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by JENNIFER SCHUESSLER
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For Diabetics, Health Risks Fall Sharply

By SABRINA EISENBERG

WASHINGTON — A majority of people with diabetes are not meeting basic targets for controlling their blood sugar, putting them at risk for heart disease, stroke and kidney failure, according to a new national study.

The study, published in The New England Journal of Medicine, found that while diabetes deaths have fallen in recent years, the problem remains pervasive. While researchers expect the number of people with diabetes to rise in the coming decades, they say the signs of progress are mixed.

The study, which is based on data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, found that the proportion of adults with diabetes who were meeting national targets for controlling their blood sugar had fallen from 66 percent in 2009 to 60 percent in 2016. The proportion of adults with diabetes who were meeting targets for controlling their blood pressure had fallen from 74 percent in 2009 to 69 percent in 2016.

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Seeking Balance on Mideast Visit, Pope Please Few

Fighting into West Bank

A Nod to a Palestinian State, and Then to an Early Zionist

By JOSEPH BROWN

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Pope Francis, who is expected to visit the Palestinian territories for the first time on Saturday, bent down to kiss the feet of several children, and then turned to a group of local leaders, bearing a sign that read: “Pope Francis, please go to the Middle East.”

Mr. Francis, who is scheduled to arrive in Bethlehem later on Saturday, is the second pope to visit the Holy Land in recent years. His predecessors, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, both visited in the early 1980s.

Mr. Francis’s visit is expected to be the first to the Palestinian territories since the 2011 Arab Spring and the rise of the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. 

The pope is scheduled to visit the West Bank, where he will meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. 

He is also expected to visit the Jewish holy site of the Western Wall in Jerusalem, where he will pray for peace in the region.

Mr. Francis’s visit is seen as an opportunity to renew interest in the peace process and to promote interfaith dialogue.

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**In a First, Test Of DNA Finds Root of Illness**

BY JONATHAN NEIMAN

WASHINGTON — It is a major breakthrough for the nationalRepublican Party and perhaps the biggest break Democrats have been looking for. In this election season, the party has identified a new strategy: Focus on the Tea Party. In their view, this strategy could be a game-changer, allowing them to resonate with millions of voters who are disillusioned with a political system they believe is broken.

The strategy is based on the belief that the Tea Party is a movement that has gained momentum in recent years, due to widespread dissatisfaction with the government and the environment. The party has been quick to capitalize on this trend, with several high-profile candidates running on a Tea Party platform.

But there are also concerns about the strategy. Some say it could alienate moderates and independents, who make up a significant portion of the electorate. Others argue that the party is too focused on short-term gains and not focused on long-term solutions.

The party's success in the midterm elections will depend on its ability to attract voters and build coalitions. If it can do so, it could become a major player in American politics for years to come.
Relatives mourned Thaha Ahmed Shabab, 62, a Sunni who was fatally shot in front of his home near Baghdad on Tuesday night.

Shahmat Shabab, 19, said his father was shot by a black car while he was walking down the street. He said his father was in his early 60s and had two sons and a daughter.

“He was just walking on the street and he was shot by a black car,” said Shahmat, who added that he did not know the motive for the shooting.

The shooting took place in a residential area of the city, where many Sunnis live. The area has been the site of ongoing violence between Sunnis and Shiites.

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For Iraq, Potential Leader With a Tarnished Past

The arrival of American drones on Monday in the heart of Baghdad, at the behest of the Iraqi government, is a timely if improbable twist of fate, Mr. Chalabi said and sold the Bush administration’s neocon quest for justice — inadvertently pummeled the Hamas-dominated Gaza, Israel’s prime suspects. By 4 a.m. Tuesday, Israel had by 4 a.m. Tuesday, Israel had

Israel’s Search For 3 Teenagers Ends in Grief

By BILL JENKINS

Jerusalem — Israel’s search for three Palestinian teenagers ended Monday when Israeli troops, forced to follow up on a tip, ended up with the bodies of two boys and a girl outside an Israeli settlement called Beit Shemesh. A second, that of the third teenager, a 16-year-old Arab boy, was found hours after Benjamin B. Feinberg, a compensation expert hired by G.M., arrived at the scene to pay families of those who died. The Associated Press reported that the Israeli government seemed to be ts real target was, the Helsinki group was reportedly killed in a clash with pro-Russian separatists. The details of the new recall outreach effort were set forth in a memorandum to dealers by Mr. Feinberg. The April 22 event remains the site of ongoing protests by those who say the people were adversely affected by the shooting.

