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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

The State: The Buzz: Could SC solve Trump's diversity problem?

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article79107367.html>

Jamie Self

Donald Trump could find a South Carolina fix for his "serious demographic challenge," pundits say. Yes, Gov. Nikki Haley, South Carolina's first Indian-American and first female governor, voluntarily removed herself from the running to be Donald Trump's running mate after the New York billionaire became the presumptive GOP presidential nominee. (Still, a Rasmussen poll taken about a week after Haley bowed out showed that 9 percent of GOP voters wanted her in the VP spot anyway.) Now, however, another prominent S.C. Republican's name has come up. U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-North Charleston, would be "one of the few plausible picks," according to a "Veepstakes" report brought to Rasmussen by the prognosticators from Larry Sabato's Crystal Ball.

Easley Progress: County snags one more

<http://theeasleyprogress.com/news/4746/county-snags-one-more>

Kasie Strickland

Era-contact, a German based company that produces couplings for electric railways, announced a new facility to be built in Commerce Park off U.S. 123 in Liberty. The space will serve as the company's North American headquarters, bringing 45 new jobs to the Upstate as well as a \$3.6 million investment to the area.

Note: "It's always a great day in our state when we can welcome a company like era-contact USA to the South Carolina family," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "Their decision to create 45 new jobs in Pickens County is a huge win for the people of South Carolina and is a real reason to celebrate across the state."

Moultrie News: Msgr. Carter receives state's highest honor

<http://www.moultrienews.com/20160521/160529997/msgr-carter-receives-states-highest-honor>

Msgr. James A. Carter, pastor of Christ Our King Church in Mount Pleasant, receives The Order of the Palmetto, the states highest civilian honor, for extraordinary lifetime service and achievements of statewide significance at a celebration for his 50th anniversary as a priest April 29.

### General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Shorter legislative session won't mean less work would get done, lawmakers say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160521/PC1603/160529878>

Maya T. Prabhu

Three days a week from January until June, South Carolina lawmakers greet a doctor a day, visiting school groups and scores of sports teams. All that pomp and circumstance, and the obligatory standing ovations that follow, sometimes takes up as much as an hour a day. But that could change if the House approves a bill to short the legislative session by up to four weeks. The Judiciary Committee on Thursday sent legislation to the House floor that would end the General Assembly's yearly sessions on the second Thursday in May. The session currently runs through the first Thursday in June.

Post and Courier: Lee Bright vs. Marlon Kimpson: Two state senators face off over gun rights

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160521/PC1603/160529875>

Cynthia Roldan

The fight to pass any gun law this year — pro or con — has come down to a battle of wills between two outspoken lawmakers from opposite ends of the political spectrum. And time is running out. On the side of gun-control is Democratic state Sen. Marlon Kimpson of Charleston, whose district includes Emanuel AME Church. On the other side is Republican Lee Bright of Spartanburg County, a gun-friendly politician who once raffled off an AR-15 military style rifle in a campaign fundraiser.

Morning News: Leatherman says plan for South Carolina's roads will work

[http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article\\_2dbaf586-1f9e-11e6-a6f2-9b796fdd92a9.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_2dbaf586-1f9e-11e6-a6f2-9b796fdd92a9.html)

Joshua Lloyd

When the state's Senate, House and governor couldn't come to a consensus on a viable road repair bill this year, the likelihood that South Carolinians would see any type of solution to fix the state's notoriously shoddy roads system seemed grim. Last month a new plan emerged that could give a \$4 billion boost for road projects over the next 10 year The state Senate passed, at the behest of Finance Committee Chairman and Senate President Pro-tempore Hugh K. Leatherman Sr., a plan that would give \$2.2 billion from the State Infrastructure Bank upfront for roads. Leatherman said South Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary Christie Hall told him a one-time shot of \$2.2 billion would free up the department by near that amount to use on road repairs – meaning about \$4 billion total.

