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Family of slain sergeant says Trump showed 'disrespect'

WASHINGTON — The mother of an Army sergeant killed in Niger said today that President Donald Trump, in a call offering condolences, showed "disrespect" to the soldier's loved ones as they drove to the airport to meet his body. Trump, engulfed in controversy over the appropriate way for presidents to show compassion for slain soldiers, strongly disputed that account.

Sgt. La David Johnson was one of four American military personnel killed nearly two weeks ago whose families had not heard from Trump until Tuesday. Rep. Frederica Wilson said that Trump told the widow that Johnson "knew what he signed up for."

The Florida Democrat said she was in the car with the widow, Myeshia Johnson, on the way to Miami International Airport to meet the body when Trump called. La David Johnson's mother, Cowanda Jones-Johnson, said today that the congresswoman's account was correct.

"Yes the statement is true," Jones-Johnson said. "I was in the car and I heard the full conversation."

That's simply not so, Trump said today. He declared on Twitter: "Democrat Congresswoman totally fabricated what I said to the wife of a soldier who died in action (and I have proof). Sad!"

And in a White House meeting on tax reform, Trump said that he "didn't say what that congresswoman said, didn't say it at all. She knows it."

Wilson did not back down from her account, suggesting that Trump "never wants to take ownership" of a mistake.

"If you are the leader of the free world, if you are president of the United States and you want to convey sympathy to a grieving family, a grieving widow, you choose your words carefully," Wilson said. "And everyone knows that Donald Trump does not choose his words carefully."



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Myeshia Johnson cries over the casket of her husband, Sgt. La David Johnson, who was killed in an ambush in Niger, upon his body's arrival in Miami.

atic campaign to expel the Rohingya. More than 580,000 refugees have fled to neighboring Bangladesh since late August.

"We really hold the military leadership accountable for what's happening," Tillerson said at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank. "What's most important to us is that the world can't just stand idly by and be witness to the atrocities that are being reported in that area."

Judge: Newest travel ban 'same maladies' as previous version

HONOLULU — Just hours before President Donald Trump's latest travel ban was to take full effect, a federal judge in Hawaii blocked the revised order, saying the policy has the same problems as a previous version.

The revised order "suffers from precisely the same maladies as its predecessor," U.S. District Judge Derrick Watson wrote in his ruling, which prevented the Trump administration from enforcing the travel ban set to go into effect early today.

It was the third set of travel restrictions issued by the president to be thwarted, in whole or in part, by the courts.

A federal judge in Maryland quickly followed suit with a similar ruling. U.S. District Judge Theodore Chuang also granted a nationwide preliminary injunction late Tuesday.

Chuang's ruling said the administration had "not shown that national security cannot be maintained without an unprecedented eight-country travel ban."

Watson's Tuesday ruling said the new ban, like its predecessor, fails to show that nationality alone makes a person a greater security risk to the U.S.

Al-Qaida set to gain as Islamic State disintegrates

BEIRUT — Over several nights in September, some 10,000 men, women and children fled areas under Islamic State control, hurrying through fields in northern Syria and risking fire from government troops to reach a province held by an al-Qaida-linked group.

For an untold number of battle-hardened jihadis fleeing with the civilians, the escape to Idlib province marked a homecoming of sorts, an opportunity to continue waging war alongside an extremist group that shares much of the Islamic State's ideology — and has benefited from its prolonged downfall.

While the U.S.-led coalition and Russian-backed Syrian troops have been focused on driving IS from the country's east, an al-Qaida-linked insurgent coalition known as the Levant Liberation Committee has consolidated its control over Idlib, and may be looking to return to Osama bin Laden's strategy of attacking the West.

Syrian activists with contacts in the area say members of the Levant Liberation Committee vouched for fleeing IS fighters they had known before the two groups split four years ago and allowed them to join, while others were sent to jail. The activists spoke on condition of anonymity because they still visit the area and fear reprisals from the jihadis.

IS has lost nearly all the territory it once controlled in Syria and Iraq, including the northern Iraqi city of Mosul — the largest

it ever held — and the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, which once served as its de facto capital. Tens of thousands of its fighters have been killed on the battlefield, but an untold number have escaped. As it gradually disintegrates, theological splits have also emerged within the organization, including the rise of a faction that blames its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, for the setbacks.

Senate health care deal in doubt as Trump says he's opposed

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate deal to curb the growth of health insurance premiums is reeling after President Donald Trump reversed course and opposed the agreement and top congressional Republicans and conservatives gave it a frosty reception.

Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., announced their accord Tuesday after weeks of negotiations and five days after Trump said he was halting federal subsidies to insurers. Under the lawmakers' agreement, the payments would continue for two years while states were given more leeway to let insurers sidestep some coverage requirements imposed by President Barack Obama's health care law.

In remarks Tuesday in the Rose Garden, Trump called the deal "a very good solution" that would calm insurance markets, giving him time to pursue his goal of scrapping Obama's 2010 Affordable Care Act, the target of Republican derision since it was signed into law.

