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More than a dozen of ground-to-ground missiles were launched from Iran to Iraqi military bases where U.S. troops were stationed Wednesday. File Photo by 1st Lt. Leland White/U.S. Army National Guard

By Daniel Uria  
UPI

Iran struck two Iraqi military bases where U.S. forces were stationed Wednesday, U.S. military officials said.

The U.S. Department of Defense said ballistic missiles were fired from inside Iran toward

More than a dozen missiles launched from

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## Joe Biden calls for diplomacy in dealing with Iran

By Danielle Haynes  
UPI

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden on Tuesday called for greater diplomacy to avoid war with Iran less than a week after a U.S. airstrike killed senior Iranian military commander Qassem Soleimani.

The former vice president criticized President Donald Trump for inflaming tensions with Iran, which said Sunday it no longer plans to abide by a 2015 nuclear deal after the airstrike Thursday at Baghdad's international airport in Iraq. The deal blocked Iran from possessing enough material to cre-

ate an atomic weapon.

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Biden accused Trump of having no strategy and "no endgame" in his dealings with Iran, which he said has left the United States

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# OPINION

## Killing ourselves with hate

### 20/20 Vision

By Dr. E Faye Williams, ESQ  
Trice Edney Wire

For some reason whenever I go to the eye doctor, I expect to get a good report on my vision.

Sometimes I get one.

Sometimes I don't, but I am always hopeful.

This year, I am truly hopeful that our leaders will have 20/20 vision so they can stop the warring attitudes and practices and the punishing behaviors toward the most vulnerable they have been chosen lead.

My prayer is for them to not just pray for, but work for a better and just world for all no matter where people live, the color of their skin or the culture from which they come.

My dream is for world leaders to care about everybody's children, that no child would be left behind, that every child would have access to a useable education.

Years ago when young people graduated from high school, it was understood that all of them would not be going to college, so they were taught useable skills so that they could go to work to make a living right out of high school.

Whatever some may think of those days, I want to see that part of our past come back.

Is it possible for all of us to give meaning to this year being 20/20?

Let it be the cue for all of us to think about what we can do to show that we have clearer vision.

With wars, poor education systems, injustices especially for women and non-white people, the unemployment rate with a lack of livable wages for so many, the lack of hope for too many people, and the desire for instant gratification—these things lead to desperation and other negative outcomes.

Too many leaders have lost that 20/20 vision of where we should be going such that nobody wants to, or sees the wisdom of following them.

We've lost confidence in them because few of them seem to care about nothing more than their own well-being.

General Colin Powell said, "Leadership is a position of problem solving which is conflict resolution.

The day people stop bringing you (meaning leaders) their problems is the day you have stopped leading them.

They've either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care.

Either case this is a failure of leadership."

He also said, "Leadership is all about people. It is not about organizations.

It is not about plans.

It is not about strategies.

It is all about people motivating people to get the job done.

You have to be people centered."

Further, he said, "None of us can change our yesterdays but all of us can change our tomorrows."

There was a time that leaders convened with positive motives—really willing to compromise in order to accomplish great things for all the people.

We, the people have a responsibility in electing and choosing leaders who make good on their promises once elected or chosen and not ones who just begin to flip flop on their promises depending on the way the wind blows or the money finds its way to their pockets.

On that note, we the people must insist upon overturning the destructive Citizens United.

We, the people, must be determined that our leaders are qualified to lead.

Just look at the man people elected to our White House has done to undermine certain members of his team.

He is the total opposite of what a leader should be.

He not only does not offer leadership for all the people, he does not offer leadership for vision to his team whose members might want to do the right thing.

We, the people, must demand 20/20 visionary leaders.

*(Dr. E. Faye Williams is the National President of the National Congress of Black Women. www.nationalcongressbw.org. 202/678/6788. She is also the host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke on WPFW-FM 89.3.)*

The recent shooting inside a kosher supermarket in Jersey City, New Jersey is the latest example that we Americans are literally killing ourselves with hatred for our neighbors.

It is just the latest in an ever-lengthening litany of putrid examples showing the terrible consequences of hating the "other" rather than loving in our hearts all of those created in God's image.

The facts surrounding the murder of innocents just across the river from New York City illustrate how pervasive this problem is today.

The alleged perpetrators of this heinous crime, a man and a woman, were apparently both motivated by their deep hatred of Jews.

Information continues to emerge that speaks to the motivation behind this callous crime, including that they were reportedly linked to a sect of Black Hebrews who hold anti-Semitic beliefs.

The violence itself was bad enough, and critics who seek to downplay the pervasiveness of anti-Semitism within our borders could easily write it off as an isolated anomaly.

But it was the television footage shot at the scene of the crime in the immediate aftermath that sent shudders down my spine.

A succession of black neighbors railed against the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community, who moved to Jersey City in recent years to escape soaring real estate prices in nearby Williamsburg. In a clear and



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shocking instance of blaming the victim, they said that things like this never happened until the Jews came to their city.

"I blame the Jews," said one bystander, who said her children were stuck at school on security lockdown "because of Jew shenanigans."

It was not too long ago that the black and Jewish communities were connected through friendship and solidarity, owing much to their shared involvement in the civil rights movement.

It seems quite prescient now that those very sentiments were the focus of an in-depth television segment that I produced months ago focusing upon the rise of anti-Semitism in America.

But as is often the case for closed-minded politicians looking to score cheap points, the shooting became the topic of misinformation

and misplaced blame. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., erroneously tweeted that "white supremacy kills" before deleting the tweet, perhaps after realizing that the black people who pulled the trigger probably were not white supremacists.

Tlaib's decision to weigh in on this tragedy with controversial comments should come as little surprise, given that she attacked Republican congressmen who voted to condemn the racist Boycott Divestment and Sanction movement, singling out Israel as having "forgot what country they represent."