Island Packet: Medical marijuana a quixotic tilt for straitlaced Beaufort senator

<http://www.islandpacket.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/david-lauderdale/article79036522.html>

David Lauderdale

Call it reefer madness. Sen. Tom Davis, the straitlaced Republican with the looks of a Boy Scout, stands before his colleagues in Columbia at the start of each Senate session and morphs into Cheech and Chong. Or at least that's the way it seems by the reaction the Beaufort attorney got this session in his new push to expand medical marijuana use in South Carolina. The S.C. Medical Marijuana Program Act sponsored by Davis and Orangeburg Democrat Brad Hutto got shot down in committee this year.

Post and Courier: Popping the top: Legislative initiatives, although slow to come, have given S.C.'s craft beer industry a boost

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160521/PC05/160529872>

David Wren

While South Carolina's small breweries have scored several victories in the General Assembly in recent years, Bristow says there's still a long way to go. The number of craft breweries in South Carolina has more than doubled since 2011 to 36 free-standing operations, nearly one-third of them in the Charleston region. The state's breweries contribute \$443 million to the state's economy each year, according to the National Brewers Association, a trade group. Bristow, who also serves as executive director of the South Carolina Brewers Guild, was among a trio of craft beer experts who gathered this month at Low Tide Brewing in Johns Island to discuss the industry's legislative wins and future battles.

Post and Courier: Clementa Pinckney portrait to be unveiled

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160521/PC1603/160529880>

Gavin Jackson

Larry Lebby depicts the details of the late Sen. Clementa Pinckney, down to the veins in the hands, so vividly, so lifelike that family members would become emotional during routine feedback sessions over his seven-month journey to capture Pinckney's spirit. Pinckney's deep voice won't return to the Senate he had served in since 2001. But his energy will when Lebby's portrait is unveiled Wednesday during a ceremony inside the chamber.

Post and Courier: State GOP closely following Eddy Southard case

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160521/PC1603/160529886>

The South Carolina Republican Party is looking at how it might jettison embattled former Moncks Corner state Rep. Eddy Southard and get behind another candidate. Southard, who has been accused of sexual harassment

by three women according to a House ethics report released last week, resigned his office but has declined to take his name off the November ballot. Last week, S.C. GOP Chairman Matt Moore wrote a letter to the S.C. House Ethics Committee requesting all the public documents related to the investigation into Southard's conduct.

#### LGBT Laws:

Morning News: Pee Dee schools, government officials respond to federal transgender letter  
[http://m.scnw.com/news/local/article\\_b8551ac0-1f9c-11e6-8af5-4f05d6a5ccf9.html?mode=jqm](http://m.scnw.com/news/local/article_b8551ac0-1f9c-11e6-8af5-4f05d6a5ccf9.html?mode=jqm)

Jake Crouse

School districts in the Florence area are considering ways to respond to a letter from the Obama administration on how to accommodate transgender students. Some officials have already made statements saying they intend to follow federal regulations. A national debate over transgender rights, sparked by the passage of House Bill 2 (HB2) in North Carolina, led the Obama administration to send the letter May 13 to schools across the nation. The letter, coauthored by representatives of the Education and Justice Departments, aimed to give "significant guidance" on how schools can best tailor their policies to be in compliance with Title IX laws and how federal departments intend to review cases pertaining to gender-based discrimination in school districts.

Post and Courier: Berkeley County is going to pot(ty) over school district transgender stance  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160522/160529927/berkeley-county-is-going-to-potty-over-school-district-transgender-stance>

Brian Hicks

You just knew this Berkeley County schools policy on transgender bathroom use would not pass unnoticed. Not in the land of the RINO hunters. Last month, school district officials announced they would follow the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' lead and defer to the U.S. Department of Education's position on transgender students. That is, those kids should have access to bathrooms that match their gender identity, not be restricted to ones that correspond to their biological sex. Cue the Berkeley blusterers. They say the school board should have voted on this (and against it, of course). They say new Superintendent Brenda Blackburn should be reprimanded, punished or fired.

