

# Americans have nothing to fear

### Trump reassures countrymen; tells his supporters to stop harassing minorities

President-elect Donald Trump has vowed to move aggressively on a conservative agenda in filling Supreme Court vacancies, cracking down on immigration and cutting taxes, but also sought to reassure worried Americans they have nothing to fear from his presidency.

Setting aside the strident tone of his campaign, the 70-year-old assumed a gentler manner in his first television interview since his shock election, saying he was "saddened" by reports of harassment of Muslims and Hispanics, and telling the perpetrators: "Stop it."

The interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," which was taped Friday and aired in full Sunday, offered Trump an opportunity to reintroduce himself after an ugly, name-calling campaign and surprise victory that sparked protests in cities across the United States.

"I just don't think they know me," the billionaire real estate mogul said at one point, of the thousands of protesters who have massed in streets below his Trump Tower headquarters.

Told that many Americans are scared of his presidency, Trump said: "Don't be afraid. We are going to bring our country back."

Millions were expected to tune in to Trump's interview for clues on how the billionaire will govern, and to what degree he intends to convert his slogans into policy.

Trump made it clear he intends to aggressively push a right-wing agenda, pledging to name justices to the Supreme Court who are against abortion and for gun rights.

"The judges will be pro-life," Trump told CBS. "In terms of the whole gun situation," he added, "they're going to be very pro-Second Amendment."

He will have an immediate opportunity to fill a vacancy on the court left by the death of arch conservative justice Antonin Scalia. President Barack Obama's attempt to fill the seat was blocked by the Republican-controlled Senate.

On immigration, Trump reaffirmed his signature campaign pledge to build a wall on the border with Mexico, although he conceded parts of it may be just a fence.

And he said as many as three million undocumented immigrants with criminal records would be deported or incarcerated.

"What we are going to do is get the people that are criminal and have criminal records, gang members, drug dealers," he said.

**'STOP IT'**  
Trump on Sunday told his supporters to stop harassing minorities.

"I am so saddened to hear that," Trump told CBS' Lesley Stahl on "60 Minutes" when she said Latinos and Muslims are facing harassment. "And I say, 'Stop it.' If it -- if it helps, I will say this, and I will say right to the cameras: 'Stop it.'"

Yet Trump also criticised the protests that have broken out in cities across the United States since his defeat of Hillary Clinton on Tuesday.

Trump said he's seen "a very small amount" -- including "one or two instances" -- of racial slurs being directed at minorities, particularly in largely white schools, since his election.

"I would say don't do it, that's terrible, because I'm going to bring this country together," Trump said.



A woman holds a sign during a protest against President-elect Donald Trump at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco, California, on Sunday.

# Anti-Trump protests rock US cities



After Donald Trump's surprising win on Election night, thousands of Americans took to the streets and protested his election. Anti-Trump protests have taken place for four continuous days in major cities in the United States such as Los Angeles, New York City, Washington D.C., Orlando, and Portland. All over the country people are seen marching on highways and streets, chanting "love trumps hate" and holding signs that say "Not my president".

Ruby, a Bangladeshi New Yorker working for the city council of the state, attended the Anti-Trump protests in Columbus Circle on Wednesday evening, a day after Trump's election.

# FEAR OF ISLAMIC STATE Mosul families tell of desperate flight

CNN ONLINE

The crowd surges for the truck as soon as it arrives.

Children are crying as they're passed along a production line of strangers up into the back of the vehicle's high-walled metal tray. Mothers, sisters and grandmothers scramble after them, carrying their few possessions.

It's standing room only. Watching them all squashed in as the doors close, it's hard not to think of cattle.

But these people are now safe. Only a few hours earlier they were making the hazardous walk through Mosul's eastern neighborhoods where Iraqi forces are trying to advance through the ISIS-controlled city.

Before Hasnaah Mohammed was helped up into the truck, she sat in a wheelchair. The 56-year-old says she's now in too much pain to walk after her desperate escape from Mosul with four children.

