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**Leading DHS News:**

**SECRETARY ASKS PHILADELPHIA MAYOR TO REVERSE SANCTUARY CITY POLICY.** The [Philadelphia Inquirer](#) (5/3, 641K) reports, "Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson came to Philadelphia on Tuesday with a big ask: Persuade Mayor Kenney to flip the script on Philadelphia's status as a 'sanctuary city.' He didn't succeed." Kenney is quoted saying he "stressed the need for federal immigration reform," and Kenney spokeswoman Lauren Hitt is quoted saying, "The mayor did not decide to change any policy as a result of his discussion with Secretary Johnson." The Secretary is quoted saying, "The mayor and I had a good dialogue. ... It was the first time I met him. ... Building this type of bridge cannot be accomplished in one meeting, and we're going to keep at it." Johnson also "met with immigration activists," in addition to conducting other pieces of DHS business. The Inquirer says, "The session with the activists, however, went about as well as his meeting with the mayor."

CBS owned-and-operated station [KYW-TV](#) Philadelphia (5/3, 29K) in Philadelphia carries on its website excerpts from a radio interview with former Philadelphia mayor and Pennsylvania governor Ed Rendell, who said, "There are arguments for being a sanctuary city because some of the people that are sought really shouldn't be deported, but I think...we should try to work out an agreement with Secretary Johnson about how this can be done with some form of review for people that we think shouldn't be deported and still cooperate."

**TSA WARNS OF LONGER SECURITY WAIT TIMES IN SUMMER.** The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (5/3, 1.23M) reports, "If you plan to take a flight this summer, the Transportation Security Administration makes no bones about it: Even with added staffing and other efforts to speed security screening, lines and wait times could be long." Furthermore, "this month, the TSA is temporarily closing one of its smaller checkpoints in the Atlanta airport's domestic terminal, which will send more people to the main checkpoint." The agency "will rebuild two lanes at the South checkpoint to test a new system in partnership with Delta Air Lines that is aimed at moving more people through the lanes in less time," an initiative "to try to avoid a summer of logjams at Hartsfield-Jackson International." Administration Neffenger is quoted saying, "Think about how holiday travel looks. ... The kinds of volume that we're seeing now in some senses rivals what we would normally have seen around holiday periods. And that could be extended throughout the summer."

The [New York Times](#) (5/3, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports, "Charlotte Douglas International Airport has been cited as a prime example of the problem" of "much longer" security lines, adding that "wait times could reach epidemic levels when air travel peaks this summer, according to airlines, airports and federal officials." The Times cites federal security officials saying "they are hiring and training hundreds of additional screening officers," but "matters are not expected to improve anytime soon." The Times reports that at Charlotte Douglas, "about 600 passengers missed their flights on Good Friday because an inadequate number of screeners." Airport interim director Brent Cagle is quoted saying in a letter to the TSA, "This situation could have been avoided, had the TSA had the proper staffing (or overtime budget necessary) to meet customer demand."

[Vice](#) (5/3, 1.64M) quotes Gary Rasciot of the TSA in the New York Times: “We are probably not at the staffing level we would like to be to address the volume. ... This is why we are talking about people getting to the airport a little earlier than planned.” Vice contends, “The glacially slow screening process isn’t necessarily an indication that TSA is being thorough,” and mentions that “last year, checkpoint screeners failed to detect mock explosives and weapons in 95 percent of undercover tests carried out by Homeland Security.”

## **Immigration and Customs Enforcement:**

**RUSSIAN MAN DIES AT IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTER.** The [AP](#) (5/3) reports, “Authorities say a Russian man,” Igor Zyazin, “has died at a San Diego immigration detention center. The cause of death is undetermined.” Zyazin has been in ICE custody “since April 24. He had presented his Russian passport at San Diego’s San Ysidro port of entry.” Zyazin was found unresponsive at the Otay Mesa Detention Center, and “pronounced dead on his way to the hospital.” Zyazin “is the sixth detainee to die in [ICE] custody since October.”

**KARNES FACILITY AWARDED TEMPORARY CHILD-CARE LICENSE.** The [AP](#) (5/3) reports, “One of the nation’s largest detention centers for families caught crossing the southern U.S. border has received a temporary residential child-care license, amid discussions over whether the federal government will keep using such facilities.” GEO Group Inc., which runs the facility in Karnes City, Texas for ICE, “had requested it after a federal judge said last year that kids couldn’t stay in the centers because they weren’t approved to care for children.” The AP adds, “Immigrant advocates criticized the decision to grant the temporary license, citing reports of inadequate medical care and other issues as reasons why such facilities shouldn’t get licenses.” ICE spokeswoman Jennifer Elzea “called the licensing of Karnes ‘an important step’ in improving oversight and transparency of family detention centers.”