#### SC Agency News:

Greenville News: DSS audit of flood food stamps finds fraud  
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2016/05/21/dss-audit-flood-food-stamps-finds-fraud/84707736/>

Tim Smith

An audit of flood-related food stamp benefits awarded in 24 South Carolina counties last year has found 68 cases of fraud in Greenville County. In fact, according to the state Department of Social Services, nearly one out of every four fraud cases it discovered in a random audit was from Greenville County. "Statistically, that's more than our share," Sen. Mike Fair, a Greenville Republican, told The Greenville News. "But at first blush, it doesn't sound extremely out of line." DSS conducted a random audit of 9,029 applications statewide, weighted more heavily in counties like Greenville that had less flood damage, and found 297 that were fraudulent, DSS spokeswoman Karen Wingo said.

#### SC Political News:

USA Today: Rep. Trey Gowdy says Benghazi report will be released before conventions  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/05/21/rep-trey-gowdy-says-benghazi-report-released-before-conventions/84706796/>

Mary Troyan

The special House committee investigating the 2012 terror attacks in Benghazi will issue its report before the Republican and Democratic presidential nominating conventions in July, the panel's chairman told MSNBC on

Friday. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., said he originally wanted to finish in 2015 but that the committee did not receive all of the documents and witnesses in time. "I can't stop an investigation because an executive branch agency won't give me documents," Gowdy said in an interview with Meet the Press Daily from the National Rifle Association convention in Louisville.

Post and Courier: Looming debate on women and the draft puts controversial issue on South Carolina's radar  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160521/160529874/looming-debate-on-women-and-the-draft-puts-controversial-issue-on-south-carolinas-radar>

Emma Dumain

On a recent Thursday afternoon, state Rep. Jenny Horne wasn't immediately clear on whether she supported women being subject to a military draft. "This is an important issue," said Horne, a Summerville Republican who hopes to unseat incumbent U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford in the June 14 primary. She had to do some research on it, she told The Post and Courier. No one had ever asked her about this before. And this was only after her campaign manager, following a long silence, jumped on the telephone line to offer his own opinion on the subject. By early Friday morning, Horne had reached a conclusion: She was in favor of submitting women to the Selective Service, citing technological advances that necessitate drawing officers from a bigger pool.

SC Elections:

Aiken Standard: U.S. House candidate Arik Bjorn speaks at Aiken Democratic meeting

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160521/AIK0101/160529904>

Christina Cleveland

This year's election is important to Arik Bjorn, a candidate for the 2nd Congressional District of South Carolina, as he said he plans to win the U.S. House race and also back the Democratic presidential nominee. Bjorn spoke at the Aiken County Democratic meeting Thursday in Aiken. He has been endorsed by the executive board. He said it's been years since a Democrat has won the District 2 seat but "this year really matters" because "we cannot let Donald Trump win the presidency of the United States."

Independent Mail: Two S.C. House candidates in Anderson County have faced foreclosure suits

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/two-sc-house-candidates-in-anderson-county-have-faced-foreclosure-suits-33504253-17d0-17ca-e053-0100-380374391.html>

Kirk Brown

Two Republicans running for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 7 seat in Anderson County have dealt with foreclosure suits in the past several years. One year before he was elected to the Belton City Council in 2012, Jay West and his wife lost their four-bedroom, 2,900 square-foot home in Greenwood. Dennis Ted Grindstaff avoided a foreclosure sale of his home south of Iva in 2014 when a judgment in the case was vacated. Both candidates say their financial problems during the Great Recession have given them a better understanding of the economic difficulties facing many voters in House District 7. The district covers a mostly rural area in southern Anderson County that includes Belton, Honea Path and Iva.