This from an Israel-baiter who posed for photos with the leader of a pro-Palestinian group who has described the founding of Israel as a "crime" and equated Zionism with Nazism.

The Jews in Jersey City certainly live an insular life, focused with zealotry on living based upon strict Biblical tenets. Since arriving in their new neighborhood in search of more affordable housing, they have, out of desire and necessity, set up synagogues, their own religious schools and supermarkets to stock kosher food.

Were they perfect neighbors?

Of course not, since no person is ever an ideal citizen 100% of the time, but that certainly owes much to

the fact that their community keeps to itself, speaks its own language and eschews many of the aspects of modern-day life.

And yet there is nothing in the world that could ever justify shooting people to death.

The supermarket slaughter showcases the worst of modern-day America.

It illustrates that anti-Semitism and xenophobia are alive and well.

The problem is not the role of religious minorities in our town. Nor is it the racial makeup of the criminals who carry out such disgusting deeds.

The source of the issue is the sickening hatred that resides within the hearts of far too many Americans.

Until we address this sad reality, confront it and make strides to correct it, we can expect to see more tragedies that cut short innocent lives and make this a more dangerous and divided society.

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## Will the assassination of Iran's Gen. Soleimani be Trump's 1914 moment?

By Dr. Wilmer J. Leon, III  
Trice Edney Wire

"Last night, at my direction, the United States military successfully executed a flawless precision strike that killed a number one terrorist anywhere in the world, Qassem Soleimani... We took action last night to stop a war... We did not take action to start a war." - President Donald Trump

On Friday, January 3, General Qassem Soleimani, Iran's most beloved military commander and leader of its elite Quds force, was assassinated in a targeted US drone air strike outside Baghdad International Airport. Soleimani had relentlessly defended Iran and its interests in the Middle East for more than two decades.

US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo said that General Soleimani was killed in order to disrupt an "imminent attack" against American interests in the region. "I can't talk too much about the nature of the threats. But the American people should know that the President's decision to remove Soleimani from the battlefield saved American lives.", claims Pompeo.

It is important to recognize that neither the president nor Pompeo have offered any evidence to support this irresponsible and reckless action. It was lies from the Bush 43' administration that took America into the illegal invasion of Iraq. It appears that lies and/or false narratives are being used to rationalize this latest heinous act that may also result in another senseless war.

Those who do not learn history are doomed to re-

peat it. We know that President Trump is not well read, ignorant, not learned. Will the assassination of Gen. Soleimani become Trump's 1914 moment?

Here's the background on this question: On June 28, 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated by a Bosnian Serb nationalist during an official visit to the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo sparking a chain of events that led to the start of the World War I. As it was in 1914 it remains today. In several countries, it was a growing sense of nationalism, resistance to colonial rule and imperialism along with the constant quest for markets, territory and resources that laid the groundwork for Ferdinand's assassination to trigger WWI. One can only wonder if Trump's latest blunder will result in a similar outcome.

More frightening than the Trump administration's blunder is the ahistorical context in which it is explained by many in US mainstream commercial media. One wonders if the media is engaging in a "wag-the-dog" scenario in order to defend failed ideas such as American exceptionalism.

Senator Warren, VP Biden and TV analysts say that General Soleimani's assassination is morally justified since he "was a murderer" and had "American blood on his hands". However, they also argue that from a tactical perspective, it was the wrong move at the wrong time. This is ahistorical, intellectually dishonest and hypocritical. There's not a general in world who has been on the battlefield that does not have the blood of his enemy on his/her hands. General's

Schwarzkopf, Jr., Powell and Petraeus all have Iraqi blood on their hands. That's what generals do.

Unlike Bush 43 and members of his administration, General Soleimani was never labeled a "war criminal" by the International Criminal Court or any other. According to Richard Clarke, former Bush 41', 43' and Clinton administration official, "...Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld and their legal advisers... were tried in absentia in Malaysia...the five-panel tribunal unanimously delivered guilty verdicts against Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld and their key legal advisors who were all convicted as war criminals for torture and cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment."

General Soleimani was labeled a "terrorist". The Trump administration took the unprecedented action of labeling Iran's Revolutionary Guard of which the Quds force is a part, a "terrorist organization", thereby giving the general the designation. This was the first time the US labelled another nation's military as a terrorist organization.

Even more directly related to Iran, it was General's Schwarzkopf's father, General Herbert Norman Schwarzkopf, Sr. who along with Kermit Roosevelt implemented the 1953 coup d'état in Iran, known as Operation Ajax. This resulted in the overthrow of Iran's democratically elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh and installed the dictatorial Shah. General Schwarzkopf, Sr. also helped to train what would later become known as the SAVAK; the Shah's secret police that tortured and executed Ira-

nian's on behalf of the Iranian government, the CIA and the Israeli Mossad.

Iran is a sovereign nation. As such it is justified in using lethal force in order to protect its clearly defined geographic territory and borders against internal and external threats. Pompeo speaks in the context of defending American "interests". "Where we see American interests at stake or fundamental norms around the world that need to be enforced, we'll use all the powers that we have..." The term American interests is a very vague and ill-defined expansion of the lexicon that in the minds of Americans gives the US carte blanche to impose its will any place it sees fit. General Soleimani was defending his country and his country's interests against the generations of threats and aggression of western imperialists. Again, to claim otherwise is ahistorical and incredibly hypocritical. What's good for the goose is good for the gander.

Analysts and commentators often opine that America's relationship with Iran turned sour in 1979 with the taking of US hostages. They totally ignore the 1953 coup. They fail to explain that it was due to lies told to former President Carter, by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller that the Shah was dying from cancer and the only place in the world that he could receive treatment was in New York that convinced Carter to let the Shaw into the country. This resulted in a decision that Bloomberg reports led to "the seizure of American hostages in Tehran from 1979 to 1981."



