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Besieged Islamic State militants refuse to surrender, ask for an exit

AL-OMAR OIL FIELD BASE, Syria — More than 300 Islamic State militants surrounded in a tiny area in eastern Syria are refusing to surrender to U.S.-backed forces and are trying to negotiate an exit.

The extremists are bottled up in the village of Baghouz, where they are hiding among hundreds of civilians and preventing them from leaving. The stalling tactics are likely to further delay a declaration of the end of the IS group's self-proclaimed caliphate, which the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces were hoping to make last week.

The militants are asking for a corridor to the rebel-held northwestern province of Idlib, and demand that they be allowed to leave along with the evacuated civilians.

The speck of land in Syria's remote eastern desert, near the border with Iraq, is all that remains of a self-styled caliphate that once sprawled across a third of both countries and included several major towns and cities.

Ex-FBI official: 'Crime may have been committed' by Trump

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe said in an interview that aired Sunday that a "crime may have been committed" when President Donald Trump fired the head of the FBI and tried to publicly undermine an investigation into his campaign's ties to Russia.

McCabe also said in the interview with "60 Minutes" that the FBI had good reason to open a counterintelligence investigation into whether Trump was in league with Russia, and therefore a possible national security threat, following the May 2017 firing of then-FBI Director James Comey.

Asked whether Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein was onboard with the obstruction and counterintelligence investigations, McCabe replied, "Absolutely."

McCabe also revealed that when Trump told Rosenstein to put in writing his concerns with Comey — a document the White House initially held up as justification for his firing — the president explicitly asked the Justice Department official to reference Russia in the memo. Rosenstein did not want to, McCabe said, and the memo that was made public upon Comey's dismissal did not mention Russia and focused instead on Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email server investigation.

Kaepernick, Reid settle collusion grievances with NFL

NEW YORK — With a public hearing looming and the threat of owners and league officials facing depositions, the NFL settled collusion cases brought by Colin Kaepernick and Eric Reid.

The league and Kaepernick's lawyer sent out statements Friday saying that "the parties have decided to resolve the pending grievances" and that a confidentiality agreement would prevent either side from commenting further.

It remains unclear if the NFL admitted wrongdoing or how much money Reid, Kaepernick or others may have received. Considering the lost salary both players claimed and legal costs, the settlement could have climbed into the tens of millions of dollars.

Kaepernick and Reid say they were blacklisted because of protests during the national anthem at games. Kaepernick has not played in the league since 2016, while Reid missed three games last season before signing with Carolina. Kaepernick contended the owners violated their collective bargaining agreement with players by conspiring to keep him off teams.

Israeli leaders' Nazi remarks scuttle summit with Europeans

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's off-hand comment in Warsaw about Poland and the Holocaust set in motion a diplomatic crisis that today scuttled this week's summit of central European leaders in Israel.

Poland's abrupt decision to cancel its participation in the planned Visegrad conference in protest blew up the gathering, which Netanyahu has touted as a major milestone in his outreach to emerging democracies in eastern Europe and his broader goal of countering the criticism Israel typically faces in international forums.

Netanyahu told reporters that "Poles cooperated with the Nazis." The seemingly innocuous comment infuriated his Polish hosts, who reject suggestions that their country collaborated with Hitler.



AP Photos/Nam Y. Huh

Diana Juarez cries at a makeshift memorial Sunday for her father, Vicente Juarez, and other victims.

Aurora shooter's permit revoked, but gun not seized

By DON BABWIN and JULIE WATSON
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AURORA, Ill. — An initial background check failed to detect a felony conviction that should have barred the man who killed five co-workers and wounded six other people at a suburban Chicago manufacturing plant from buying the gun.

Months later, a second background check of Gary Martin found his 1995 aggravated assault conviction in Mississippi involving the stabbing of an ex-girlfriend. But it prompted only a letter stating his gun permit had been revoked and ordering him to turn over his firearm to police — raising questions about the state's enforcement to ensure those who lose their permits also turn over their weapons.

A vigil for the victims, including a university student on his first day as an intern and a longtime plant manager, was held Sunday outside Henry Pratt Co. in Aurora, about 40 miles west of Chicago. More than 1,500 people braved snow and freezing drizzle to attend.

Martin, 45, was killed in a shootout with officers Friday, ending his



Crosses are placed for the victims of a mass shooting Sunday in Aurora, Ill., near Henry Pratt Co. manufacturing company where several were killed on Friday.

deadly rampage at the plant. His state gun license permit was revoked in 2014, Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman said.