Greenville News: Corbin, White seek GOP nomination in Senate District 5

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/05/21/corbin-white-seek-gop-nomination-senate-district-5/84135212/>

Rudolph Bell

Republican state Sen. Tom Corbin of Tigerville survived a primary challenger four years ago. We'll see on June 14 whether he does it again. In 2012, Corbin made quick work of his rival from within the GOP, Greer businesswoman Amanda Somers, capturing more than 65 percent of the vote. He was unopposed in the general election, and will be again this year, if he can get past Landrum attorney John B. White Jr., who's aiming to unseat him in the GOP primary on June 14.

Morning News: Unemployment, seniority at center of the Senate District 30 race

[http://www.scnow.com/news/election\\_2016/article\\_63077de0-1f9e-11e6-96bd-5f01fbd72f25.html](http://www.scnow.com/news/election_2016/article_63077de0-1f9e-11e6-96bd-5f01fbd72f25.html)

Joshua Lloyd

The South Carolina Senate District 30 race will be decided in the June 14 primary between two Democratic candidates – 12-year incumbent Kent Williams and second-time challenger Patrick T. Richardson. At the forefront for both candidates is the unemployment rate in Marion County, which hovers around 9 percent – the second highest in the state.

The Herald: 2 Republican sheriff candidates seek York County's top law enforcement spot

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article78586077.html>

Teddy Kulmala

When it comes to experience, there's no shortage in the Republican race for York County sheriff – John H. Williams and Kevin Tolson have nearly 60 years of law enforcement between them. York County voters will decide on June 14 whose experience they like more.

Opinion/Editorial:

The State: Are you ready for some bobtailing?

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scoppe/article78851017.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

You could think of this as a preschool version of too big to fail. Or you could think of it as our Supreme Court's efforts to make the Legislature obey the state constitution. For years, the Legislature cobbled together unrelated bills and passed the whole massive result as one take-it-or-leave-it proposition that no one dares leave. This is the process that gave us video gambling and a bribery-tainted retroactive tax break and enshrined the Confederate flag's position on the State House dome and re-opened the Barnwell low-level radioactive waste landfill to the nation. It's how many of the sales tax exemptions came to litter our tax code. For years, too, the Supreme Court struck down the add-ons as violations of the state constitution, which says a bill may have only one subject.

Greenville News: Editorial: Override Haley's farm aid veto

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/editorials/2016/05/22/editorial-override-haleys-farm-aid-veto/84484920/>

Editorial Board

South Carolina's farmers, especially those in the lower half of the state, suffered immeasurably last October when torrential rains washed out their crops. Farmers lost \$500 million in what became known as a "thousand-year" flood that dumped more than two feet of rain on parts of the state. Thanks to the vision of the South Carolina Legislature, that aid is on its way. Both the House and Senate voted overwhelmingly to override Gov. Nikki Haley's veto of the aid package. (The Senate voted 39-3 and the House voted 112-2.) If ever there was an appropriate time for the state to step in and offer those farmers relief, this is it. After all, agriculture is among the top industries in South Carolina, and failure to lend aid after a once-a-millennium disaster would have been a failure of government.

Post and Courier: Shorten session; raise results

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160522/PC1002/160529782>

Editorial

The South Carolina Legislature hasn't finalized much of major importance this session, a fact that speaks for substantially shortening the legislative session, beginning next year. A bill that would do just that received approval of the House Judiciary Committee last week, and will go to the House floor this week, with only a few legislative days remaining. Even with highway and ethics bills still in the balance, the House should make time to put this bill to an affirmative vote. It would cut the 2017 session by three weeks, and future sessions by as much as four weeks.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Issues arise with South Carolina sex offender registry

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/05/21/south-carolina-sex-offender-registry->



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Romando Dixon

Victims of sexual assault and anyone else who monitors South Carolina's sex offender registry may be viewing false information, The Greenville News found during a review of the state's sex offender registry. The uncertainty arose as the state transitioned to new tracking software this year. In addition to misleading information, the state inadvertently published juvenile sex offender information online for nearly two weeks when the new system was rolled out. Months into the changeover, The Greenville News found intrastate and interstate discrepancies in sex offender data, revealing a lack of communication between jurisdictions.