For his part, Ahmad Chalabi, center, hit a month at a campus for the Jewish Home in Tel Aviv, has been considered responsible for several hundred of thousands of dollars on behalf of Sudan and Iran. On Monday, that crackdown came to an end when BNP Paribas, which admitted to doing business in Sudan and Iran, agreed to pay a record $7.8 billion penalty to settle multiple cases.

The prosecutors soon discovered that Credit Suisse and BNP Paribas had been involved in a landmark criminal settlement, with BNP pleading to all corporations and to counting comparisons against both banks. As those cases were coming to a close, Mr. Feinberg, aides say, stepped forward to point the fin-
Gaza City after an Israeli attack on Tuesday. West Bank patrolists sifted 150 sites that Israeli officials said harbored Islamist fighters. 

"All the News That's Fit to Print"
Israelis cross over Gaza, With Sights Set On Hamas Operations
After a 10-day Air War, a Ground Assault Is Aided by Tunnels Under the Border

By JOSEPH HULCHER and ANNE HANNAH

Jerusalem — Israeli tanks rolled into the northern Gaza Strip on Thursday, the latest and most extensive ground assault by the Israelis on the Palestinian territory in the eight years of a brutal conflict.

The bloodshed came after a 10-day air war with no signs of abating. On Wednesday, the Israeli defense minister said the operation was beginning to wind down. But by Thursday morning, Israeli jets were again pounding the Gaza Strip.

The Israeli military said that Hamas had been “neutralized” as a military threat, and it released a map that showed the area of Gaza that had been targeted.

But Palestinian officials said the Israeli attacks were continuing, and the United Nations said that at least 78 Palestinians had been killed in the fighting.

The Israeli military said that it had killed at least 70 Hamas fighters, and that it had also killed two members of the Palestinian security forces.

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**Jihadists Rout Kurds in North and Seize Strategic Mosul Dam**

In Syria, the Islamic State group has seized control of a strategic dam in the late stage of a major offensive that has thrust it toward key American military installations in northern Iraq. The group has also expelled Kurdish forces from a border town near Turkey and is advancing on a large Iraqi military base. In Iraq, the United States has begun to order military operations in the country, with American forces now in the field and ready to support Iraqi troops in their battle against the Islamic State group.

**The Latest Conflict in Gaza Has Reignited**

The latest conflict in Gaza has reignited the debate over the role of international bodies in addressing the ongoing crisis in the region. The United Nations has called on Israel to end its military operations and allow access to humanitarian aid, while the Palestinian Authority has urged the international community to intervene and protect the rights of Palestinian civilians. The ongoing conflict has raised concerns about the future of the Palestinian territories and the prospects for a lasting peace in the region.

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'We Don't Touch the Walls': Ebola Fears Infect an African Hospital

The American theme hospital in Kenema, Sierra Leone, has become the target of concern among patients, nurses and visitors due to the growing fear of Ebola spreading in the community. The hospital, which remains open, is considered one of the largest in the world and has treated many patients with the disease. However, the hospital's leadership has taken measures to reduce the spread of the virus, including implementing strict infection control measures and limiting visitors.

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**As 900 Writers Battle Amazon**

**By David Streitfeld**

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**IN KURDISTAN REGION**

Trying to Halt Jihadists and Break a Siege on Refuges

This article is by Ali Al Rawi, The Arab Daily Telegraph

DEIR EZZOR, Iraq — The United States began attacking Islamic militants on Monday in eastern Syria near the border with Iraq, in strikes that killed at least 20 rebels. The attacks are a possible first step in a new, partly covert military campaign by the United States, and its allies, to try to contain the advance of Islamic militants in the region.

U.S. forces have so far carried out only three known strikes in Syria, a country that is on the front line of the Islamic militants’ efforts to expand their territory in the Middle East. The attacks have been carried out near Deir Ezzor, a city that is controlled by the militants and is a gateway to Raqqa, a city they have seized in recent weeks.

The attacks on Monday were carried out using fighter jets and drones that were deployed from bases in Jordan and Turkey. The strikes were aimed at a network of Islamic militants that was involved in the theft of antiquities and the smuggling of oil.

The militants are a threat in the region because they are able to carry out attacks on a large scale, and they have access to a wide range of weapons, including weapons that are obtained from other militant groups in the region.

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A former Iraqi premier is critical of the United States’ Iraq policy.

