

WORLD IN BRIEF

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US says attack on Syrian forces was an act of self-defense

BEIRUT — Syrian state-run media said today a rare U.S. strike on government-backed troops in eastern Syria killed and wounded dozens of tribal fighters, calling it a new effort “to support terrorism.”

The U.S.-led coalition said its action was in “self-defense,” citing a major attack on its allied forces and U.S. advisers in Deir el-Zour province by at least 500 fighters, battle tanks, howitzers and mortars.

The overnight attack, which a U.S. military official earlier said killed about 100 of the attackers, added another layer to the Syrian conflict that is once again plunging into a new and unpredictable spiral of violence.

The attack in Deir el-Zour province in north-eastern Syria occurred in crowded battle space. A stronghold of Islamic State militants until late last year, the province also was the group’s main source of oil revenue. U.S.-backed Kurdish-led forces have been fighting for control of Deir el-Zour with rival Russian-backed Syrian troops that are reinforced by Iranian-supported militias.

The U.S.-backed forces control areas east of the Euphrates River and most of the oil and gas fields, while government forces are based in the west. Previous friction was reported before, but Wednesday’s incident appeared to be the largest since last year. The IS militants have been dispersed in the province, which also has a number of U.S. bases.

Col. Thomas F. Veale said today that the coalition reported to the Russians the buildup of the pro-government forces in the area before the attack, and communicated with them during and after it. The Russian officials offered assurances that they would not engage the coalition forces in the area, Veale said.

Senate leaders’ budget deal faces opposition in both parties

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers pressed to enact a massive budget deal today along with a temporary funding measure to prevent a gov-



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Fans line Benjamin Franklin Parkway before a Super Bowl victory parade today for the Philadelphia Eagles.

ernment shutdown at midnight. GOP leaders moved to shore up support among conservatives for a plan to shower the Pentagon and domestic programs with an extra \$300 billion over the next two years.

The measure was a triumph for Republican allies of the Pentagon and for Democrats seeking more spending on infrastructure and fighting opioid abuse.

But it represented a bitter defeat for many liberal Democrats who sought to use the party’s leverage on the budget to resolve the plight of immigrant “Dreamers” who face deportation after being brought to the U.S. illegally as children. The deal does not address immigration. And some tea party Republicans shredded the measure as a budget-buster.

Beyond the \$300 billion figure, the agreement adds \$89 billion in overdue disaster aid for hurricane-slammed Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, a politically charged increase in the government’s borrowing cap, and a grab bag of health and tax provisions. Cotton growers and dairy farmers would get relief courtesy of the bipartisan leadership of the Senate Appropriations Committee, while popular funding for community health centers would be extended

for two years, among myriad health provisions.

The White House backed the deal — despite President Donald Trump’s outburst a day earlier that he’d welcome a government shutdown if Democrats didn’t accept his immigration-limiting proposals.

Pelosi speaks for record 8 hours in favor of ‘Dreamers’

WASHINGTON — House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi staged a record-breaking, eight-hour speech in hopes of pressuring Republicans to allow a vote on protecting “Dreamer” immigrants — and to demonstrate to increasingly angry progressives and Democratic activists that she has done all she could.

Wearing four-inch heels and forgoing any breaks, Pelosi, 77, spent much of the rare talk-athon Wednesday reading personal letters from the young immigrants whose temporary protection from deportation is set to expire next month. The California Democrat quoted from the Bible and Pope Francis, as Democrats took

turns sitting behind her in support. The Office of the House Historian said it was the longest continuous speech in the chamber on record.

“You see, these people are being deported,” Pelosi said around hour six. “We can do something today to at least make whole the children.”

Her remarks seemed partly aimed at the liberal wing of Pelosi’s own party, who seethed as Senate Democrats cut a budget deal with Republicans that could quickly steal the momentum behind the effort to resolve the Dreamers’ plight.

The wide-ranging budget accord says nothing about renewing the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, called DACA, which temporarily shields Dreamers — hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the country as children and living here illegally — from deportation. President Donald Trump has moved to annul DACA.

George W. Bush says Russia meddled in 2016 US election

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Former President George W. Bush said today that “there’s pretty clear evidence that the Russians meddled” in the 2016 American presidential election, forcefully rebutting fellow Republican Donald Trump’s denials of Moscow trying to affect the vote.

While never mentioning President Trump by name, Bush appeared to be pushing back on Trump’s attempts to have warmer relations with Russia, as well as his comments on immigration.

The White House did not immediately comment on Bush’s remarks. U.S. intelligence agencies have concluded Russia meddled in the 2016 election to help Trump win. Numerous investigations are under way to determine whether Trump’s campaign aided the Kremlin in its efforts.

Speaking of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Bush called him “zero-sum.” He stressed the need to back NATO and other alliances the U.S. has with the world.

Bush also criticized Trump’s decision to scrap a program implemented by former President Barack Obama’s administration that allows young immigrants living in the U.S. illegally who were brought here as children to remain in America.

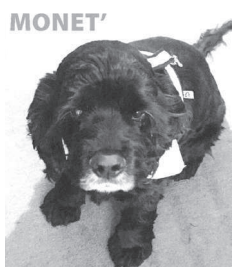
“America’s their home,” the 43rd American president said. “They’ve got to get it fixed.”