[BuzzFeed](#) (5/3, 9.63M) says the license “could help the detention center get around a federal court order and detain undocumented immigrant women and their children.” Jonathan Ryan, executive director of the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services in San Antonio, is quoted saying, “We’re disappointed that this license was granted. ... It’s particularly concerning that the very department charged with protecting children has anointed this prison as suitable for the care of children.”

**REPORT: MILLIONS OF LEGAL IMMIGRANTS ON THE “PUBLIC DOLE.”** The [Washington Times](#) (5/3, Dinan, 269K) reports statistics obtained by the Federation for American Immigration Reform show that despite a requirement in federal law that immigrants “prove they won’t end up on the public dole if they are legally admitted,” of the “millions of legal immigrants living in the US and collecting welfare or other public benefits, only a single person was kicked out of the country over the last three years for becoming a public burden.” ICE, which is “responsible for bringing the cases in the first place, signaled that it’s focused on more serious cases such as risks to national security.” Said a spokeswoman, “ICE is committed to focusing on smart, effective immigration enforcement and makes custody determinations on a case-by-case basis, prioritizing serious criminal offenders and other individuals who pose a risk to national security or public safety.”

## **Customs and Border Protection:**

**BORDER PATROL TUNNEL ENTRY TEAM’S UNIQUE WORK ENVIRONMENT DISCUSSED.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/3, Song, 4.12M) profiles the Border Patrol’s Tunnel Entry team. The Times emphasizes the unique and hazardous nature of the team’s work, noting that “prospective confined-space rescue technicians, or ‘tunnel rats,’ have to wriggle through a two foot-wide pipe for about 20 yards before they can join the squad.” Team leader Lance LeNoir is quoted saying, “It takes some psyching up, to say the least, to do the job.” The Times also notes that robots and other technologies are difficult or impossible to operate at depth, “so agents almost always have to crawl through with a compass and tape measure, or a tracking device, to estimate the pathway’s dimensions.”

In another article, the [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/3, Sanchez, 4.12M) reports, “In just a single month this

spring, US immigration officials uncovered three cross-border drug tunnels, the latest of more than 75 cross-border tunnels discovered in the last five years. What's different about the recent tunnels is that most are significantly smaller and don't boast the technological advances that officials saw a few years ago." HSI special agent in charge David Shaw "said the cartels' primary goal is simply to get their product to the United States as quickly as possible." Shaw is quoted saying, "It's all about the investment ... So less investment, they get more bang for their buck."

**CBP EXAMINING POSSIBILITIES, PITFALLS OF SMALL UASS.** [Federal Times](#) (5/3, 117K) says, "Small unmanned aircraft systems – otherwise known as drones – are an intriguing technology for Customs and Border Protection," as they may "broadly expand" the agency's surveillance capacity, but also put "the lives of CBP agents in danger." Border Patrol acting chief Ronald Vitiello is quoted saying, "What we're attempting to do is settle on a list of requirements for the (small) UAS," adding, "Some things that we've witnessed the military use on the battlefield that we think have application to do better information and situational awareness for agents." Federal Times adds, "Aside from figuring out how CBP can use drones, the agency is also looking to Silicon Valley for countermeasures for this technology."

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF FAMILY REUNIONS AT FRIENDSHIP PARK.** [CNN Money](#) (5/3, 3.1M) continues coverage of family reunions at Friendship Park on the California-Mexico border, saying, "It's the only place along the 18-foot tall border fence that the U.S. Border Patrol has opened – and this is only the third time the agency has done so." Six families "were pre-selected through an application process by the U.S. Border Patrol to spend three minutes together at Friendship Park on the Mexican holiday Children's Day." Border Patrol public affairs officer Wendy Lee is quoted saying, "Not only are we here to enforce our immigration laws and protect our border 24/7, our men and women give back to the community as much they give back to us."

## **Transportation Security Administration:**

**FORMER OLYMPIAN OBJECTS TO "FULL-BODY PAT-DOWN" AT DENVER AIRPORT.** [CNN](#) (5/3, Manchester, Marsh, 2.4M) reports, "Former Olympian Amy Van Dyken-Rouen said Monday she was humiliated when subjected to a full-body pat-down by a Transportation Security Administration officer at Denver International Airport." The wheelchair-bound athlete "specifically called out the officer in an Instagram post, identifying him as Keith Rogers" and calling his behavior "rude and incorrect." After Van Dyken-Rouen's post "went viral," the TSA released a statement that is quoted saying, "TSA works closely with the disability community to develop screening procedures that integrate the unique needs of those with disabilities or medical issues into the process. ... TSA reviews passenger complaints, and in this case determined that our officers did not follow correct screening protocols when this individual came through the security checkpoint at Denver International Airport (DEN) this weekend." Van Dyken-Rouen "expressed her gratitude for the TSA's swift response" on Instagram.

[ABC News](#) (5/3, 4.15M) reports in an article, "Van Dyken-Rouen said she told the TSA agent who checked her that her wheelchair, hands and feet are normally checked for explosives. She said the agent then called for a supervisor who performed a full-body search, checking her breasts and other private parts in full view of other travelers." Van Dyken-Rouen is quoted saying, "He said literally, 'Every other airport is wrong and any other time you've flown through Denver and they did not do that, it's wrong. I'm right.'" Van Dyken-Rouen "said she accepts the TSA's apology, as long as all disabled fliers get more respect."

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency:**

**SOURCES COVERING OBAMA'S SCHEDULED FLINT VISIT HIGHLIGHT FEMA'S ROLE IN WATER CRISIS RESPONSE.** Several well-known news outlets covering President Obama's scheduled Wednesday visit to the Michigan-based city of Flint point out that FEMA been part of an effort to help city residents recover from a contaminated water crisis.

The [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Nakamura, 9.23M), for example, reports that while Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder (R) has apologized for state-level missteps that contributed to the crisis, he has also said he is frustrated

that more federal funding has not been provided for the recovery process. The Post adds, however, that Obama “declared a federal state of emergency in Flint” earlier this year. The President also “dispatched officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security to help coordinate the response.”

[TIME](#) (5/3, Rhodan, 17.97M) reports Flint has gotten more than 9.3 million liters of water from FEMA, according to the White House. The [Detroit News](#) (5/3, Carah, 508K) reports FEMA employees have spent time at a distribution site in Flint.

**POWERFUL WINDS DAMAGE CARS IN DC AS SEVERE WEATHER THREATENS MILLIONS IN EASTERN US.** [ABC World News Tonight](#) (5/3, story 5, 1:30, Muir, 14.63M) broadcast, “Powerful winds” recently knocked down trees and damaged cars in Washington, DC. The report added that rain has been falling steadily in DC and in some other parts of America’s eastern region. Severe weather posed a threat to 14 million people in that region on Tuesday night.

## **US Citizenship and Immigration Services:**

**LAWMAKERS WORKING TO EXPAND LOW-SKILLED VISAS.** [Politico](#) (5/4, 1.93M) reports, “Lawmakers on both sides of the Capitol are quietly launching a new effort to expand visas for low-skilled foreign workers in government funding bills – a push that could drive a deep ideological rift through both parties later this year.” Legislators from both parties “whose home states rely on immigrant labor are lobbying top appropriators to include language in this year’s funding bills to renew controversial provisions from last year’s omnibus spending measure that effectively quadrupled the number of low-skilled worker visas.” Nine House members are quoted saying in a letter, “Many businesses will be severely impacted, and some may be unable to operate, without this cap relief. ... Failure to enact this exemption will hurt seasonal businesses across the country.” Politico reports that the AFL-CIO “is already pushing back” and “strongly” urged legislators to keep guest-worker-related riders out of appropriations measures.

## **Immigration:**

**H-2A DELAYS IMPERIL GEORGIA FARMERS.** The [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (5/3, 1.23M) reports that Georgia farmers face “millions of dollars in losses as crops rot on the vine due to lack of labor for harvest.” The Georgia Department of Agriculture and the American Farm Bureau Federation “say the US Department of Labor is woefully behind on processing applications for foreign migrant worker contracts and the feds’ failure is costing farmers more in lost crops than previous years.” DOL “warned users that its Office of Foreign Labor Certification had a problem that would cause delays,” but “the department has yet to explain why a system designed to approve requests 30 days before farmers need the workers in the field is months behind schedule.” The Journal-Constitution says that “increased demand” for the H-2A program “is also contributing to the delays.”

## **Office of Health Affairs:**

**ZIKA FOUND IN PREGNANT CONNECTICUT WOMAN.** [ABC World News](#) (5/3, story 7, 1:50, Muir, 14.63M) reported a pregnant woman in Connecticut has become the 36th expecting woman diagnosed with the Zika virus, with a total of 426 cases across 43 states and DC. All of them contracted the virus during trips outside the country. Steve Osunsami was at the CDC, where health officials are admitting that mosquitoes carrying Zika are harder to kill than other insects. Because of this, the CDC is planning to fly “strike teams” to neighborhoods in the US where local Zika transmission emerges. They will find pregnant women first, and spray the inside and outside of their homes, while removing standing water and adding screens to windows. Meanwhile, Osunsami said human testing for a vaccine will begin in September, “but health officials say a vaccine is still at least three years away.”

