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Governor Nikki Haley Declares State of Emergency:

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley declares state of emergency; rain forces closures, calls for caution
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151001/PC16/151009960>

Bo Petersen

Flooding could be life-threatening this weekend, forecasters warned, as a deluge continues through Sunday. That's without an impact from Hurricane Joaquin, which was expected to stay far offshore. "The concern is that people are going to be so focused on the hurricane, they won't realize that this is going to be a significant event," said meteorologist John Quagliariello, with the National Weather Service, Charleston.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency and directed local and state agencies to coordinate resources. Haley said in an announcement on her Facebook page that parts of the state could experience significant flooding.

The State: Soaking in store for SC as hurricane moves north

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37273719.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Weather forecasters say South Carolina is about to get drenched. Heavy rain and flooding are forecast for the weekend as an east-moving weather system is expected to combine with the edge of Hurricane Joaquin to pound the Palmetto State.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency in advance of potential impacts from Joaquin and the weather system approaching from the west. Haley's emergency declaration puts state emergency plans into effect. That enables agencies to coordinate resources and better respond to requests for state assistance from county emergency managers, the governor's office said.

The State: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley declares state of emergency

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37260351.html>

Jamie Self

Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Thursday evening in preparation for expected flooding and other impacts from Hurricane Joaquin. The storm could bring dangerous rip currents, high tides and additional rain along the coast, which is already experiencing flooding, according to a news release from the S.C. Emergency Management Division.

Greenville News: Greenville prepares for Joaquin

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/01/greenville-prepares-joaquin/73161638/>

Eric Connor, Anna Lee

The rain expected this weekend could bring floods reminiscent of a fatal storm that carved a path of destruction two summers ago and left behind a cautionary tale of how not to underestimate the power of heavy rainfall. Emergency officials are encouraging people to take the threat of floods seriously in Greenville even though the storm itself will largely be confined to a lot of rain.

Note: On Thursday evening, Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency, which allows state officials to move to a higher level of readiness.

Sun News: Flooding likely from Hurricane Joaquin; Horry, Georgetown officials increase efforts to monitor storm

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article37176840.html#storylink=cpy>

Elizabeth Townsend

Emergency preparedness officials in Horry and Georgetown counties moved into OPCON 4 levels Thursday to gear up for possible flooding from Hurricane Joaquin, now a category 4 storm, and the additional rain from a low pressure system in the Gulf of Mexico.

Note: S.C. Governor Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency around 6:30 p.m. Thursday, which enables agencies to “better coordinate resources jointly and respond to requests for state assistance from county emergency managers,” according to a release.

Aiken Standard: Langley Dam, Aiken County preps for severe rainfall; Gov. Nikki Haley issues state of emergency for S.C.

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151001/AIK0101/151009948/1121>

Derrek Asberry

Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency for the state of South Carolina on Thursday evening due to potentially historical flooding expected to sweep through Aiken County, the CSRA and the rest of the state over the weekend. Aiken will be under a flash flood watch beginning Friday but is not expected to get hit by Hurricane Joaquin, an “extremely dangerous” storm that has already claimed one life.

Note: Haley joined the governors of North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey in declaring a state of emergency for their respective states.

Associated Press: Rains drench saturated East Coast; woman drowns in vehicle

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/nation-world/national/article37171155.html>

Tom Foreman Jr.

Drenching rains along an already-saturated East Coast caused major flooding Thursday, drowning a woman whose car quickly filled up with water and prompting flash-flood warnings from historic Charleston to Washington, D.C.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Thursday night, allowing government agencies to immediately start making preparations.

WHNS: Gov. Haley declares state of emergency for South Carolina

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/30167075/gov-haley-declares-state-of-emergency-for-south-carolina#ixzz3nOoDqQ1e>

Amanda Shaw

On Thursday evening, Governor Nikki Haley declared a State of Emergency ahead of any potential impacts from Hurricane Joaquin. A state of emergency declaration puts the state's emergency plans into effect and enable agencies to coordinate resources.

WLTX: Governor Declares State of Emergency in SC

<http://www.wltx.com/story/weather/2015/10/01/governor-declares-state-emergency-sc/73172120/>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has declared a state of emergency for South Carolina in advance of potentially historic flooding for the state. Haley made the declaration just after 6 p.m. Thursday. State emergency officials say the decision allows the state to move to a higher state of readiness for any potential calamity.

Associated Press: The Latest: South Carolina declares state of emergency

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=S8Dgq0Wf

The latest on drenching storms threatening the East Coast. All times local:

8 p.m. With the prospect of heavy rainfall and possible flash flooding threatening all parts of the state, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley declared a state of emergency Thursday evening.

Governor Nikki Haley News:

Harvard Crimson: South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley Honored for Flag Removal

<http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2015/10/2/nikki-haley-honored-flag/>

Sidni M. Frederick

South Carolina Governor Nikki R. Haley was honored by the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations on Thursday evening with a dinner ceremony to celebrate her contributions to the progress of racial justice. Harvard Foundation Director S. Allen Counter presented her with an award of appreciation for her calls to remove the Confederate flag from the South Carolina state capitol this past summer.

