



## INTERNATIONAL

### **Pakistan Claims To Hold Indian Pilot After Jet Shot Down In Cross-Border Airstrike**

In a dramatic escalation of violence over their shared Himalayan border, India and Pakistan both claimed to shoot down one another's fighter jets Wednesday, and video emerged of a bloodied, blindfolded Indian pilot in Pakistani custody. Both countries accused the other of invading rival airspace. India confirmed the loss of one of its MiG-21 fighter jets in an "engagement" with Pakistani forces, and acknowledged its pilot was missing. The air incursions follow a Feb. 14 suicide car-bomb attack in Kashmir that killed some 40 Indian troops. Jaish-e-Mohammed, a Pakistan-based militant group, claimed responsibility. On Tuesday, India responded with an air strike on what it described as a militant training camp inside Pakistan, saying it had killed "a large number of terrorists." However, Islamabad disputed the claim, saying that while India's warplanes had entered Pakistani airspace, that they were forced to drop their bombs in an empty field after Pakistan Air Force jets were scrambled to intercept them. In video circulating on social media in both countries, a blindfolded man with a bloodied face identifies himself in English as Wing Commander "Abhinandan," and the camera pans to an Indian Air Force logo on his jacket. He reads aloud his military identification number, and asks his captors if he is in the custody of the Pakistani army. In another clip airing in Pakistani media, the pilot's blindfold is removed.

### **Nigerian President Buhari Wins Second Term While Opponent Calls Election A 'Sham'**

Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari won a second term to lead the most populous country in Africa, the country's elections authority said Wednesday, while his main opponent promised to challenge the result in court. Buhari defeated Atiku Abubakar, a former vice president and businessman, by about 4 million votes. Turnout was nearly 35 percent of Nigeria's 82 million registered voters, the electoral commission said. "I thank the millions of Nigerians who voted to re-elect me as your president for the next four years," Buhari said in a statement. "I am deeply humbled and profoundly grateful to you for judging me worthy of continuing to serve you and for your peaceful conduct." Just hours before it was set to begin on Feb. 16, the electoral authority delayed the vote by a week, citing logistical challenges. Turnout likely fell after many Nigerians took lengthy bus rides across the country to vote in their hometowns, but could not afford to return the following weekend. On Wednesday, Abubakar called the election result a "sham" and said he would challenge it in court. He accused soldiers in some Nigerian states of turning "their guns on the very citizens they were meant to protect." He also said it was a "statistical impossibility" that there was higher voter turnout in areas "ravaged by the war" against terrorist groups, like Boko Haram, and there were voting disruptions in his party's strongholds. Abubakar's party, the People's Democratic Party (PDP), called for fresh elections in four states. "I think it's very unlikely that the election may be repeated, but it depends on the courts," political analyst and editor-in-chief Mannir Dan-Ali of Nigeria's *Daily Trust* newspaper told NPR's Ofeibea Quist-Arcton. "But it's sometimes long drawn, it can take quite a while before the whole challenge is seen through."



## Second Trump-Kim Summit Kicks Off With A Handshake In Hanoi

President Trump and Kim Jong Un provided upbeat optics at the launch of their second summit in Hanoi Wednesday. With cameras flashing, the leaders strode before the international press corps at the luxurious Metropole Hotel, grasped hands and posed with American and North Korean flags as a backdrop. The president said he was anticipating a "very successful" summit in which the two leaders would work toward denuclearization. He also said he hoped to build on the first summit, while touting the strength of his relationship with Kim. "We made a lot of progress and I think our biggest progress was our relationship is really a good one," he said. Trump has said the ultimate goal of round two is for the regime to relinquish its nuclear program. When asked if he'd walked back the goal of denuclearization, Trump said "no." Calling Kim "a great leader" Trump said North Korea has "tremendous economic potential" and "we will help it to happen." Through an interpreter, Kim referenced past hostility between Pyongyang and Washington.

