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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Video: Gov. Nikki Haley forms committee to help neediest flood victims
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC1603/151119445>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley announced the formation of an advisory committee of celebrities, sports stars and politicians to raise funds for thousands of the state's neediest flood victims. "This is going to allow us to complete the work that government can't do," Haley said Monday about the One SC Fund for flood relief.

Note: "These people are willing not just to put their name behind it but also they know a large group of people that can be very helpful and will want to be generous," Haley said.

Note: Haley's Original Six Foundation is underwriting the costs of the One SC Fund and Central Carolina Community Foundation will administer grants to nonprofits that will do the work.

The State: Former S.C. football players Marcus Lattimore, Tajh Boyd back flood-relief fund
<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45144150.html#storylink=cpy>

Cassie Cope

Gov. Nikki Haley announced a flood-relief fund, One SC Fund, Monday that will raise money to help those affected by last month's flooding rebuild. The effort is backed by a number of luminaries from South Carolina or who have called the state home, including former Gov. David Beasley, former Clemson quarterback Tajh Boyd, TV host Stephen Colbert, former University of South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore, singer Darius Rucker and USC women's basketball coach Dawn Staley.

Note: "We are asking the people of South Carolina to step up today," Haley said.

WJBF: Governor Nikki Haley Announces One SC Fund For Flooding Relief
<http://wjbf.com/2015/11/16/governor-nikki-haley-announces-one-sc-fund-for-flooding-relief/>
Dawn Logg

Monday, Governor Nikki Haley announced the One SC Fund, which is a fundraising effort that will help South Carolinians who are recovering from unprecedented flooding continue the re-building process.

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WBTW: Gov. Haley launches One SC Fund to assist flood victims
<http://wbtw.com/2015/11/16/gov-haley-launches-one-sc-fund-to-assist-flood-victims/>

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S.C. Refugee News:

Associated Press: Haley says she still supports giving refuge to persecuted
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=0xCCQOXI

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday that she continues to support allowing persecuted immigrants to come to South Carolina - as long as they're not from Syria. Republicans in the House and Senate called on Haley to oppose all international refugees. A similar letter signed by 13 House Republicans called it "unquestionably clear that these terrorists will execute whatever means necessary to infiltrate and murder innocent civilians."

Note: Interpreters "saved our American lives, so in turn we save theirs by bringing them," she said, noting it's personal. Two interpreters who worked with her husband Capt. Michael Haley's unit in Afghanistan in 2013 came to the U.S. through the program, she said.

Note: "It is my understanding that while our national security agencies are working tirelessly to vet potential refugees, there remain gaps in available intelligence for those fleeing Syria," she wrote, while agreeing that the United States should try to help people forced to flee their homes "for the most awful reasons, such as religious persecution."

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Haley asks Washington to block Syrian refugees

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20151116/ARTICLES/151119773/-1/magazine?Title=Local-leaders-urge-Haley-to-halt-refugee-program-in-wake-of-Paris-attacks>

Daniel J. Gross, Chris Lavender

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, after requests from lawmakers, has asked the federal government not to send any Syrian refugees to South Carolina.

Note: Haley sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry stating that "... until I can be assured that all potential refugees from Syria have no ties to terrorist organizations, I am requesting that the State Department not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina."

Note: Haley stated in the letter that it is her "first and primary duty to ensure the safety of the citizens of South Carolina," and she believes it is "impossible" for federal officials to "thoroughly vet" those fleeing Syria.

WCSC: Haley to State Dept.: Don't send Syrian refugees to SC

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30530641/haley-to-state-dept-dont-send-syrian-refugees-to-sc>

In a letter to U.S. State Department, Gov. Nikki Haley requested Monday that no Syrian refugees be settled in the Palmetto State because of a potential threat to national security. Haley wrote to Secretary of State John Kerry, expressing "concerns with the vetting process of refugees from conflict-zones, specifically Syria."

Note: "After reviewing recent public statements and personally speaking today with intelligence officials, it is my understanding that while our national security agencies are working tirelessly to vet potential refugees, there remain gaps in available intelligence for those fleeing Syria," she wrote. "This lack of historical and verifiable intelligence with many Syrian refugees makes it difficult, if not impossible, to thoroughly vet individuals seeking to enter the United States as a refugee."

Post and Courier: Haley: Refugees welcome in South Carolina - if they aren't Syrian

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC1603/151119459>

Cynthia Roldan, Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley isn't ready to close South Carolina's borders to all refugees, she just doesn't want any Syrians coming to the state after the terrorist attacks in Paris last weekend that killed 129 and injured hundreds.

