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Charleston Shooting News:

New York Times: Charleston Shootings Undercut Hope Obama Brought for Better Race Relations

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/19/us/politics/obama-charleston-shooting.html>

Peter Baker

The shooting massacre of a black pastor and his parishioners at a South Carolina church on Wednesday night once again confronted President Obama with a moment of racial turmoil in a country that for all its progress has yet to completely shed the burden of hatred and division.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina, a Republican who is not running, captured the emotions of the day when she tearfully choked up during a news conference. "The heart and soul of South Carolina has been broken," she said.

Post and Courier: Coroner names 9 slain in downtown Charleston church shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150618/PC16/150619404/1005>

Andrew Knapp

The 21-year-old man suspected of fatally shooting nine people at a downtown Charleston church went from store to store at a Columbia mall in February, asking employees about how the businesses operated.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley started crying during the news conference when she talked about the shooting's effects on the Palmetto State. But she said the arrest would help South Carolina to start healing. "We woke up today, and the heart and soul of South Carolina was broken," she said. "We have some grieving to do. ... Parents have to explain to their children how they can go to their church and feel safe."

The Hill: SC Gov. Haley fights back tears after mass shooting

<http://thehill.com/video/in-the-news/245415-gov-haley-heart-and-soul-of-sc-broken>

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) fought back tears as she addressed the mass shooting at a historic African-American church in Charleston, S.C., that left nine dead and a community in mourning Thursday.

Note: "We woke up today, and the heart and soul of South Carolina was broken," Haley said during a press briefing shortly before noon on Thursday, after the suspected shooter was captured.

Associated Press: White gunman caught in killing of 9 in historic black church

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:8747b77ae03a426e864f042454cab603>

Jeffrey Collins, Russ Bynum

A white man who joined a prayer meeting inside a historic black church and then fatally shot nine people was captured without resistance Thursday after an all-night manhunt, Charleston's police chief said. Dylann Storm Roof, 21, spent nearly an hour inside the church Wednesday night before killing six women and three men, including the pastor, Chief Greg Mullen said.

Post and Courier: Clementa Pinckney, state senator, pastor, dead in shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150618/PC16/150619400>

Schuyler Kropf

Few traveled the state's roads as much as the Rev. Clementa Pinckney. As a Statehouse lawmaker, he represented a rural spread of six impoverished counties south of Charleston covering an area about the size of Rhode Island. As a pastor, he ministered to the sick and to shut-ins. Driving home from his Statehouse duties in Columbia mid-week to attend Bible study wasn't unheard of.

Reuters: White suspect arrested in killing of nine at black U.S. church

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/18/us-usa-shooting-south-carolina-idUSKBN0OY06A20150618>

Harriet McLeod

A white man suspected of killing nine people in a Bible-study group at a historic African-American church in

Charleston, South Carolina was arrested on Thursday and U.S. officials are investigating the attack as a hate crime. Law enforcement officials detained alleged gunman Dylann Roof, 21, after a traffic stop in Shelby, North Carolina, about 220 miles (350 km) north of Charleston, said police chief Gregory Mullen.

Note: "It is a very, very sad day in South Carolina," Governor Nikki Haley, a Republican, told reporters. "Parents are having to explain to their kids how they can go to church and feel safe, and that's not something we ever thought we'd deal with."

Post and Courier: Leaders call for unity at prayer vigil for victims of Emanuel AME Church shooting

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150618/PC16/150619394>

Adam Parker, Brenda Rindge

Bursts of loud applause punctuated Thursday's prayer vigil honoring the nine victims of Charleston's first modern mass shooting. AME Church leaders and politicians issued calls for unity in the face of evil and emphasized the role of the church in fostering healing.

Note: Gov. Haley, too, saluted the nine families enduring loss, saying that the attack was an isolated outrage. "As all eyes of this country are on our state and our city," she said, "what happened in that church is not the people of South Carolina."

CNN: Charleston victims: A pastor, a young man with promise and 7 others

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/06/18/us/charleston-church-shooting-victims/>

Don Melvin

Nine people were killed in the shooting rampage Wednesday at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina. Here's what we know about five of the victims:

The State: Coroner releases victim names in massacre at Charleston AME church

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article24842710.html>

A librarian and recent college graduate are among the nine people killed by a white gunman in a black church in downtown Charleston. State Sen. Clementa Pinckney, the pastor of Emanuel African Methodist Church, had already been identified as one of those killed.

Associated Press: Obama says church shooting shows need for reckoning on guns

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=QLeVqMp6

Nancy Benac

Giving voice to intense heartache, anger and sadness, President Barack Obama said Thursday the South Carolina church shooting that left nine people dead shows the need for a national reckoning on gun violence. He acknowledged, though, that there's no appetite in Congress for tighter gun laws.

Washington Post: The pastor killed in Charleston gave a chilling speech on racism a few weeks ago

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2015/06/18/the-pastor-believed-to-have-been-killed-in-charleston-gave-a-chilling-speech-on-racism-a-few-weeks-ago/>

Max Ehrenfreund

Just a few weeks before he was shot to death in Charleston, the Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney was talking about racism and violence on the floor of the South Carolina Senate in Columbia. Pinckney was the pastor of the Emanuel AME Church, where he was killed while participating in a Bible study, as well as a state senator.

Note: The officer, Michael T. Slager, was charged with murder. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican, signed the bill requiring officers to wear body cameras last week.