## **Directorate For Management:**

**CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY: DOD “WASTED OR MISUSED” MATERIALS COULD BE GIVEN**

**TO OTHER ENTITIES.** The [Huffington Post](#) (5/3, 367K) carries a story by the nonprofit Center for Public Integrity regarding “wasted or misused” Defense Department commodities, such as ammunition. The Center notes that DHS “has repeatedly purchased new excavation equipment it could have gotten from the Pentagon,” spending “\$28 million on such machines in 2013 and 2014, even though the Defense Department had them on hand and didn’t need them” and sent \$25 million worth of them to local law enforcement agencies.

## **Science and Technology Directorate:**

**DHS OFFICIALS ADDRESS OUTREACH WITH TECH INDUSTRY.** [Federal Times](#) (5/3, 117K) reports that DHS S&T undersecretary Reginald Brothers spoke in Menlo Park, California on Homeland Security Day. Brothers is quoted saying, “While we are still getting innovation from large industry and from federally funded laboratories ... we also realize that there’s a tremendous group of creative people who are represented by folks like yourselves. ... You’re the people who we have not necessarily done a good job sharing what our challenges are, sharing what our needs are, sharing who our points of contacts are and also sharing how our business practices can meet the kind of tempo that you have.” Douglas Maughan, senior executive of DHS’s Silicon Valley Innovation Program, is quoted saying, “What we’ve learned during the last several months is most of you don’t know what DHS does. ... One of the No. 1 goals of our innovation program is to educate the innovation community on our problems.”

## **Terrorism Investigations:**

**STUDY EXAMINES ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS USED BY TERRORISTS.** [Fortune](#) (5/3, Reisinger, 4.08M) reports on a study by security firm Trend Micro analyzing how alleged terrorists communicate online. “The company found that Google’s Gmail was the most popular email application among terrorists it analyzed, accounting for 34% of all accounts. Next up was the encrypted Mail2Tor with 21%, followed by other secure services, like Sigaint at 19% market share,” Fortune says. When using instant messaging, the company found terrorists tend to prefer encrypted applications. Some 34% of analyzed accounts utilized encrypted communications app Telegram. Other secure apps, including WhatsApp and Wickr were also popular. [CNN Money](#) (5/3, Pagliery, 3.1M) reports that the prevalence of Gmail usage among jihadists “shows terrorists have simply gravitated toward the most popular email service in the world, which now has 1 billion users.” The FBI, CNN notes, can discover the location of a Gmail users by contacting Google. “Federal agents do this frequently.”

**FBI’S SHAW CAUTIONS AGAINST PROFILING MUSLIMS.** The [Boston Herald](#) (5/3, 559K) reports that FBI Boston Special Agent in Charge Harold Shaw warned against painting with a “broad brush” when questioned about Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump’s plan to prevent Muslims from entering the United States. “I would assess not all Muslims are terrorists, nor should those individuals be painted with that broad brush that they are,” Shaw said, while declining to specifically address Trump’s proposal. “Interesting enough,” Shaw added, “within the FBI, we’re not only responsible as a priority program here in investigating terrorism matters, we’re also responsible for the civil rights ... of all individuals who are here within the United States.” Shaw, the Herald says, also dismissed the idea of surveilling Muslim citizens without evidence of a potential threat “— a proposal by Republican presidential candidate and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.”

**SURVEILLANCE REQUESTS UP SLIGHTLY IN 2015.** [Politico](#) (5/3, Thrush, 1.93M) reports that ODNI on Monday “released a report on its ‘use of national security authorities’ in 2015, and at least one kind of surveillance is up since the year prior: orders seeking electronic communications under Section 702 of the FISA Amendments Act rose 2 percent to an estimated 94,368 targets.” Politico adds that March Wheeler “reckons the report reveals an increase of more than 200 percent in backdoor searches, to 4,672.” Politico says that the report “could inform the debate in Congress over whether to renew Section 702, which will expire next year.” [FierceGovernmentIT](#) (5/3, Donovan, 277) says that the intelligence community “collected data on more than 96,000 ‘targets’ last year under section 702,” adding that the “figure breaks down to 1,144 targets under FISA orders authorized by Sections 703 and 704 of the law, 89,138 targets under section 702 of FISA and 319 targets under FISA Pen Register/Trap and Trace authorized by Title IV of the law.” The [Intercept](#) (5/3, McGlaughlin), in its take on the ODNI release, says

that from 2013 to 2015, the NSA and CIA “doubled the number of warrantless searches they conducted for Americans’ data in a massive NSA database ostensibly collected for foreign intelligence purposes.” The “estimated number of search terms ‘concerning a known U.S. person’ to get contents of communications within what is known as the 702 database was 4,672—more than double the 2013 figure.”

Meanwhile, in a piece for [TechDirt](#) (4/28, 34K), Tim Cushing critiques ODNI General Counsel Robert Litt’s [Yale Law Review Journal](#) (4/27) piece “The Fourth Amendment in the Information Age,” arguing that the “crux” of Litt’s argument “is nothing new: it’s just 1979’s *Smith v. Maryland* decision all over again.”

**National Security Letter Requests Up Sharply In 2015.** [Reuters](#) (5/3, Volz, Hosenball) reports that the FBI’s requests for data via NSLs rose by nearly 50 percent in 2015 to 48,642.

## **Cyber News:**

**DHS TO ROLL OUT CYBER INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.** [Federal News Radio \(DC\)](#) (5/3, 11K) reports that DHS “is about to roll out a new series of incentive payments to lure cyber experts from the private sector and keep them in the civil service.” The department “began piloting the bonuses within” NPPD “six months ago and is about to expand them across the rest of its headquarters elements.” DHS headquarters CISO Paul Beckman is quoted saying “25 percent [on top of annual pay] is a pretty good chunk, and we’ve seen that it actually can get us, very quickly, into being able to compete with private sector salaries. ... It’s been a resounding success at NPPD.”

**BURR, FEINSTEIN SEEN AS TOP POLITICIANS IMPACTING ENCRYPTION’S FUTURE.** In a piece for [Wired](#) (5/3, 3.31M), Brian Barrett writes that “encryption is complicated,” and “legislating for it, even more so.” The piece lists the politicians that are “shaping the encryption debate – and the laws that will come of them,” with SCCI Chairman Richard Burr in the top spot, followed by Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein.

**US BANK EMPLOYEE DATA STOLEN FOR FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS.** [CNBC](#) (5/3, Balakrishnan, 2.45M) reports “about 2 percent of US Bank’s” employees’ data was stolen “through human resources software firm ADP.” CNBC says the hackers used the stolen data “to file fraudulent tax returns.” ADP released a statement to CNBC that says “the company is working with a federal law enforcement task force to identify the fraud perpetrators.” [CNN Money](#) (5/3, Pagliery, 3.1M) says ADP believes hackers stole W-2 forms through an online portal that displays their client’s pay information. CNBC reports that ADP issues a “unique company registration code” to its clients to access the portal. ADP says “the combination of an unsecured company registration code and stolen personal information enabled the fraudulent access to the portal.”

**USERS FLOCK TO RIVAL MESSAGE ENCRYPTION APPS DURING BRAZIL’S TEMPORARY WHATSAPP BAN.** [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Peterson, Phillips, 9.23M) reports users in Brazil flocked to rival message encryption apps such as Viber and Telegram after a Brazilian judge ordered a nationwide ban on WhatsApp on Monday, which was ultimately overturned on Tuesday by an appellate court. The Post says the surge in use of WhatsApp’s rival services during the temporary ban “highlights how the growing ubiquity of private messaging apps makes it hard to stop people from using them.”

[MIT Technology Review](#) (5/3, Simonite, 529K) reports WhatsApp was banned in Brazil because “the company’s use of encryption irked investigators in a narcotics case.” MIT Technology Review says the battle over encrypted communications in Brazil echoes encryption debates across the globe.

**AUSTRALIA UNVEILS INCREASED CYBERSECURITY BUDGET.** [Reuters](#) (5/3, Wardell) reports Australia released its annual budget on Tuesday, which included around AUS \$195 million (US \$146.2 million) in cybersecurity capability spending over the next four years. Reuters says Australia’s budget calls for the appointment of a cyber ambassador, and funding for public-private partnerships to develop cybersecurity technology.

## **CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONALS TO GATHER AT SECUREWORLD CONFERENCE**

**WEDNESDAY.** The [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) (5/3, Canon, 654K) reports close to 400 cybersecurity professionals “will gather Wednesday at the Overland Park Convent Center for SecureWorld” to “school each other on the latest dirty online tricks and how to guard against them.” The Star discusses cybersecurity with several analysts who say there is “no way to bulletproof against malicious hackers,” but one of the main keys to cybersecurity is to urge employees to use their “virtual street smarts.”

**JAFARZADEH: RECENT CYBERATTACKS SHOW IRAN IS POISED TO ATTACK AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE.** In an op-ed for [The Hill](#)'s (5/3, Jafarzadeh, 884K) “Congress Blog”, deputy director of the Washington office of the National Council of Resistance of Iran Alireza Jafarzadeh argues recent cyberattacks by Iranians against American targets are an “unequivocal warning that the Iranian regime is preparing to mount a larger cyber attack against American infrastructure.” Jafarzadeh opines the “Iranian regime is committed to pursuing a strategic war against the U.S. and its allies,” and thus “any hopes of change in behavior are illusory at best.” Jafarzadeh says the only sustainable strategy to combat Iran’s cyberwarfare is for America to form alliances with the “Iranian people and the organized opposition” to create “counter social protests and political activism inside Iran.”

## **National Security News:**

**MEDIA ANALYSES: SEAL’S DEATH HIGHLIGHTS DANGERS US TROOPS FACE IN IRAQ.** Media coverage of ISIL’s killing of a Navy SEAL in Iraq on Tuesday focuses heavily on the dangers facing US troops in Iraq even though they are not in direct combat with ISIL. While there is little discussion of the President’s strategy in the coverage, many reports highlight the fact that the number of US troops in the country has grown and they are getting closer to the fighting as they seek to support Iraqi troops.

The [Daily Beast](#) (5/3, Yousseff, 1.06M) reported it has been confirmed the SEAL was Charles H. Keating IV, whose grandfather was at the center of a banking scandal in the 1980s. According to a “defense official,” ISIL “broke through a line of Kurdish forces in Iraq on Tuesday and killed Keating, who was there to advise the Kurds.” The official said the US forces “were at least three miles from the front lines when the ISIS fighters attacked.” According to a statement from Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook, the SEAL “was ‘advising and assisting Peshmerga forces’ just three miles behind the Kurdish front lines outside Mosul when ISIS gunmen attacked the Kurdish position,” the [Washington Times](#) (5/3, Muñoz, 269K) reports. [Voice of America](#) (5/3, Babb, Behn, 74K) reports Cook “said the death is a reminder of the dangers faced every day by US service members in the ongoing fight to end the threat Islamic State ‘poses to the United States and the rest of the world.’”

Similarly, [USA Today](#) (5/3, Michaels, 6.31M) says Defense Secretary Carter called it a “‘combat death’ that highlights the dangers American troops face in Iraq, even though they are not engaged in direct fighting with the Islamic State.” Said Carter, “It shows you it’s a serious fight that we have to wage in Iraq.” USA Today notes the Administration “has said the US military presence is limited to advisers and trainers to support Iraqi forces.” However, the SEAL’s death “highlights the dangers that advisers face even if they are not engaged in direct combat with the militants.” [Military](#) (5/3, Sisk, 146K) said while “the role of US forces was to train, advise and assist local forces while avoiding ‘boots on the ground’ combat themselves, Carter has frequently acknowledged that US troops will occasionally engage in combat action.”

Martha Raddatz said on [ABC World News](#) (5/3, story 4, 1:35, Muir, 14.63M) while the White House has called the “return of ground troops to Iraq...a non-combat mission,” this was “the third American combat death in the last two years, and with US forces now closer to the fight, it will probably not be the last.” On the [CBS Evening News](#) (5/3, story 5, 2:05, Pelley, 11.17M), David Martin also noted that this is “the third American serviceman to die in combat with ISIS,” and Richard Engel said on [NBC Nightly News](#) (5/3, story 4, 2:00, Holt, 16.61M) that “inevitably as more troops are sent into battle, more casualties will follow.”

The [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Morris, Lamothe, Salim, 9.23M) says the death “highlight[s] the evolving nature of the Pentagon’s mission in Iraq and how American troops are serving closer than ever to the front lines.” White House press secretary Josh Earnest said, “Today’s incident is a vivid reminder of the



risk our service members are taking, and three of them now have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.” The [Los Angeles Times](#) (5/3, Hennigan, 4.12M) says Earnest “declined to say whether the death was evidence that US troops are moving closer to the front lines, rather than assisting from the rear.” Earnest said, “The president’s been clear time and time again exactly what their mission is,” adding, “They are not in a combat mission. ... But they are in a dangerous situation. And they are in a dangerous place.”

Meanwhile, the [AP](#) (5/3, Burns, George) says the SEAL’s death “coincides with a gradually deepening American role in fighting a resilient Islamic State, even as the Iraqis struggle to muster the military and political strength to defeat the militants.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/3, Sonne, Germany, Bradley, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) says while US forces are seeking to limit their military involvement in Iraq, the death highlights the risks they face.

[Reuters](#) (5/3, Stewart, Shalal) similarly cites the death as evidence of US troops’ growing involvement in the conflict, and a separate story in the [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Morris, 9.23M) reports “a creeping US buildup in Iraq since troops first returned to the country with a contingent of 275 advisers.” Nearly two years later, “the official troop count has mushroomed to 4,087, not including those on temporary rotations, a number that has not been disclosed,” and they “are moving outside the confines of more established bases to give closer support to the Iraqi army as it prepares for an assault on the northern city of Mosul – putting them closer to danger.” The [New York Times](#) (5/3, Schmitt, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) also reports briefly on the SEAL’s death.

