

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Pipe bomb strapped to man explodes in NYC subway, injuring 4

NEW YORK — A man with a pipe bomb strapped to his body with Velcro and zip ties set off the crude device in the subway near Times Square on Monday, injuring him and three other people at the height of the morning rush hour.

All four were being treated for non-life-threatening injuries in what the mayor and police labeled an attempted terror attack.

The explosion happened in a long underground passageway that runs a full city block under 42nd Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues. The 7:20 a.m. blast caused smoke to fill the passageway, which was crowded with Monday morning commuters.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill labeled it an attempted terror attack.

"Thank God the perpetrator did not achieve his ultimate goals," de Blasio said.

The suspect was identified as 27-year-old Akayed Ullah.

Law enforcement officials said he was inspired by the Islamic State group but had apparently not had any direct contact with the group. The officials said he lives in Brooklyn and may be of Bangladeshi descent. The officials spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the blast.



AP Photo/Andres Kudacki

Law enforcement officials work following an explosion near New York's Times Square on Monday in New York. Police said a man with a pipe bomb strapped to him set off the crude device in an underground passageway.

Final push for Moore and Jones in Alabama Senate race

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Alabama Democrats see Tuesday's special Senate election as a chance to renounce a history littered with politicians whose race-baiting, bombast and other baggage have long soiled the state's reputation beyond its borders.

Many Republicans see the vote as chance to ratify their conservative values and protect President Donald Trump's agenda ahead of the 2018 midterm elections.

At the center are Republican Roy Moore, a former jurist twice removed as state chief justice and now accused of sexual misconduct with teenage girls decades ago, and Democrat Doug Jones, an erstwhile federal prosecutor best known for prosecuting two Ku Klux Klansmen responsible for killing four black girls in the 1963 bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church.

The winner will take the seat held previously by Trump's attorney general, Jeff Sessions. Republicans control the Senate with 52 seats.

In truth, the matchup mixes both Alabama's tortured history and the nation's current divisive, bitterly partisan politics, and it has made a spectacle of a Deep South state well acquainted with national scrutiny but not accustomed to competitive general elections.

21 Rohingya women Myanmar armed forces recount rape by

UKHIA, Bangladesh — The use of rape by Myanmar's armed forces has been sweeping and methodical, The Associated Press found in interviews with 29 Rohingya Muslim women and girls now in Bangladesh.

They were interviewed separately, come from a variety of villages in Myanmar and now live spread across several refugee camps in Bangladesh. Yet their stories were hauntingly similar. The military has denied its soldiers raped any Rohingya women.

Start the clock for Trump, GOP in last push on taxes, budget

WASHINGTON — Start the countdown clock on a momentous two weeks for President Donald Trump and the GOP-run Congress.

Republicans are determined to deliver the first revamp of the nation's tax code in three decades and prove they can govern after their failure to dismantle Barack Obama's health care law this past summer. Voters who will decide which party holds the majority in next year's midterms elections are watching.

Republicans are negotiating with Democrats on the contentious issue of how much the government should spend on the military and domestic agencies to avert a holiday shutdown. An extension of the program that provides low-cost health care to more than 8 million children and aid to hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida need to be addressed. And further complicating the end-of-year talks is the fate of some 800,000 young immigrants here illegally.

Lawmakers are trying to get it all done by Dec. 22.

Will misconduct scandals make men wary of women at work?

NEW YORK — Some women, and men, worry the same climate that's emboldening women to speak up about sexual misconduct could backfire by making some men wary of female colleagues.

Forget private meetings and get-to-know-you dinners. Beware of banter. Think twice before a high-ranking man mentors a young female staffer.

"I have already heard the rumblings of a backlash: 'This is why you shouldn't hire women.'" Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg wrote in a recent post.

"So much good is happening to fix workplaces right now. Let's make sure it does not have the unintended consequence of holding women back," said Sandberg, author of the working women's manifesto "Lean In."

Ana Quinoces, a Miami-based attorney and entrepreneur who owns her own food line, says her business and its success involves working mostly with men, and sales and other activities are often concluded over lunch or drinks. Those opportunities, she says, are dwindling, because many of the men she knows through her business "are terrified."

Firefighters brace for second week of California wildfires

LOS ANGELES — As Southern California enters its second week engulfed in flames, fire officials anticipate more growth and danger due to continued strong wind gusts, no rain and decades-old dry vegetation.

