

At Pearl Harbor, U.S. and Japan seek absolution from the war

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PEARL HARBOR, Hawai'i — In a historic pilgrimage, the leaders of Japan and the United States took to the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor to prove that even the bitterest enemies can become allies. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe did not apologize, but conceded Japan “must never repeat the horrors of war again.”

Seventy-five years after Japan's surprise attack sent America marching into World War II, Abe and President Barack Obama peered down at the rusting wreckage of the *USS Arizona*, clearly visible in the tranquil, teal water. More than 1,000 U.S. war dead remain entombed in the submerged ship, and in a show of respect, Obama and Abe dropped purple petals into the water and stood in silence.

“As the prime minister of Japan, I offer my sincere and everlasting condolences to the souls of those who lost their lives here, as well as to the spirits of all the brave men and women whose lives were taken by a war that commenced in this very



PAYING RESPECTS. U.S. President Barack Obama, left, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe bow their heads while participating in a wreath laying ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial, part of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawai'i, on December 27, 2016. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

place,” Abe said later at nearby Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

That was the closest Abe would get to an apology for the attack. And it was enough for Obama, who also declined to apologize seven months ago when he became America's first sitting president to visit Hiroshima, where the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb in a bid to end the war.

It was enough, too, for Alfred Rodrigues, a U.S. Navy veteran who survived the attack. The 96-year-old said he had no hard feelings and

added, “War is war.”

“They were doing what they were supposed to do, and we were doing what we were supposed to do,” Rodrigues said before the visit.

Abe, who became Japan's first leader to visit Pearl Harbor with a U.S. president, said the visit “brought utter silence to me.” His remarks capped a day that was carefully choreographed by the U.S. and Japan to show a strong and growing alliance between former foes.

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Registry for some immigrant men, mostly Muslims, scrapped

By Alicia A. Caldwell
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WASHINGTON — The Obama administration officially scrapped the last vestiges of a U.S. registration system for Muslim immigrants in December. If President-elect Donald Trump now wants to introduce an expanded version of the program, he will have to start from scratch.

The post-9/11 registration program for immigrant men arriving mainly from the Islamic world hasn't been enforced since 2011. Although it never prohibited travel for men and boys from the more than 20 affected countries, including Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan, Trump's suggestions about banning Muslim immigrants entering the United States have led to fears that it could be reinstated and used for new and enhanced purposes.

The decision to erase it from the books entirely marks one of President Barack Obama's last administrative actions on immigration and will at least slow any Trump effort to introduce even tougher requirements, as has been suggested by a top adviser.

The registration program is “not only obsolete,” said Neema Hakim, spokesman for the Homeland Security Department, “its use would divert limited personnel and resources from more effective measures.”

New York antiques dealer charged with selling stolen artifacts

NEW YORK (AP) — A prominent New York antiques dealer has been accused of selling stolen artifacts from international smugglers by creating sham documents to hide their history in a scheme that prosecutors said dates back to 1999.

Nancy Wiener was arrested on charges of criminal possession of stolen property and conspiracy, according to the Manhattan district attorney's office. Prosecutors said she and several co-conspirators have been trafficking in illegal antiques since at least 1999.

“(The) defendant used a laundering process that included restoration services to hide damage from illegal excavations, straw purchases at auction houses to create sham ownership histories, and the creation of false provenance to predate international laws of patrimony prohibiting the exportation of looted antiques,” according to the complaint filed in Manhattan Criminal Court.

Her lawyer, Georges Lederman, told *The New York*

Times his client “surrendered voluntarily.” “We are examining the charges and will respond at the appropriate time,” Lederman added.

Wiener and her mother, who died in 2011, have been well-known dealers of Indian and Southeast Asian art in New York for decades. Some of their top clients have been Jacqueline Kennedy, John D. Rockefeller III, and Igor Stravinsky.

When Wiener's mother died, prosecutors said she inherited hundreds of illicit items at their gallery and arranged inaccurate ownership histories. She consigned 360 lots to Christie's, which auctioned them off for \$12.8 million.

In another example, prosecutors said Wiener purchased a stolen bronze Buddha from Southeast Asia and had a restorer erase shovel marks and other signs of looting before displaying it in her gallery, where authorities seized it during a raid in March.

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Solution to last issue's puzzle

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