"I was running among bullets. Walking and crying. Running and crying,"

Mohammed says.

"We've been suffering from explosions for the past eight days and every day I prayed for God to save us. And then mortar rounds started hitting our home. Half of the home was destroyed."

The women and children in the truck are leaving behind the adult male members of their families. The men will be screened at another location to check they're not ISIS members hiding among desperate civilians.

Um Noor has three young children and she doesn't want to go without her husband.

"We are all families here who fled battles in Mosul and Daesh," she says using the common Arabic acronym for ISIS.

"I don't want to spend the night in the camp alone with my kids. I won't feel safe."

Um Noor's concerns also point to a persistent lack of trust in the Iraqi security forces, who famously fled when ISIS swept through Mosul in June 2014.

"Of course I am worried about my husband," she says. "What if they decide to arrest him for no reason?"

# 15 dead in Iraq suicide bombings

IS claims responsibility  
AFP, Baghdad

Suicide bombings claimed by the Islamic State group killed 15 people yesterday in an oasis town south of Baghdad and the city of Fallujah to its west, officials said.

The attacks come as Iraqi forces battle IS in the northern city of Mosul, the last major population centre the jihadists hold in the country.

IS has carried out a series of attacks in other areas since the operation to retake Mosul was launched on October 17 in an apparent bid to draw attention and possibly troops away from the city.

Masum al-Tamimi, a member of the Karbala provincial council, said six suicide bombers armed with light weapons as well as explosives tried to infiltrate Ain al-Tamer early yesterday.

# 7 troops killed in Kashmir firing

Pakistan army claims  
AFP, Islamabad

The Pakistani military accused India yesterday of killing seven soldiers in cross-border fire in disputed Kashmir, in what appeared to be an unusually high toll after months of surging tensions between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

"Seven [Pakistani] soldiers embraced shahadat [martyrdom] at the Line of Control (LoC) in Bhimber sector in a crossfire LoC violation by Indian troops late last night," the military said in a statement.

"Pakistani troops while responding to Indian unprovoked firing targeted Indian posts effectively."

Following the incident Pakistan summoned the Indian High Commissioner to protest the killing of the soldiers.

"The Foreign Secretary deplored the increasing Indian ceasefire violations at the LoC and the Working Boundary, especially in the last two months," said a statement issued by the foreign office.

"The Foreign Secretary asked the Indian High Commissioner to convey to his government that it must stop the provocative firing and observe the ceasefire. Pakistan is pursuing a policy of restraint, which should not be construed as a sign of weakness," the statement said.

However the Indian army alleged that the ceasefire violation was initiated by Pakistan.

"There was a brief ceasefire violation, initiated by Pakistan in Naushera sector, which was effectively retaliated last night," Col NN Joshi, Indian Army spokesman in the Kashmir region told AFP.

# NEWSIN brief

## 2016 'likely' hottest year on record: UN

AFP, Marrakech, Morocco

The year 2016 will "very likely" be the hottest on record, the UN said yesterday, warning of calamitous consequences if the march of global warming cannot be halted. Average temperatures for the year were set to hit about 1.2 Celsius (2.16 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-Industrial Revolution levels -- meaning that 16 of the 17 hottest years on record were this century, said the UN's WMO.

## My decision is little 'karak': Modi

TIMES OF INDIA

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, referring to his "chai-wallah" days, said yesterday that his decision is a little "karak" just like he used to make his tea. Addressing a rally, PM Modi said, "My justice is a little 'karak' [strong]" -- referring to the demonetisation move to uproot corruption. "And when I was small, people would tell me, 'Make the chai a little karak' [make the chai a little strong]," he said.

## China may cut iPhone sales

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China will cut iPhone sales and order planes from Airbus instead of Boeing if Donald Trump decides to embark upon a trade war. The Global Times, the country's state-run newspaper, said Mr Trump would be "naive" to start a trade war against the country and that China would respond with "counter-measures" if the US were to act in an aggressive way.