Note: "As governor, it is my first and primary duty to ensure the safety of the citizens of South Carolina," Haley said in a written letter to Secretary of State John Kerry. "While I agree that the United States should try to assist individuals in such dire situations, it is precisely because of the situation in Syria that makes their admission into the United States a potential threat to our national security."

WIS: Haley asks State Department not to resettle Syrian refugees in SC

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30532230/haley-asks-state-department-not-to-resettle-syrian-refugees-in-sc>

Derry London

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley joined a growing list of Governors asking the State Department to exclude their states from refugee resettlement. In response to growing concerns that terrorists might use the refugee resettlement program as cover to sneak across borders.

Note: In Governor Haley's letter to Secretary of State John Kerry, sent late Monday afternoon, Haley says she has concerns with the vetting process of refugees from conflict-zones, and specifically cites refugees exiting Syria.

Note: She stated that she reviewed recent public statements, spoke with intelligence officials, and says it's

her understanding that while national security agencies are working tirelessly on the vetting process of potential refugees, there allegedly remains gaps in intelligence on those fleeing Syria.

The State: SC lawmakers ask Gov. Haley to reject refugees, 'potential terrorists'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article45074817.html>

More than a dozen S.C. lawmakers Monday called on Gov. Nikki Haley to block international refugees from coming to South Carolina. The calls came after attacks that killed more than 120 people in Paris over the weekend, renewing fears of terrorists coming to the United States while posing as refugees.

Note: Talking to reporters Monday, Haley said she was not aware of any Syrian refugees coming to South Carolina.

Note: However, she said she plans to find out whether that has changed. "If we think in any way whatsoever South Carolinians are going to be in danger, we're going to change our policy."

Greenville News: Haley asks feds to not send Syrian refugees to South Carolina

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/11/16/haley-asks-feds-not-send-syrian-refugees-south-carolina/75883064/>

Ron Barnett

Gov. Nikki Haley, who has been supportive of refugee resettlement in South Carolina, sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday saying she now questions the ability of federal agents to thoroughly vet Syrian refugees and asked that no Syrians be sent here.

Note: "Until I can be assured that all potential refugees from Syria have no ties to terrorist organizations, I am requesting that the State Department not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina," she wrote.

WLTX: Haley Says Syrian Refugee Policy May Change

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/11/16/haley-says-syrian-refugee-policy-may-change/75891312/>

Mary Sturgill

In light of the Paris attacks, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley addressed Syrian Refugee situation at a press conference. She told reporters that the refugees slated to come to our state are Christians who were persecuted and interpreters who helped our military. Haley told reporters, "We help those who help us."

Note: However, Haley is speaking with Homeland Security and the FBI to make sure that what she knows about the refugees who will be coming to South Carolina is still the same.

Note: "I think we will know in a day or two if we need to change our policy. If we need to change our policy, we will. If we think in any way South Carolinians are going to be in danger, we are going to change our policy. If we get information that everything is as we knew it to be, then we'll keep it the same."

Associated Press: Wary governors halt, question plan to accept Syrian refugees

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article45157101.html>

SOUTH CAROLINA (0) Gov. Nikki Haley says she supports allowing persecuted immigrants to come to South Carolina – as long as they're not from Syria. Republicans in the state Legislature called on Haley to oppose all international refugees. But the Republican governor said as long as nothing changes in who is being resettled in the state, neither will her stance.

WYFF: Sen. Lee Bright: 'They're coming after us'

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/sen-lee-bright-theyre-coming-after-us/36488060>

Liz Lohuis

One by one states are making it clear to the federal government they do not want Syrian refugees. South Carolina has joined the list of 18. But some say the demands do not go far enough. Lynn Isler spoke at Monday night's Spartanburg County Council meeting, pushing members to do more.

Post and Courier: Ted Cruz questions allowing Syrian refugees a path to the U.S. in College of Charleston speech

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC1603/151119426>

Schuyler Kropf

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz told a College of Charleston crowd the Obama administration is wrongly keeping the door open to refugees from Syria, saying there are no safeguards in place to ensure terrorists won't sneak in with them.

S.C. Political News:

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Charleston chooses a new mayor

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC1603/151119400>

Maya T. Prabhu

State Rep. Leon Stavrinakis and businessman John Tecklenburg will face off today in a runoff election for Charleston mayor after both finished on top of the city's six-way race two weeks ago. Charleston voters also will pick two City Council mayors and Mount Pleasant voters will choose two Town Council members in runoff races.