A powerful flare-up on the western edge of the largest and most destructive wildfire sent residents fleeing Sunday, as wind-fanned flames ripped down hillsides toward coastal towns northwest of Los Angeles. New evacuations were ordered as the fire sent up an enormous plume near Montecito and Carpinteria, seaside areas in Santa Barbara County.

"The winds are kind of squirrely right now," said county fire spokesman Mike Eliason. "Some places the smoke is going straight up in the air, and others it's blowing sideways. Depends on what canyon we're in."

Southern California's gusty Santa Ana winds have long contributed to some of the region's most disastrous wildfires. They blow from the inland toward the Pacific Ocean, speeding up as they squeeze through mountain passes and canyons.

Gusts of up to 40 mph are expected through Monday, according to the National Weather Service.

Bitcoin futures rise as virtual currency hits major exchange

CHICAGO — The first-ever bitcoin future jumped after it began trading Sunday as the increasingly popular virtual currency made its debut on a major U.S. exchange.

The futures contract that expires in January surged more than \$3,000 to \$18,580 eight hours after trading launched on the Chicago Board Options Exchange. The contract opened at \$15,000, according to data from the CBOE.

The CBOE futures don't involve actual bitcoin. They're securities that will track the price of bitcoin on Gemini, one of the larger bitcoin exchanges.

The start of trading at 5 p.m. CST overwhelmed the CBOE website. "Due to heavy traffic on our website, visitors to www.cboe.com may find that it is performing slower than usual and may at times be temporarily unavailable," the exchange said in a statement. But it said the trading in the futures had not been disrupted.

Another large futures exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, will start trading its own futures on Dec. 18 but will use a composite of several bitcoin prices across a handful of exchanges.

Russia's Putin stops at Russian military base in Syria

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin visited a Russian military air base in Syria on Monday and announced a partial pullout of Russian forces from the country.

Putin made a stopover at the Hemeimeem air base in Syria's coastal province of Latakia while en route to Egypt.

The base, in the heartland of Syrian President Bashar Assad's Alawite minority, has served as the main foothold for the Russian military campaign in Syria.

Speaking to the Russian troops at the base, Putin said that he had ordered the military to withdraw a "significant part" of the Russian contingent in Syria. He added in remarks carried by Russian news agencies that "if the terrorists again raise their heads, we will deal such blows to them they have never seen."

Meanwhile, Syrian state TV said that Ashar Assad met up with Putin at the air base in Syria earlier in the morning. The Russian military has said previously that they will maintain their presence at the Hemeimeem air base and the naval facility in Tartus.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN



TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings
MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING										DECEMBER 11																
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 Great Christmas Light Fight (N)	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N)	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N)	The Bachelor: Countdown to Arie (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel														
3	KOMO	(4)	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N)	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N)	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N)	The Bachelor: Countdown to Arie (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel														
4	KING	(5)	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "Live Top Eight Performances" (N)	Better Late Than Never (N)	Better Late Than Never (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show															
6	KOIN	(6)	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait (N) Man Plan (N)	Super Donuts (N)	9JKL (N)	Scorpion (N)	KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert														
7	KIRO	(7)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait (N) Man Plan (N)	Super Donuts (N)	9JKL (N)	Scorpion (N)	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert														
8	KGW	(8)	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Voice "Live Top Eight Performances" (N)	Valor "Stay Frosty" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half														
9	KRCW	(3)	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	PennTell "Penn and Teller and Dracula"	Valor "Stay Frosty" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half														
10	KOPB	(10)	This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Rd. "Anaheim (Hour Three)"	Rick Steves' Luther	Martin Luther Reenactments of the sixteenth-century events.																	
12	KPTV	(12)	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lucifer "The Sin Bin" (N)	The Gifted "exploited" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV															
13	KPDJ	(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														
14	KCPQ	(14)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lucifer "The Sin Bin" (N)	The Gifted "exploited" (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)	American Dad!	The Simpsons	The Simpsons														
20	TBS	(20)	(5:30) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan (N)	Conan (N)														
22	KZJO	(22)	Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	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)	(5:15) NFL Football	New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins (L)	at Miami Dolphins (L)		(2:20) SportsCenter	Scott Van Pelt presents the day in sports. (N)	NFL PrimeTime	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show														
30	ESPN2	(30)	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		Poker World Series	E:60	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show															
31	NICK	(31)	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends													
32	DISN	(32)	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack 1/2	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home												
34	FAM	(34)	(5:50) *** Elf (2003, Comedy)	James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.	Fairy Tale Wed. "Holiday Magic" (N)	*** The Polar Express ("04) Voices of Leslie Zemeckis, Eddie Deezen, Tom Hanks.	*** Are We There Yet? (2005, Comedy)	*** Are We There Yet? (2005, Comedy)	*** Are We There Yet? (2005, Comedy)	Nia Long, Ice Cube.	(55) FXM Presents															
35	FMC	(35)	(5:55) Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 ("13, Animated)	(55) FXM Presents																						
36	LIFE	(36)	*** Christmas With the Kranks ("04) Jamie Lee Curtis, Dan Aykroyd, Tim Allen.	Four Christmases and a Wedding (2017) Markie Post, Corey Sevier, Arielle Kebbel.	Dear Santa (2011, Drama) Gina Holden, Emma Duke, Amy Acker.																					
38	ROOT	(38)	Football Hollywood Beach Open	Mark Few (N)	Focused	In Depth	In the Spotlight	Press Pass (N)	UFC UFC 192 Site: Toyota Center	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed	Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	NFL Films														
39	FS1	(39)	NCAA Basketball	Alabama A&M vs. DePaul (L)																						
43	SPIKE	(43)	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops														
44	COM	(44)	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)													
45	HIST	(45)	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	Bonus Buys	(05) Pawn Stars	(35) Pawn Stars	(05) Pawn Stars	(35) Pawn Stars													
46	A&E	(46)	First 48 "Closing Time/ Family Matters"	First 48	First 48	First 48: Gangland "Blind Alley" (N)	First 48: Revenge Kills "Duel" (N)	A Gray State	Conspiracy theorists think Crowley was assassinated. (P) (N)																	
47	TLC	(47)	Family "My First Chapter Is Unwritten"	LostFam. "There's More to Saying Sorry"	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	(05) The Healer "It's Been So Long" (N)	(10) Long Lost Family	Street Outlaws														
48	DISC	(48)	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Street Outlaws														
49	NGEO	(49)	Border Wars "Dirty Money"	Border Wars "Cash in the Tank"	Border Wars "Cash in the Tank"	Drugs, Inc. "Windy City High"	Drugs, Inc. "Heroin"	Drugs, Inc. "Heroin"	To Catch "Cocaine Suitcase" (N)	Sea of Hope																
50	TNT	(50)	(5:00) *** Independence Day ("96, Sci-Fi)	Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith.	*** The Chronicles of Riddick (2004, Sci-Fi)	Judi Dench, Colm Feore, Vin Diesel.	*** Independence Day ("96, Sci-Fi)	Bill Pullman, Will Smith.																		
51	AMC	(51)	(5:30) *** Hocus Pocus ("93) Bette Midler.		*** My Favorite Year ("82) Peter O'Toole.																					
52	USA	(52)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw	Holiday Baking "Comfort And Joy"	Holiday Bake "Tradition! Tradition!" (N)	Cookie "Spice Up Your Christmas" (N)	To Be Announced															
53	FOOD	(53)	Cake Wars "Santa's Workshop"	Cake Wars: Christmas																						
54	HGTV	(54)	Love It or List It	Love It or List It																						
55	CNN	(55)	*** The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ("14) Emma Stone, Andrew Garfield.	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360														
57	CNN	(57)	Anderson Cooper 360	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank														
58	FNC	(58)	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank														
61	NBC	(61)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank														
63	BRAV	(63)	Southern Charm "Reunion Part Two"	RelationShip "Shepsepeare in Love"	RelationShip "Shepsepeare in Love"	Vanderpump Rules "Masquerade"	Vanderpump Rules "Masquerade"	Vanderpump Rules "Masquerade"	Vanderpump Rules "Masquerade"	RelationShip "Double the Trouble" (N)	WatchWhat (N)	Vanderpump Rules														
64	TRM	(64)	(5:00) *** Being There ("79) Peter Sellers.	*** My Favorite Year ("82) Peter O'Toole.																						
65	SYFY	(65)	(5:00) *** Gladiator (2000, Epic)	Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama														
102	RFD	(102)	Rancher (N)	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Live" "Total Feeds"	American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase														