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Jordanian security personnel stand guard outside the State Security Court, which sentenced three men to death Sunday for an Oct. 23 shooting that killed nine people at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church in Hamoud village in Karak governorate on Sunday in Amman, Jordan.

Israel kills a top Hamas commander as Jordan sentences 3 in church attack

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli forces killed a top commander of the militant Hamas group in an overnight airstrike on southern Gaza, Israel said Sunday.

In Jordan, three men were sentenced to death for a deadly shooting last month at a Greek Orthodox Church. In Yemen, the Houthis said they freed around 600 detainees captured in the latest escalation of fighting, even as they consolidated their grip on the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

Here is the latest news from the Middle East on Sunday. Read our full coverage here.

ISRAEL SAYS IT KILLED A TOP HAMAS COMMANDER IN GAZA

Israel said it killed a top Hamas commander in an airstrike on southern Gaza just after midnight. A Hamas statement confirmed the killing of Samir Mahmoud Hassan Abu Younis and said a funeral would be held for him later Sunday.

The Israeli military said Abu Younis had been directing plans "to advance and carry out terror attacks." Two months earlier, an Israeli strike killed his predecessor.

The military said it targeted other Hamas militants in Sunday's strike but provided no details.

JORDAN SENTENCES 3 MEN TO DEATH OVER DEADLY CHURCH ATTACK

Jordan's State Security Court on Sunday sentenced three men to death for a deadly shooting at a Greek Orthodox Church last month, state-run Al Mamlaka TV said. The men were charged with "carrying out terrorist acts."

The Oct. 23 attack was one of the deadliest on Jordan's Christian minority in decades, with nine people killed and dozens wounded. The attackers targeted mourners attending a funeral at St. George's Church in Hamoud, a village south of the capital, Amman.

The three defendants — two brothers and their brother-in-law — were arrested three days after the attack following a shootout with security forces. Jordanian authorities described the men as followers of an extremist ideology but said they were not affiliated with an organized group.

YEMEN'S HOUTHIS RELEASE HUNDREDS OF DETAINEES

The Iran-backed Houthis on Sunday freed some 600 detainees captured in the latest escalation of fighting, the largest unilateral release of detainees in the country's 12-year civil war, said Abdul-Qader al-Murtaza, a Houthi official on prisoners' affairs.

Also Sunday, a group allied with the Saudi-backed Yemeni government said its fighters pulled out from areas along the Bab el-Mandeb Strait amid relentless attacks by the Houthis.

The Southern Armed Forces said they would now focus on securing Yemen's southern city of Aden, held by the internationally recognized government, as well as trying to break the Houthi siege of the crucial city of Taiz.

The move has allowed the rebels to consolidate their grip on the strait, in a setback to the Saudi-backed efforts to dislodge them from the strategic coastal territories on the Red Sea.

In Aden, an Associated Press journalist heard sounds of explosions Sunday evening. Local media reported that the Houthis fired two ballistic missiles on the district of Buraiqeh on Aden's western coast.

UN AGENCY RAISES ALARM ABOUT REFUGEES IN YEMEN

Clashes were reported between the Houthis and government forces in an area in Yemen's southwestern province of Lahj, which has key supply routes close to the Bab el-Mandeb strait.

The Houthis said they fired ballistic missiles on government forces' positions in the Kharaz area, which is home to a refugee camp sheltering thousands of African refugees.

The U.N. refugee agency warned Sunday that the clashes hindered its efforts to offer protection and aid to about 9,600 refugees.

IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CLASHES WITH KURDISH GROUP

Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard clashed with members of the Kurdish Iranian dissident group Kurdistan Free Life Party, or PJAK, near Iran's border with Iraq, both groups said in statements Sunday.

The IRGC said it "destroyed" a group of PJAK fighters "that intended to enter the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and carry out terrorist actions" and seized "a quantity of weapons, equipment and explosive materials."

The IRGC statement did not specify when the clash took place, but PJAK said that one of its members was killed Wednesday after a group of fighters were "ambushed" by IRGC forces in Sardasht, in western Iran.

PJAK and other Kurdish Iranian dissident groups have bases in northern Iraq that have been frequently targeted by Iran since the U.S. and Israel attacked Iran on Feb. 28. In the early days of the war, some of the Kurdish groups said they planned to launch an incursion into Iran with U.S. support, but the plan was later abandoned.

ISRAEL ARRESTS FREELANCE JOURNALIST ON SUSPICION OF TERROR TIES

Israel's military said it apprehended a stringer for Agence France-Presse in the occupied West Bank very early on Sunday on suspicion of "terror ties," adding that he was transferred to the security forces for more questioning.

The French news agency called for Israel to provide evidence in the detention of Mohammad Ateeq, a video journalist who has contributed to AFP for three years.

His wife said that Israeli forces blindfolded him and took him away from his home in a town near Jenin, according to AFP.

IRAN SAYS IT HIT AN AMERICAN RADAR SYSTEM IN BAHRAIN

Iran's Revolutionary Guard claimed early on Sunday that it struck a radar system at an American helicopter base in Bahrain, the state-run IRNA news agency reported.

The U.S. military's Central Command, which oversees American forces in the Middle East, did not immediately comment. On Friday, CENTCOM had said it intercepted two Iranian drones headed toward Bahrain and denied an Iranian claim at the time that it had struck a U.S. early-warning radar system there.

Bahrain's military said Sunday its air defense systems intercepted a number of Iranian projectiles before they reached their targets.

O'Keeffe painting buried in New York apartment closet going up for auction

BY JOSEPH FREDERICK AND JOHN SEEWER
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NEW YORK — The painting was buried behind coats and boxes in the closet of a Manhattan apartment for decades.