Post and Courier: Voters to decide Charleston mayoral runoff, other races Tuesday

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC16/151119433>

Robert Behre

Charleston voters will pick a new mayor and two City Council members Tuesday, while voters in Mount Pleasant also will choose two Town Council members. All four contests are runoff races, unfinished business from the Lowcountry's Nov. 3 municipal elections. The most visible - and expensive - race is the one for the Charleston mayor's job.

Associated Press: Bush begins 2-day campaign swing in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nJO4IXmo

Republican presidential hopeful Jeb Bush is bringing his campaign back to South Carolina this week. The former Florida governor is attending the Leadership Columbia Alumni Association Leadership Luncheon on Tuesday at the Palmetto Club.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: How Hugh Leatherman's hometown highway stymies statewide road improvement

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article45079413.html>

Cindi Ross Scope

ONE OF THE best ways for powerful legislators to stop being powerful legislators is to get so caught up in doing the business of the state that they forget the folks back home. I know, I know: Focusing on the business of the state is a legislator's job, but try telling that to most voters.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Commission narrows field to three judges vying for spot on state Supreme Court

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC1603/151119405>

Maya T. Prabhu

The commission selecting a replacement for retiring state Supreme Court Chief Justice Jean Toal was nearly unanimous Monday in picking two of three finalists, but deadlocked on naming the last of the candidates. Administrative Law Court Judge Ralph Anderson King III and Court of Appeals Chief Judge John C. Few each received nine of 10 possible votes.

Greenville News: Panel selects two for Supreme Court, deadlocks on third

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/11/16/screening-panel-talks-state-supreme-court-candidates/75863592/>

Tim Smith

The selection of three finalists for a spot on the South Carolina Supreme Court turned into a hung-jury-like drama Monday night as a state judicial screening panel chose two judges, including one from Greenville, but deadlocked for hours on a third.

The State: USC students call for greater campus diversity

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article45053961.html>

Andrew Shain

A group of mostly black University of South Carolina students gathered Monday — outside a theater named after a former president of the college who defended slavery — to begin a march to tell the current president that they want more attention paid to diversity on campus.

Post and Courier: Medicare rule draws sharp criticism from ambulance industry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC1211/151119670>

Lauren Sausser

Private ambulance company owners in South Carolina have become increasingly critical of a Medicare experiment designed to eliminate insurance fraud and save the federal government money. Scot Parsick owns Shoreline Medical Transport in Ridgeland. He said the one-year-old program even contributed to a Bluffton man's death.

Post and Courier: Obamacare customers in South Carolina face tough choices

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC16/151119435>

Lauren Sausser

Larry Simmons paid \$58 a month in 2014 and \$118 a month this year for an Obamacare insurance policy to cover his family of three in Summerville. Next year, staring down a steep price hike, 63-year-old Simmons wonders if he'll be able to afford health insurance at all. "I might just have to drop myself off completely and not have any coverage," he said.

Associated Press: State's Christmas tree arrives at State House in Columbia

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=P0hdhckI

South Carolina's Christmas tree has arrived at the State House in Columbia. News agencies report that the tree was delivered Monday. This year's tree is a 35-foot white fir from Pinetum Christmas Tree Farm in Swanton, Maryland. Bruce Vollnogle, owner of TimberTech in Greer, volunteered to make the long drive to bring the tree to Columbia.

Local News:

Associated Press: Man shot to death by police officers in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=w49sbGVK

Police in South Carolina say a man who fired on officers who were trying to arrest him on drug-related charges has been shot and killed by the officers in Cayce, just west of Columbia. Cayce (KAY-See) city spokeswoman Ashley Hunter says the confrontation occurred around 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Greenville News: BMW to make X3 outside of Greer

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/11/16/bmw-make-outside-greer/75887502/>

Right now, Greer is the only place that BMW Group makes its X3 sports-utility vehicle. That won't be the case going forward. BMW announced Monday that it would start producing the X3 at its plant in South Africa as well. BMW said it would invest more than 6 billion rand (\$417 million) in its Rosslyn plant near Pretoria for production of the next-generation X3.

National News:

Associated Press: Paris attacks put GOP outsiders on the spot

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=lcYc1sxJ

Steve Peoples

The Republican outsiders have been getting a pass on their limited grasp of foreign policy in the presidential campaign. That may be ending. Republicans favored Donald Trump even after he acknowledged not knowing the difference between Hamas and Hezbollah. And they didn't fret over Ben Carson's mistaken belief that the Chinese are involved in the Syrian conflict.

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