

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Pope on sex abuse: 'We showed no care for the little ones'

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis issued a letter to Catholics around the world today condemning the crime of priestly sexual abuse and its cover-up. He demanded accountability but offered no indication of how he plans to sanction complicit bishops or end the Vatican's long-standing culture of secrecy.

Francis begged forgiveness for the pain suffered by victims and said lay Catholics must be involved in the effort to root out abuse and cover-up. He blasted the clerical culture that has been blamed for the crisis, with church leaders more concerned for their reputation than the safety of children.

"With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives," Francis wrote.

"We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them."

The Vatican issued the three-page letter ahead of Francis' trip this weekend to Ireland, a once staunchly Roman Catholic country where the church's credibility has been devastated by years of revelations that priests raped and molested children with impunity and their superiors covered up for them.

As a result, the letter was clearly an effort by Francis to respond to outrage in the U.S. and pressure from Ireland to take a tough stand on the global abuse scandal. That pressure has mounted steadily after Francis' own reputation was tarnished during his disastrous trip to Chile in January, where he dismissed victims' accusations of cover-up as "calumny."

Priestly sex abuse was always expected to dominate the pope's Irish trip, but the issue has taken on new gravity following revelations in the U.S. that one of Francis' trusted cardinals, the retired archbishop of Washington, Theodore McCarrick, allegedly sexually abused and harassed minors as well as adult seminarians.

In addition, a grand jury report in Pennsylvania last week reported that at least 1,000 children were victims of some 300 priests over the past 70 years, and that generations of bishops failed repeatedly to take measures to protect their flock or punish the rapists.

Afghan forces free most hostages taken in new Taliban attack

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan forces rescued nearly 150 people today, including women and children, hours after the Taliban ambushed a convoy of buses and abducted them. The quick response marked a rare if limited battlefield success for the troops after weeks of unrelenting insurgent attacks.

The militants escaped with 21 captives following the battle in Kunduz province, and officials said tribal elders were trying to negotiate their release. Esmatullah Muradi, a spokesman for the governor in the northern province, said



Lee Ji-eun/Yonhap  
South Korean Lee Keum-seom, 92, left, weeps with her North Korean son Ri Sang Chol, 71, during a reunion today.

Brief Korean reunions bring tears for separated families

SEOUL, South Korea — The 92-year-old South Korean woman wept and stroked the wrinkled cheeks of her 71-year-old North Korean son today, their first meeting since they were driven apart during the turmoil of the 1950-53 Korean War.

"How many children do you have? Do you have a son?" Lee Keum-seom asked her son Ri Sang Chol during their long-awaited encounter at the North's Diamond Mountain resort.

The emotional reunion came after dozens of elderly South Koreans crossed the heavily fortified border into North Korea to meet temporarily with their relatives. The weeklong event, the first of its kind in nearly three years, was arranged as the rival Koreas boost reconciliation efforts amid a diplomatic push to resolve a standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Hugging the woman he'd last seen when he was 4, Ri showed his mother a photo of her late husband, who had stayed behind in North Korea with him after being separated from his wife while fleeing south. "Mother, this is how my father looked," Ri said.

Most of the participants in the reunions are in their 70s or older and are eager to see their loved ones once more before they die. Most have had no word on whether their relatives are still alive, because they are not allowed to visit each other across the border or even exchange letters, phone calls or email.

About 90 elderly South Koreans, accompanied by their family members, will have three days of meetings with their North Korean relatives before returning to the South on Wednesday. A separate round of reunions from Friday to Sunday will involve more than 300 other South Koreans, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry.

the Taliban have demanded the national identifications of the captives to determine their fate.

The identities of the captives have not been made public, but Mohammad Yusuf Ayubi, the head of the provincial council, said the insurgents likely targeted the three buses to try to abduct civil servants or members of the security forces.

The Taliban have been at war with the U.S.-backed Afghan government for nearly 17 years, and have stepped up attacks in recent years, seizing rural districts and carrying out major assaults against security forces and government compounds on an almost daily basis.

Earlier this month, the insurgents launched a coordinated assault on Ghazni, a strategic city only 75 miles from the capital, Kabul. They seized several neighborhoods, and it took security forces, aided by U.S. airstrikes and advisers, more than five days to drive them out. The bat-

tle for the city killed at least 100 security forces and 35 civilians, according to Afghan officials. The Defense Ministry said about 200 militants were killed.

In the latest attack, the Taliban stopped the buses in the Khan Abad district and ordered the passengers to come with them. The ambush came a day after President Ashraf Ghani proposed a holiday cease-fire, saying it would be conditional on the Taliban halting attacks. He suggested extending the truce all the way to Nov. 20, when Muslims will celebrate the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad.