Note: “I would not have won the Republican primary if this were a racially intolerant party,” said Haley, who is Indian American.

Note: Reflecting on her choice to call for the removal of the flag, Haley said Thursday that “the State House belongs to all people, and it needed to be welcoming to all people.”

Post and Courier: Gov. Haley suspends Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet after misconduct indictment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151001/PC16/151009949>

Andrew Knapp

Chris Nisbet, the Dorchester County coroner for the past two decades, was suspended from office Thursday after he was indicted on a misconduct charge in a racially charged confrontation with a black neighbor.

Note: An executive order by Gov. Nikki Haley stated that a grand jury had charged Nisbet "for willingly and unlawfully breaching his duty of accountability to the public" and "for misusing his office to effect an unlawful arrest of a private citizen."

Associated Press: Video: Dorchester coroner made racial slurs during incident

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

A police body camera video shows that Dorchester County Coroner Chris Nisbet used racial slurs during an August incident which resulted in his being charged with misconduct in office. Local media outlets obtained the footage through Freedom of Information Act requests to the State Law Enforcement Division.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley suspended Nisbet from office Thursday.

Associated Press: Board postpones vote on another Planned Parenthood review

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=sEmC0UMT

Seanna Adcox

South Carolina's Legislative Audit Council postponed voting Thursday on whether to launch another state investigation into Planned Parenthood. Members of the agency's governing board expressed concern about duplicating other investigations. But they said they're still inclined to approve audit requests signed by dozens of House and Senate Republicans.

Note: In August, Gov. Nikki Haley asked South Carolina's public health agency to investigate the state's abortion clinics, starting with Planned Parenthood. Attorney General Alan Wilson then announced he's looking into Medicaid payments for abortion.

Spartanburg Herald Journal: NAACP, state leaders discuss equity in education

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20151001/ARTICLES/151009958/0/search>

Alyssa Mulliger

The Spartanburg NAACP and representatives of other NAACP branches from across the state gathered for their annual convention in Spartanburg on Thursday. It is the first time in 15 years that the organization's state conference has been held in South Carolina.

Note: On Sept. 24, the S.C. Supreme Court gave Gov. Nikki Haley and leaders of the General Assembly a Feb. 1 deadline for drafting a plan with legislation to address the needs of South Carolina's public schools.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: A challenge from China, too

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151002/PC1002/151009909>

Editorial

Much attention has been focused on Russian President Vladimir Putin's alarming military move into Syria in support of the brutal Assad regime. But he's not the only head of state who has challenged U.S. foreign policy this week. And though delivered in soft words, the message from China's President Xi Jinping during his visit to America was also confrontational.

South Carolina News:

The State: Volvo must invest \$1 billion in South Carolina by 2030

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article37253217.html>

Cassie Cope

Volvo must create 4,000 jobs and invest \$1 billion at its Berkeley County automobile plant by 2030, according to the company's contract with S.C. officials. The company promises 2,000 jobs in its first phase, by Dec. 31, 2023, and an initial investment of \$600 million, according to that contract, obtained by The State through a Freedom of Information Act request.

The State: Winthrop Poll: Most say state should decide fate of historic names

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article37238607.html>

Jamie Self

The ghost of Ben Tillman might be safe on the campuses of South Carolina universities. Most S.C. residents – 63 percent – say state lawmakers, not the institutions, should decide whether to change the names of streets, parks or buildings that bear the names of historical figures or events, according to a new Winthrop Poll question asked exclusively for The State.

Aiken Standard: Obama threatens veto of bill that approves MOX construction at Savannah River Site
<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151001/AIK0101/151009951/1004>

Derrek Asberry

Construction of the Savannah River Site's MOX facility has been authorized by the U.S. House, but the bill that funds the program will now have to make it through the Senate and an expected veto from President Obama. The \$612 billion National Defense Authorization Act, largely known as the defense bill, was passed by the House on Thursday in a 270-156 vote.

Local News:

The State: USC students, law enforcement remember slain Forest Acres police officer
<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37268217.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Roughly 150 people gathered Thursday evening at the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity house in the University of South Carolina's Greek Village for a candlelight vigil celebrating the life and memory of slain Forest Acres police officer Greg Alia.

Post and Courier: Charleston region holds up well against competitors in annual economic scorecard
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151001/PC05/151009967>

David Wren

As the nation's only place that will make both airplanes and automobiles, the Charleston region ranks among the nation's top sites for advanced industries such as high-tech manufacturing, according to a study released Thursday. Attracting the educated workforce to take those jobs, however, will continue to be a challenge as metro areas around the country compete for the same workers.

Post and Courier: Activists' concerns persist after video of fatal police shooting released
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151001/PC16/151009920>

Andrew Knapp

A video released this week shows Dorchester County deputies fatally shooting Shamir Palmer in August shortly after the 24-year-old got out of his SUV during a pursuit. The deputies said Palmer, who had fired a shot from his SUV earlier in the chase, pointed a gun at them before they opened fire.

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