## NATIONAL

### Chicago To Get Its First Black Female Mayor As Candidates Head To Runoff

The next Chicago mayor will either be a self-described political outsider who has never run for office or a longtime city alderman and chair of the county's Democratic Party. Either way, for the first time, the city's top political official will be an African-American woman. Former federal prosecutor Lori Lightfoot and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle took the top spots in Tuesday night's tight race. They beat out 12 other candidates, many of whom entered the race after current Mayor Rahm Emanuel surprised the city by announcing in September that he wouldn't run for a third term. Now Lightfoot, who earned 17.5 percent with 90,000 votes, and Preckwinkle, at 16 percent with 82,000 votes, will go head-to-head in a runoff election April 2. They edged out William Daley, whose father and brother each served as mayor for over 20 years. Daley, who spent millions more than the other candidates, enjoyed wide name recognition but wasn't able to rise to the top of the field. He took third place with about 76,000 votes, or just shy of 15 percent of the total. The first African-American woman to serve as mayor of Chicago will take the reins of a city that has long struggled with allegations of civil rights violations. Both candidates have emphasized the need to reform the Chicago Police Department, but Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, made it a touchstone of her campaign. Lightfoot served as chair of the police accountability task force, established by Emanuel to address charges of police racism. She has also been president of the Chicago Police Board, an independent civilian body that decides police disciplinary cases. Preckwinkle, a former history teacher who has spent decades in Chicago politics, has also focused on the importance of offering a strong public school education. Endorsed by the Chicago Teachers Union, Preckwinkle backs a moratorium on school closings and charter school expansions. Preckwinkle has been Cook County Board president since 2010; before that, she was alderman of the city's 4th ward for 19 years.



## **'Coming Forward Has Broke Me': #MeToo Movement Comes To Rural Nevada**

In a rural Nevada county, Melanie Keener was once the second-most powerful person in law enforcement. She was Storey County's chief deputy, overseeing detentions, investigations and the patrol division. That ended in 2016 when she reported her boss, Sheriff Gerald Antinoro, for sexual harassment. "Coming forward has broke me," Keener said. Reporting her boss, she said, has ruined her nearly 20-year law enforcement career. She was removed from her position and relegated to an isolated desk in the Courthouse in Virginia City. Meanwhile, the man she accused, Antinoro, remains the top law enforcement official. He's still sheriff even after an internal investigation of her complaint found that Antinoro had violated the county's sexual harassment policy. Accusations against Antinoro aren't limited to Keener's suit. In fact, the county administrator said in court proceedings that there have been "numerous" complaints against the sheriff. Court documents, a police report, interviews and state ethics commission hearings detail multiple other allegations. They range from harassment to using racial slurs and misusing government resources. There also are more serious allegations, including rape. The allegations have prompted Antinoro's critics in this rural county, with a population of about 4,000, to ask what it takes to unseat a man accused of so much misconduct, especially toward women. Antinoro, known as Jerry, has never been prosecuted for a crime. He denies all the allegations that have been made against him, saying they're part of an organized witch hunt by people who don't like having a law-enforcing sheriff in town.

## **'Not In Compliance': Wilbur Ross, The Trump Official Who Keeps Watchdogs Up At Night**

Rich businessman Wilbur Ross' promise to divest millions of dollars' worth of assets upon becoming Commerce Department secretary drew warm praise in 2017, even from Democrats. But two years later, Ross' string of financial disclosure inaccuracies is drawing condemnation instead of hosannas. "I feel that essentially, he misled the committee, and a lot of my colleagues relied on those at best misleading, potentially outright deceptive" representations, Blumenthal said in an interview this month. Even a member of the Republican Senate leadership, John Thune of South Dakota, has called for an investigation into whether Ross placed the public's interest ahead of his own. But Ross, 81, continues to serve as commerce secretary without sanction even as Cabinet officials all around him have been felled by their ethical foibles. The saga showcases the weaknesses of a government ethics system that has long relied on political pressure as an enforcement mechanism and wasn't designed to police billionaires. Ross failed to divest assets when he said he would — despite telling ethics officials he had done so. His inaccuracies and omissions have also prompted serious questions about whether he took official actions that could affect his personal financial interests, which would violate conflict of interest law — something he has repeatedly said he hasn't done. Ross has acknowledged mistakes in his personal financial disclosures. One of his assets, a tranche of stock in investment management firm Invesco Ltd. worth between \$10 million and \$50 million, went up in value by seven figures during his delay divesting it, a previous Center for Public Integrity investigation found.



## STATE

### Wisconsin's Rural Communities Team Up To Attract Housing Developers

Some rural Wisconsin communities are joining forces to meet the need for affordable housing. They're looking to band together to drum up enough business to draw in developers. Dave Armstrong, executive director with the Barron County Economic Development Corp., said the county sees about half its youth move away when they graduate from area high schools. As a result, Armstrong said the county, like other areas of the state, is experiencing a shortage of workers. The region would like to attract employees to meet the need, but Armstrong said there's not enough housing. "Being an older, smaller county, all of our homes are aging," Armstrong said. "Individuals are aging in place longer than they used to because the health care is better now. But that doesn't mean that they're necessarily keeping up the home if they're aging in place longer. So, we had to look at what's our housing stock right now, what are we anticipating the need for future housing and what type of housing is it." As a result, the county and six communities that include Rice Lake, Cameron and Barron are conducting their own studies to determine the need for low- to moderate-income housing. Armstrong said they hope to use that information and state tax credits to lure in developers that would otherwise build large projects in bigger cities. "If we can come up with 200, 300, 400 units spread throughout the county, now there's the economies of scale to get the developers involved," he said. Armstrong noted developers often see a better return on investment in urban areas where rent is typically higher, whereas they might experience a loss in rural areas.

### Continued Snowfalls Starting To Damage Some Wisconsin Farms

A buildup of snow this winter is starting to damage some farm buildings across Wisconsin. Brian Holmes, a retired agricultural engineer for University of Wisconsin-Extension, said there's a simple reason why farm buildings are more likely to be damaged by snow piling up on the roof: They're exempt from state building codes. "There are standards for how strong you need to build a house roof and there are no standards as to how strong you need to build a farm building in the state of Wisconsin," Holmes said. Holmes said farm buildings tend to be older and house moist environments thanks to livestock. Those two factors can also compromise the strength of a structure. Lauren Langworthy, of Blue Ox Farm in Wheeler, said she has been working to clear the roofs on her farm's buildings after repeated snowstorms. But a heavy snowfall last week was too much for her high tunnel, a greenhouse-like structure made of a metal frame and heavy plastic. "The whole frame buckled and bent completely, it's pretty flat actually. So, we won't be able to use most of the components of the high tunnel to build a new one," Langworthy said. She said she is hoping her insurance will cover some of the damage. She said the high tunnel costs \$7,000, not including the labor and extra equipment needed to construct it. Langworthy said her farm isn't the only one suffering from repeated snowfalls. "I've just been hearing anecdotally from folks their pole sheds are buckling and there have been a lot of high tunnels collapses," Langworthy said. "It does add a lot of extra effort when it all comes so heavy and so quickly."



## Departments Adopt 'Predictive Policing' Practices, Concerns About Discrimination Follow

Police departments around the country are increasingly turning to predictive policing software to help determine when and where a crime is likely to occur — and who will commit it. Yet the practice is not without criticism. Supporters say it helps resource-strapped police departments, while critics say it reinforces racial biases and practices. Rashida Richardson, director of policy research at the AI Now Institute at New York University and author of a forthcoming study on predictive policing, says there's a flaw in the data. "All of them rely on police data," she said. "They're using years and months of this data to train the system." Years and months of discriminatory policing practices, Richardson said, like stop, question and frisk policies or planting evidence. The data is gathered through a software provided by third-party vendors like HunchLab and PredPol. Richardson's research looked at 13 jurisdictions around the country that have used, are currently using or piloted predictive policing and have histories of discriminatory and unlawful practices. "In all but four of those cases we found that the data generated during those times of unlawful and discriminatory police practices did in fact skew or influence the outcomes of the technology," she said. In the other four, which includes Milwaukee, Richardson said there was not enough public information to make a conclusion. Those findings raise questions about whether the tool can be used in a objective way that doesn't perpetuate discrimination and bias, she said. Take stop, question and frisk policies that disproportionately targeted certain communities and resulted in those communities being overrepresented in the data, Richardson said. "These systems sort of create a feedback loop, so if you're sending officers to a certain neighborhood telling them that a system said a crime may occur, then it's more likely that that's what they're looking for when in fact that may not be the case," she said.

## Advocates Push For 'Red Flag' Gun Law In Wisconsin

Advocates continue to push for a "red flag law" in Wisconsin, a measure that would allow law enforcement to take weapons away from individuals identified by close family members as potential threats to themselves or others. Several states have enacted red flag laws, also known as extreme risk protective orders, in the wake of the deadly attack at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, in 2018. A number of reports following that shooting highlighted warning signs exhibited by the shooter. Under such laws, law enforcement notified by family or friends can petition a judge to temporarily revoke someone's right to buy, own or carry weapons. Proponents of red flag legislation say friends and family of potentially dangerous individuals should be able to act when they see early signs of potential violence. "Usually, close family members are the first people to know if somebody is a danger to themselves or others," said Leslie Harris, volunteer Milwaukee chapter leader for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. However, the plan may face an uphill climb in the Republican-controlled Legislature, as some constitutional conservatives have raised concerns over red flag proposals, saying they may go too far and violate the rights of gun owners.



## SPORTS

### Olympic Gold Medalist Kikkan Randall Takes On Birkie, Inspires Girls To Pursue Sports

Olympic Gold Medalist Kikkan Randall was recently in Hayward to take on North America's largest cross-country ski race and encourage young girls to pursue sports. The five-time Olympian is excited, and a little anxious, to take on her first American Birkebeiner challenge. "From the moment you step into Hayward you can feel the energy here," she said. "Everybody's almost giddy with excitement, maybe a little anxiousness, as well ... 50K is no joke." Almost exactly one year ago, Randall and her teammate Jessie Diggins did what no other American women have done — they won a gold medal in cross-country skiing in the women's team sprint at the PyeongChang Olympics. "I knew it was going to be my last Olympic race so I came into it just with the the best mindset, so excited to lay it down one more time ... and the day unfolded just about as well as it could have possibly gone," she said. But what has been more incredible to Randall is the effect the medal has had on the cross-country skiing community and young skiers. Inspiring young skiers, particularly girls, is important to Randall. She leads the U.S. chapter of Fast and Female, a nonprofit organization founded in 2005 with a mission to keep girls active and excited about sports. Girls drop out of sports at a rate six times higher than boys and one of the main drivers is social pressure, according to a study by the Norwegian School of Sport Sciences. "We want to empower every girl to stay in sports because we know it will be really important for her health and for her confidence," Randall said.

### College Basketball: McKay lifts Central Michigan past Eastern Michigan 77-66

Kevin McKay had 23 points and 10 rebounds as Central Michigan defeated Eastern Michigan 77-66 on Tuesday night. David DiLeo had 18 points for Central Michigan (20-8, 9-6 Mid-American Conference), which won its fourth straight game. Dallas Morgan added 12 points. Larry Austin Jr. had nine points, 10 assists and nine rebounds for the visitors. Paul Jackson had 19 points for the Eagles (13-15, 7-8). James Thompson IV added 12 points and 12 rebounds. Elijah Minnie had 11 points. The Chippewas improve to 2-0 against the Eagles this season. Central Michigan defeated Eastern Michigan 86-82 on Jan. 29. Central Michigan takes on Toledo at home on Saturday. Eastern Michigan takes on Northern Illinois on the road on Saturday.



## WEATHER

- **Today:** Showers likely after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Southwest wind 7 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
- **Tonight:** Rain and snow showers likely, becoming all snow after 10pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 24 and 29. South southeast wind 8 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.
- **Tomorrow:** A slight chance of snow showers before 10am, then a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Southeast wind 6 to 8 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
- **Tomorrow Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. North wind around 8 mph.

## COMMERCIALS

Let's play a game! I will ask you yes or no questions. Ready? Do you have a rocking chair to relax on? [*Cheerful bell "ding"*] Do you have a place to store your toddler's toys if an unexpected guest came over? [*Cheerful bell "ding"*] Can you lay down comfortably on your couch? [*Cheerful bell "ding"*] If your answer is no to one or more of these questions then you need the new IKEA catalog. Visit the new IKEA in Oak Creek and get your free copy. Enjoy one thousand new ideas and more than two thousand new lower prices. IKEA 2019 catalog. Make room for life.

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