Few if anyone knew about the hidden treasure until the woman in her 90s who lived there nonchalantly told her niece one day, "oh by the way, there's a Georgia O'Keeffe in the closet."

The painting — an early example from a time when O'Keeffe became enamored with the American Southwest — depicts a classic New Mexico landscape with rolling hills in earth tones.

Christie's estimates its value at $3 to $5 million. It is set to go up for auction on Tuesday.

The auction house says the painting from 1930 was likely the first in a series of three. The second is in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. The other, for many years, was in the collection of the Rockefeller family.

Up until now, the whereabouts of the first one had largely been a mystery.

O'KEEFFE PAINTING COMES FROM A KEY PERIOD

The painting of Lobo Peak near Taos, New Mexico, is "particularly important because of its early date and its representation of the inception point of O'Keeffe's time in the American Southwest," said Tylee Abbott, director of American Art at Christie's.

In 1963, a New York art gallery sold the painting for $3,800 to a woman who gave it to her daughter.

"Before that it was only known through photography that had been taken in 1931," Abbott said.

O'Keeffe, who died in 1986 at age 98, is often called the "Mother of American modernism." She was a pioneer with her own style of abstract art, most known for paintings of

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FUNERALS

Bracher, Norma, 84, died Oct. 26. Service: 10 a.m. Nov. 30 at Plainview Cemetery.

Browning, Clarita, 97, died Nov. 12. Visitation: 4 p.m. Monday at Mount Saint Joseph. Service: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Camp, Deborah, 73, died Nov. 4. Service: 11 a.m. Nov. 20 at Evergreen Cemetery, Greenville.

Carter, Robin, 62, died Nov. 13. Visitation: 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at James H. Davis Funeral Home.

Coleman, Vanessa, 69, died Nov. 9. Service: 1 p.m. Dec. 7 at Full Gospel Pentecostal, 1621 Jackson St.

Fort, Bessie, 94, died Nov. 10. Service: Noon Monday at the funeral home.

Jones, James, 91, died Nov. 10. Visitation: Noon Monday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Service: 2 p.m. Monday at the church.

Jones, Merdis, died Nov. 10. Visitation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Fourth Street Baptist Church. Service: 1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Rhodes, William, 99, died Nov. 12. Visitation: 3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, and 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at Cecil Funeral Home in Whitesville. Service: 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Philpot.

Wethington, Mary, 87, died Nov. 10. Visitation: 10 a.m. Monday at the Carmel Home, 2501 Old Hartford Road. Service: 11 a.m. Monday at the Carmel Home Chapel.

Willis, Tommy, 48, died Nov. 12. Visitation: 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at Muster Funeral Home in Livermore. Service 3 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Wright, Ruth, 93, died Nov. 5. Visitation: 2 p.m. Monday at Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory. Service: 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Cathedral.

POLICE REPORTS

The following list was compiled from reports from area law enforcement agencies:

OWENSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

• Jacob M. Mattingly, 22, homeless, was charged Saturday with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth).

• Carlos W. Christian, 44, homeless, was charged Saturday with probation violation (for felony offense).

DAVIESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

• Jesse J. Volocko, 22, of Hawesville, was charged Saturday with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a substance.

• James L. Crabtree, 37, of Hartford, was charged Sunday with first-degree assault - domestic violence, first-degree strangulation (domestic violence-related), first-degree unlawful imprisonment and third-degree assault — police or probation officer.

KENTUCKY STATE POLICE

• Eric K. Stinnett, 50, of the 3700 block of Marseille Drive, was charged Saturday with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

• Christopher M. Brackett, 36, of the 4200 block of Harbor Hills Trace, was charged Saturday with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

LSU guard Fulwiley arrested after allegedly fleeing the scene of a traffic stop

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU guard MiLaysia Fulwiley, one of the ninth-ranked Tigers' leading scorers, was arrested after allegedly driving her car into a police vehicle while attempting to flee from a traffic stop.

LSU's athletic department, in a written statement provided to The Associated Press, said university officials "are aware of the situation and have no further comment at this time as it's an ongoing legal matter."

The arrest, first reported by WBRZ TV in Baton Rouge, occurred Saturday night as LSU's football game against Texas was ending in sold-out, 102,00-seat Tiger Stadium.

Authorities allege that an officer tried to stop the 21-year-old Fulwiley after observing her weaving through traffic, and that she drove away from the scene, the right front side of her vehicle striking a police vehicle.

She allegedly sought to cut through a store parking lot before her vehicle was blocked by responding police.

Fulwiley was booked into East Baton Rouge Parish Prison on charges including aggravated battery, flight from an officer, aggravated assault and resisting an officer.

Fulwiley, who is averaging 17.8 points per game this season, scored a season-high 23 points during No. 9 LSU's 101-37 victory over Denver on Friday.

LSU is scheduled to play next at home on Monday night against Troy and her availability for that game was unclear as of Sunday afternoon.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

Bid No. 1-2026 - New AWD SUV

Daviess County Property Valuation Office is seeking a qualified vendor to supply a New AWD SUVs for the Daviess County Property Valuation Office. Bid specifications are on file at the Daviess County Courthouse, 212 St. Ann Street: Room 102, Owensboro, KY 42303 or can be requested by E-mail: customerservice@daviesskypva.org. Bids must be mailed, e-mailed or delivered to The Daviess County Property Valuation Office on or before 2:00 PM, local time on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 The bids shall be opened and publicly read at this time. Daviess County Property Valuation Office reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in said bids.