McClatchy: Obama on shooting: 'I've had to make statements like this too many times'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article24870139.html#storylink=cpy>

Anita Kumar

President Barack Obama said Thursday that he feels heartache, sadness and anger about the mass shooting at a Charleston church that killed nine, including the pastor who was a state legislator. "Any death of this sort is a tragedy. Any shooting involving multiple victims is a tragedy," Obama said.

The State: Who is suspected Charleston shooter, Dylann Roof?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article24869419.html>

Tim Flach, Sammy Fretwell, Harrison Cahill

Friends and fellow students are surprised that the quiet but occasionally disruptive Dylann Roof they remember is the suspected shooter in the Charleston church killings. Many of those interviewed Thursday

had not stayed in close touch with Roof, 21, since classes together in a variety of schools in Richland and Lexington counties.

New York Times: Charleston Church Shooting Suspect, Dylann Storm Roof, Is Captured

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/19/us/charleston-church-shooting.html?_r=0

Jason Horowitz, Nick Corasaniti, Richard Perez-Pena

The man suspected of killing nine people at a prayer meeting at a historic black church in this city's downtown area was caught on Thursday some 200 miles away in North Carolina, local and federal officials said.

Note: "We woke up today and the heart and soul of South Carolina was broken," Gov. Nikki R. Haley said through tears at a news conference.

Msnbc: For 2016ers, Charleston massacre is treacherous terrain

<http://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/2016ers-charleston-massacre-treacherous-terrain>

Zachary Roth

South Carolina's racial divisions have long played a prominent role in the state's politics. Now, the massacre of nine people at an African-American church in Charleston Wednesday night, allegedly by a young white man, creates a particularly treacherous political minefield for those running for president.

Note: South Carolina boasts the only black Republican U.S. senator, Tim Scott, and its Republican governor, Nikki Haley, is Indian-American. "We woke up today and the heart and soul of South Carolina was broken," Haley said while choking up at a press conference Thursday. "We've got some pain we have to go through."

ABC News: Charleston Shooting: Mourners Gather for Prayer Service at Morris Brown AME Church

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/charleston-shooting-mourners-gather-prayer-service-morris-brown/story?id=31855986>

Liz Kreutz

Mourners gathered on a hot Charleston, South Carolina, day at a church prayer service, honoring the nine people killed when a gunman opened fire at another church Wednesday night. Buckets of ice water were handed out today to people as they gathered at Charleston's Morris Brown AME Church for a noon memorial service to mourn the nine victims of the shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Note: Speakers included South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and local leaders.

Washington Post: A striking image that shows politics never rests — even amid Charleston's tragedy

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2015/06/18/a-striking-image-that-shows-politics-never-rests-even-amid-charlestons-tragedy/>

Aaron Blake

The photo above is from the vigil for the nine murdered Wednesday night in Charleston, S.C. You'll notice that almost everybody is standing and applauding. Among the few who aren't are the two people sitting in the front row of pews, toward the middle: Republican South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and Republican South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott.

Associated Press: Suspect in church shooting had apartheid-era patches

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7R7jurj

Meg Kinnard, Mitch Weiss, Jacob Jordan

Dylann Storm Roof drove around with a Confederate flag on his license plate - not exactly an unusual sight in the South. But on his Facebook page, he wore a jacket with the flags of the former white-racist regimes of South Africa and Rhodesia. A picture began to emerge Thursday of the 21-year-old white man arrested in the shooting deaths of nine people during a prayer meeting at a historic black church in Charleston.

Associated Press: Sharpton wants national prayer day after SC church shooting

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=2Ca2DkFP

The Rev. Al Sharpton says his organization is coordinating a national day of prayer after Wednesday night's deadly shooting at a South Carolina church. At a news conference in Manhattan on Thursday, Sharpton said the day of prayer would comfort the families of the nine people killed in Charleston. A date has not been set.

Rock Hill Herald: York County leaders 'stunned' over Charleston mass killing of blacks at church

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article24847891.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Dys

Religious and civil rights leaders in York County expressed anger and despair over the Wednesday night shooting deaths of nine people at an historic black church in Charleston. The “despicable and awful” shooting must be a “wake-up call” for South Carolina to start dealing with its obvious race problems, said Rep. John King, D-Rock Hill, the only black member of the York County legislative delegation.

S.C. General Assembly News:

The State: Pinckney ‘was the moral conscience of the General Assembly’

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article24858424.html#storylink=cpy>

Andrew Shain

State Sen. Clementa Pinckney, a Jasper County Democrat who served in the General Assembly for 19 years, died Wednesday after a shooting in the downtown Charleston church where he was the pastor. Pinckney, 41, was among nine victims that Charleston police say were killed by a lone white gunman at Emanuel AME Church, one of the country’s oldest African-American churches.

The State: Senators remember State Sen. Clementa Pinckney

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article24851287.html>

Senators remembered State Sen. Clementa Pinckney, D-Jasper, on Thursday reflecting on his booming voice, big heart and faith. "We have seen a giant of this Senate fall," said state Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence. State Sen. Vincent Sheheen, D-Kershaw, was desk-mates with Pinckney whose desk was draped in a black cloth, according to Senate tradition.

Post and Courier: Senate passes Uber bill

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150618/PC05/150619381>

Allison Prang

Legislation to regulate transportation network companies, such as Uber, has one more step to go before it becomes law in South Carolina: a signature from Gov. Nikki Haley. The Senate passed the legislation Thursday, on the final day of its special session. The House passed the bill Wednesday.

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