Post and Courier: South Carolina's Future Scholar 529 plan can help with higher education costs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160522/PC05/160529995>

David Slade

In just a week it will be Memorial Day weekend, Charleston high school seniors will be preparing for graduation, and babies born on May 29 throughout South Carolina will be able to get some free money to start their college savings accounts. Free money? That's because 5/29 is "529 Day" — a reference to the tax-advantaged college savings accounts known as 529 plans. South Carolina's college savings plan, Future Scholar, uses 5/29 as a marketing opportunity by offering to put \$529 in the account of any baby born in the state that day. While only a small number of people will benefit, it's clear that the word hasn't gotten out about this free-money offer. An average of 155 people are born every day in South Carolina, but during the past three years just 83 families have claimed "Palmetto Baby" funds.

Associated Press: Shaw Air Force Base hosting open house, Thunderbirds show

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jhu8df4J](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jhu8df4J)

SC State Wire

Shaw Air Force Base is filling the skies over central South Carolina with flights by the Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying team and the U.S. Army's Black Daggers parachutists. The event continues Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The Thunderbirds conduct their precision-flying demonstrations with a team of five F-16 Flying Falcons. The Black Daggers are a demonstration team from the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. Flights begin around 10 a.m.

Local News:

The Herald: Exclusive: York teen who wanted to join ISIS freed with parole supervision

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article79052312.html>

Andrew Dys

In small York, South Carolina, a city of about 5,000 people, nobody ever expected the FBI to swoop in last year with some of the top anti-terrorism agents in the country. But that's what happened when police say a 16-year-old kid from Syria, raised in York, bought two guns and wanted to join ISIS in Syria, then threatened to massacre American soldiers after robbing a gun store. Or if that didn't work, police said the teen was prepared to take the guns and go into the nearest police station and kill cops. Yet that teen, now 17, walks free a year and a half later. He was never charged with any federal crime and was paroled on a simple gun possession charge May 4, then released from jail May 6. He was released despite refusing to tell police where he got the guns that started the nationwide investigation that landed him in jail.

The State: Lawsuit: Vista bar overserved motorcyclist, led to passenger's death

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article79089212.html>

John Monk

A bar in Columbia's Vista is being accused in a lawsuit of serving so much alcohol to a patron that he became "grossly intoxicated" and crashed his motorcycle, causing the death of a friend who was riding with him. The suit, filed by the father of Caitlin Clark, 19, who died in the crash, is against Tin Roof Acquisition Co. LLC, which runs the Tin Roof bar at 1022 Senate St. in Columbia.

Associated Press: Richland County suing state over sales tax collections

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qbl6A5u5](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qbl6A5u5)

SC State Wire

Richland County is suing the state Department of Revenue, claiming it's overstepping its authority by withholding sales taxes and interfering with how local authorities spend the money. The State newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/1OFUwS6>) the county filed the lawsuit Friday in Richland County and hopes for a court hearing next month, before the agency's next \$16 million payment to the county is due in July. The lawsuit is the latest move in a months-long dispute over the county's use of penny-on-the-dollar sales tax collections intended for transportation improvements. The tax has generated more than \$156 million since it took effect in May 2013 following voters' approval in 2012.

Associated Press: 54 arrested in 'Operation Good Time' prostitution bust

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7ncD4FiU](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7ncD4FiU)

SC State Wire

Police say 54 people have been arrested in South Carolina during a prostitution bust dubbed "Operation Good Time." Police Chief Keith Grounsell said Friday that it could be the largest-ever prostitution bust in the city of about 20,000 people. Grounsell says the sting on Tuesday and Wednesday resulted in the arrest of 26 soliciting men and 28 prostitutes. They collectively face 64 charges, including 11 drug charges and one gun charge. More than \$2,000 in cash was seized.