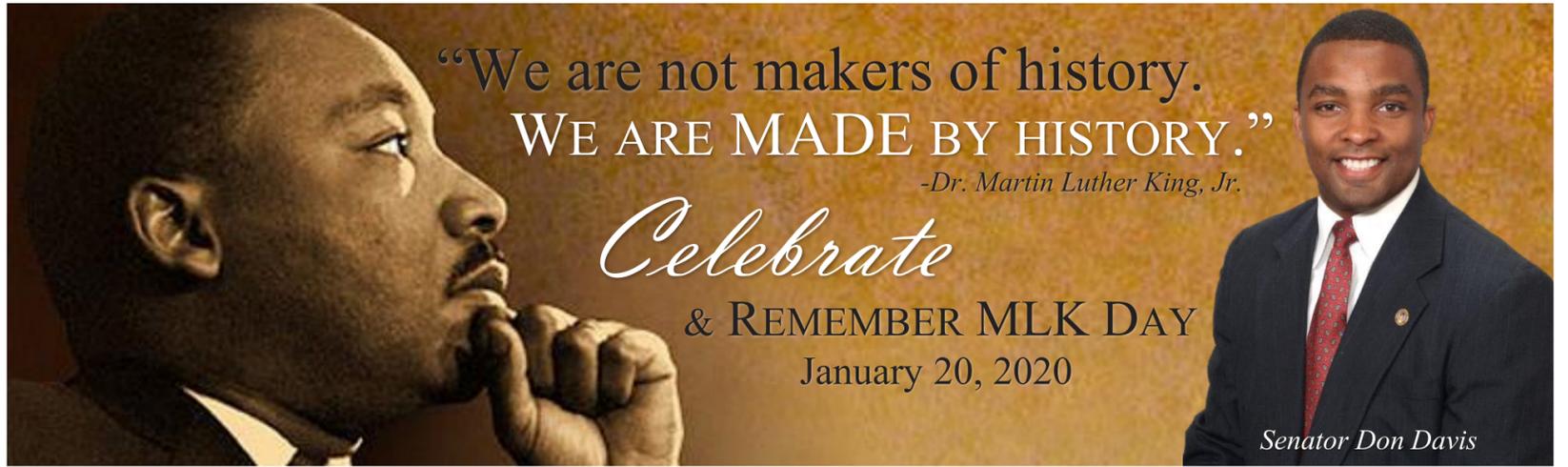
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multiple U.S. facilities in Iraq including one in Erbil and the al-Asad Air Base.

Iranian state-run news outlet ISNA reported that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Air Force launched the ground-to-ground missiles as part of its so-called Operation Martyr Soleimani. The operation was named after Iranian Revolutionary Guard commander Qassem Soleimani who was killed in a U.S. airstrike at Baghdad's international airport early Friday Iraq time.

A Pentagon official told Newsweek the military bases were hit by cruise missiles and short-range ballistic missiles.

Qatri al-Obeidi, a commander for Sunni paramilitary forces in a town near the al-Asad base, told CNN the shelling stopped by about 7 p.m. EST Tuesday. Al-Asad Air Base is located in the western Iraqi province of al-Anbar. There were some Iraqi casualties at al-Asad airbase, but no U.S. casualties were reported, according to CNN. Pentagon spokesman

Jonathan Hoffman said the agency is assessing the damage done by the attacks. "In recent days and in response to Iranian threats and actions, the Department of Defense has taken all appropriate measures to safeguard our

personnel and partners," Hoffman said. "These bases have been on high alert due to indicators that the Iranian regime planned to attack our forces and interests in the region." The Iranian Revolutionary Guard said in its Telegram

channel that the "Pentagon reports that the U.S. will respond to Iran's attacks" adding in a footnote that "this time we will respond to you in America."

It also said that if Iranian soil is bombed it will target the cities of Dubai, United

Arab Emirates and Haifa, Israel. Iran's Foreign Minister Javad Zarif tweeted about the attacks, saying they came in response to U.S. strikes.

"Iran took and concluded proportionate measures in self-defense under Article

51 of U.N. charter targeting base from which cowardly armed attack against our citizens and senior officials were launched," he wrote. "We do not seek escalation or war, but will defend ourselves against any aggression."

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with limited options. "I have no illusions about Iran. The regime has long sponsored terrorism and threatened our interests. They've ruthlessly killed hundreds of protesters, and they should be held accountable for their actions," Biden said. "But there is a smart way to counter them -- and a self-defeating way. Trump's approach is demonstrably the latter." Trump further escalated tensions Sunday when he voted to hit 52 targets in Iran "very hard" if Tehran retaliates for the death of

Soleimani, including some targets "at a very high level" that are "important to Iran and the Iranian culture." Trump's threats toward non-military sites in Iran drew swift and widespread criticism, and Pentagon officials later said no cultural sites will be targeted. Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters Monday the United States has no intention of targeting the sites Trump mentioned -- as doing so would amount to a war crime. Biden called for diplomacy, not more violence. "No one wants war," Biden said during a foreign policy speech in New York City.