***US Considers Increasing Number Of Troops In Middle East To Battle ISIL.*** The [Washington Times](#) (5/3, Muñoz, 269K) reports Defense Secretary Carter said Tuesday that US and European military leaders are mulling options to ramp up the fight against ISIL, including increasing “the number of US and allied troops on the ground in Iraq and Syria and expanding military operations against the terror group in Libya.” While Carter “did not discuss specifics on how many more U.S. troops could be heading to Iraq and Syria or when those deployments could take place,” he “did note the upcoming offensive to retake the group’s Iraqi capital of Mosul would be a much larger and more complicated campaign than recent anti-Islamic State operations in the Iraqi city of Ramadi and the country’s volatile Anbar province.”

In his [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Ignatius, 9.23M) column, David Ignatius argues that as this month “marks the 100th anniversary of the Sykes-Picot Agreement that formed Iraq, Syria and the other fragile nations of the modern Middle East,” over the past few weeks, there has been “dramatic new evidence...that the old colonial framework created by Britain and France isn’t working.” Ignatius argues it is “past time for the United States, Europe, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Iran to start thinking urgently with the people of Syria and Iraq about new structures that will finally cure the mistakes and injustices of a century ago.”

***WPost Criticizes Administration’s Iraq Strategy.*** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (5/3, 9.23M) criticizes the Administration’s strategy in Iraq, saying “in its impatience to reduce the Islamic State before Mr. Obama leaves office...clings to a prime minister [Haider al-Abadi] who has proved unable to govern the country or reconcile its warring factions.” The Post also criticizes the Administration’s “unwillingness to accept that Iraq cannot survive under its present system of governance, which centralizes power in Baghdad.” The Post says Iraq’s survival as a nation-state will happen “because power, and oil revenues, are radically decentralized from Baghdad.” Centering “US support on a single Iraqi leader, whether it is Mr. Abadi or someone else,” the Post argues, “is a recipe for more failure.”

***Former SEAL Says Administration Led “Politically Charged” Effort To Get Out Of Iraq.*** The [Washington Times](#) (5/3, Muñoz, 269K) reports former Navy SEAL Carl Higbie on Tuesday accused the Administration of “instilling a culture of conformity within the US military, which has led to a generation of apologists and a dearth of leadership among the services’ top brass.” In an interview on Tim Constantine’s “Capitol Hill Show,” Higbie “recalled the time when he and his eight-man team were brought up on charges of prisoner abuse after their 2009 capture of al Qaeda in Iraq leader Ahmed Hashim Abd al-Isawi in Fallujah.” Calling the charges “part of a politically-charged movement to get out of Iraq,” spearheaded by the Obama administration,” Higbie said the “episode was infused ‘with this feeling...that [al-Isawi] was more important’ than the SEAL team members who captured him.”

**KERRY WARNS OF “REPERCUSSIONS” IF ASSAD VIOLATES CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT.** Media coverage of diplomatic efforts to secure a new ceasefire agreement in Syria in the wake of fighting that destroyed a two-month truce is heavy, particularly from print and online sources. A major focus of the coverage is comments from Secretary of State Kerry, who said Aleppo will not be allowed to fall to Syrian President Bashar al Assad’s forces and warned that Assad will face “repercussions” if he violates a new agreement currently under negotiation. However, there is some skepticism in the coverage about what those “repercussions” would involve, given previous unfulfilled US threats and the unlikelihood of the US increasing troop presence in the country.

[The Hill](#) (5/3, Hattem, 884K) reported Kerry warned that Aleppo is “in danger of spiraling out of control,” adding, “There is no solution to this other than at the negotiating table. ... Our teams are engaged in these conversations so that we can to establish [sic] a more sustainable mechanism than what was put in place previously.” [AFP](#) (5/3) says Kerry warned Assad of “repercussions” if his regime flouts a new ceasefire being negotiated with Moscow for the battered city of Aleppo.” Kerry said, “If Assad does not adhere to this, there will clearly be repercussions and one of them may be the total destruction of the ceasefire and they go back to war. ... I don’t think that Russia wants that. I don’t think that Assad is going to benefit from that.” On its website, [BBC News \(UK\)](#) (5/3, 2.09M) quoted Kerry as saying, “It is simply physically impossible for Assad to just carve out an area and pretend that he’s somehow going to make it safe, while the underlying issues are unresolved in this war. And as long as Assad is there, the opposition is not going to stop fighting it...one way or the other.”

The [Washington Times](#) (5/3, Taylor, 269K) reports that Kerry “vowed” not to allow Aleppo to fall to the Assad regime “even if that means abandoning the fragile cease-fire that US officials have been trying to uphold in the war-torn nation,” saying, “If Assad’s strategy is to somehow think he’s going to just carve out Aleppo and carve out a section of the country, I got news for you and for him: this war doesn’t end.” In addition, Kerry “suggested that if serious progress is not made toward politically removing Mr. Assad from power by August, the Obama administration will have no other choice but to dramatically change its approach to Syria’s 5-year-old civil war.” However, the [AP](#) (5/3, Klapper) says that “given the various, unfulfilled US threats throughout the Arab country’s conflict,” it was “unclear what effect Kerry’s ultimatum might have,” adding that it is unlikely the Administration “would significantly boost its presence beyond the 300 special forces it has authorized thus far in the heart of a US presidential election season.” [Reuters](#) (5/3) similarly questions what Kerry’s warning of repercussions meant, noting Administration officials have warned of consequences for Assad’s actions in the past, but, according to critics, have failed to follow through.

In a story posted Tuesday, [AFP](#) (5/3, Haddad) reported Russia expressed hope that “a new ceasefire could be announced within hours” for Aleppo. Following a meeting with UN Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura in Moscow, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov “said efforts were under way to agree on a freeze in the fighting,” adding, “I am hoping that in the near future, maybe even in the next few hours, such a decision will be announced.” Lavrov, [USA Today](#) (5/3, Zoroya, 6.31M) reports, “said Russia and the US would work toward creating a rapid response to cease-fire violations in Syria.” Similarly, the [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Deyoung, Cunningham, 9.23M) reports Kerry said US and Russian military officials “will sit in the same room 24 hours a day and jointly pore over maps and intelligence to monitor cease-fire violations in Syria under a new system they hope will save a fast-collapsing truce.” Kerry said a new agreement could be finalized by Wednesday, under which “lines will be drawn in and around Aleppo...to prevent new incursions or attacks from any party in the Syrian civil war.”

Meanwhile, fighting in Aleppo continued to escalate Tuesday. The [CBS Evening News](#) (5/3, story 6, 0:30, Pelley, 11.17M) said the “siege of Aleppo is becoming mass murder.” The [New York Times](#) (5/3, Barnard, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports a maternity hospital in the city was hit by “insurgent shelling” Tuesday, killing at least three women and wounding 17 other people, including children. A pediatric hospital and a clinic on the rebel-held side of the city were destroyed and dozens of people were killed Wednesday in strikes “believed to have been carried out by the Syrian government despite its denials.” The [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Cunningham, 9.23M) says the strike on the maternity hospital came hours ahead of the UN Security Council’s unanimous passage of a resolution “calling for an end to attacks on health-care workers and facilities worldwide.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/3, Abdulrahim, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports it was not clear which group launched the attack, but Syrian military officials

blamed the Nusra front.

**VIRGINIA STATE SENATOR MEETS WITH ASSAD IN SYRIA.** The [Washington Post](#) (5/3, Vozzella, 9.23M) reports Virginia State Sen. Richard H. Black, who met with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Syria last week, made the trip at the expense of Tampa, Florida-area gasoline wholesaler Paul Jallo, “who estimated the cost was \$10,000.” State ethics officials approved of the gift ahead of trip and Black “will be required to report the free business-class air travel and accommodations on the financial disclosure form he files with the state.” However, Black is unsure “how to put a dollar figure” on the security provided by the Syrian government.

**UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONDEMNS ATTACKS ON HOSPITALS.** The [New York Times](#) (5/3, Sengupta, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports as “attacks on hospitals and ambulances, surgeons, nurses and midwives have become common,” the UN Security Council on Tuesday “unanimously adopted a resolution to remind warring parties everywhere of the rules, demanding protection for those who provide health care and accountability for violators.” The “delicately worded” resolution “avoids a direct reference to possible prosecutions by the International Criminal Court, a delicate topic for some countries,” but “cites the statute that created the court, condemns the ‘prevailing impunity’ for attacks on health centers and calls on governments to carry out independent investigations.” However, the Times reports, the resolution raised the “awkward question” of whether “the world’s most powerful countries [can] be expected to enforce the rules when they and their allies are accused of flouting them.”

**SNOWDEN PRAISES IMPACT OF LEAKERS.** In an op-ed for [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (5/3, Snowden, 3.74M), Edward Snowden praises government leaks, saying, “this permits the American people to learn about critical government actions, not as part of the historical record but in a way that allows direct action through voting – in other words, in a way that empowers an informed citizenry to defend the democracy that ‘state secrets’ are nominally intended to support.” In a report on the op-ed, which it says was extracted from a book published by Intercept staff, [The Hill](#) (5/3, Hattem, 884K) reports that Snowden “vehemently defends his leak of massive amounts of data about U.S. surveillance.”

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