But he never gave up the .40-caliber Smith & Wesson handgun he used in the attack. Investigators are still trying to determine what exactly law enforcement agencies did after that letter was sent, Ziman said.

Authorities said Saturday that Martin pulled out the gun and began shooting right after hearing he was being fired from his job of 15 years at the industrial valve manufacturer for workplace violations. The company has not given details on what they were.

Martin killed three people in the room with him and two others just outside, Ziman said. Among the dead

workers as human resources manager Clayton Parks of Elgin; plant manager Josh Pinkard of Oswego; mold operator Russell Beyer of Yorkville; stock room attendant and fork lift operator Vicente Juarez of Oswego; and Trevor Wehner, the new intern and a Northern Illinois University student who lived in DeKalb and grew up in Sheridan.

Wehner, 21, was on the dean's list at NIU's business college and was on track to graduate in May with a degree in human resource management.

The Rev. Dan Haas told those who gathered outside Henry Pratt for Sunday's vigil that the killings left the victims' families broken-hearted and in mourning.

"All of these were relatively young people — many of them were very young people. We will never know their gifts and talents. Their lives were snuffed out way too short," he said.



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MONDAY EVENING				A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach					FEBRUARY 18				
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 Bachelor (N)				Good Doctor "Risk and Reward" (N)		News (N)	(3:5) J. Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelor (N)				Good Doctor "Risk and Reward" (N)		KOMO4News (N)	(3:5) J. Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Evening	America's Got Talent "The Champions: Resules Finale" (SF) (N)				Manifest (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Neighborhood (N) Man Plan (N)	Magnum "Day the Past Came Back" (N)			Bull "Security Fraud" (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Neighborhood (N) Man Plan (N)	Magnum "Day the Past Came Back" (N)			Bull "Security Fraud" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "The Champions: Resules Finale" (SF) (N)				Manifest (N)		News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Arrow "The Slabside Redemption"	Black Lightning			News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
9	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N)	Oregon	Oregon		POV "Minding the Gap" (N)		POV Shorts	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	The Resident "Queens" (N)	The Passage (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
11	KPDV	(12) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)	9pm Prime News (N)			Big Bang Theory Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "Queens" (N)	The Passage (N)			Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad! Miracle Workers		Conan (N)	Seinfeld
14	KZJQ	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family			Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
15	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Oregon at Oregon State (L)		College Basketball UFC Flashback (N)		UFC Main Event "Jones vs. Gustafsson"	Main Event "Johnson vs. Dodson" (N)			Main Event "Johnson vs. Dodson" (N)		Now or Never (N)	UFC UFC FN 55
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Loud House (N)	Family for Life	Henry Danger "Back to the Danger"	** The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie ('04) Tom Kenny.			Friends		Friends	Friends
18	DISN	(32) Sydney to the Max	Sydney to the Max	Kim Possible (20', Family) Sean Giambrone, Sadie Stanley. (40) Fast Layne		** Fast Layne Andi Mack	Sydney to the Max Coop & Cami			Bizaardvark		Raven's Home 1/3	
19	FAM	(34) (4:00) Cinderella	** Zootopia (2016, Animated) Voices of Jason Bateman, Idris Elba, Ginnifer Goodwin.			** The Lion King ('94) Jonathon Taylor Thomas.				The 700 Club			
20	FMC	(35) (5:45) *** Rio 2 ('14) Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg. (40) Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues ('13, Com) Steve Carell, Christina Applegate, Will Ferrell.				Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues ('13, Com) Steve Carell, Christina Applegate, Will Ferrell.				Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues ('13, Com) Steve Carell, Christina Applegate, Will Ferrell.			
21	LIFE	(36) *** While You Were Sleeping ('95) Peter Gallagher, Sandra Bullock.		** Secretariat (2010, Family) Scott Glenn, James Cromwell, Diane Lane.						(05) Dirty Dancing Patrick Swayze.			
