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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Associated Press: Gov. Haley asks residents to contribute to flood relief fund

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=1otyVAHv

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley called on people across the nation Monday to contribute to the One SC relief fund to rebuild homes following last month's historic flooding, saying it can do what the government can't.

Note: "While the debris has gone off the roads, if you took a right-hand turn into any of the neighborhoods ... all over the state, you will see devastation," Haley said in announcing the fund's creation. "If you are blessed and did not have damage to your home. If you are blessed and you had insurance. ... Pay it forward."

Note: "We can go to Congress and we can go through that whole fight of doing that, but I know the generosity of the people of South Carolina, and I want these people to have their homes now," Haley said.

Post and Courier: 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 a high-profile 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 about the One SC Fund for flood relief in a Monday press conference.

Note: "It's very cool people that when we called them and we said this is what we want to do and we didn't get a 'no' from a single person," Haley said. "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."

Note: "If you are blessed and you are able to get back into a safe place, pay it forward," Haley said. "Help those that are not. We are going into the giving season and we've got South Carolinians that are in need."

WIS: Gov. Nikki Haley looks to star power to help raise flood money for SC

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30527387/gov-nikki-haley-looks-to-star-power-to-help-raise-flood-money-for-sc>

Will Whitson

South Carolina celebrities are doing their part to help the Palmetto State in the wake of October's devastating floods. During a Monday morning press conference at the Governor's Mansion, Gov. Nikki Haley announced an advisory committee called "One SC" will take part in a flood fundraising effort.

Note: "There is an underwriting cost," Haley said. "What we did with the Original Six foundation is we're underwriting the operations, because I want every donor to know the money that you're giving is going straight to rebuilding, it's going straight to supplies to get those done. What they'll be doing is putting that in grant form so the nonprofits can do the work they need to do."

WLTX: Haley, Celebs Create 'One SC' Fund to Help Flood Victims

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/flood-recovery/2015/11/16/haley-celebs-create-one-sc-fund-help-flood-victims/75867794/>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and a group of famous faces are coming together to help the victims of October's floods who are still suffering from the effects of the disaster. Haley announced the creation of the "One SC" fund Monday morning.

Note: "We didn't get a no from a single person [that we asked]," Haley said. "Everyone said 'how can we help?'"

Note: "While the debris is gone off the roads, if you take a turn into some of the neighborhoods, you will still see devastation," Haley said. "You'll still see homes that have been damaged, you will still see homes in need of repair."

Note: "Every family deserves a safe roof over their head," Haley said. "[The fund] is going to allow us to

complete the work that government can't do."

WSPA: Gov. Haley To Announces Plan For Flood Relief

<http://wspa.com/2015/11/16/gov-haley-to-hold-news-conference-on-flood-relief/>

Governor Nikki Haley is putting out the call for you to help those who need it most after last month's flood. She announced the "One SC Fund" this morning at the Governor's mansion. She said it's a way to fill the gap in work the government can't do. You can donate at onescfund.org and all the money will go to supplies to rebuild homes for families that have the biggest needs.

Ozy: Will Nikki Haley be the next Vice President

<http://www.ozy.com/rising-stars/will-nikki-haley-be-the-next-vice-president/65159>

Nick Fouriezos

Nikki Haley adjusted the bright pallu over her head, pressed her hands to her heart, namaste-style — and did something dangerous for a woman in politics: She started to cry. "It's a very special day," she said, choking up. Haley, who is of Indian heritage, is the first female governor of South Carolina; the scene took place last November, when she was visiting the Sikh Golden Temple of Amritsar — perhaps not what you'd expect from someone who's made her name as a Republican governor and a Christian convert.

Associated Press: Georgia, South Carolina sign new agreement for shared port

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

Russ Bynum

A proposed \$4.5 billion port terminal to be shared by Georgia and South Carolina came closer to reality Monday as the states' port officials signed a new deal for managing the project and voted to ask a federal agency for the permits required to start construction. Governors of the neighboring states decided eight years ago to work together on developing the Jasper Ocean Terminal on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River.

Note: Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said the new agreement will help ensure "that we not only grow today but that we continue to grow for decades to come." And South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley hailed the deal as "an incredible opportunity to strengthen our ports system."

S.C. Refugee News:

Post and Courier: Haley vows to halt any move to resettle Syrian refugees in South Carolina

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

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday she is talking with federal officials about relocating refugees in South Carolina, adding she would put a stop to it if any Syrian are brought to the state after the Paris terrorist attacks last weekend. "If they're going to change who comes in, we'll put a stop to it," Haley said.

