

WORLD IN BRIEF

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11 House Republicans seek impeachment of DOJ's Rosenstein

WASHINGTON — House Republicans sharply escalated their months-long clash with the Justice Department as a group of 11 conservatives introduced articles of impeachment against Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, the official who oversees special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

The move late Wednesday came after months of criticism aimed at the department — and the Russia investigation in particular — from Trump and his Republican allies in Congress. Trump has fumed about Mueller's probe and repeatedly called it a "witch hunt," a refrain echoed by some of the lawmakers. The impeachment effort is led by North Carolina Rep. Mark Meadows, who talks to Trump frequently and often defends him to his colleagues.

Meadows said this morning that he would not force an immediate vote on the impeachment resolution, even though he could use procedural maneuvers to do so. The House leaves this afternoon for a five-week recess.

It is unclear whether there would be enough support in the party to pass the resolution, if a vote were held. Republican leaders have not signed on to the effort and are unlikely to back it.

Meadows, Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan and the other Republicans who introduced the resolution have criticized Rosenstein and Justice Department officials for not being responsive enough as House committees have requested documents related to the beginning of the Russia investigation and a closed investigation into Democrat Hillary Clinton's emails.

The five articles charge Rosenstein of "high crimes and misdemeanors" for failing to produce information to the committees, even though the department has already provided lawmakers with more than 800,000 documents, and of signing off on what some Republicans say was improper surveillance of a Trump adviser.

The resolution also goes directly after Rosenstein for his role in the ongoing Mueller investigation, criticizing him for refusing to produce a memo that outlines the scope of that investigation and questioning whether the investigation was started on legitimate grounds. Mueller is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election and whether Trump's campaign was in any way involved.

It is highly unusual, if not unprecedented, for lawmakers to demand documents that are part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

US to impose sanctions on Turkey over detained pastor

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says the United States will impose sanctions on NATO ally Turkey over a detained American pastor held on terror and espionage charges.

Shortly after the possibility of sanctions was first announced today by Vice President Mike Pence, Trump wrote on Twitter that the U.S. "will impose large sanctions on Turkey for their long time detainment of Pastor Andrew Brunson."



Richard Lui/The Desert Sun

Smoke from the Cranston Fire clouds the skies over Highway 243, south of Idyllwild, Calif.

Arson wildfire forces entire California town to evacuate

IDYLLWILD, Calif. — A fast-moving wildfire — believed to have been sparked by arson — tore through trees, burned five homes and forced evacuation orders for an entire mountain town as California sweltered under a heat wave and battled ferocious fires at both ends of the state.

Winds were calm early today and smoke drifted slowly over the so-called Cranston Fire, but firefighters faced another day of high temperatures that could hit 100, low humidity and possible afternoon wind gusts that could create dangerous fire weather conditions.

The blaze erupted Wednesday in the San Jacinto Mountains east of Los Angeles and turned into a wall of flame that torched timber and tinder-dry brush. In a matter of hours it grew to 7½ square miles.

About 3,200 people in the town of Idyllwild and nearby communities were ordered to evacuate. An estimated 600 homes were threatened.

The fire was the largest of at least five that police believe were purposely set Wednesday by a man whose car was reportedly spotted at the starting point of the blaze in Riverside County, officials said.

Brandon N. McGlover, 32, of Temecula was booked on suspicion of five counts of arson, state fire officials said. It wasn't clear whether he had an attorney.

Authorities ordered residents to leave Idyllwild and several neighboring communities, home to about 12,000 people.

Horses and other animals were taken to shelters, as were several hundred children who were evacuated from summer camps. About 200 were at a local high school serving as a shelter.

Pence's initial announcement of possible sanctions came at the close of a three-day conference on religious freedom.

Brunson, 50, an evangelical Christian pastor originally from North Carolina, was let out of jail Wednesday, after 1 1/2 years, to serve house arrest because of "health problems," according to Turkey's official Anadolu news agency.

Trump has repeatedly demanded Brunson's release and said on Twitter last week that the pastor's detention was "a total disgrace." One of Brunson's attorneys is Jay Sekulow, who also represents Trump in the Russia investigation.

If convicted, Brunson pastor faces up to 15 years in prison for "committing crimes on behalf of terror groups without being a member," references to outlawed Kurdish militants and the network of a U.S.-based Muslim cleric blamed for a failed coup attempt. He could receive another 20 years if he is found guilty of espionage. He strongly denies the charges.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has previously linked Brunson's return to the U.S. to

the extradition of cleric Fethullah Gulen, who Turkey's government holds responsible for the failed July 2016 military coup.

