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Trump vows continued fight in Afghanistan; reversing stance

WASHINGTON — Reversing his past calls for a speedy exit, President Donald Trump recommitted the United States to the 16-year-old war in Afghanistan, declaring U.S. troops must “fight to win.” He pointedly declined to disclose how many more troops will be dispatched to wage America’s longest war.

In a prime-time address to unveil his new Afghanistan strategy, Trump said Monday the U.S. would shift away from a “time-based” approach, instead linking its assistance to results and to cooperation from the beleaguered Afghan government, Pakistan and others. He insisted it would be a “regional” strategy that addressed the roles played by other South Asian nations — especially Pakistan’s harboring of elements of the Taliban.

“America will work with the Afghan government as long as we see determination and progress,” Trump said. “However, our commitment is not unlimited, and our support is not a blank check.”

Still, Trump offered few details about how progress would be measured. Nor did he explain how his approach would differ substantively from what two presidents before him tried unsuccessfully over the past 16 years.

Although Trump insisted he would “not talk about numbers of troops” or telegraph military moves in advance, he hinted that he’d embraced the Pentagon’s proposal to boost troop numbers by nearly 4,000, augmenting the roughly 8,400 Americans there now.

Trump promises victory, but his plan is murky

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is vowing to win what has seemed to be an unwinnable war.

How he plans to do so is still murky despite the months of internal deliberations that ultimately persuaded Trump to stick with a conflict he has long opposed.

In a 26-minute address to the nation Monday, Trump alluded to more American troops deploying to Afghanistan, but refused to say how many. He said victory would be well-defined, but outlined only vague benchmarks for success, like dismantling al-Qaida and preventing the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan. He said the U.S. would not offer Afghanistan a “blank check,” but provided no specific timetable for the end of an American commitment that has already lasted 16 years.

Instead, Trump projected an “I got this” bravado that has become a hallmark of his presidency.

“In the end, we will win,” he declared of America’s longest war.

Divers search McCain’s flooded compartments for 10 sailors

SINGAPORE — The focus of the search for 10 U.S. sailors missing after a collision between the USS John S. McCain and an oil tanker in Southeast Asian waters shifted Tuesday to the damaged destroyer’s flooded compartments.

The sea search by aircraft and ships from the U.S., Singapore and Malaysian navies will continue east of Singapore where the McCain and the tanker collided at daybreak Monday, the 7th Fleet said, but the deployment of divers to search inside the warship, now docked at Singapore’s naval base, was a blow to families still hoping for a miracle.

“Equipped with surface supplied air rigs, divers will access sealed compartments located in damaged parts of the ship,” the fleet said in a statement announcing that divers had joined the search. “Additionally, they will conduct damage assessments of the hull and flooded areas.”

The collision tore a gaping hole in the McCain’s left rear hull and flooded adjacent compartments including crew berths and machinery and communication rooms. Five sailors were injured.

It was the second major collision in two months involving the Pacific-based 7th Fleet and the Navy has ordered a broad investigation into its performance and readiness. Seven sailors died in June when the USS Fitzgerald and a container ship collided in waters off Japan. There were two lesser-known incidents in the first half of the year. In January, the USS Antietam guided missile cruiser ran aground near Yokosuka base, the home port of the 7th Fleet, and in May another cruiser, the USS Lake Champlain from the Navy’s 3rd Fleet, had a minor collision with a South Korean fishing boat.

Mattis: IS militants caught in Iraq-Syria military vise

BAGHDAD — Expelled from their main stronghold in northern Iraq, Islamic State militants are now trapped in a military vise that will squeeze them on both sides of the Syria-Iraq border, U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said.

Mattis arrived in the Iraqi capital on an unannounced visit



AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster
President Donald Trump speaks at Fort Myer in Arlington Va., Monday during an address to the nation about a strategy he believes will best position the U.S. to eventually declare victory in Afghanistan.

Tuesday just hours after President Donald Trump outlined a fresh approach to the stalemated war in Afghanistan. Trump also has vowed to take a more aggressive, effective approach against IS in Iraq and Syria, but he has yet to unveil a strategy for that conflict that differs greatly from his predecessor’s.

In Baghdad, Mattis was meeting with senior Iraqi government leaders and with U.S. commanders. He also planned to meet in Irbil with Massoud Barzani, leader of the semi-autonomous Kurdish region that has helped fight IS. Mattis told reporters before departing from neighboring Jordan that the so-called Middle Euphrates River Valley — roughly from the western Iraqi city of al-Qaim to the eastern Syrian city of Der el-Zour — will be liberated in time, as IS gets hit from both ends of the valley that bisects Iraq and Syria.