Note: "These are people who have protected our troops, these are people who have been persecuted for being Christian ... these are people who we took in because they were unsafe where they were," Haley said.

Note: Haley said she isn't aware of any Syrian refugees in South Carolina or any plans to bring them to the state, but added, "If they're going to change who comes in, we'll put a stop to it."

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 says she's re-evaluating international refugee programs in light of the terrorist attacks in Paris but continues to support allowing the persecuted to come to South Carolina. State Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler is among Republican legislators calling on Haley to end her support. Peeler says South Carolina can't take any chances on an "oops moment" in vetting asylum seekers.

WYFF: Gov. Haley: SC not saying 'no' to refugees

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/sc-not-saying-no-to-refugees/36478326>

Nigel Robertson

The ongoing Syrian refugee crisis has governors across the nation taking a stand, including South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley. "If we think in any way whatsoever that South Carolinians are going to be in danger, we are going to change our policy," Haley said. The governor said there is currently no need to stop the World Relief Organization or Lutherans from bringing refugees to the state.

Note: "These are people who have protected our troops, these are people who have been persecuted for

being Christian, these are people who have been hurt because of their political beliefs, these are people who we took in because they were unsafe where they were." Haley said.

WSPA: No Syrian Refugees Planned For SC In 2016

<http://wspa.com/2015/11/16/no-syrian-refugees-planned-for-sc-in-2016/>

Brianna Smith

As of October 1st, no Syrian refugees have been brought into South Carolina, according to Governor Nikki Haley. Brianna Smith reached out to World Relief, a national organization that has a local office in Spartanburg. They are responsible for assimilating the refugees in the Upstate area. For the fiscal 2016 year, there are no Syrian refugees planned for South Carolina.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley said in a press conference today that she will be monitoring the background checks closely, and will change policy if she is uncomfortable with the process. "If we think in any way South Carolinians are in danger, we will change our policy," said Haley.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: Local leaders urge Haley to halt refugee program in wake of Paris attacks

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20151116/ARTICLES/151119773?p=1&tc=pg>

Daniel J. Gross, Chris Lavender

Legislators are calling on Gov. Nikki Haley to halt any plans to resettle refugees in South Carolina in the wake of terrorist attacks in Paris. Several senators and representatives in the Upstate have sent letters to Haley urging her to stop a refugee resettlement program that is already underway. According to media reports, authorities discovered that one of the bombers in the Paris attacks had a Syrian refugee passport.

WHNS: Nikki Haley discusses Syrian refugees

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/30529654/nikki-haley-discusses-syrian-refugees>

During a Monday morning press conference, Gov. Nikki Haley briefly discussed Syrian refugees. While governors across the country have threatened to block efforts to resettle Syrian refugees in their states after terrorist attacks in Paris, Haley said that she supports refugees entering the Palmetto state and did not voice opposition or support for Syrians resettling in the state.

Note: Haley suggested that Syrian refugees would need additional scrutiny. Haley said that no Syrian refugees had entered South Carolina as of Monday. Haley said that if Syrians begin entering the state, she would take measures to ensure they're safe and added that South Carolina residents are her primary concern.

Politico: GOP governors reject Syrian refugees

Republicans balk at taking refugees while Obama calls for officials to resist the 'dark impulse inside of us.'

<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/11/syria-refugees-governors-reject-215927#ixzz3rhIBDGdN>

Nolan D. McCaskill

What started as a trickle of opposition turned into a deluge by late Monday as GOP governors from Texas, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Indiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Ohio, Louisiana, Arkansas — and Democratic Govs. Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire and Steve Bullock of Montana — joined Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley and Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder in refusing to accept refugees from Syria.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley stood out for taking a more neutral stance. Speaking at a press conference Monday, Haley said she supports refugees entering the state but didn't say whether she favored or opposed Syrian refugees specifically. But if they did enter South Carolina, she said, she would move to ensure those coming into the state are safe.

Island Packet: Cruz in Sun City: Condemns plan to accept Muslim Syrian refugees after Paris attacks

<http://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article45099669.html#storylink=cpy>

During a campaign stop in Sun City Hilton Head Monday, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz condemned President Barack Obama's plan to accept up to 10,000 Syrian refugees following the attacks in Paris. The plan "is nothing short of lunacy," Cruz, a presidential contender, told an overflow crowd of hundreds at the community's pavilion.