Greenville News: Prostitution bust may be largest in Simpsonville history

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/05/20/simpsonville-prostitution-bust-believed-largest-history/84681212/>

Anna Lee

Dozens of prostitutes and johns in the Simpsonville area were arrested in what the city's police chief said is believed to be the largest prostitution bust in Simpsonville history. The two-day sting, dubbed "Operation Good Time," led to the arrest of 54 individuals who now face prostitution, drug and firearms charges, Police Chief Keith Grounsell said Friday. Operatives used social media sites to either locate prostitutes or advertise sex for money, Grounsell said.

Aiken Standard: SRNS awards \$75,000 in mini-grants for CSRA teachers

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160521/AIK0101/160529902>

Larry Wood

With a mini-grant from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, third-grade teachers Kristine Pencille and Tiffany Coleman hope to make learning about electricity a snap for their students. The Jefferson Elementary teachers will use the \$500 SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini-Grant award to buy a set of snap circuits to teach their students about electricity, a new state standard for third-graders. Their grant is one of 117 individual and team awards that went to 151 teachers in Aiken, Edgefield, Richmond and Columbia counties to enhance innovative ideas in teaching science, mathematics and technology.

National News:

Associated Press: Clinton, Sanders duel over Latino vote in California

<http://bigstory.ap.org/27919371c45c4646bf58c5ca3e9403dd>

Michael R. Blood

Bernie Sanders' image gazes out from a corner storefront in Boyle Heights, a Hispanic enclave known for its plump burritos and a plaza where mariachis strum guitars. It's here that his campaign is going house to house to cut into Hillary Clinton's advantage with Latino voters. The oversized painting of the silver-haired Sanders was created by local artists. Perched in a front window, it's a centerpiece in an art gallery-turned-unofficial campaign office, where owner Mercedes Hart displays an array of T-shirts, lapel buttons — even pink underwear — bearing the Vermont senator's name.

Associated Press: Clinton shrugs, sees benefits in Trump's personal attacks

<http://bigstory.ap.org/7988e08a5fbb407ab730a571c8d827a0>

Lisa Lerer and Catherine Lucey

Hillary Clinton has a message for Donald Trump: keep on talking. She's just weeks away from wrapping up the Democratic presidential nomination, and friends, aides and supporters describe a candidate who isn't particularly rattled by what she expects will be Trump's increasingly direct attacks on her marriage and husband's personal indiscretions. In fact, Clinton believes that she can turn Trump's deeply personal assaults to her benefit, they say, particularly among suburban women who could be crucial to her hopes in the fall. Her plan is never to engage in any back-and-forth over the scandals. Instead, she'll merely cast him as a bully and talk about policy.

World News:

Associated Press: The Latest: Senior US commander says Taliban faces 'dilemma'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/ea2e9a23062448f2ba79b730a4178e76>

The top commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East says the killing of the Taliban's supreme leader presents a difficult dilemma for the militants in Afghanistan. Gen. Joseph Votel told reporters while visiting Jordan on Sunday that he is pleased that Mullah Akhtar Mansour was killed in an American drone strike. He said it puts the Taliban on "the horns of a dilemma" as they seek to establish new leadership to replace Mansour.

Associated Press: El-Sissi says Egypt submarine headed to plane crash site

<http://bigstory.ap.org/80df05ccedff4c8a97d888cd6198105d>

Hamza Hendawi

Egypt's president said on Sunday a submarine belonging to his country's Oil Ministry was headed to the site of the crash of EgyptAir Flight-804 in the eastern Mediterranean to join the search for the cockpit voice and flight data recorders, commonly known as black boxes. President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi also said Egypt was jointly investigating the Thursday crash with the French government. "It is very, very important to us to establish the circumstances that led to the crash of that aircraft," he said in comments broadcast live on Egyptian TV channels.

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