“You see, ISIS is now caught in-between converging forces,” he said, using an alternative acronym for the militant group that burst into western and northern Iraq in 2014 from Syria and held sway for more than two years. “So ISIS’s days are certainly numbered, but it’s not over yet and it’s not going to be over any time soon.”

Mattis referred to this area as “ISIS’s last stand.”

4 surviving Barcelona attack suspects appear in court

MADRID — Four alleged members of a terror cell accused of killing 15 people in attacks in Barcelona and a Spanish resort appeared in court Tuesday, a day after the last missing member of the cell was gunned down by police near Barcelona.

The four men were arrested last week for their alleged involvement in the planning or execution of attacks in Barcelona on Thursday and the northeastern resort town of Cambrils early Friday.

They were to testify before National Court Judge Fernando Andreu in Madrid, who will decide whether they should be jailed or released.

Spanish media have named the suspects as Driss Oukabir, Mohammed Aalla, Salh el Karib and Mohamed Houli Chermal. Police have not yet confirmed their names.

Three were arrested in the northern Catalan town of Ripoll and another in Alcanar, south of Barcelona, where a house that was blown apart turned out to be a botched bomb-making workshop.

2 children pulled from rubble on quake-hit Italian island

MILAN — Firefighters in Italy freed a 7-month-old baby and his older brother from rubble early Tuesday following a 4.0-magnitude quake on the resort island of Ischia off Naples, and rescuers were working on helping a third brother who remained trapped.

At least one person — an elderly woman who was inside a church that collapsed — was killed in the quake that struck just before 9 p.m. Monday. Another 39 were injured and some 2,600 were left homeless.

Video released from the firefighting service showed rescuers passing the baby, who was wearing a white onesie and appearing alert, out of the collapsed structure in hardest-hit Casamicciola at around 4 a.m. The news agency ANSA said cries of joy went up in the crowd and the boys’ mother ran to take him.

One of the baby’s brothers was rescued some seven hours later, and quickly loaded onto a stretcher and into an ambulance.

A firefighter photo showed the boy, identified as Mattias, being pulled out of the rubble in just his underwear covered with cement dust. Firefighters said on Twitter that they had reached the other boy, named Ciro, and were working on extracting him.

As NKorea vows response, US dismisses calls to pause drills

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — As North Korea vowed “merciless retaliation” against U.S.-South Korean military drills that it claims are an invasion rehearsal, senior U.S. military commanders on Tuesday dismissed calls to pause or downsize exercises they called crucial to countering a clear threat from Pyongyang.

The heated North Korean rhetoric, along with occasional weapons tests, is standard fare during the spring and summer war games by allies Seoul and Washington, but always uneasy ties between the Koreans are worse than normal this year following weeks of tit-for-tat threats between President Donald Trump and Pyongyang in the wake of the North’s two intercontinental ballistic missile tests last month.

There have been calls in both the United States and South Korea to postpone or modify the drills in an attempt to ease hostility on the Korean Peninsula following North Korea’s threat to lob missiles toward the U.S. territory of Guam. But a visiting group of senior U.S. military commanders, including Adm. Harry Harris, the commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, said the drills are critical for the allies to maintain readiness against an aggressive North Korea.

“A strong diplomatic effort backed by a strong military effort is key because credible combat power should be in support of diplomacy and not the other way around,” Harris said during a news conference at South Korea’s Osan Air Base.

Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, said the allies should continue the war games until they “have reason not to.” “That reason has not yet emerged,” he said.

Posers or terrorists? Deaths put spotlight on neo-Nazi group

TAMPA, Fla. — The friendship of the four young roommates — though cemented in the dark trappings of an obscure neo-Nazi group called Atomwaffen Division — never seemed destined for bloodshed.

One was described as a former science nerd, serving in the Florida National Guard. Two others worked temp jobs at a recycling plant and talked about joining the military. The fourth caught flak from his roommates for wasting his days with video games.

Now two of the young men are dead, the other two are in jail and authorities are left to answer this question: Was Atomwaffen Division plotting violent acts or were the four young men merely posers?

Four days after police say one of the roommates shot and killed two others, Atomwaffen posted an ominous video on YouTube depicting members standing with arms extended in “Heil Hitler” salutes and posing with guns in front of a swastika flag, their faces obscured by images of skulls. It ended with a stark slogan, scrawled in red: “Join your local Nazis.”