22	ROOT	(38) Mark Few (N) IDEAL	Edgar Martinez Edgar Martinez	Mariners Access	Mariners Access	Mariners Access	Mariners Access			MLR Rugby Toronto Arrows vs. Seattle Seawolves			
23	F51	(39) (5:00) NCAA Basketball (L)		Boxing Premier Champions Leo Santa Cruz vs. Rafael Rivera		Face to Face (N)	TMZ Sports (N)			FIA Auto Racing Mexico City E-Prix		NASCAR Race Hub	
24	SPIKE	(43) (5:30) *** The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Morgan Freeman, James Whitmore, Tim Robbins.		** Forrest Gump (1994, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.									
25	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office			The Office		The Office	The Office
26	HIST	(45) Presidents at War "A Call to Valor"		Presidents at War "Their Finest Hours" (N)						The Secret History of Air Force One		(05) Pawn Stars "A Presidential Pawn"	
27	A&E	(46) (5:30) ** Deja Vu (2006, Action) Jim Caviezel, Val Kilmer, Denzel Washington.		*** John Wick ('14) Adrianne Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.						*** Walking Tall ('04) Johnny Knoxville, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.			
28	TLC	(47) Hoarding "Leading a Double Life"	Hoarding "The Stench Is Amazing"	Counting On "Love Is in the Air"	Counting On "Jinger Has a Baby"	Little People "A Balancing Act"				People "The Buffles are Kicking In"			
29	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws "Runnin' Route 66"	Street Outlaws: Full "99 Problems"	Street Outlaws "Daily Battles"	Street Outlaws: Full Throttle - No Prep	Kings (N)				People "The Buffles are Kicking In"			
30	NGEO	(49) The Story of God "Heaven and Hell"	Story God "Why Does Evil Exist?"	The Story of God "The Chosen One"	God "The Beginning and the End" (N)	The Story of God "Apocalypse"				The Story of God "The Chosen One"			
31	TNT	(50) *** Captain America: Civil War (2016, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans.		** The Breakfast Club ('85) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson.						(05) I Am the Night "Matador" (N)		(10) Iron Man ('08) Robert Downey Jr..	
32	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** Crocodile Dundee II ('88) Linda Kozlowski, John Meillon, Paul Hogan.		*** The Breakfast Club ('85) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson.						(15) *** A Free Soul ('31) Lionel Barrymore, Leslie Howard, Norma Shearer.		Michael Hall, Molly Ringwald.	
33	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Genes"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Net Worth"	WWE Monday Night Raw		Winner Cake All (N)				Modern Family Modern Family		Winner Cake All "Guy's Grocery Cakes"	
34	FOOD	(53) Kids Baking "Sand Castle Sweets"	Kids Baking "Cover Story Cakes"	Kids Baking Championship (N)		Winner Cake All (N)				Paid Program		Paid Program	
35	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It "Community Calling"	Love It/List It "Betting the Horse Farm"	House Hunters (N) Renovation	Home Town "A Modern Millennial" (N)	House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)				Watch What (N)		Vanderpump R.	
36	FX	(56) (5:00) 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi ('16) James Badge Dale.		** White House Down (2013, Action) Jamie Foxx, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Channing Tatum.		White House Down Channing Tatum.				None But the Lonely Heart Cary Grant.			
37	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360				Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
38	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night Hard news and analysis of the most compelling stories.		Hannity				Hannity		Fox News @ Night	
39	CNBC	(61) Amer. Greed "Baby-faced Drug Lord"	Amer. Greed "Neighborhood Inferno"	Greed "Scams on Film/ God and Gold"		American Greed: Scam "Conn's Job"				American Greed: Scam "Conn's Job"		Paid Program	Paid Program
40	BRV	(63) Project Runway "Finale Part 2" 2/2	Vanderpump R. "Tom and Tommer"	Vanderpump R. "So Vain in Solvang"		Vanderpumped (N)				Vanderpumped (N)		Watch What (N)	Vanderpump R.
41	TMC	(64) (5:00) High Noon (45) *** The Quiet Man (1952, Romance) Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald, John Wayne.		(15) *** A Free Soul ('31) Lionel Barrymore, Leslie Howard, Norma Shearer.						None But the Lonely Heart Cary Grant.			
42	SYFY	(65) *** How to Train Your Dragon ('10) Gerard Butler, Jay Baruchel.		** Ender's Game (2013, Sci-Fi) Abigail Breslin, Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield.		*** Super 8 ('11, Sci-Fi) Amanda Michalka, Elle Fanning.				*** Super 8 ('11, Sci-Fi) Amanda Michalka, Elle Fanning.			
43	RFD	(62) Rancher (N)	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Horse of the West	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Best of World Ag Expo"	American Rancher	Red Steagall		Product Showcase	