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Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING				FEBRUARY 8											
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)	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Army of One" (N)		With Murder "Ask Him About Stella" (N)	KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)		Scandal "Army of One" (N)		With Murder "Ask Him About Stella" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	S.W.A.T. "Blindspots"		KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert			
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	S.W.A.T. "Blindspots"		KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert				
9	KGW	(9) PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics	Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing (M, W)	Moguls (L)	PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics	Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing (M, W)	Moguls (L)	PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics	Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing (M, W)	Moguls (L)					
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Devil's Bargain" (N)	Arrow "The Devil's Greatest Trick" (N)	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half				
10	KOPB	(10) Curious Traveler	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Art Beat (N)	Oregon Guide (N)	Midsomer M. (50) Midsomer M.	The Black Book" (35) Masterpiece Mystery!	"Sherlock: The Reichenbach Fall"					
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Finale"	The final four face their last battle. (SF) (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 2/2	The Game				
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Finale"	The final four face their last battle. (SF) (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons				
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Brooklyn 99	Conan (N)					
20	KZJO	(20) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half			
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NCAA Basketball (L)		NCAA Basketball UCLA at Arizona (L)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)					
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Southern Methodist University at Houston (L)		NCAA Basketball USC at Arizona State (L)		College Basketball	Nación ESPN					NFL Live			
31	NICK	(31) NickyRickyDicky	Henry Danger	Hunter Street (N)	SpongeBob	★ Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles "14, Act/Com) Alan Ritchson, Johnny Knoxville, William Fichtner.	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle		
34	FAM	(34) ★★ Beauty and the Beast '91) Voices of Richard White, Paige O'Hara.		Beyond "Six Feet Deep" (N)		★★★ Lilo & Stitch '02) Voices of Tia Carrere, Daveigh Chase.						The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (5:50) Hotel Transylvania 2 '15) Adam Sandler.		(35) FXM Presents		Noah (2014, Drama) Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Russell Crowe.		(50) FXM Presents		Surrogates (2009, Sci-Fi) Bruce Willis.					
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy		Project Runway	(55) Sammy (N)	Project Runway (N)		Project Runway: All Stars (N)	Making a Model "Walk the Walk" (N)	To Be Announced					
39	ROOT	(39) In the Spotlight	In Depth	NCAA Basketball Gonzaga at Pacific (L)		NCAA Basketball San Diego at Pepperdine		NCAA Basketball San Diego at Pepperdine		NCAA Basketball Stanford at Utah					
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) NCAA Basketball Stan./Utah (L)		NCAA Basketball Washington at Oregon (L)		Fox College Hoops	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.							
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync Battle	Lip Sync Battle (N)	★★★ The Hangover '09, Comedy) Eva Mendes, Nicolas Cage.				
44	COM	(44) The Office	(50) South Park "Quest for Ratings"	(25) South Park		South Park	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	★★★ The Daily Show (N) The Opposition (N)				
45	HIST	(45) Swamp People "Breakdown"		Swamp People "Never Surrender"		Swamp Blood "Cajun Cartel" (N)		Swamp People	(05) Swamp People	(05) Swamp People "Bruce's Dilemma"					
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Chopper"		The First 48 "Fatal Mistake"		First 48 "Mr. New Orleans/No Shelter"		60 Days In "Blood Rules" (N)	60 Days In "Sexual Preference" (N)	60 Days In (N)	(50) The First 48				
47	TLC	(47) Wedding SOS "We Lost Everything" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Dottie's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Karina's Story" (N)		To Be Announced	Family by-Ton "Time is of the Essence"	600 Life: Supersized "Karina's Story"					
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners "Firewater"		Moonshiners "The Aftermath" Jeff and Mark look to cash in.		Murder Isle "The Hunting Grounds" (N)		Murder Isle "The Hunting Grounds" (N)	Killing Fields "Murder in the Swamps"	Moonshiners "Shine On"					
49	NGEO	(49) Life Below Zero "The Intruder"		Life Below Zero "Heavy Load"		Life Below Zero "Give Me Shelter" (N)		Life Below Zero "The Widowmaker" (N)	Running Wild With Bear Grylls "Mel B"	Life Below Zero "The Widowmaker"					
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Boston vs Washington (L)		NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center (L)		Inside the NBA		Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Boston vs Washington					
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★ Mr. and Mrs. Smith '05, Action) Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.		★★★ The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.		★★★ Ghost Rider (2007, Action) Eva Mendes, Nicolas Cage.									
52	USA	(52) (5:00) ★★ The Avengers '12) Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr.		★★★ Remember the Titans (2000, Drama) Will Patton, Wood Harris, Denzel Washington.											
53	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Best Laid Plans"		Chopped "Cocktail Party"		Chopped "Flavor Savor"		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
56	FX	(56) (5:30) ★★ Jurassic World '15) Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.		★★★ Kingsman: The Secret Service (2014, Action) Colin Firth, Samuel L. Jackson, Taron Egerton.											
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) OBJECTIFIED		OBJECTIFIED		Special Report With Bret Baier		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity					
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage "Getting Away" (N)		Jay Leno's Garage "Victory Lane"		Jay Leno's Garage "Living the Dream"		Jay Leno's Garage "Getting Away"					
63	BRVM	(63) Top Chef "Olympic Dreams"		Top Chef "Restaurant Wars"		Top Chef "Bronco Brouhaha"		Top Chef "Red Rum and Then Some" (N)		Top Chef "Red Rum and Then Some"					
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) San Francisco '36) Clark Gable.		(15) ★★ That Hamilton Woman (1941, Biography) Laurence Olivier, Alan Mowbray, Vivien Leigh.		★★★ The Alamo (1960, Western) Richard Widmark, Laurence Harvey, John Wayne.									
65	SYFY	(65) ★★ Contagion (2011, Action) Kate Winslet, Jude Law, Matt Damon.		★★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road (2015, Action) Charlize Theron, Zoe Kravitz, Tom Hardy.											
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery (N)	Small Town	Holstein Association USA		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			