Inside the apartment the men shared, authorities said they found guns, ammunition and bomb-making material, along with a framed picture of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh on a bedroom dresser.

India’s top court: Instant divorce among Muslims unlawful

NEW DELHI — India’s Supreme Court said Tuesday that the Muslim practice that allows men to instantly divorce their wives is unconstitutional and ordered the government to legislate an end to the practice.

The bench, comprising five senior judges of different faiths, deliberated for three months before issuing its order, which was in response to petitions from seven Muslim women who had been divorced through the practice known as triple talaq.

The government must now amend the sections of India’s Muslim personal law that allows the practice.

The decision was widely lauded by women’s rights activists as a step toward granting Muslim women greater equality and justice.

“It’s a very happy day for us. It’s a historic day,” said Zakia Soman the co-founder of the Indian Muslim Women’s Movement, which was part of the legal battle to end triple talaq.

Officials: 33 injured in suburban Philadelphia train crash

UPPER DARBY, Pa. — More than 30 people were injured when a train crashed into another train that was parked at a station in suburban Philadelphia.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority said the crash happened around 12:15 a.m. Tuesday.

An inbound Norristown High Speed Line train crashed into an unoccupied, parked train at the 69th Street Terminal in Upper Darby, said SEPTA spokeswoman Heather Redfern.