Although top Democrats and some Republicans praised the Alexander-Murray compromise agreement, Trump backed off after a day of criticism from many in the GOP.

Big question for US cities: Is Amazon's HQ2 worth the price?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dozens of cities are working frantically to land Amazon's second headquarters, raising a weighty question with no easy answer:

Is it worth it? Amazon is promising \$5 billion of investment and 50,000 jobs over the next decade and a half. Yet the winning city would have to provide Amazon with generous tax breaks and other incentives that can erode a city's tax base.

Most economists say the answer is a qualified yes — that an Amazon headquarters is a rare case in which a package of at least modest enticements could repay a city over time. That's particularly true compared with other projects that often receive public financial aid, from sports stadiums to the Olympics to manufacturing plants, which generally return lesser, if any, benefits over the long run.

UN, US failed to prevent ethnic cleansing in South Sudan

YEI, South Sudan — Until the summer of 2016, South Sudan's Yei region was a leafy oasis in the midst of the country's civil war. But when a national peace deal broke down and government soldiers ransacked the area, a handful of U.N. and U.S. officials begged their leaders for help.

The United Nations must send peacekeepers to Yei to protect civilians from President Salva Kiir's forces, who are burning villages and slaughtering men, women and children, they argued. And the U.S. needs to change its approach in the face of a potential genocide, they warned.

The pleas of officials and residents fell on deaf ears. The U.N. did not send peacekeeping troops to stay in Yei, and the U.S. continued to support South Sudan's military, possibly in violation of U.S. law, an AP investigation found. The investigation is based on more than 30 internal or confidential documents from the U.N., White House or State Department, and dozens of interviews with current or former officials and civilians.

In a matter of weeks, Yei became the center of a nationwide campaign of what the U.N. calls ethnic cleansing, which has created the largest exodus of civilians in Africa since the Rwandan genocide in 1994. More than 1 million people have now fled to Uganda, mostly from the Yei region. And while there is no tally for how many people have died in South Sudan, estimates put the number in the tens or even hundreds of thousands.

Manhunt underway after 3 killed at Maryland office shooting

EDGEWOOD, Md. — A gunman opened fire at a Maryland office park this morning, killing three co-workers and wounding two others, authorities and the business owner said.

A manhunt was underway for 37-year-old Radee Labeeb Prince, who was considered armed and dangerous.

Harford County Sheriff Jeffrey Gahler said Prince shot his victims with a handgun and fled the Emmorton Business Park in Edgewood, which is about 25 miles northeast of Baltimore. The sheriff did not release a motive for the shooting.

The victims and the suspect worked for Advanced Granite Solutions, according to the owner of the home improvement company. Prince has been an employee for four months, working as a machine operator, owner Barak Caba said. Caba was shaken and would not provide additional details.

The wounded were in critical condition, according to a spokeswoman for the University of Maryland Medical Center's R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, speaking during a break from a meeting of a state board, said the survivors had gunshot wounds to the head.

He said authorities had helicopters in the air and police on the ground looking for Prince.

"The killer remains on the loose," Hogan said.

Tillerson: US seeks accountability for Myanmar abuses

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Rex Tillerson condemned today reported atrocities committed against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. He said those responsible — perhaps the country's military — will be held accountable.

Tillerson, who is set to visit South Asia next week, is urging the Myanmar government to improve humanitarian access to the population in western Rakhine state.

Amnesty International has accused Myanmar's security forces of killing hundreds of men, women and children during a system-

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE Evening listings WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												OCTOBER 18	
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! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Survivor "Equilibrium" (N)	KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Goldbergs (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated Survivor "Equilibrium" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Blacklist "The Ending" (N)		Law&Order: SVU "No Good Reason" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Snitch" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)		SEAL Team (N)		Criminal Minds "Killer App" (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)		SEAL Team (N)		Criminal Minds "Killer App" (N)	KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Blacklist "The Ending" (N)		Law&Order: SVU "No Good Reason" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Snitch" (N)	KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	River "Chapter Fifteen: Nighthawks" (N)		Dynasty "Spit It Out" (N)		Mom	News at 10 (N)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Animal Reunions"		Nova "Secrets of the Forbidden City" (N)		Frontline "Fight for Mosul" (N)	Erie: The Canal That Made America		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "Bleeding War" (N)		Star "It Ain't Over" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy "American Dad!"	The Game	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Bleeding War" (N)		Star "It Ain't Over" (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)	Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) (5:00) MLB Baseball National League Championship Series (L)				MLB Game		Family Guy		Family Guy "American Dad!"	Conan		
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) NBA Basketb.	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at San Antonio Spurs Site: AT&T Center (L)					SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:30) 30 for 30 "Year of the Scab"		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Baseball Tonight	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	E:60	The Fantasy Show	NBA Basketball Min./S.A.	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Dude Perfect (N)	Full House	Full House 1/2	Full House 2/2	Full House	Fresh Prince 1/2	Fresh Prince 2/2	Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) *** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (11) Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart.		*** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (12) Taylor Lautner, Robert Pattinson.		*** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (12) Taylor Lautner, Robert Pattinson.						The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Secret Life of Walter Mitty	(20) *** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013, Adventure) Kristen Wiig, Adam Scott, Ben Stiller.	(35) FXM Presents		*** Flight (2012, Drama) Nadine Velazquez, Carter Cabassa, Denzel Washington.						The Daily Show (N) The Opposition (N)	
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "Give Peace a Chance"	Little Women: Dallas "Girl Code"	Women Dallas (N)	(50) Little W. (N)	Little W "A Little BBQ, A Lot of Beef" (N)		Terra Little Family (N)		Little W "A Little BBQ, A Lot of Beef"			
38	ROOT	(38) (4:00) UEFA Soccer	Champions Tennis Legends			in the Spotlight	Press Pass (N)	NCAA Football North Dakota at Montana Site: Washington-Grizzly Stadium -- Missoula, Mont.					
39	FS1	(39) TUF: A New Champion "Predator"	TUF: A New Champion (N)			TUF Talk (N)	UFC Tonight	UFC Knockouts		TUF: A New Champion	TUF Talk	UFC Tonight	
43	SPIKE	(43) *** The Dark Knight Rises (2012, Action) Christian Bale, Tom Hardy, Anne Hathaway.								The Shannara Chronicles "Wraith" (N)	Batman Begins (05, Act) Christian Bale.		
44	COM	(44) Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park (N)	Broad City (N)	The Daily Show (N) The Opposition (N)	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	"Big Boy Toys"	Amer. Pickers "The Georgia Gambler"	American Pickers "Risks and Rewards"	American Pickers (N)				(05) Pickers (N) (10) Pickers	(10) American Pickers "Deuce Digging"		
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars: Biggest Discoveries Dave discovers a surprising medical device. (N)							
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	7 Little Johnstons	Johnston "Dad's Wearing Mom's Pants"	7 Little Johnstons "Tour de Johnston"		7 Johnstons "A Life-changing Decision"		7 Little Johnstons			
48	DISC	(48) Misfit Garage "Fired Up for a Jeep"	Misfit Garage "Muddy Payday"	Misfit "Gleams With a Sunliner" (N)	Misfit Garage "Stars Align" (N)	Story of Us "The March of Freedom"	Story of Us "The Fight for Peace" (N)	Explorer XL (N)					
49	NGEO	(49) Nasca Lines: The Buried Secrets											
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Party in the Pants"	Bones "The Pathos in the Pathogens"	*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.		*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.							
51	AMC	(51) (05) The Walking Dead "Prey"	(05) Walking Dead "This Sorrowful Life"	(05) Dead "Welcome to the Tombs"	(05) The Walking Dead	(05) The Walking Dead		(05) The Walking Dead "Infected"		(10) The Walking Dead "Isolation"			
52	USA	(52) (5:30) Law&O: SVU "Law & Order: S.V.U. "Slaves"	*** Mad Max: Fury Road (2015, Action) Charlize Theron, Zoe Kravitz, Tom Hardy.										
53	FOOD	(53) Baking "Cravings from the Grave"	Halloween Baking "Haunted Circus"	Halloween Baking Cha "Spirits Rising"	Halloween Ba "Ginger Dead House"	Best Baker America "Cafe Classics" (N)		Housewives/NewJersey "The Apology" (N)		Halloween Baking "Sweet Screams"			
54	HGTV	(54) Buying & Selling "Million Dollar Listing"	Buying and Selling	Take New Orleans "The Finale"	Property Brothers (N)	House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)							
56	FX	(56) (5:30) *** Guardians of the Galaxy (14) Zoe Saldana, Lee Pace, Chris Pratt.		*** Trainwreck (2015, Comedy) Bill Hader, Colin Hanks, Amy Poehler.									
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360							
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	Fox News Tonight	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity								
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Adventure Capitalists "Ocean"	Adventure Cap "Sandstone Country"	Lives-Super Rich Lives-Super Rich							
63	BRAV	(63) The Real Housewives of New Jersey	Housewives NJ "Shady Beach"	New Jersey Social	Housewives NJ "The Apology" (N)	Housewives/NewJersey "The Apology" (N)							
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Sissi (1955) Romy Schneider.	Sissi: The Young Empress (56) Karlheinz Bohm, Romy Schneider.	Sissi: The Fateful Years of an Empress	(57) Karlheinz Bohm, Romy Schneider.								
65	SYFY	(65) (5:30) Lake Placid vs. Anaconda (15) Robert Englund.	*** The Green Hornet (2011, Action) Jay Chou, Christoph Waltz, Seth Rogen.										
162	RFD	(162) Cowboy TV	Cowboy (N)	W. Rodeo (N)	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	WesternSport	Cowboy TV	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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