Gulen, who denies orchestrating the coup attempt, lives in Pennsylvania. Turkish requests for his arrest and extradition have not been granted.

Clock ticks toward reuniting families separated at border

EL PASO, Texas — The Trump administration faced a court-imposed deadline today to reunite thousands of children and parents who were forcibly separated at the U.S.-Mexico border, an enormous logistical task brought on by its "zero tolerance" policy on illegal entry.

Authorities have identified 2,551 children 5 and older who may be covered by the order to be reunited with their parents by today. That effort

was expected to fall short, partly because hundreds of parents may have already been deported without their children.

But, by focusing only those deemed by the government to be "eligible" for reunification, authorities are expected to claim success.

As of Tuesday, there were 1,012 parents reunified with their children in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody. Hundreds more had been cleared and were just waiting on transportation.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen told members of Congress on Wednesday that the administration was "on track" to meet the deadline, an assertion that was greeted with disbelief and anger by the all-Democrat Congressional Hispanic Caucus, according to people who attended. Nielsen declined to comment to reporters as she left the closed-door meeting.

For the last two weeks, children have been arriving steadily at ICE locations in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico to be reunited with parents. Faith-based and other groups have provided meals, clothing, legal advice and plane and bus tickets. Parents are typically equipped with ankle-monitoring bracelets and given court dates before an immigration judge.

U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego commended the government Tuesday for its recent efforts and for apparently being on track to reunify the roughly 1,600 parents it deems eligible, calling it "a remarkable achievement." Yet Sabraw also seized on the government's assertion that 463 parents may be outside the United States. The Justice Department said this week that the number was based on case files and under review, signaling it could change.

"It is the reality of a policy that was in place that resulted in large numbers of families being separated without forethought as to reunification and keeping track of people," said Sabraw, an appointee of Republican President George W. Bush.

Lee Gelernt, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union who represents the separated families, said the government is "letting themselves off the hook" by focusing on those it deems eligible and excluding parents who were deported or haven't been located.

Former cricket star declares victory in Pakistan election

ISLAMABAD — Former cricket star Imran Khan declared victory today in Pakistan's parliamentary election that was marred by violence and allegations of fraud, and he pledged to fight corruption and build a nation that bowed to no one.

Khan, who aspires to be the next prime minister, said in a televised address that he wanted good ties with his neighbors, including rival India, and would seek a more equal relationship with the United States.

He vowed to wipe out corruption, strengthen institutions he called dysfunctional and regain national pride by developing international relationships based on respect and equality.

Pakistan's election commission has not yet released final results from Wednesday's vote, but Khan has maintained a commanding lead, according to projections from many TV stations. It's still unclear if his Tehreek-e-Insaf party, or PTI, would get a simple majority or have to form a coalition government. Election officials said an official count was expected later today.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING

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 of Fortune	The Gong Show (N)		Match Game (SF) (N)		Take Two "The Devil You Know" (N)		KATU News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Gong Show (N)		Match Game (SF) (N)		Take Two "The Devil You Know" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening News	Games "I'll Have What She's Playing"		Trial & Error (N)	Trial & Error (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dare"		KING 5 News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N)		S.W.A.T. "Seizure"		News (N)	(:35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N)		S.W.A.T. "Seizure"		KIRO News (N)	(:35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Games "I'll Have What She's Playing"		Trial & Error (N)	Trial & Error (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dare"		KGW News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Burden of Truth "Pilot"		Big Brother (N)	Black Lightning	News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Travelscope	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Outdoor Idaho	Remember Me		(:55) Remember Me	(:50) Remember Me	Rob joins Hannah in Scarborough.	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	The Four "Comeback Week" Several fan	favorites return for one last chance. (N)	10 O'Clock News (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	The Four "Comeback Week" Several fan	favorites return for one last chance. (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		The Last O.G.	The Joker's Wild	Conan	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld Pt. 1 of 2	Seinfeld Pt. 2 of 2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
22	KZJL	(22) 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) MLS Soccer New York City FC at Orlando City SC (L)		MLS Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at Los Angeles FC (L)		MLS Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at Los Angeles FC (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) Basketball The Tournament (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Nación ESPN (N)		Interruption		ESPY Awards	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	SpongeBob	*** Ice Age: The Meltdown '06	Voices of John Leguizamo, Ray Romano.	Friends	(:35) Friends		
32	DISN	(32) QUILZney/BigCity	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Big City Greens	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Bunk'd
34	FAM	(34) ** The Waterboy (1998, Comedy) Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler, Adam Sandler.		Cloak & Dagger "Back Breaker" (N)		Cloak & Dagger "Back Breaker" (N)		Cloak & Dagger "Back Breaker"		Cloak & Dagger "Back Breaker"		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(:45) **** Star Trek Into Darkness (2013, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Chris Pine.					*** Selma (2014, History) Tom Wilkinson, Tim Roth, David Oyelowo.					
36	LIFE	(36) Aaliyah: The Princess of R&B '14, (Bio) Elise Neal, Lyrq Bent, Alexandra Shipp.		Addicted (2014, Drama) William Levy, Boris Kodjoe, Sharon Leal.						(:05) ** Jumping the Broom '11, (Com) Laz Alonso, Angela Bassett, Paula Patton.			
38	ROOT	(38) (5:30) Race of Lives	Race of Lives	Race of Lives		Race of Lives		Race of Lives		Race of Lives		Fight Sports MMA	UFC Great Fights
39	FS1	(39) (4:00) Soccer	UFC Main Event	UFC Tonight		MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			Speak for Yourself	
43	SPiKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Amer. Woman (N)	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Lip Sync Battle	Titanic '97, (Dra)
44	COM	(44) (:15) The Office	(:50) The Office			The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show	The Opposition
45	HIST	(45) Amer. Pickers "Something Weird Here"		Mountain Men		Mountain Men "Nowhere to Run"		Mountain Men "Time and Tide" (N)		(:05) Alone "Desperate Measures" (N)	(:05) Mountain Men "Time and Tide"		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Blood on Bourbon"		Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol (N)	Live PD: Patrol (N)	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	(:05) Live PD: Patrol	(:35) Live PD
47	TLC	(47) Unexpected "What's in a Name"		My 600-lb Life "Susan's Story"		My 600-lb Life: Supersized "Sean and Dottie" (N)		Sharkwrecked (P) (N)		Dr. Pimple "This Cyst Persists" (N)		600 Life: Supersized "Sean and Dottie"	
48	DISC	(48) Laws of Jaws (P) (N)		Shark Tank Meets Shark Week		SharkCam Strikes Back (P)		Sharkwrecked (P) (N)		Tiger Shark Invasion (N)		Shark After Dark (N)	
49	NGEO	(49) Perpetual Planet	Perpetual Planet	Peru's Hidden Rainforest		Nasca Lines: Ancient Secrets		Lost Cities "The Legend is Real"		DrainOcean "Ultimate Battleships"		Nasca Lines: Ancient Secrets	
50	TNT	(50) NCIS:NewOrleans "Touched by the Sun"		NCIS: New Orleans "I Do"		** American Sniper (2014, War) Sienna Miller, Luke Grimes, Bradley Cooper.				(:45) *** Safe House '12	Denzel Washington.		
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) Snitch '13, (Act) Dwayne Johnson.		*** Goodfellas (1990, Crime Story) Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.				*** Casino (1995, Crime Story) Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro.		Shooter "Lines Crossed" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Official Story"	
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: SVU "Spiraling Down"		Law&Order: SVU "Townhouse Incident"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "American Dream"		Queen South "Los Enamorados" (N)		Shooter "Lines Crossed" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Official Story"	
53	FOOD	(53) The Great Food Truck Race		The Great Food Truck Race		The Great Food Truck Race		Food Truck Race "Wagons Ho!" (SP) (N)		Beat Bobby Flay	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 (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Texas Turnaround	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) (4:30) Spy '15) Melissa McCarthy.		*** Ghostbusters (2016, Action) Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Melissa McCarthy.				Snowfall "The Day" (N)		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Hannity		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Jay Leno's Garage "Music and Cars"		Jay Leno's Garage "Size Matters"	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage "Size Matters" (N)		Jay Leno's Garage "Getting Away"		Southern Charm "Reunion Part One"		Southern Charm "Reunion Part Two" 2/2 (N)		Shahs of Sunset	
63	BRVM	(63) Southern Charm "Game Changer"		Southern Charm "Ho, Ho, Ho"		Southern Charm "Reunion Part One"		(:15) *** Papillon (1973, Adventure) Dustin Hoffman, Victor Jory, Steve McQueen.		** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005, Action) Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.		Wynonna Earp	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Thomas Crown Affair		*** The Getaway (1972, Crime Story) Ali McGraw, Ben Johnson, Steve McQueen.									
65	SYFY	(65) Movie		*** Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time '10, (Act) Gemma Arterton, Ben Kingsley, Jake Gyllenhaal.									
68	RFD	(68) SF Machinery	Small Town	Wild Spayed Filly Futurity		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	

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