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Do you think Russian air strikes are strengthening IS?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Can't Say

Rest in sight

18 killed in blasts near Nigerian capital

Two explosions that ripped through the outskirts of Nigeria's capital Abuja left 18 people dead and 41 wounded, rescue officials said.

Former UK finance minister Healey dies

Former British finance minister and "Labour party giant" Denis Healey died yesterday, aged 98.



Tunisia joining US-led coalition against IS: PM

Tunisia's PM said his country is joining the US-led military coalition fighting the IS mainly to "exchange information".

Joaquin upgraded to Category 4 hurricane

Hurricane Joaquin strengthened to a Category Four storm yesterday as it moved away from the Bahamas.

Bahah tells rebels no room for more 'adventures'

Yemeni Prime Minister Khaled Bahah warned Shia Huthi rebels that there was no place in the country for more "adventures".

Palestinian kills 2, wounds child in Jerusalem attack

A Palestinian said to be an Islamist militant killed 2 people and wounded 2 others, including a child, in a knife and gun attack in Jerusalem.

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At least 32 dead

HUNDREDS MISSING IN GUATEMALA LANDSLIDE

Santa Catarina Pinula

At least 32 people were dead and several hundred missing after a landslide smashed through a village on the outskirts of the Guatemalan capital, officials said.

More than 500 rescue workers, police and soldiers, as well as desperate residents, clawed away at the debris with picks and shovels, searching for survivors all day and into the late evening, before suspending the painstaking hunt for the night.

Families reported receiving text messages from people they believed to still be trapped, more than 24 hours after the landslide struck the village of El Cambray II, in the municipality of Santa Catarina Pinula. Authorities said that



Rescuers search for victims after a landslide at Cambray village, in Santa Catarina Pinula municipality, Guatemala

about 600 people are missing and they expect the death toll to rise.

Their estimate is based on the 125 homes that Thursday's landslide destroyed or damaged after heavy rain.

The affected area is about 15 kilometers (10 miles) east of the capital Guatemala City.

Thirty-four people were pulled out alive from the mud and rubble, while 25 others were injured, CONRAD officials said.

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Among the 32 dead are at least three children.

The impact of the heavy rain was exacerbated by a nearby river, officials said.

Army veteran hailed as hero

Roseburg

An army veteran was hailed a hero for charging the gunman during a mass shooting at a college in Oregon, before being shot despite pleading that it was his son's birthday.

Chris Mintz, 30, who was studying to become a fitness trainer at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, sprung into action Thursday when the shooting began, urging people to flee and running toward the building where the killings were taking place, his family and witnesses said.

Mintz tried to prevent the gunman - widely identified



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as Chris Harper Mercer, 26 - from entering a classroom by throwing his weight against

the door. But the gunman managed to blast his way in and shot Mintz seven times,

ignoring pleas that it was his son Tirek's sixth birthday.

"He told him, 'please don't do this, it's my son's birthday today,'" Mintz's cousin Ariana Earnhardt told CNN.

The family said that Mintz was shot in the back, abdomen and left hand and suffered two broken legs.

"He's going to have to learn to walk again," Earnhardt said. "But he walked away with his life, and that's more than so many other people did."

A GoFundMe campaign set up by the family to help with Mintz's rehabilitation had raised more than \$450,000 by late Friday.

24 killed in Baghdad suicide attack claimed by IS

Baghdad

Blasts killed at least 24 people in one of Baghdad's main Shia neighbourhoods yesterday when suicide bombers tried to breach a checkpoint in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group. "Three suicide bombers tried to cross the checkpoint at Adan Square" in the Kadhimiyah neighbourhood, said Baghdad Operations Command spokesman Saad Maan. Saad Maan said security forces at the checkpoint engaged the attackers and shot dead one of them, while the other two blew themselves up.

Cairo Univ bans teachers from wearing face veil



The ban is already receiving mixed reviews from students

Cairo

The recent decision to ban all female staff from wearing the full face veil aims to put an end to student complaints of "poor communication" in class, the head of Egypt's Cairo University said.

Although the head-to-toe covering known locally as the niqab is "not a phenomenon" among his teachers, Gaber Nassar told *The Associated Press* that he wants to "cure the disease" before it becomes one.

Islamic clerics and students have denounced the move as discriminatory, but Nassar said he has the backing of

the Grand Mufti, Egypt's top religious authority.

The niqab, Nassar said, is especially problematic in language courses, where the cloth barrier of the veil hinders student-teacher communications — producing low grades and graduates incapable of enunciation.

The vast majority of Egyptian Muslim women wear a form of veil that covers the hair, but leaves the face uncovered. However the number of women wearing the full niqab veil has increased dramatically in the past 10-20 years.

In 2009, Cairo University

had banned both students and staff from wearing the niqab on campus or in the university's dorms. The ban was later overturned by a Cairo court following a lawsuit filed by a professor.

"That was unconstitutional because it said all of the university, we are saying now only the lecture halls," Nassar said, daring anyone to challenge his decree in court.

"We are not banning the niqab, we are just regulating it."

The ban is already receiving mixed reviews from students.

"This is part of the greater war on Islamists," said a student.