

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Mail-bomb scare widens as packages to Biden, De Niro seized

WASHINGTON — The mail-bomb scare widened today as law enforcement officials seized three more suspicious packages — two addressed to former Vice President Joe Biden and one to actor Robert De Niro — as part of a sprawling investigation into a plot that appears to be aimed at targets of conservative anger.

The new devices were described as similar to crude pipe bombs sent to former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and CNN. They brought to at least 10 the number of suspicious packages intercepted by authorities this week. Each was addressed to a prominent critic of President Donald Trump.

Much was publicly unknown about the devices, including how they were delivered and why none had exploded. Authorities have said nothing about possible motives or suspects. Details suggest only a broad pattern — that the items were packaged in manila envelopes and addressed to prominent Democrats. Some were discovered in mail processing facilities.

The packages heightened nationwide tensions and fears two weeks before major congressional midterm elections. Even with the sender still unknown, politicians from both parties used the moment to decry a toxic political climate and lay blame.

“A very big part of the Anger we see today in our society is caused by the purposely false and inaccurate reporting of the Mainstream Media that I refer to as Fake News,” Trump said in a morning Tweet. “It has gotten so bad and hateful that it is beyond description. Mainstream Media must clean up its act, FAST!”

Former CIA Director John Brennan, the target of one package sent to CNN, fired back.

“Stop blaming others. Look in the mirror,” Brennan tweeted. “Your inflammatory rhetoric, insults, lies, & encouragement of physical violence are disgraceful. Clean up your act...try to act Presidential.”

The list of bombing targets spread from New York, Delaware and Washington, D.C., to Florida and California.

The explosive devices were packed in envelopes with bubble-wrap interiors bearing six stamps and the return address of Florida Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee who was accused by Clinton rivals of secretly helping the party’s eventual presidential nominee.

The bombs seized Wednesday, each with a small battery, were about six inches long and packed with powder and broken glass, according to a law enforcement official who viewed X-ray images. The official said the devices were made from PVC pipe and covered with black tape.

Mattis expected to send hundreds of troops to border

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis is expected to sign an order as early as today sending 800 or more troops to the southern border to support the Border Patrol, a U.S. official said.

Mattis is responding to a request from President Donald Trump, who says he’s “bringing out the military” to address what he’s calling a national emergency at the border. Thousands of Central American migrants are now making their way through Mexico in hopes of reaching the United States.



The USNS Mercy hospital ship passed by Astoria on Wednesday evening.

Teresa Bennett

The U.S. official was not authorized to speak publicly because not all details of the military arrangement had been worked out, and so spoke on condition of anonymity.

The additional troops are to provide what one official described as logistical support to the Border Patrol. This would include a variety of things such as vehicles, tents and equipment, and perhaps medical support. It was not immediately clear how many, if any, of the extra troops would be armed. Because they would not be performing law enforcement duties they would not be in violation of the Posse Comitatus Act, which prohibits the federal government from using the armed forces in a domestic police role.

There already are about 2,000 National Guard troops assisting at the border under a previous Pentagon arrangement.

Trump blamed Democrats for laws he said make it too hard to stop people at the border. He said those trying to enter the U.S. “will be stopped!”

The president’s tweets reflect an effort to thrust immigration politics into the national conversation in the closing weeks of the congressional election campaign. He and his senior aides have long believed the issue — which was a centerpiece of his winning presidential campaign — is key to revving up his base and motivating GOP voters to turn out in November.

UN: Death toll from Saudi airstrike in Yemen at 21

SANAA, Yemen — A Saudi-led coalition airstrike at a fruit-and-vegetable market near Yemen’s flashpoint Red Sea port of Hodeida killed at least 21 civilians, including children, the U.N. humanitarian aid agency said today.

Wednesday’s attack came amid mounting fears of a fresh

coalition assault on Hodeida — a city that has been the lifeline for international aid deliveries to Yemen, ravaged by a brutal 3 ½-year war between the Saudi-led alliance and Shiite rebels known as Houthis.

The coalition has been trying to wrest Hodeida from the Iran-backed rebels but the campaign, like the rest of Yemen’s war, had fallen into a stalemate.

The airstrike, which hit a vegetable packaging facility in the outdoor market in the town of Bayt el-Faqih, just south of Hodeida, also wounded 10 people. Initial reports had five dead but the death toll steadily climbed overnight.

The director of the Bayt el-Faqih hospital, Abdullah Shahawi, said all the victims were civilians and that at least two children were among the dead.

In the capital, Saana, the rebel-run Al Masirah TV reported a lower casualty figure, saying at least 20 people died and 10 were wounded. The different death tolls could not immediately be resolved.

Also on Wednesday, three more people were killed and six injured when strikes hit three vehicles on July 7 road in Al Hali District in Hodeida province, the U.N.’s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said.

“Civilians are paying a shocking price because of this conflict,” said U.N. Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen Lise Grande. “This is the third time this month that fighting has caused mass casualties in Hodeida.”

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TALKING TOMBSTONES XV
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SUNDAY OCT 28 1-4PM
OCEAN VIEW CEMETERY
@ the intersection of Delaura Beach Lane & Whiskey Road • Warrenton

For more information about this event or other Clatsop County Historical Society activities, please call 503-325-2203 email cchs@cumtux.org

FREE EVENT
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SCHOOLS SEEK CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Local school districts and the Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRESD) seek assistance in locating children from birth through age 21 with disabilities who have not graduated from high school and are not attending nor receiving other special education services from public schools.

Oregon and federal law mandate appropriate educational services for children with disabilities. NWRESD provides educational services for eligible children from birth to kindergarten. Local school districts provide educational programs and services for eligible children from kindergarten through high school. These services are provided as appropriate to each child’s needs and disability.

Parents, guardians, and others who know of a child aged 5 through 21 with a disability who is not currently receiving educational services are asked to notify the special education contact for their home district, including:

503-325-0476 for Astoria
503-755-2451 for Jewell
503-458-6162 for Knappa
503-738-5591 for Seaside
503-861-3376 for Warrenton-Hammond

For children younger than kindergarten age (5 years old on September 1st), call the NWRESD’S Clatsop Service Center at 503-325-2862.

LAS ESCUELAS BUSCAN NIÑOS CON DISCAPACIDADES

Los distritos escolares locales y el Distrito de Servicio Educativo Regional del Noroeste (NWRESD) buscan asistencia para localizar niños desde el nacimiento hasta los 21 años con discapacidades que no se hayan graduado de la escuela secundaria y no asistan ni reciban otros servicios de educación especial de las escuelas públicas.

La ley federal y de Oregón exige servicios educativos apropiados para niños con discapacidades. NWRESD proporciona servicios educativos para niños elegibles desde el nacimiento hasta el kínder. Los distritos escolares locales brindan programas y servicios educativos para niños elegibles desde del Kinder hasta la escuela secundaria. Estos servicios se proporcionan según corresponda a las necesidades y discapacidades de cada niño.

A los padres, tutores y otras personas que conocen de un niño de 5 a 21 años con una discapacidad que actualmente no recibe servicios educativos se les pide que notifiquen al contacto de educación especial para su distrito de la escuela donde viven, que incluye:

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Seaside	503-738-5591
Warrenton-Hammond	503-861-3376

*Para niños menores de kínder (Menos de 5 años el 1 de septiembre), llame al Centro de Servicio Clatsop de NWRESD al 503-325-2862 si habla ingles, y Diane a (503)738-2109 si habla español.