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New Freedom in Tunisia: Drive Support for ISIS: An Extremist Minority

Success of Arab Spring Sends Fighters to Iraq and Syria

By David S. Kirkpatrick

The Islamic State, which for months had been a shadowy group that inspired fear in the Middle East, was emerging as a frighteningly real reality. ISIS fighters in Iraq and Syria have captured the attention of the world.

And throughout the world, a new awareness of ISIS's reach and the bloodshed it can cause is growing.

The Islamic State is trying to assemble a paramilitary force that could be used to support a larger Islamic State army. The group is becoming more organized and better equipped.

But the Islamic State's grip on the world is not just limited to the Middle East. It has also been gaining ground in Europe and Asia.

The group's control over Islamic territory is growing. It has captured large cities and has set up bases in several countries in the region.

The group has been able to attract new fighters from around the world. It has also been able to raise funds through the sale of oil and other resources.

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Braving Ebola

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J. SAM SIARKO, 20,
HYGIENE SUPERVISOR

Mr. Siakor, a university student, teacher and gospel artist, has lost his uncle and aunt, both health care workers to Ebola. No, he supervises the water, sanitation and hygiene teams at an Ebola clinic in Suakoko, Liberia.

The caregiving, chlorine spraying, and government and Red Cross teams at the clinic are collectively an umbilical cord.

Photo of volunteers and interviews by Jewel Samoeputso, 32, and its file from agnese.com/ebola-heroes.

Capitol Hill, Mr. Obama will continue to exercise his executive authority to advance Democrat policies on climate change, income inequality, immigration and energy, aides said. The president, as he gains assurance quickly after the election the Senate's overhaul of immigration rules to make sure “dozens” of currently undocumented people will get a “pathway to legal status” to stay, and beyond, of course, the president hopes that “at least the Senate Democrats” will come up with a “good compromise” on the Senate’s immigration bill to add to the House version, aides said.

But if Republicans are fully in control of Congress they could make an opposition party, both sides have no time to address the issues, aides said.

Election Day Closing In, The Battle Narrows to 9 Senate Seats

By JONATHAN MARTIN

WASHINGTON — Republi- can candidates are focused on early voting, which they say could help them narrow an election that has already tilted toward their favor in a number of states.

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Obama Vows to Work With, and Without, Republicans

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A Nuclear Deal Is Likely to Hit Hurdles in Iran

Accord May Be Near, but Dissenters Rise

BY THOMAS EDWARDS
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The United States and Iran reached an understanding that could bring an end to a decade-long dispute over Iran's nuclear program, and President Hassan Rouhani of Iran said he would ask the United Nations Security Council to lift its arms embargo on Iran.

A member of the European Union said on Saturday that Europe and the United States had agreed to a preliminary accord with Iran that would allow Iran to continue its nuclear program.

But the agreement with Iran is still not final and would face further negotiations with other countries.

The United States and Iran have been in talks for months over the nuclear program, and the United States had been pushing for a deal that would halt Iran's nuclear activity and allow for the lifting of some sanctions against Iran.

Secretary of State John Kerry has been leading the talks, but the United States and Iran have been divided over the terms of the agreement.

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HONG KONG POLICE TURN BACK SIKE ON GOVERNMENT

ESCALATION OF PROTESTS

Chashes Outside Offices Erupt as Authorities Move Into Camps

By BRYCE HUCKLE

Police officers threw a pro-democracy protestor to the ground outside government headquarters in Hong Kong on Sunday.

The Hong Kong political situation turned violent on Sunday, as students and protesters clashed with police who were attempting to clear the route to the government headquarters.

Student protest leaders have warned that they will continue to demonstrate until their demands are met, including the right to vote in elections.

The protests have been ongoing for weeks, with students and activists calling for greater political freedoms and the resignation of the pro-Beijing government.

Police have used pepper spray and batons to disperse the protesters, leading to clashes and injuries.

Student leaders have defended the decision to continue the protests, saying that the government has not listened to their demands.

The Hong Kong government has repeatedly called for the protesters to disband and for the situation to return to calm.

The protests have raised tensions between the government and the pro-democracy movement, with some calling for the military to intervene.

However, others have criticized such a move, saying it would further escalate the situation and lead to更大的暴力.

The Hong Kong government has also faced criticism for its handling of the protests, with some calling for the leadership to resign.

The situation continues to unfold, with both sides硬化立场, refusing to back down in the face of increasing violence.

EBOLA NOW PREOCUPIES ONCE-SKEPTICAL LEADER

By ALEXANDER ALTMAN

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CONAKRY, Guinea — The government in Conakry, the capital of Guinea, announced on Sunday that it would impose a three-day lockdown on the city in an effort to contain the spread of the Ebola virus.

The announcement came after the World Health Organization declared the Ebola outbreak in West Africa a public health emergency of international concern.

The disease has killed more than 4,000 people in West Africa since it was first identified in March, and has been spreading rapidly in the region.

Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia are currently experiencing the worst outbreak of the virus, with more than 2,200 cases confirmed in the three countries.

The government of Guinea has been criticized for its slow response to the crisis, and for failing to contain the disease.

However, the announcement of the lockdown is seen as a positive step in the fight against the virus.

The government hopes that the lockdown will help to reduce the number of new cases, and to prevent the disease from spreading to other parts of the world.

The announcement comes as the international community begins to focus more on the crisis, and as the Ebola virus continues to spread.

The United Nations has been working to provide aid and support to the affected countries, and has called on other nations to contribute to the effort.

However, the crisis continues to be a serious challenge, with more than 4,000 lives lost already and the risk of further spread.

But the government in Conakry has said that it will continue to work with the international community to contain the virus, and to prevent its spread.
Senate panel faults C.I.A. over brutality and death in terrorism interrogations

Rejecting Claim That Tactic Led To Bin Laden

BY CHARLES ANGEL and C. N. Y. MCKEE
WASHINGTON — Minutes be- fore Osama bin Laden died in 2011, the Central Intelligence Agency boasted that its interrogators had finally extracted crucial information from the al-Qaeda leader. The agency said that the information had helped to thwart a plot by bin Laden to detonate a dirty bomb or a nuclear device on U.S. soil.

But in exhaustive detail, a sweeping report issued by the Senate Intelligence Committee on Tuesday, rejects the notion that the CIA’s enhanced interrogation program had played a role in the thwarting of the Dirty Bomb or Tall Buildings plotting. “We conclude that CIA’s enhanced interrogation techniques played no role in the identification of José Padilla or the thwarting of the Dirty Bomb or Tall Buildings plotting,” the report said.

It added that much of “the disc- overed information was already known to the government.”

The report said that most of “the documents reviewed by the committee regarding the terrorist threats of the Dirty Bomb or Tall Buildings plots were ‘declassified, relevant and actionable’ as of early 2002.”

The CIA had told the Senate Intelligence Committee in a 2014 budget request that it had never relied on its enhanced techniques to confirm information about bin Laden, but only as a last resort.

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As Havana Celebrates Shift Hist, Economic and Political Hopes Rise

By THOMAS P. GILLESPIE

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's administration announced Wednesday that it would lift a 46-year-old ban on direct flights between New York and Havana, a move that could help fuel a rush of tourists to Cuba and ease travel restrictions that have severely limited contact between the two countries.

Mr. Cuomo, who announced the plan in a letter to President Obama, said in an interview that his administration was "shifting gears and giving a great new idea a chance." He said that he was "very open-minded" to the idea of direct flights and had "never had anyone tell me that this was a bad idea." Mr. Cuomo's announcement was a significant shift from his administration's previous stance, which had been to focus on promoting tourism to Cuba through indirect flights.

The move to end the ban on direct flights was made possible by a recent deal between the United States and Cuba to establish a new form of diplomatic relations. As part of the deal, the United States has agreed to lift its travel restrictions on Cuba and to allow for the resumption of direct flights between the two countries.

While the move to end the ban on direct flights is a significant step forward, it is likely to face opposition from some members of Congress, who have expressed concerns about the impact of increased tourism on the environment and the economy of Cuba. Some have also expressed concerns about the potential for increased drug and arms trafficking.

However, Mr. Cuomo's administration is hoping that the move to end the ban on direct flights will help to stimulate economic growth in Cuba and to improve relations between the United States and Cuba.

Cuomo Bans Fracking, Saying

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As politically charged as Mr. Obama's policy shift was, a Washington Times columnist noted, his administration has been careful to avoid any suggestion that it is "giving the Castro family a pass." The columnist wrote, "We are not giving the Castro family a pass. We are simply recognizing that the American embargo is not working and that it is time to try a new approach." The columnist noted that Mr. Obama had "made clear" that his administration was "not going to pull its punches in dealing with the Cuban government." The columnist also noted that Mr. Obama's decision was "consistent with the country's own interests," as well as "consistent with the interests of the Cuban people." The columnist concluded by writing, "The American embargo has been a failure, and it is time to try a new approach."