Note: Monday, Gov Nikki Haley said she is talking with federal officials about Syrian refugees entering the United States, adding that she is unaware of any Syrian refugees in South Carolina and any plans to bring them here.

Note: But, she said, if any plans are developing to bring them to South Carolina, "we'll put a stop to it."

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: University of South Carolina students walk out of class

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC16/151119453>

Cynthia Roldan

Dozens of students representing "USC 2020 Vision" left class and gathered to march toward the university's administration building, where they outlined 12 demands before several university staffers, including the university's provost, Joan Gabel, and John H. Dozier, Chief Diversity Officer and Director of Community Engagement. USC President Harris Pastides was not in town.

Associated Press: University of South Carolina students walk out of class

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

Some University of South Carolina students walked out of class to protest what they say are inequalities for minority groups. The "USC 2020 Vision" group stated an online petition outlining 12 demands to President Harris Pastides for minority groups. The group wants what it calls a diverse, representative, knowledgeable student board to oversee the vision by 2020.

Greenville News: USC students stage walkout Monday

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/education/2015/11/16/usc-students-plan-walkout-monday/75866180/>

Nathaniel Cary

A group of students at the University of South Carolina staged a walkout of classes at 11 a.m. Monday at the university's Columbia campus to protest what they call a lack of policy changes to promote equality. The group, which posted a list of demands on change.org addressed to USC President Harris Pastides, signed the petition 2020 Visionaries

The State: University of South Carolina students protest inequalities Monday

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

Andrew Shain

A group of about 150 University of South Carolina students marched Monday to bring administrators demands about fixing alleged racial and gender inequalities at the state's flagship college. Dressed in black, the protestors marched silently two-by-two, linked in arms from the Longstreet Theatre through the Horseshoe to USC's administration building.

Post and Courier: S.C., 10 other states now offer gasoline below \$2/gallon

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC05/151119471>

Warren L. Wise

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, gasoline prices continue to nudge downward and 11 states now report the cost below \$2 a gallon. South Carolina continues to post the lowest price in the nation at an average \$1.91 a gallon, according to gas price gauger GasBuddy and motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. Alabama is not far behind at \$1.92 a gallon. The price fell nearly 3 cents last week in South Carolina and is nearly 71 cents lower than this time last year.

Post and Courier: Dylann Roof friend fears trial in Charleston would be unfair

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151116/PC16/151119438>

Andrew Knapp

A friend of Dylann Roof's who was charged in connection with the attack at Emanuel AME Church thinks that having a trial in Charleston would be unfair, his attorney said Monday in court documents. Joey Meek, 21, of Lexington County is charged with misprision of a felony and lying to federal authorities about what he knew of Roof's alleged scheme to shoot black parishioners at the Calhoun Street church.

Associated Press: Friend of church shooting suspect wants trial near hometown

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=c57RNx4k

Bruce Smith

A defendant accused of not telling authorities everything he knew about the plans of a man charged with shooting nine parishioners at a Charleston church wants his federal trial held in Columbia, not in Charleston. The attorney for 21-year-old Joey Meek wrote U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel on Monday saying Meek opposes moving the trial to Charleston, about two hours from Columbia.

Local News:

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 State: Competing power brokers shadow Columbia runoff election Tuesday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article44999952.html>

Clif LeBlanc

Two tested problem-solvers. A young guy with vision. A clergyman who says he'll listen to his community. That represents the slate of Columbia City Council runoff candidates on Tuesday seeking two seats that could alter the balance of power on a body that often makes big decisions with a single vote margin.

National News:

McClatchy: Obama: let in Muslim and Christian Syrian refugees; GOP Governors: no

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article45079491.html>

Maria Recio

President Obama responded testily today to opponents of admitting Syrian refugees to the U.S., taking aim at some GOP presidential candidates for saying only Christian refugees should have asylum.

USA Today: After attacks in Paris, governors refuse to accept Syrian refugees

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/16/alabama-refuses-syrian-refugees-paris-terror-attack/75857924/>

Mary Troyan

At least 21 governors say they are taking some action -- through executive order, requests to federal officials or other steps -- to keep Syrian refugees out of their states in response to Friday's attacks in Paris. In Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal tweeted, "I just signed an Executive Order instructing state agencies to take all available steps to stop the relocation of Syrian refugees to LA."

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