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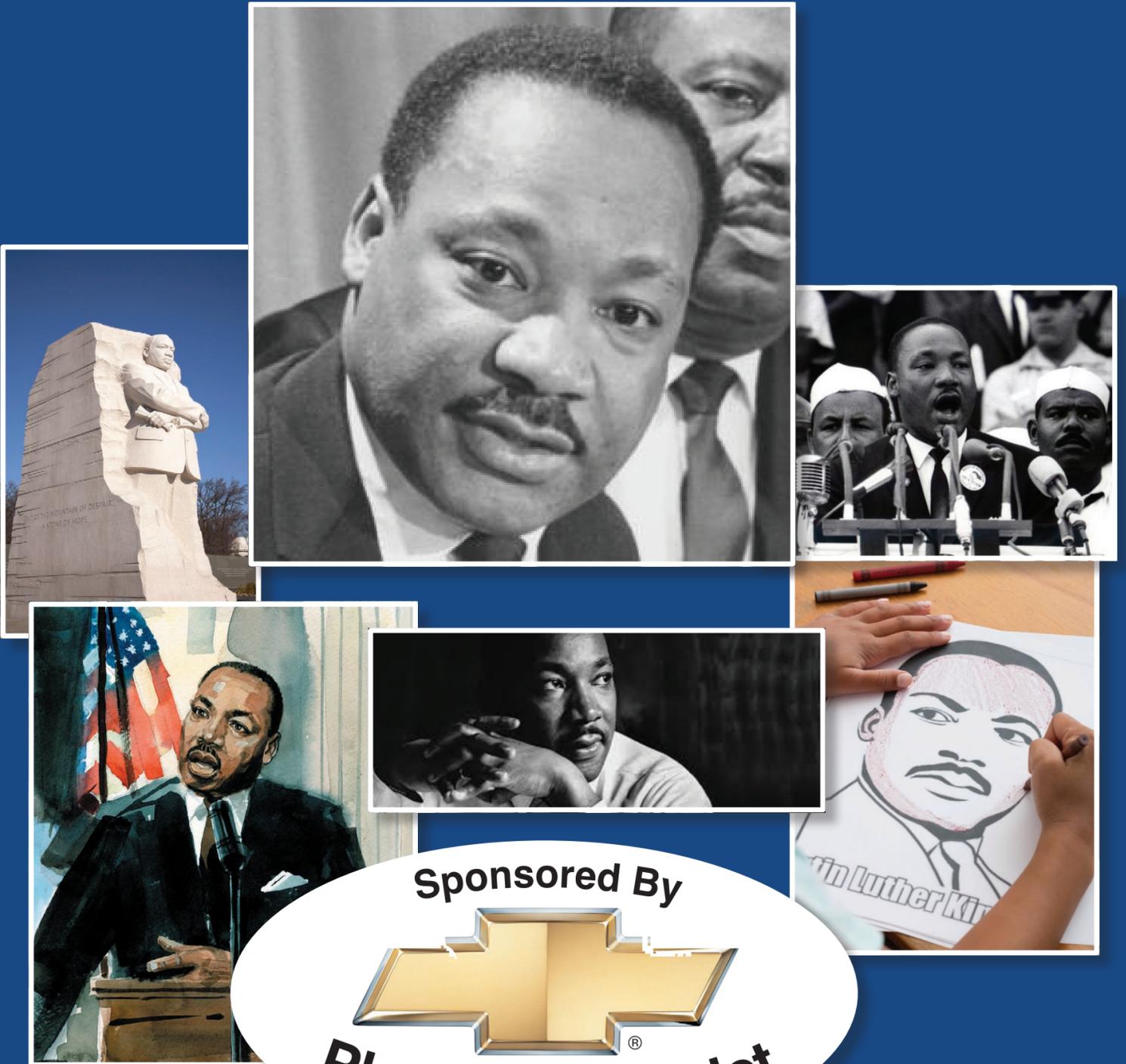
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# Boeing 737 airliner crashes after takeoff in Iran, killing 176

By Darryl Coote & Don Jacobson  
UPI

Investigators have located the "black boxes" from a Ukrainian airliner that crashed in Iran Wednesday and killed all 176 people aboard, state media reported.

Broadcaster IRIB said the flight data and cockpit voice recorders were found at the crash site near Parand, about 35 miles southwest of Tehran. The Boeing 737 went down shortly after it left Imam Khomeini International Airport.

The head of Iran's civil aviation authority said Tehran would not give the recorders to U.S.-based Boeing, Iran's semi-official news agency Mehr reported.

The flight crashed with 167 passengers and nine crew aboard.

"Unfortunately, all the passengers died," Pir-Hossein Koulivand, Iran's Emergency Medical Service chief, said.

Among the dead were 82 Iranians, 63 Canadians, 11 Ukrainians, 10 Swedes, four Afghans, three Germans and three Britons,



Workers are seen Wednesday amid wreckage from a Boeing 737 jetliner about 30 miles south of Tehran, Iran. Photo by Morteza Nikoubazi/UPI | License Photo

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko said in a tweet.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a Facebook post he would cut short a visit in Oman and return to Kiev.

Ali Khashani, a senior

official at Imam Khomeini International Airport, said the crash was likely the result of a technical failure. The Ukrainian Embassy in Tehran initially agreed with that assessment, ruling out the possibility of an attack, but subsequently said it

could not rule out any potential cause and deferred to an official commission to investigate.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Oleksiy Honcharuk said in a statement an operational headquarters has been set up to investigate

and Iranian consulate officials were at the site.

Boeing said it was gathering information about the crash.

The crash is the latest blemish for the U.S. aviation giant, which will install new President and

CEO David Calhoun on Monday to succeed Dennis Muilenburg, who was dismissed last month amid ongoing fallout related to trouble with Boeing's 737 Max fleet, which has been grounded worldwide for nearly a year.

## New Jersey police sergeant arrested in FBI corruption probe

By Darryl Coote  
UP

Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested a New Jersey police sergeant accused of participating in a conspiracy to steal thousands of dollars from suspects of drug cases, authorities said.

The Department of Justice said Paterson Police Department Sgt. Michael Cheff, 49, was arrested Tuesday on civil rights and falsifying police report charges for stealing money and drugs from suspects who were illegally stopped and searched.

Cheff is the eight and highest-ranking officer arrested in connection to a three-year FBI corruption investigation, said Paterson Police Department Director Jerry Speziale. "We will never accept this as indicative of the hardworking men and women who serve [the Paterson Police Department] with integrity daily," he said.