In a message released Saturday, Taliban leader Maulvi Haibatullah Akhuzadah said there would be no peace in Afghanistan as long as the "foreign occupation" continues and reiterated that the group will only negotiate directly with the United States, which it blames for the 17-year war.

Former UN leader Annan dies at age 80

ACCRA, Ghana — Kofi Annan, a charismatic global diplomat and the first black African to become United Nations secretary-general who led the world body through one of its most turbulent periods, died early Saturday at age 80.

Tributes flowed in from around the world after his foundation announced his death in the Swiss capital, Bern, after a short and unspecified illness. The statement remembered the Nobel Peace Prize winner as "radiating genuine kindness, warmth and brilliance in all he did."

He died "peacefully in his sleep," the president of Ghana, where Annan was born, said after speaking to his wife.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, the U.N. flag flew at half-staff and a bouquet of flowers was placed under Annan's portrait. Reflecting the widespread regard that won him a groundbreaking uncontested election to a second term, leaders from Russia, India, Israel, France and elsewhere expressed condolences for a man Bill Gates called "one of the great peacemakers of our time."

Annan spent virtually his entire career as an administrator in the United Nations. His aristocratic style, cool-tempered elegance and political savvy helped guide his ascent to become its seventh secretary-general, and the first hired from within. His two terms were from Jan. 1, 1997, to Dec. 31, 2006, capped nearly midway when he and the U.N. were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001.

During his tenure, Annan presided over some of the worst failures and scandals at the world body. Challenges from the outset forced him to spend much of his time struggling to restore its tarnished reputation.

When he departed from the United Nations, he left behind a global organization far more aggressively engaged in peacekeeping and fighting poverty, setting the framework for its 21st-century response to mass atrocities and its emphasis on human rights and development.

800,000 displaced in flooding in southern Indian state

ALAPPUZHA, India — Thousands of people in flood-ravaged south India waded today through muck and mud to begin the immense task of cleaning their homes and businesses.

Rains have been diminishing in parts of Kerala state, where floods and landslides have killed more than 200 people in less than two weeks and about 800,000 more have been forced into thousands of relief camps.

Torrential rains began Aug. 8 in Kerala in the midst of the annual monsoon season, eventually leaving much of the state partially submerged.

The Indian military also opened an air base today to commercial flights to help bring in relief goods and fly out residents.

Thousands of people are taking shelter in small camps in the coastal town of Alappuzha. Many are in schools, but at least one is on the grounds of a mosque where Christians, Hindus and Muslims have all found food and a place to sleep.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING

A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach

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)				The Proposal (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
3 KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Bachelor in Paradise (N)				The Proposal (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel
5 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	American Ninja Warrior "Minneapolis City Finals" (N)				America's Got Talent "Live Results 1"		KING 5 News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show
6 KOIN	6	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Mom	Life in Pieces	Salvat "The Manchurian Candidate" (N)		Elementary (N)		News (N)	(3:35) Colbert
7 KIRO	7	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Mom	Life in Pieces	Salvat "The Manchurian Candidate" (N)		Elementary (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:35) Colbert
8 KGW	8	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	American Ninja Warrior "Minneapolis City Finals" (N)				America's Got Talent "Live Results 1"		KGW News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show
9 KRCW	9	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N)	Whose Line Is It?			News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10 KOPB	10	This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Rd. "Cleveland (Hour Three)"	Ore. Experience	Ore. Experience		Independent Lens "The Art of the Shine"		POV "Swim Team"	
12 KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	So You Think You Can Dance "Top 8 Perform" (N)				10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13 KPDX	13	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)		Prime News (N)		Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game
14 KCPC	14	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	So You Think You Can Dance "Top 8 Perform" (N)				Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
15 KIRO	15	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan (N)	
16 KZJO	22	Friends	Friends	Modern Family	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) NFL Football Pre-season Baltimore Ravens at Indianapolis Colts (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30 ESPN2	30	(5:00) Baseball Little League World Series		College Football Live		Champ.Drive "Path to the Playoff"		College GameDay "Featured"		First Take		First Take	
31 NICK	31	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(3:35) Friends
32 DISN	32	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Andi Mack 1/2	Andi Mack 2/2	Raven's Home	Raven's Home
34 FAM	34	(5:10) *** Ratatouille '07 Brad Garrett.		(5:00) ** The Parent Trap (1998, Family) Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson, Lindsay Lohan.						(4:00) FXM Presents		The 700 Club	
35 FMC	35	(5:00) *** Spectre (15, Act) Christoph Waltz, Daniel Craig.		(5:00) *** Spectre (2015, Action) Christoph Waltz, Léa Seydoux, Daniel Craig.								Commando Arnold Schwarzenegger.	
36 LIFE	36	Grey's Anatomy		To Be Announced				To Be Announced				To Be Announced	
39 ROOT	38	Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)				Post-game		MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners			
63 FS1	39	(5:00) BIG3 Basketball Playoffs		MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.					NFL Films
43 SPIKE	43	Mom	*** John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves.	Adrienne Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.		MTV Video Music Awards (N)						John Wick (2014, Action) Keanu Reeves.	
44 COM	44	(1:15) The Office "Angry Andy" (25) The Office		The Office "The Office"		To Be Announced						South Park	South Park
45 HIST	45	American Pickers "Jersey's Jackpot"		American Pickers "Tough Nut to Crack"		Amer. Pickers "Eyes on the Prize" (N)	(3:05) Blood Money "Demolition Man" (N)			(3:05) American Pickers "Picker's Code"			
46 A&E	46	(5:00) Story "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"		Jeff Dunham: Birth of a Dummy An in-depth look at ventriloquist Jeff Dunham.		The Tragic Side of Comedy The rise and fall of some comic geniuses.				(3:05) Jeff Dunham: Birth of a Dummy			
47 TLC	47	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Counting On	Counting On	Counting On "An Explosive Reveal" (N)		Little Life on the Prairie (N)		Counting On	Counting On "An Explosive Reveal"
48 DISC	48	Street Outlaws "Oh, Canada!"		Street Outlaws "Tired of Chief"		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N)		Street Outlaws: New Orleans (N)		Diesel Brothers "Yo Soy Diesel" (N)		Street Outlaws: New Orleans	
49 NGE0	49	The '90s "Exposed"		The '90s "The Countdown"		The 80's Greatest "The 80's Greatest"		80's Greatest (N)   80's Greatest (N)		O.J. Simpson "The Run of His Life" (N)		O.J. Simpson "The Run of His Life"	
50 TNT	50	(5:00) *** Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi '83) Mark Hamill.		*** Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005, Sci-Fi) Natalie Portman, Hayden Christensen, Ewan McGregor.		Call Saul "Something Beautiful" (N)		Lodge 49 "Corpus" (N)		(3:05) Watchmen '09) Malin Akerman.		(3:05) Call Saul "Something Beautiful"	
51 AMC	51	*** Lethal Weapon 4 (1998, Action) Danny Glover, Chris Rock, Mel Gibson.								(3:05) Miz & Mrs. (3:35) Modern Fam			
52 USA	52	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						To Be Announced	To Be Announced
53 FOOD	53	Kids Baking Champion "Stuffed Puffs"		Kids Baking "Celebration Cakes"		Kids Baking "Delying Gravity"		Kids Baking "Ice Creamers" (N)		Cupcakes (N)	Cupcakes (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
54 HGTV	54	Love It or List It "Site Unseen"		Love It or List It "Laundry Overload"		Love It/ List It "First House Frustrations"		Love It or List It (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56 FX	56	(5:30) *** How to Train Your Dragon 2 (14) Kit Harington, Jay Baruchel.		Angry Birds (2016, Animated) Danny McBride, Josh Gad, Jason Sudeikis.		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
57 CNN	57	Anderson Cooper 360		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		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61 CNBC	61	Shark Tank		Greed "Artistic License to Steal" (N)		American Greed "The Surfer Slayer?"		Amer. Greed "Artistic License to Steal"		Amer. Greed "Artistic License to Steal"		Paid Program	
63 BRAV	63	The Real Housewives "Tres Amigas"		Housewives "Judge, Jury and Gina"		Housewives "Orange County Hold 'Em"		The Real Housewives "Rumors" (N)		Southern Charm Savannah (N)		Watch What	Real Housewives
64 TCM	64	(5:00) The Prisoner of Zenda		*** King Solomon's Mines '50) Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr.		*** Scaramouche '52, Adventure) Eleanor Parker, Janet Leigh, Stewart Granger.				(1:15) Moonfleet '55) Stewart Granger.			
65 SYFY	65	The Last Sharknado: It's About Time (18) Ian Ziering, Vivica A. Fox, Tara Reid.		** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (11) Ciarán Hinds, Idris Elba, Nicolas Cage.		** Deja Vu (2006, Action) Jim Caviezel, Val Kilmer, Denzel Washington.							
162 RFD	162	American Rancher	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron 3/6	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "The Mosaic Company"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	

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