US top court upholds Obamacare

AFP, Washington

The US Supreme Court yesterday upheld a disputed portion of President Barack Obama's landmark health care reform, in a major legacy-building victory for his administration.

By a margin of six to three, the judges ruled in favor of allowing the federal government to subsidize health insurance by giving tax credits to con-

quickly hailed the ruling, calling it a win for "hardworking Americans all

"This law is working and it's going to keep doing just

Affordable Care Act -better known as to subsidize insurance in this way in states that

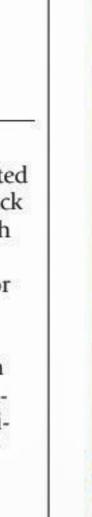
The narrow question before the court was

But the high court ruled that the law should stand, with two usually conservative justices joining the four generally liberal members of the panel to over-

Republicans have attacks on the law in parallel to the legal assaults and this is the second time in three years that the court

For Obama, the ruling marked a major victory that cements his signature domestic policy achieve-

angrily. to repeal this oppressive



sumers nationwide. A triumphant Obama

across this country."

that," he said. Opponents of the

"Obamacare" -- had argued that it was unconstitutional for the federal government refused to set up their own insurance exchanges.

whether some seven million people who signed up for Obamacare via the government's website were actually entitled to tax subsidies that make the coverage affordable.

turn the challenge.

mounted several legislative has saved it.

Republicans reacted

"Republicans will continue to fight tooth and nail law," declared Senator John Cornyn, the party's number two leader in the senate.



Smoke billow from the Syrian town of Kobane, as seen from the Turkish side of the border in Suruc in Sanliurfa province, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

ISIS attacks Kobane again

Militants launch two-pronged Syria offensive after recent setbacks

AFP, Beirut

The Islamic State group launched a two-pronged offensive in northern Syria yesterday after several setbacks, re-entering the symbolic battleground town of Kobane and seizing parts of the city of Hasakeh. In southern Syria, an alliance of

rebel groups, including al-Qaeda affiliate Al-Nusra Front, also attacked government-held areas of the city of Daraa in another potentially serious blow to the regime. Analysts said the surprise ISIS

assaults were aimed at diverting

Kurdish forces after they scored a series

of victories and advanced on the jihadists' Syrian stronghold of Raqa. Kobane, on the border with Turkey, became an important symbol in the battle against ISIS after the group

launched a bid to take it last year. Kurdish forces backed by US-led air strikes waged a four-month battle to repel the group, finally securing the

town in January. But yesterday, the jihadists returned, detonating a suicide car bomb near the border crossing adjacent to Kobane as

they launched an assault.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitor said at least 35 civilians and Kurdish fighters were killed in the car bomb and subsequent fighting in the centre of the town, along with eight ISIS militants.

A few hours later, two more car bombs detonated near the border, but there were no immediate details on casualties.

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In a statement posted on jihadist forums, ISIS said its fighters exploded "several" suicide bombs around Kobane, and "carried out multipronged attacks on several fronts" in the surrounding countryside.

ISIS forces also entered a Kurdish village some 20 kilometres south of Kobane yesterday morning, executing at least 23 residents, among them women

and children, the Observatory said. The ISIS assault on Kobane prompted angry Kurdish accusations that Turkey had allowed the jihadists to enter Syria from its territory, a claim Turkish officials dismissed as "baseless".

Since being pushed out of Kobane at the start of the year, ISIS has suffered a string of defeats at the hands of the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) and their Arab rebel allies.

On June 16, the YPG seized the border town of Tal Abyad, a key transit point for ISIS, and then drove south towards Raqa, the jihadists' de facto Syrian capital. As the Kobane attack began yester-

day, ISIS forces also entered the northeastern city of Hasakeh. Charles Lister, a visiting fellow at

the Brookings Doha Centre think tank, said the dual assault was a diversionary tactic after Kurdish forces advanced to within 55 kilometres of Raga this week.

At least 30 government loyalists and 20 jihadists were killed in the fighting in Hasakeh, and civilian residents were fleeing to the north of the city, the monitor added.

More than 230,000 people have been killed in Syria since the conflict began with anti-government demonstrations in March 2011.

S Africa may

Bashir row

AFP, Johannesburg

cide charges.

quit ICC over

South Africa yesterday said

it may withdraw from the

Court after an outcry over

arrest Sudanese President

Omar al-Bashir on geno-

the ICC on genocide

he could be arrested.

the government's refusal to

Bashir, who is wanted by

charges, left the country last

week after attending an AU

summit despite a court in

Pretoria barring his departure while it ruled whether

"South Africa may as a

last resort ... consider with-

Minister in the Presidency

Jeff Radebe told reporters.

be taken when SA has

exhausted all remedies

available to it in terms of

the Rome Statute," he added.

"Such a decision will only

drawing from the ICC,"

International Criminal

Final Nuclear deal – 5 days to go Iran, powers gear up for final showdown

AFP, Vienna

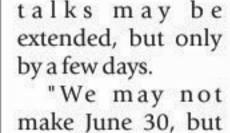
Washington and Tehran have set the stage for a heated last weekend of nuclear talks, with Iran's leader sticking to tough "red lines" and US Secretary of State John Kerry warning failure remains possible. Whether or not Iran can satisfy the world that its nuclear

programme is entirely peaceful "will be determined in the last days, by whether or not the outstanding issues that we've been very clear about are in fact addressed," Kerry said Wednesday. "If they are not addressed there won't be a deal," said

Kerry, who is due to leave today for the talks in Vienna. His Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif is expected tomorrow in the Austrian capital, state media reported. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius will arrive the same day, an aide said yesterday.

Iran and the "P5+1" -- the United States, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany -- aim by June 30 to finalise a historic agreement putting an Iranian nuclear bomb out of reach.

Several officials have said that the talks may be by a few days.



we will be close," a senior administration official said.

In April, Iran and the six powers agreed the main outlines of the deal in bruising talks in Lausanne, Switzerland. After two missed deadlines, this built on an interim deal struck in November 2013 in Geneva.

Under the Lausanne framework, Iran will downsize its nuclear activities by slashing the number of centrifuges enriching uranium, which can be used in nuclear power but also for a bomb when highly purified.

In return, UN and Western would gradually lift sanctions. But Khamenei, who will have the last word for Iran in the talks, said that banking and economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations and the US must be lifted immediately when the agreement is signed.

Khamenei also reiterated that Iran would not permit the IAEA, which he described as "neither independent or fair", to visit military sites or conduct "unconventional inspections" at other facilities.

'I am sorry for the lives that I've taken'

Boston bomber apologises to victims INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Moments before he was sentenced to die for the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev rose to his feet at the defence table and attempted to offer remorse to the surviving victims and the families of those who were killed. "I pray for your relief, for your healing," he said.

He made his apology at his formal sentencing after several of those survivors read their own statements about the horror of the April 2013 attack which left three people dead and injured 260 more, many of them grievously. In an atmosphere thick with emotion, some looked at Tsarnaev in the face describing their pain and calling him "cowardly" and "disgusting".

Throughout the statements by victims, Tsarnaev appeared barely to listen and few experts, or indeed survivors, had expected him to take up the opportunity to make his own statement before receiving sentence. But breaking a silence of more than two years, the 21year-old former student and immigrant from Chechnya spoke for five minutes, peppering his remarks with references to his Muslim faith.

"I am sorry for the lives that I've taken, for the suffering that I've caused you, for the damage that I've done, irreparable damage," he told the hushed court. "I pray to Allah to bestow his mercy on you. I pray for your relief, for your healing, for your wellbeing, for your health." He added: "I am guilty of it. If there is any doubt of that, let there be no more."

The jury from his trial had already concluded that Tsarnaev should pay for his crimes with his life. He and his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, unleashed carnage close the marathon's finishing line with bombs made with pressure cookers. His brother was later killed during a shoot-out

with Boston police. In his statement, Tsarnaev offered no explanation for what he had done. Nor did he renounce terrorism.

All federal capital cases have an automatic right of appeal built in. It is likely that process will last years.



A serviceman looks through a spyglass at a position of Ukrainian froces near the frontline with pro-Russian separatists in Krymske village, yesterday. Nato head Jens Stoltenberg yesterday warned there was still a risk of heavy fighting in Ukraine and urged Russia to halt its support for pro-Moscow rebels. PHOTO: AFP

'You're in my house'

Obama shames heckler during speech

President Obama does not appreciate being interrupted in

his own house - especially by guests eating his food and

This was what one audience member discovered after they

Obama was addressing guests in the East Room when a

Obama, a seasoned speech-giver who has dealt with

Undeterred, the heckler continued to interrupt, forcing

Obama to take a tougher approach. "Ok, you know what?

No, no no, no, no, no. Listen you're in my house ... it's not

The heckler, who was protesting against US policies on

"As a general rule I am just fine with a few hecklers," he

immigration, continued to be disruptive, leading to their

"Anyway", he continued smoothly, "where was I?"

more than his fair share of hecklers during his time in office,

were publicly shamed by the President for heckling him as he

spoke at a White House event marking LGBT Pride Month.

voice in the audience shouted "President Obama!".

patiently replied: "Hold on, I was speaking."

said after. "But not when I'm up in the house."

always be expected to behave respectfully.

swift removal from the East Room.

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drinking his booze.

respectful."

ALLEGED US SPYING ON FRENCH LEADERS Assange urges legal action

AFP, Paris

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange told French television Wednesday that the time had come for legal action over US snooping after leaked documents revealing Washington had spied on three French presidents sparked fresh outrage.

to go further than Germany: by launching a "parliamentary inquiry" into the foreign surveillance activities and refering "the matter to the prosecutor-general for prosecution".

ried out a probe into alleged tap-

Obama added that any guests who come into his home "eating the hors d'oeuvres and drinking the booze", will

Speaking on TF1, the antisecrecy campaigner urged France

German prosecutors had car-

ping on Chancellor Angela Merkel's phone, but later dropped the investigation due to a lack of hard evidence.

Assange also said other important revelations were coming.

"I think from a policy perspective what is to come is much more significant than what

we have published so far, " he said.

"But now the question really for (President Francois) Hollande and the French leadership is what are the opportunities in their response to address this situation."

France expressed anger earlier Wednesday after leaked documents labelled "top secret" appeared to reveal US spying on Hollande and his two predeces-

sors, Nicolas Sarkozy and Jacques Chirac, between 2006 and 2012. The disclosures were published by WikiLeaks along with French newspaper Liberation and the Mediapart website. France's foreign minister sum-

moned the US ambassador for a formal explanation in response, while Hollande spoke by phone by with US President Barack Obama, who gave fresh assurances that spying on European leaders

But Assange accused the US of playing "word games", as it did after revelations of US eavedropping on Merkel.

had ended.



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