According to the criminal complaint, officers would routinely steal money from drivers and passengers of vehicles and then pass along a portion of the proceeds to Cheff who would sign off on false police reports that omitted the illegal seizures of cash. The Department of Justice accuses Cheff in the complaint of having instructed officers to log into evidence a portion of the money that they stole as conducting narcotics arrests without documenting any seizure of cash would raise questions. Authorities said in one instance in November 2017, three officers illegally searched a vehicle

and stole several hundred dollars from the handcuffed suspect before driving to the suspect's house where he lived with his mother.

While one officer stayed with the handcuffed suspect in the police cruiser, Cheff joined the other two officers and entered the apartment where they gained permission to search the premises from the suspect's mother, according to the criminal complaint. A safe was found in the closet of the suspect's room from which Cheff stole money and narcotics before handing a portion of the ill-gotten gains to two officers to be placed into evidence. "Cheff kept the remainder of the cash," authorities said in the criminal complaint.

The suspect told the authorities there was \$2,700 in the safe while \$319 was logged into evidence. Later in a Paterson police station bathroom, Cheff divided the money among the officers who participated in the illegal search and seizure, authorities said.

"It is deeply troubling when an officer who has sworn to uphold the law violates his oath and uses his badge as a license to commit a crime," Special Agent in Charge Gregory W. Ehrie said in a statement. "It is doubly so when that officer not only supervises others who are engaging in illegal activity but also -- as these charges allege -- participates."

Four cooperating witnesses in the case against Cheff have pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to perform illegal search and seizures to steal money, according to the criminal complaint.

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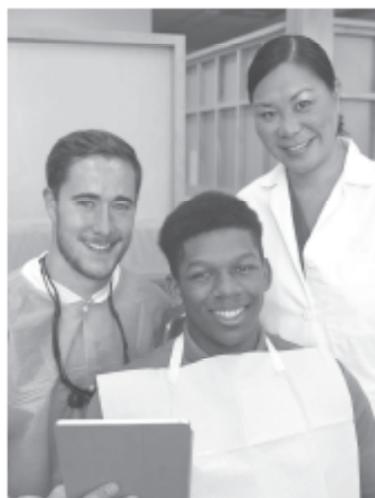
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# Suleimani Assassination: President Trump is leading america toward war without end in the Middle East

By Jesse Jackson  
Trice Edney Wire

It has come to this. An impeached president — still pending trial in the Senate — orders the assassination of a leading Iranian general as he is meeting with the leader of Iraq, a supposed ally. He does so without consultation, much less approval, of Congress. Besieged at home, he lashes out abroad.

This president ran on the promise to end the “endless wars “in the Middle East. Earlier, he ordered and then wisely called off bombing strikes on Iran, saying that he did not want a war. Now he claims that he has acted to stop a war, not start one.

He is either deliberately misleading the American people or deluding himself. Assassination of a foreign official is not the road to peace; violence almost inevitably begets violence. He has acted on what his own officials call “razor-thin” evidence, shocking his own military advisers. U.S. presidents now claim the right — and have the capability — to target and assassinate anyone in any place, foreigner or citizen, if they decide — on the basis of secret and often scanty intelligence — that the person may be considering an attack on U.S. allies or soldiers or representatives in the future. They call this

potential threat evidence of an “imminent attack,” to pay mock respect to the international law that they are trampling.

General Qassim Suleimani is portrayed as a terrorist with American blood on his hands. But he was not a stateless terrorist. He was a high official in a foreign government with which we are not at war. Assassinating him is an act of war. Ironically, Iran and the Shiite militias in Iraq that Suleimani guided were leading, if unacknowledged, allies in the fight against ISIS, who are largely Sunnis.

Similarly, those who attacked the U.S. on 9/11 were Sunnis, almost all from Saudi Arabia, funded largely by Saudi money. Taliban in Afghanistan are Sunni. The attack on Yemen was led by Saudi Arabia, which is Sunni. Iran fought against ISIS in Iraq and Syria. Yet, somehow, it has become Trump’s leading target.

The road to this escalating conflict can be traced back to Trump’s perverse hatred of all things achieved by former President Barack Obama.

One of Trump’s first acts was to pull the U.S. out of the Iran nuclear pact, over the objections of our allies and his own military advisers.

He ramped up sanctions on Iran, seeking to

force them to surrender to a “better deal.” The result has been escalating tension and violence, as Iran has demonstrated — in attacks on Saudi oil facilities and on tankers in the Persian Gulf — that it has the capacity to strike back. Now, after the assassination, the entire region girds itself for the retaliation that has already been promised. This is utter folly.

Under George Bush, the U.S. destabilized this region by invading Iraq. That calamity has fostered escalating violence. Obama added to the mess seeking regime change in Syria and in Libya, spreading the chaos. Trump was right when he said it was time for the U.S. to get out of the Middle East.

We have no stake in the spreading conflict between Sunnis and Shiites. We have no desire to send the hundreds of thousands of troops needed to win a war or enforce a peace. All we are doing is squandering American lives and resources in an armed presence that simply adds to the violence without leading to a resolution. Why has Trump abandoned his campaign promise? Why did he abandon his wise decision not to strike Iran earlier? The only thing that has changed is that he has been impeached. Is he ramping up violence abroad to distract from the



General Suleimani, Photo from Trice Edney Wire

overwhelming evidence of his offenses? Is he using the U.S. military as a political campaign prop?

The next move is in Iran’s hands. If the regime reacts predictably by striking back, the assassination will lead to escalating violence. Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, and soon all are left without sight and without teeth. Iran could — if its leaders can rise above their grief and their anger — use this moment to take an initiative for peace, calling on our

allies to join in convening a negotiation, opening a path to less violence and greater exchange.

Trump may not wish to respond, but surely our allies in Europe would jump at the chance. Clearly Congress must assert its constitutional war powers and limit the license of this or any president to wage war or assassinate foreign leaders on a whim. It must insist on public hearings to review the basis for the assassination.

We need hearings on

what we are doing in the Middle East and how we begin to bring the troops home.

Congress needs to pass a renewed war powers resolution instructing the president to bring the troops home, not send more of them to the region. If Congress cannot curb a rogue president, then this republic is in deep trouble.

And the American people and its soldiers are headed deeper into wars without victory and without end.

## New decade begins with clear black agenda

By Hazel Trice Edney  
Trice Edney Wire

A clear Black agenda is laid out for the future as civil rights leaders, elected officials, political observers and activists celebrated the close of yet another decade of struggle and victories.

Voting rights, Black political participation, disparate killing and abuse of Black people by police; increasing White supremacy; and disparities in economic and educational systems will remain among the leading issues faced by African-Americans this decade. This

according to a compilation of the highest profiled stories and reports between 2010 and 2020.

Black political participation

As the New Year of 2010 was celebrated, the euphoria hung heavily in the atmosphere as America had recently elected its first African-American president. A decade later, in 2020, the only three African-American Democratic presidential candidates — Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), and former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick — did

not even qualify for the last major debate Dec. 18 due to lack of financial support. Actually, by that time, Harris had already dropped out of the race. This leaves a field of White candidates in the forefront.

According to the latest CNN poll, former Vice President Joseph Biden continues to lead the race for the Democratic nomination. Among potential Democratic voters, Biden leads nationwide with 26 percent; Sen. Bernie Sanders is in a close second with 20 percent; and Sen. Elizabeth Warren is at 16 percent. Nevertheless, Melanie Campbell, chair of the Black Women’s Roundtable and president/CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, among the most prominent national non-partisan Black voting advocates, is optimistic about the future of Black and women candidates. “Until people vote, polls are just



Activist Melanie Campbell maintains hope for increase in Black voting and Black elected leaders. Photo by Trice Edney Wire

polls. They’re a snapshot in time. President Obama, when he was a candidate, wasn’t doing great. But you see that he made it across the finish line,” Campbell said. “I’m of the mindset that hopefully by January we’ll

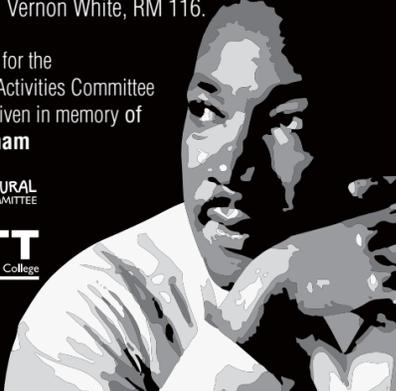
see.” Former Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams, a Black woman, is among those being considered viable vice presidential candidates. Abrams rose to fame across the nation in 2018 as she fought against

voter suppression in her campaign against Secretary of State Brian Kemp. He prevailed by only about 55,000 votes.

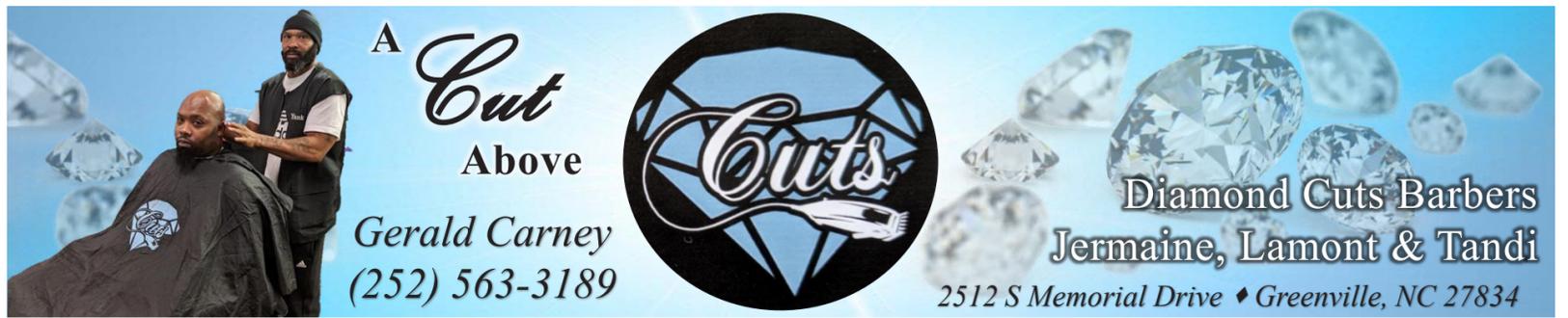
Voting rights still under attack

Voting rights and voter suppression have remained front burner issues for the past two decades since President George W. Bush, amidst much fanfare in 2006, signed the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But that hope quickly plummeted in 2013 as the U. S. Supreme Court gutted the Section 5 preclearance clause of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibited certain states and territories from changing voting laws without the oversight of and permission from the U. S. Department of Justice.

The Democrat-dominated U. S. House of Representatives, on December 6, 2019, passed legislation to restore the protections against changes in voting laws that could result in voter suppression. But the bill is not likely to become law under the predominately Republican Senate. And President Donald Trump has threatened to veto it.

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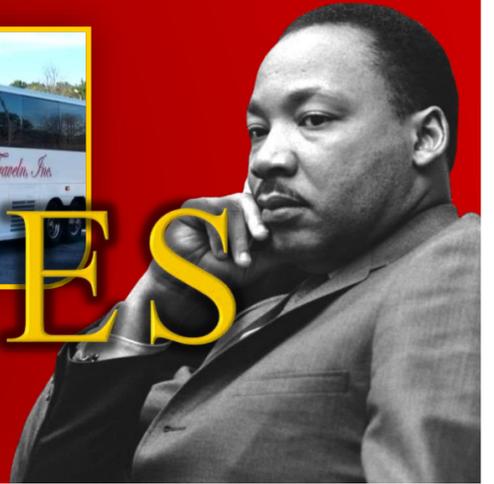
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# Justice Dept. reverses course, now wants prison for Michael Flynn

By Danielle Haynes UPI

Federal prosecutors on Tuesday urged a judge in Washington, D.C., to sentence former national security adviser Michael Flynn to six months in prison for lying to the FBI -- a reversal of the Justice Department's prior recom-

mendation.

The department said it has made the reversal because Flynn has been unrepentant for his crime.

Flynn pleaded guilty in December 2017 to making a false statement to the FBI as part of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016

U.S. presidential election. He made false statements about his interactions with former Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.

In a sentencing memo filed Tuesday, federal prosecutors said they first suggested probation for Flynn because he initially cooperated with investigators. But that later changed.

"Given the serious nature of the defendant's offense, his apparent failure to accept responsibility, his failure to complete his cooperation ... and the need to promote respect for the law and adequately deter such criminal conduct, the government recommends that the court sentence the defendant within the ap-



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# Civil rights giant congressman John Lewis prepares to fight pancreatic cancer

By Hazel Trice Edney  
Trice Edney Wire

Civil rights giant John Lewis, representing Georgia's 5th Congressional District in the U. S. House of Representatives for 32 years, has announced that he has been diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer and that he is up for the battle.

"I have been in some kind of fight – for freedom, equality, basic human rights – for nearly my entire life. I have never faced a fight quite like the one I have now," stated the storied congressman.

Lewis is perhaps best known for his leadership on "Bloody Sunday", March 7, 1965, when Georgia state troopers brutally assaulted him and others as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which he chaired, crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge, marching from Selma to Montgomery.

"While I am clear-eyed

about the prognosis, doctors have told me that recent medical advances have made this type of cancer treatable in many cases, that treatment options are no longer as debilitating as they once were, and that I have a fighting chance," he said.

According to the statement, posted on his Congressional website Sunday, doctors gave him the diagnosis following a "routine medical visit, and subsequent tests".

He sought and received reconfirmation.

Congressman Lewis, a man of faith who has faced many battle on behalf of others, says he is prepared to fight for his life through medical science and prayer.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "pancreatic cancer is the fifth leading cause of death from cancer and the 11th most common cancer in the United States."



However, the CDC also reports that "the five-year survival rate" from pancreatic cancer has slightly improved in recent years. Among Whites, the five-year survival rate is at 5.4 percent and among Blacks, the five-year survival rate is at 4.3 percent, according to the CDC.

Nearly - but not all – "patients with the disease die of it, and most die within one year of diagnosis," the CDC states.

The National Institute of Health reports that "no patient has survived longer than 10 years and the

longest overall survival is 8.6 years."

"So I have decided to do what I know to do and do what I have always done:

I am going to fight it and keep fighting for the Beloved Community. We still have many bridges to cross," Lewis states, stressing that he will continue to serve the people of the 5th Congressional District of Georgia.

"To my constituents: being your representative in Congress is the honor of a lifetime.

I will return to Washington in coming days to continue our work and begin my treatment plan, which will occur over the next several weeks.

I may miss a few votes during this period, but with God's grace I will be back on the front lines soon.

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# Two members of congress Call for replacement of Lee statue in U.S. capitol

By Trice Edney Wire

Two Virginia congressional representatives are calling for the statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee to be replaced in the U.S. Capitol by a Virginian of color who has dedicated his or her life to fighting for equality.

The statue of Gen. Lee, who is dressed in a Confed-

erate uniform, is viewed by almost every tour group to the U.S. Capitol and serves "as a prevalent reminder of Virginia's disturbing racial legacy," Rep. A. Donald McEachin of Richmond and Rep. Jennifer Wexton of Northern Virginia wrote in a letter this week to Gov. Ralph S. Northam.

"There are countless

commendable Virginians who would better represent our Commonwealth in the U.S. Capitol than a Confederate general," they wrote.

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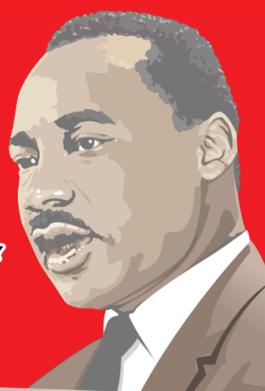
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# Carolina Panthers to hire Baylor coach Matt Rhule

By Alex Butler  
UPI

The Carolina Panthers are finalizing a deal to hire Baylor's Matt Rhule as their next head coach, replacing the fired Ron Rivera and interim coach Perry Fewell.

Sources informed Yahoo

Sports and NFL Network of the hire Tuesday. Rhule was expected to interview for the New York Giants' coaching vacancy after meeting with the Panthers. Rhule, 44, led Baylor to an 11-3 record in 2019, before a Sugar Bowl loss to Georgia. The Panthers posted a 5-11 record in 2019, finishing in last place in the NFC

South. They went 5-7 this season before firing Rivera in December. Fewell, who coached the team to an 0-4 finish, was also a candidate for the full-time job.

Rivera had a 76-63-1 record in nine seasons coaching the Panthers.

He led the team to a Super Bowl appearance in 2016.

Rhule was an assistant offensive line coach for the Giants in 2012. He was hired to coach Temple the next season, leading the Owls to a 2-10 record.




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# Oakland Raiders rookie Josh Jacobs, once homeless, buys his father new house

By Connor Grot  
 UPI

Oakland Raiders rookie running back Josh Jacobs, who was once homeless as a child, bought his father a new home.

Jacobs took to social media Tuesday to unveil the purchase and shared his father's reaction to the brand-new house.

The Raiders also tweeted out video of the home and said it was located in Oklahoma.

"Blessed just bought my pops a house," Jacobs wrote on Twitter.

Jacobs, along with his four siblings, lived out of a car sometimes while growing up with their father, Marty, in Tulsa, Okla.

In an April piece for The Players' Tribune, the tailback wrote that his father lost his job and they "basically lived out of our

backpacks, hopping from motel to motel" for two years.

Jacobs' path from homelessness to being a first-round draft pick of the Raiders also was documented in an ESPN piece last spring.

"Sleeping in the car, I always look back on it," Jacobs said at the time.

"It's always going to be something that molded me into who I am. It might have been rough, but, I mean, it's my life."

Jacobs, a leading candidate for NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, was selected with the No. 24 overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft out of Alabama.

He ran for 1,150 yards and seven touchdowns this season despite missing three of the Raiders' final four games because of a right shoulder injury.

In 2019, Jacobs ranked



Oakland Raiders rookie running back Josh Jacobs rushed for 1,150 yards and seven touchdowns this season. File Photo by Terry Schmitt/UPI | License Photo

third in the league in rushing yards per game (88.5), trailing only the Tennessee Titans' Derrick Henry (102.7) and the Cleveland Browns' Nick Chubb (93.4).

# Cowboys hire former Packers coach Mike McCarthy

By Alex Butler  
 UPI

The Dallas Cowboys agreed to hire Mike McCarthy as their next coach Monday, replacing Jason Garrett.

Sources informed NFL Network and Fox Sports of the move Monday morning. McCarthy coached the Green Bay Packers for 13 seasons before being fired in 2018. He posted a 125-77-2 record with the Packers, including a Super Bowl victory during the 2010-2011 season.

The Cowboys announced Sunday that they were allowing Garrett's contract to expire, following an 8-8 season. Garrett posted an 85-67 record in 10 seasons coaching the Cowboys. Dallas went 2-3 in the postseason under Garrett. The Cowboys

haven't advanced past the divisional round of the NFC playoffs since the 1995-1996 season, when they won the Super Bowl under coach Barry Switzer.

"We are extremely grateful to Jason Garrett for his more than 20 years of service to the Dallas Cowboys as a player, assistant coach and head coach," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "His level of commitment, character and dedication to this organization has been outstanding at every stage of his career."

Dallas brought in McCarthy, along with former Cincinnati Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, for interviews over the weekend.

McCarthy, 56, led the Packers to six NFC North division titles and nine playoff appearances.



Coach Mike McCarthy went 4-7-1 during his final season with the Green Bay Packers, before being fired in 2018. File Photo by David Tulis/UPI | License Photo



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## Planner for Tokyo Olympic ceremonies resigns over harassment

By Clyde Hughes  
UPI

A Japanese creative leader helping to plan the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo has resigned amid accusations of harassing subordinates, officials said.

The Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games on Tuesday announced the resignation of Kaoru Sugano, the creative director at advertising firm Dentsu.

Sugano had been disciplined by the firm concerning his treatment of multiple workers under him.

Dentsu sent a report last month to the Tokyo Organizing Committee detailing the resulting disciplinary action it took against

Sugano.

The panel did not cite specifics of the harassment Tuesday, saying it's not in a position to discuss details of the disciplinary report.

The Japan Times reported Wednesday the action stemmed from a form of "power harassment" by Sugano.

Sugano, 42, was a key leader on the creative team that developed the Japanese performance during the closing ceremony of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Japan Advertising Agencies Association named Sugano its creator of the year for his work during the Rio games.

Olympic officials said they are moving forward with preparations for both ceremonies -- scheduled for July 24 and August 9.



The new National Stadium in Tokyo will host both the opening and closing ceremonies on July 24 and August 9, respectively. File Photo by Kimimasa Mayama/EPA-EFE

## Lizzo taking break from Twitter due to 'trolls'

By Clyde Hughes  
UPI

Grammy-nominated singer Lizzo is taking a break from Twitter.

The 31-year-old recording artist announced in a tweet Sunday that she is stepping away from the social media site due to "trolls."

"Yeah I can't do this Twitter [expletive] no more.. too many trolls..." she wrote. "I'll be back when I feel like it."

Lizzo had clashed with a person in December who attributed her popularity to "an obesity epidemic in America."

"I'm popular because I write good songs and I'm talented and perform high energy hour and a half shows filled with love," Lizzo responded. "The only person who needs to do better is you."

"Keep my name out ya mouth & look in the mirror

before you come for me," she added. "Here's the attention you ordered."

Earlier in December, Lizzo had laughed off controversy about a revealing outfit she wore to a Lakers basketball game. Lizzo responded on CBS This Morning after dancing in a backside-baring dress at the game.

"Anyone who knows me knows that this is how I've always been. This is how I've always liked to dress," she said.

Lizzo discussed dealing with "haters" in interview with Billboard in September.

"I've always had to turn haters into congratulators," she said.

"That's the thing with my songs and my live shows: I've never lost that mentality of 'I have to win you over,' and I'm never going to, because I didn't learn that way. I have muscle memory in this."



Lizzo stepped away from Twitter after clashing with a person who attributed her popularity to an "obesity epidemic." File Photo by Jim Ruymen/UPI | License Photo

Lizzo is nominated for eight awards at the 2020 Grammys, including Album of the Year for Cuz I Love You, released in April. The album includes the singles "Juice" and "Tempo."

## Manchester City's Bernardo Silva swerves in goal against Manchester United

By Alex Butler  
UPI

Portuguese striker Bernardo Silva bent a beautiful shot into the upper left corner of the net for a

score in Manchester City's derby win against Manchester United at the Carabao Cup.

Silva's stunning strike came in the 17th minute

of the 3-1 victory in the first-leg semifinal matchup Tuesday at Old Trafford in Manchester, England.

Sky Blues right back Kyle Walker dribbled up

the right flank at the start of the play. Walker drew several defenders near the top of the Red Devils' box, before playing the ball back to a trailing Silva. The Sky

Blues striker tapped the ball to his left before ripping a 20-yard shot toward the far post.

The ball curved wide of the post, before bend-

ing back in toward the net. Silva's shot went around Red Devils keeper David de Gea as he dove to his right, attempting to save the strike.

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