, Mitchell told The Associated Press.

"He'd come to get his kids. The deputy was called," and asked him to leave, and it seemed like Godbolt would comply at first, Mitchell said.

"He acted like, motioned like, he was fixing to go. Then he reached in his back pocket and grabbed a gun," Mitchell said. "He just started shooting everything."

Get ready for busy travel season; airlines could set record

DALLAS — If you're planning a big vacation trip this summer, move over. You're going to have lots of company.

By air or car, traveler numbers are expected to rise over last year thanks to a decent economy and stable gasoline prices.

U.S. airlines expect to carry 234 million passengers from June 1 through Aug. 31, up from the summer record of 225 million a year ago, according to the trade group Airlines for America.

While fares are edging up overall, they are still relatively affordable by historical standards. And travelers can find deals, especially on routes flown by discount airlines such as Spirit.

Some of the lowest fares on popular routes are coming from United Airlines, which is trying to regain passengers lost to rivals in recent years and to overcome the image, replayed over and over on the news, of a passenger being brutally dragged off a United Express plane.

VA drug thefts continue despite new efforts

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities have launched dozens of new criminal investigations into possible opioid and other drug theft by employees at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, a sign the problem isn't going away despite new prevention efforts.

Data obtained by The Associated Press show 36 cases opened by the VA inspector general's office from Oct. 1 through May 19. It brings the total number of open criminal investigations to 108 involving missing prescriptions, theft or unauthorized drug use. Most of those probes typically lead to criminal charges.

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2	KATU	(2) Everyday Heroes		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelorette (N)				Still Star-Crossed (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Bachelorette (N)				Still Star-Crossed (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) (5:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				Evening	Evening	The Current		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait	Man With a Plan	Superior Donuts	2 Broke Girls	Scorpion		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait	Man With a Plan	Superior Donuts	2 Broke Girls	Scorpion		KIRO News	(35) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at 7	Inside Edition	The Voice Contestants battle for a recording contract.				Running Wild With Bear Grylls		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supergirl "The Adventures of Supergirl"	Whose (SP) (N)	Whose Line Is It?		KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rd. "Orlando (Hour Three)" (N)	Oregon Experience	"Oregon at War"		Antiques Rd. "Boston (Hour Two)"		Independent Lens	"Farmer/ Veteran"	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Pretty Hate Machine" (N)	Lucifer (N)			10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls	
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			Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Pretty Hate Machine" (N)	Lucifer (N)			Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad (N)	Angie Tribeca (N)	Conan		
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball Det.Kan. (L)		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
30	ESPN2	(30) E:60 Pictures "Leaf"			30 for 30 "Big Shot"			E:60		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	30 for 30 Shorts	MLB Baseball Detroit vs Kansas City		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Loud House (N)	Henry Danger "Space Invaders" 1/2	Henry Danger	Full House 1/2	Full House 2/2		Full House	Full House	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	
32	DISN	(32) Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Andi Mack		Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) *** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (11) Daniel Radcliffe.				*** Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (03, Adventure) Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Johnny Depp.				The 700 Club				
35	FNC	(35) (5:00) *** Unbroken (14, Bio) Finn Wittrock, Jack O'Connell.				(2014, Biography) Finn Wittrock, Jai Courtney, Jack O'Connell.				(40) ★ Act of Valor (12, Act) Roselyn Sanchez, Alex Veadov.				
36	LIFE	(36) (5:00) Madea's Witness Protection (12) Eugene Levy, Denise Richards, Tyler Perry.				[Michael Jackson: Searching for Neverland (2017, Drama) Sam Adegoke, Chad L. Coleman.				Michael Jackson Icon (N)		To Be Announced		
38	ROOT	(38) (3:30) DPatrick (N) Mariners Access	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Colorado Rockies Site: Coors Field -- Denver, Colo.							Post-game	UEFA Soccer Champions League Monaco vs. Juventus			
39	FST	(39) (4:00) UFC UFC 179		UFC Unleashed "Holloway vs. Lamas"		MLB Whiparound (L)		Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				
43	SPK	(43) (5:30) *** The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (06) Lucas Black.				*** Fast Five (2011, Action) Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel.				xxX (2002, Action) Vin Diesel.				
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	
45	HIST	(45) A. Pickers "One Giant Pick for Mankind"		American Pickers "Tough Nut to Crack"		Pickers "The \$90,000 Question" (N)	America: Promised Migration patterns in America have shaped the nation. 1/2 (N)			(05) A. Pickers "Red Barn, Black Keys"				
46	A&E	(46) Remini: Scientology "Golden Era"		Remini: Scientology "Auditing"		L. Remini "Enemies of the Church"	Leah Remini: Scientology and the Aftermath "Special" (N)			(05) Remini: Scientology "Auditing"				
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	To Be Announced				To Be Announced				
48	DISC	(48) (5:00) Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws: Full "Wild Horses" (N)	Street Outlaws (N)			Vegas Rat Rods (N)		Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	
49	NGEO	(49) (5:00) Inside the Iraq War		Year Million "Homo Sapien 2.0"		Year Million "Never Say Die"	YrMillion "Dude, Where's My Body?" (N)	National Geographic "S10 Ep13" (N)		Year Million "Dude, Where's My Body?"				
50	TNT	(50) (4:30) *** The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (13) Martin Freeman.				*** The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (14, Adventure) Richard Armitage, Benedict Cumberbatch, Martin Freeman.				Transformers (07, Action) Shia LaBeouf.				
51	AMC	(51) (1:10) Better Call Saul "Witness"		(20) Better Call Saul "Sunk Costs"		(25) Better Call Saul "Sabrosito"		Better Call Saul "Chicanery"		(35) Better Call Saul "Off Brand"		(40) Call Saul		
52	USA	(52) Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	WWE Monday Night Raw				(05) Friday Night Tykes (N)				
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Grill Masters Napa: Part Four"		Chopped		The Kids BBQ Championship	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners...Dives "Knockout Burger Joins"		
54	HGTV	(54) House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Tiny House, Big	Tiny House, Big	HouseHunters (N)	HouseHunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
55	FX	(55) (5:30) *** Just Go With It (11) Jennifer Aniston, Brooklyn Decker, Adam Sandler.				Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.				Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.				
57	CNN	(57) (5:00) The Sixties		The Sixties "Television Comes of Age"		The Sixties "The World on the Brink"		The Sixties "The Assassination of President Kennedy"		The Sixties "Television Comes of Age"				
58	FNC	(58) The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight		
61	CNBC	(61) The Profit "Shuler's BBQ"		The Profit "Amazing Grapes"		The Profit "Farmgirl Flowers"		The Profit "Pacific Hospitality"		The Profit "Susana Monaco"		Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRVA	(63) Southern Charm		Southern Charm "Fowl Play"		Southern Charm "Sari, Not Sari..."		Southern Charm (N)		Southern Charm Savannah (N)		WatchWhat	Southern Charm	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) *** Destination Tokyo (44) John Garfield, Cary Grant.		*** Operation Pacific (1951, Romance) Patricia Neal, Ward Bond, John Wayne.		*** The Enemy Below (57, War) Curt Jurgens, David Hedison, Robert Mitchum.				Up Periscope (59)				
65	SYFY	(65) (4:55) *** Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.				*** Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith.				(05) Lake Placid 3 (10) Yancy Butler.				
162	RFD	(162) Rancher (N)	Red Steagall (N)	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America 'Live'		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase		