

# Germany: Files listing IS fighters are authentic

BERLIN (AP) — Thousands of files have surfaced with personal data on members of the Islamic State group — documents that might help authorities track down and prosecute foreign fighters who returned home after joining the extremists, or identify those who recruited them in the first place.

Germany's federal criminal police said Thursday they are in possession of the files and believe they are authentic.

The announcement came after Britain's Sky News reported it had obtained 22,000 Islamic State files that detail the real names of fighters for the group, where they were from, their telephone numbers and even names of those who sponsored and recruited them. In a joint report, Germany's Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper in Munich and broadcasters WDR and NDR reported independently Monday they had obtained "many dozens" of pages of such documents itself.

"This is a huge data base — there are more than something like 22,000 names, so this is very, very important," said Dalia Ghanem-Yazbeck, a research analyst at the Carnegie Middle East Center. She said the files would "definitely" help international security services, including those in Arab countries, to

confirm the identities of those who have already left to fight for Islamic State, to discover the identities of new fighters, and to help them in identifying those who return home from Syria and Iraq.

Sky said the files, obtained at the border between Turkey and Syria, were passed to them on a memory stick stolen from the head of the Islamic State's internal security police by a former fighter who had grown disillusioned with the group.

Sueddeutsche Zeitung and the German broadcasters reported they also had obtained the files on the Turkey-Syria border, where they said Islamic State files and videos were widely available from anti-IS Kurdish fighters and members of IS itself.

The documents highlight the bureaucratic work of the highly secretive extremist group that has spread fear through its brutal killings and deadly attacks in its self-declared caliphate of Syria and Iraq, as well as in places like France, Turkey, Lebanon, Yemen and Libya.

The information could help the U.S.-led coalition that is fighting the Islamic State group by aiding in a crackdown on the extremists' foreign fighter networks, said U.S. Army Col. Steve Warren, a spokesman for the coalition.

# GOP rivals fight on in another debate

Associated Press

MIAMI — Abandoning the nasty insults of past debates, Donald Trump and his Republican rivals turned Thursday's presidential face-off into a civil and detailed discussion of Social Security, Islam and trade that left Trump to shake his head and declare at the midpoint: "I can't believe how civil it's been up here."

The candidates found plenty of areas of common ground, but also plenty of differences. But when they differed, they often laid out their differences in even tones and without vitriol.

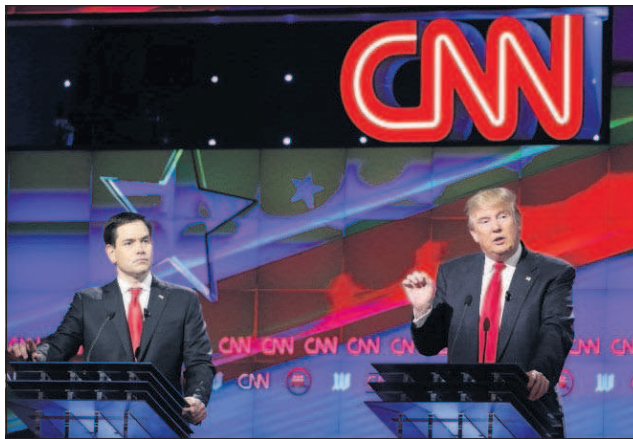
In a lengthy discussion of the threat posed by radicalized Muslims, Trump refused to back away from his recent statement that "Islam hates the West."

Asked if he meant all Muslims, Trump said: "I mean a lot of them" and he wouldn't be "politically correct" by avoiding such statements.

Marco Rubio had a pointed comeback: "I'm not interested in being politically correct. I'm interested in being correct."

The Florida senator noted the Muslims in the U.S. military and buried in Arlington National Cemetery and said the only way to solve the problem of violent extremists is to work with people in the Muslim faith who are not radicals.

Ted Cruz bundled together his criticisms of Trump for what he called simplistic solutions on trade and on Islamic terrorists, saying, "The answer is not to simply yell, 'China: bad, Muslim: bad.'"



AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee  
Presidential candidate Donald Trump, speaks during the Republican presidential debate Thursday in Coral Gables, Fla.

## Trump rally attendee charged with assault

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP)—A white Donald Trump rally attendee was charged with assault Thursday after he was caught on video hitting a black man being escorted by deputies from the venue, authorities said.

A news release from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office said John Franklin McGraw, 78, of Linden, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after the rally for the Republican presidential front-runner Wednesday.

The release said the assault victim was being escorted out of Crown Coliseum after disrupting the rally, and deputies had their eyes on the stairs when the assault happened.

"The deputies who did not see the assault continued up the steps with the victim, who was ultimately escorted from the Coliseum," the release said.