SEPTA said 33 people aboard the train were injured.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV LISTINGS Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING													AUGUST 22	
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 (N)		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Bachelor in Paradise (N)				Somewhere Between "Madness" (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Bachelor in Paradise (N)				Somewhere Between "Madness" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	America's Got Talent "Live Show 2" Twelve more acts take the stage. (N)				Game Night "HGN's Got Talent" (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Willoughby"	Bull "Teacher's Pet"			NCIS: New Orleans "Aftershocks"	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	Evening News (N)	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Willoughby"	Bull "Teacher's Pet"			NCIS: New Orleans "Aftershocks"	KIRO News	(35) Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Live Show 2" Twelve more acts take the stage. (N)				Game Night "HGN's Got Talent" (N)	KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCR	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "The Duet"	Legends of Tomorrow "Camelot 3000"			News at 10 (N) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother		
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Diana: Her Story (N)	Secrets of Althorp: The Spencers			Ind. Lens "SEED: The Untold Story"	Frontline			
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Homebodies"	The Mick	Brooklyn 99		10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	2 Broke Girls		
13	KPDQ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)			Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	Cleveland Show	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Homebodies"	The Mick	Brooklyn 99		Q13 News at 10 (N)	Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons		
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Wrecked (SF) (N)	Conan (N)		
22	KZJQ	(22) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends	Friends	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) 4:30 Baseball	Baseball Tonight	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Los Angeles	Angels of Anaheim Site: Angel Stadium -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)					SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
30	ESPN2	(30) 5:30 Champ.Drive	Championship Drive	"Coach Speak"	E:60 Pictures	SportsCenter (N)				NFL Live	The Fantasy Show	E:60 Pictures		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Jessie	
34	FAM	(34) ★★ She's All That '99	Rachael Leigh Cook, Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr.	The Fosters "Chasing Waterfalls"	(N)	The Fosters "Chasing Waterfalls"	(N)	The Bold Type	(N)	The Fosters "Chasing Waterfalls"	The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (55) ★★ Let's Be Cops '14	Jake Johnson.	(50) FXM Presents	★★★ The Watch (2012, Comedy)	Vincent Vaughn, Ben Stiller.	(55) FXM Presents	★★★ Night at the Museum '06	Robin Williams, Dick Van Dyke, Ben Stiller.					
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's "We Gotta Get Out of This Place"	"Dance Moms "Abby Flies the Coop"	Dance Moms: Dance and Chat (N)	Dance Moms (N)	Dance Moms (N)	Dance Moms (N)	So Sharp (N)		DanceMom (N) /C10	DanceMom			
38	ROOT	(38) 4:30 MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Atlanta Braves (L)	Post-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Atlanta Braves Site: SunTrust Park -- Atlanta, Ga.						Post-game	UEFA Soccer			
39	FST	(39) Boxing Premier Champions (L)		MLB Whiparound (L)		Speak for Yourself				BIG3 Basketball Playoffs				
43	SPKE	(43) Ink Master "On the Bubble"		Ink Master "Masterpiece Mayhem"		Ink Master "Pin-Up Panic Attack"		Ink Master "Drill Baby, Drill"		Ink Master (N)	Ink Master (N)	Tattoo Night.		
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show (N)	The Daily Show	
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "The Boar Spear"		Forged in Fire "The Haladie"		Forged in Fire "The Gladiators' Scissor" (N)		Forged in Fire "The Kampilan" (N)		(05) American Ripper (N)	(05) Forged in Fire "The Kampilan"			
46	A&E	(46) L. Remini "A Leader Emerges"		L. Remini "Golden Era" The shocking truth of Scientology's gulas are revealed.		Remini: Scientology (N)		Remini: Scientology (N)		Murder of Laci P "Media Frenzy" (N)	(05) L. Remini "Ask Me Anything"			
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	OutDaughtered		OutD. "The Nightmare Before Easter" (N)		OutDaughtered (N)		(05) Rattled "Pump and Dump" (P) (N)	(05) OutDaughtered			
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch "Respect Earned"		Deadliest Catch "Man Down"		Deadliest C. "The Widowmaker: Part 1"		Deadliest Catch (N)		Manhunt: Unabomber "Abri" (N)	Manhunt: Unabomber "Abri"			
49	NGEO	(49) Live Free or Die "Race Against Time"		Live Free or Die "To the Bone"		Live Free or Die "Making Moves"		Life Below Zero "Burn the Midnight Oil"		Life Below Zero "Arctic Super Moon"	Life Below Zero "Burn the Midnight Oil"			
60	TNT	(60) Movie	★★ Now You See Me (2013, Crime Story)	Common, Mark Ruffalo, Jesse Eisenberg.		Animal Kingdom "You Will Be Gutted"		Animal Kingdom "You Will Be Gutted"		Animal Kingdom "You Will Be Gutted"	The Last Ship "In Media Res"			
61	AMT	(61) ★★ Rambo (2008, Action)	Julie Benz, Matthew Marsden, Sylvester Stallone.	★★ Clash of the Titans (2010, Action)	Liam Neeson, Jason Flemyng, Sam Worthington.	★★ Pompeii ('14, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Kit Harington.			★★ Pompeii ('14, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Kit Harington.			
62	USA	(62) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Shooter "Across the Rio Grande" (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Friending Emily"			
63	FOOD	(63) Chopped "Viewers' Choice Baskets"		Chopped "Swai Not?"		Chopped "Whiskey and Wings"		Chopped "The Newlywed Game"		Chopped "Grill Masters: Battle Four" (N)	Chopped "Mac and Cheese"			
64	HGTV	(64) Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer "The Colossal Crawford Reno"		Bones "Bugging Out On Budget" (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
65	FX	(65) (5:30) ★★ The Maze Runner '14	Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Dylan O'Brien.	★★ Battleship (2012, Sci-Fi)	Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch.					Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360			
67	CNN	(67) 5:00 Experiment in Terror	Glenn Ford. (C15) ★★ The Violent Men (1955, Action)	Dianne Foste, Glenn Ford.		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
68	FNC	(68) The Five	Hannity	Hannity		Special Report With Bret Baier		The Five		Hannity	Tucker Carlson Tonight			
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	The Profit	The Profit		The Profit		The Profit		The Profit	Paid Program	Paid Program		
63	BRVA	(63) (5:30) Wives NJ	Wives NJ "And Then There Were Four"	Housewives NJ "Reunion Part 1" 1/2	Housewives NJ "Reunion Part 2" 2/2	Housewives NJ (N)	A Night With (N)	Housewives NJ		A Night With (N)	Housewives NJ	WatchWhat	Housewives NJ	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Experiment in Terror	Glenn Ford. (C15) ★★ The Violent Men (1955, Action)	Dianne Foste, Glenn Ford.		★★★ Gilda (1946, Suspense)	Glenn Ford, George Macready, Rita Hayworth.			Pocketful of Miracles ('61)	Glenn Ford			
65	SYFY	(65) (4:30) Paul (11)	★★ xXx (2002, Action)	Samuel L. Jackson, Marton Csokas, Vin Diesel.		Face Off "Journey Into Fear, Part II" (N)		Game Face "Sy-Borg Showdown" (P) (N)		Face Off "Journey Into Fear, Part II" 2/2				
69	RFD	(69) (5:30) Cattlemen	Chasing-Madison	Horseman. "The Method With Minis"	Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen		Chasing-Madison	Product Showcase			