

**Trump comments put focus on Sweden's embrace of immigrants**

HELSINKI (AP) — When a riot broke out in a predominantly immigrant Stockholm suburb this week, the biggest surprise for many Swedes was that a police officer found it necessary to fire his gun.

For U.S. President Donald Trump and his supporters, however, the episode appeared to confirm Trump's vague observation two days earlier that the Scandinavian country was at risk of becoming a breeding ground for extremist attacks.

It's true that Sweden, which prides itself on welcoming newcomers, is seeing a new kind of urban unrest. The combination of the country's open-door policy and comparatively heterogeneous culture has led to frictions, especially in areas where many long-time immigrants feel disempowered.

Yet its problems with crime, poverty and violence are no greater — and potentially much less — than in the United States and other

countries with home-grown gangs as well as waves of new arrivals — and Trump's focus on Swedish issues has left many people there puzzled.

This week's trouble started when police arrested a drug crime suspect in Rinkeby late Monday. Rioters threw rocks at police, set cars on fire and looted shops, but no one was injured. Similar episodes of unrest have happened sporadically in Sweden, especially in immigrant neighborhoods.

The flash seemed to corroborate Trump's suggestion two days earlier that Sweden could be the next European country to suffer the kind of extremist attacks that have devastated France, Belgium and Germany.

"My statement as to what's happening in Sweden was in reference to a story that was broadcast on @FoxNews concerning immigrants & Sweden," Trump tweeted after he suggested at a Saturday rally that a major incident had befallen the country the night before.

The president's initial remarks bewildered Swedes — and gave rise to ridicule and a barrage of

comment on social media — because no such incident had taken place on Friday night.

**Mass funeral held for 20 Haitians who died in dismal prison**

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Relatives wailed in grief or stared stoically as flowers were placed on 20 caskets at a mass funeral for the latest group of inmates who died miserably in Haiti's largest prison, most without ever having been convicted of any crime.

Marie Lumane Laurore broke into piercing screams as she collapsed in a church pew before the coffin of her son, Eddy. The 30-year-old inmate fell ill with tuberculosis and severe anemia while he was jailed in Haiti's filthy and overcrowded National Penitentiary on a rape charge.

"Jesus, give me back my son! He was my only boy," she sobbed, banging her fists against a wooden pew in a Catholic church in downtown Port-au-Prince. Emotions that had been

dammed up, in some cases for years, over their loved ones' lengthy detentions broke in a crescendo of grief as a priest called out the names of the dead.

It was the third funeral service for National Penitentiary inmates organized by Port-au-Prince chief prosecutor Danton Leger since April. It came a day after The Associated Press published an exclusive report on record overcrowding and appalling conditions inside Haiti's biggest lockup.

Recurrent shortages of food and medicine as well as infectious diseases that flourish in packed Haitian prisons and jails have led to an upsurge in malnutrition-related illnesses and other preventable diseases.

U.N. Special Representative Sandra Honore said in a statement that 42 detainee deaths so far this year are linked to "the worsening of cruel, inhuman and degrading" conditions. She called on Haitian authorities to urgently improve the situation, saying it was "the responsibility of the state to ensure respect for the rights of detainees and access to basic services."

**Tests needed on Russian U.N. ambassador's cause of death**

NEW YORK (AP) — Medical examiners who performed an autopsy on Russia's ambassador to the United Nations said Tuesday that more tests are needed to determine how and why he fell ill in his office and later died.

Vitaly Churkin, who died Monday, a day before his 65th birthday, had been Russia's envoy at the U.N. since 2006. He was the longest-serving ambassador on the Security Council, the U.N.'s most powerful body.

New York City's medical examiners concluded Churkin's death needed further study, which usually includes toxicology and other screenings. They can take weeks. The medical examiner is responsible for investigating deaths that occur by criminal violence, by accident, by suicide, suddenly or when the person seemed healthy, or in any unusual or suspicious manner. Most of the deaths investigated by the office are not suspicious.



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