McGraw was arrested Thursday after investigators reviewed a video posted on social media.

Videos from the event show a man with a pony tail and cowboy hat hitting a black man being escorted out.

Sheriff Earl Butler condemned the assault and launched an investigation into how deputies handled the situation.

The television program "Inside Edition" interviewed McGraw after the incident and asked him if he liked the rally.

According to the video posted online he responded: "You bet I liked it ... knocking the hell out of that big mouth."

The video shows the man going on to say: "Yes, he deserved it. The next time we see him, we might have to kill him. We don't know who he is. He might be with a terrorist organization."

Trump, though, clearly was intent on projecting a less bombastic — and more presidential — image.

"We're all in this together," he said early

on, sounding more like a conciliator than a provocateur as he strives to unify the party behind his candidacy. "We're going to come up with solutions. We're

going to find the answer to things."

It wasn't all sweetness and light.

Cruz, eager to cement his position as the party's last best alternative to Trump, had a string of criticisms of the GOP front-runner, saying flatly at one point: "His solutions don't work."

In a meaty discussion of Social Security, Cruz and Rubio both said they'd gradually raise the retirement age for younger workers to help stabilize the system and stave off financial disaster for the system.

Trump, in contrast, said he'd do "everything within my power not to touch Social Security, to leave it the way it is."

On that issue, the GOP front-runner couldn't resist taking a dig at the Democrats, saying he'd been watching them intensely on such issues — "even though it's a very, very boring thing to watch" — and that they weren't doing anything on Social Security.

Cruz said the system was "careening toward insolvency" and it would be irresponsible not to address that. Rubio said Trump's plan to save the system by reducing wouldn't work. Eliminating all fraud and waste "is not enough," he said. "The numbers don't add up."

Each of the candidates had an urgent mission as the GOP debate gave them a last chance to put their case to a televised audience of millions before voters in Florida and four other states dish out delegates next Tuesday. Those elections will go a long way toward determining the outcome of the primary season.

# Obama says GOP hostility toward him led to Trump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says years of knee-jerk GOP hostility toward him has fueled Donald Trump's rise, arguing Thursday that Republicans have no one to blame but themselves.

Trump's GOP rivals headed into their final debate before next week's key primaries wondering if it was already too late to stop him from claiming their party's nomination.

Relishing the opportunity to ridicule what he called the GOP "circus," Obama sought to tie Trump to his primary election opponents by claiming they see eye to eye on the issues — even if the flamboyant billionaire puts on a more provocative act. The president said that on immigration and other issues, Trump's not so different from Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

"What I'm not going to do is to validate some notion that the Republican crackup that's been taking place is a consequence of actions that I've taken," Obama said in the Rose Garden, citing conspiracy theories about his birth certificate as Exhibit A. "I don't remember saying, 'Hey, why don't you ask me about that?'"

Obama's diagnosis of the GOP's ills came as Trump's rivals appeared increasingly

worried that he had all but locked up the nomination, and that if anyone can stop him, it's Cruz, a polarizing conservative firebrand. Even Cruz's pickup of an endorsement from Utah Sen. Mike Lee — notably the first from any of his Senate colleagues — underscored just how much he's disdained within the Republican establishment.

Illustrating the dire straits for the anti-Trump forces was growing speculation that Rubio, once seen as the best chance to stop Trump, may soon bow out of the race — potentially even before his home state of Florida votes on Tuesday.

Obama mused it was "novel" that some Republicans have pointed the finger at him for the deteriorating tone of American politics.

Rather, he said, the Republican establishment had created "an environment where somebody like a Donald Trump can thrive."

Obama said that "everything I do is to be opposed, that cooperation or compromise somehow is a betrayal, that maximalist, absolutist positions on issues are politically advantageous, that there is a 'them' out there and an 'us,' and 'them' are the folks who are causing whatever problems you're experiencing."

## FAITH BRIEFLY

### Stanfield church hosts Passover presentation

STANFIELD — A vivid demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feat of the Passover is planned in Stanfield.

Daniel Nessium of Chosen People Ministries will present the message utilizing elements of the Last Supper. The presentation, which is open to the public, is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at Crossroads Community Church, 350 N. Sherman St., Stanfield.

In the demonstration, Nessium will provide special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion.

For more information, contact 541-449-1251 or stanfieldag@conic.com.

### Diaper Dash brings in donations

HERMISTON — Organizers of the Diaper Dash are celebrating its success.

Sponsored by the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, more than 10,000 diapers were donated, which were collected as an entry fee for the fun run/walk held March 5. This was the event's second year.

The diapers will be distributed to moms, babies, and teen moms in the community, as well as local social service partners.

For more information about other church ministries, contact 541-567-3677 or hermistonnaz@gmail.com.

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