This aerial photo taken yesterday shows earthquake damage to State Highway One near Ohau Point on the South Island's east coast, New Zealand. Top right, a woman and child in front of a house damaged by the earthquake. Bottom right, locals look at damage caused by the earthquake along State Highway One near the town of Ward on South Island yesterday.



# RAPE ALLEGATION Assange quizzed by prosecutors

AFP, London

Prosecutors were questioning WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange at the Ecuadoran embassy in London yesterday, the latest twist in the long-running legal battle over a rape allegation against him.

Swedish prosecutor Ingrid Isgren, due to be present while Assange faced a grilling by an Ecuadoran prosecutor, entered the embassy behind the famous Harrods department store shortly before 1000 GMT, an AFP photographer said.

Assange's lawyer Per Samuelsson said the questioning is expected to last several days at the embassy where the founder of the secret-spilling website has been holed up for four years, refusing to come out over fears he could be extradited to the United States.

"I am very hopeful," Samuelsson told Sweden's TT news agency. "Objectively, there is no doubt that everything happened as Assange said it did."

Assange sought refuge in the embassy in June 2012 after Sweden sought his arrest over allegations of rape and sexual assault. He has always denied the claims, saying they were politically motivated.

The former computer hacker insists his sexual encounters with the two women, who he met on a 2010 trip to Sweden, were consensual.

# RAKHINE CLASHES Weekend death toll 'rises to 30'

REUTERS, Myanmar

Myanmar's military has killed about 30 members of what it has described as a Rohingya Muslim militant group, state media said yesterday, marking the largest escalation of the conflict since fighting erupted in the northwest a month ago.

The weekend's killings in restive Rakhine state have essentially destroyed any hopes for a swift resolution to the fighting and a gradual restoration of communal ties, observers and diplomats say.

Soldiers have poured into the Maungdaw area along Myanmar's frontier with Bangladesh in the north of Rakhine, responding to coordinated attacks on three border posts on October 9 in which nine police officers were killed.

Security forces have locked down the area, where the vast majority are Rohingya Muslims -- shutting out aid workers and independent observers -- and conducted sweeps of villages.

# SETTLER HOMES Palestinians criticise Israel bill

AFP, Ramallah

Palestinian leaders yesterday denounced an Israeli bill to legalise several thousand Jewish homes in the occupied West Bank, vowing to take up the issue at the UN Security Council.

They also sharply criticised a separate bill that would limit the volume of calls to prayers at mosques in Israel and Jerusalem, a measure government watchdogs have called a threat to freedom of religion and an unnecessary provocation.

A committee of Israeli ministers adopted the two bills on Sunday, though they must still be approved by parliament.

# Forget human rights if IS comes to Philippines

Warns Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte

REUTERS, Manila

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte warned yesterday that Islamic State militants driven out of Syria and Iraq could set up in his country, and if that happened he would forego human rights obligations to keep his people safe.

Duterte said the southern Philippine province of Mindanao was already a hotbed of rebellion and banditry and he was worried about "looming terrorism" and an influx of extremists who could exploit the insecurity.

"Once the terrorists of the Middle East are deprived of the land area, the real estate area where they can sleep ... they will wander to other places and they will come here and we have to prepare for that," he said during a speech at a law enforcement agency.



"Remember, these guys, they do not have an iota of what is human rights, believe me. I will not just simply allow my people to be slaughtered for the sake of human rights, that's bullshit."

Human rights have been a touchy subject for Duterte, who has vented daily fury at activists and Western governments that have shown concerns about his war on drugs and the high death toll.

A native of Mindanao and mayor of Davao City for 22 years, Duterte said there was a "very strong" Islamist rebellion there and Abu Sayyaf rebels were taking hostages almost every day.

Abu Sayyaf is holding 21 captives, most of them foreign, and despite an ongoing military offensive to wipe them out, its piracy and kidnappings continue unabated.