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NEW GENERAL IN COMMAND

U.S. to intensify support of forces combating ISIS

Iraq executes 36 tied to massacre

BLADE NEWS SERVICES

WASHINGTON — The United States will increase the tempo of operations in support of ground forces as they prepare to tackle the twin capital of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, according to the new commander of the U.S. military operations against ISIS.

Gen. Stephen Townsend, who took over on Sunday of U.S. and allied operations against the extremists, said U.S.-backed forces were preparing to move on the Iraqi city of Mosul and the Syrian city of Raqqa for what he said would be the final urban battles.

"Our job is to maintain the momentum" as that occurs, General Townsend said. "What we'll do as their partners is pick up our pace of operations, our rate of fire if you will, so they can posture themselves for the next big step."

He said that acceleration would include intensified air and artillery strikes and stepped-up efforts to equip and train local forces. It will not include an immediate expansion of the U.S. ground role, he said.

Iraqi and Syrian forces will need time to regroup before trying to recapture the cities that are likely to be fiercely defended, the general said.

Intensified U.S. and allied plane attacks would give those local forces "the breathing space to do that," he said.

General Townsend, a veteran of other insurgent battles, appeared to be optimistic that both cities would be recovered fully.

"Our tour is a year long, and I anticipate being busy with that the bulk of the tour," he said. "But it's my intent to have liberated Mosul and Raqqa and be in a pursuit phase by the end of our tour."

The general cautioned that ISIS will continue to pose a

threat in small cities and towns, and in rural areas of Iraq and Syria, even then.

He named the city of Tal Afar, in northern Iraq to the west of Mosul, as one such place.

Meanwhile, in southern Iraq, authorities executed 36 men convicted of taking part in the ISIS massacre of hundreds of soldiers in 2014, officials said.

The men were hanged at the Nasiriyah prison, according to provincial Gov. Yahya al-Nasiri. A Justice Ministry official confirmed the executions.

ISIS militants captured about 1,700 soldiers after setting Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in 2014.

The soldiers were trying to flee from nearby Camp Speicher, a former U.S. base just outside the northern city. Shortly after taking Tikrit, ISIS posted graphic images of gunmen shooting the men dead after forcing them to lie face-down in a shallow ditch.

The Speicher massacre sparked outrage across Iraq and partially fueled the mobilization of Shiite militias in the fight against ISIS, a Sunni extremist group. The militias now rival the power of Iraq's conventional armed forces.

Iraqi forces arrested dozens of men allegedly linked to the massacre after retaking Tikrit in 2015 with the help of U.S.-led airstrikes. The men were sentenced to death earlier this year, and the judicial process was criticized by the head of the provincial council in Salahuddin province, of which Tikrit is the capital. He claimed some of the executed men were tortured.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has attempted to fast-track the implementation of death sentences after large-scale bombings in and around Baghdad in recent months.

SOMBER SHOW FOR CANADA'S BAND



Tragically Hip's lead singer Gord Downie is seen performing on a screen as a man watches from British Columbia at a viewing party during the 'Man Machine Poem' tour. The band's last show of the tour was in Kingston, Ont.

Tragically Hip performance brought fans out in scores

Lead singer, Downie, has terminal brain cancer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINGSTON, Ont. — The rock concert did not begin with a rock song.

Instead, it started with flag-waving fans breaking into a national anthem, *O Canada*.

The impromptu tribute by an emotional sold-out crowd that included Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau began what was expected to be the final performance Saturday by Tragically Hip, a group known as Canada's Band, and lead singer and songwriter Gord Downie, dubbed Canada's unofficial poet laureate.

Mr. Downie has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, and fans across Canada and abroad gathered at viewing parties to bid him a fond farewell.

The bluesy rock band is known as The Hip, and Mr. Downie is known for penning poems in Canadian life: about hockey and deso-

late small towns, about literature and the French explorer who named Canada.

Being so defiantly Canadian might be one reason why The Hip sent nine of its 13 albums to No. 1 in Canada, but none above the top 100 in the United States.

After spending three decades together, The Hip returned on Saturday night to where they began as a college rock band, the Lake Ontario city of Kingston.

Those who couldn't get into the Rogers K-Rock Centre massed nearby to watch on a giant screen.

While the band was careful not to declare that its now-concluded 15-show "Man Machine Poem" tour would be its last, the concert had an aura that was both celebratory and somber.

Despite being diagnosed with glioblastoma, the most aggressive cancerous brain tumor, an energetic Mr. Downie was in fine form as

he and his bandmates played an epic 30-song set, punctuated by three encores.

Mr. Trudeau, on learning of Mr. Downie's diagnosis in May, tweeted that the singer "has been writing Canada's soundtrack for more than 30 years."

On Saturday, the prime minister's official photographer tweeted a photo of Mr. Trudeau, 44, and Mr. Downie, 52, embracing before the show.

Mr. Downie acknowledged Mr. Trudeau from the stage. The singer called on the prime minister to take action on behalf of Canada's indigenous people.

"He's going to be looking good for about at least 12 more years. I don't know if they let you go beyond that. But he'll do it," Mr. Downie said between songs.

Mr. Trudeau could be seen in the audience nodding and mouthing "thank you."

THE WORLD

BLADE NEWS SERVICES

Hamas, Israel launch exchange of rockets

SDEROT, Israel — Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip fired a rocket into southern Israel on Sunday, prompting the Israeli military to respond with airstrikes and tank fire on targets inside Gaza. No injuries were reported on either side.

The Israeli military said the rocket landed in the southern border town of Sderot, a frequent target of Palestinian rocket fire. The rocket landed in a residential area next to a house, but no damage or injuries were reported.

Shortly after, the military said Israeli aircraft and tanks targeted two posts of the Hamas militant group in northern Gaza. Hamas officials said a training camp in northern Gaza was targeted, but the camp had been evacuated after the rocket was fired in anticipation of an Israeli reprisal.

Militants in Gaza occasionally launch rockets toward Israel in spite of a cease-fire enacted in 2014 after a 50-day Israel-Hamas war.

Brother of Syrian boy in haunting photo dies

BEIRUT — The brother of a wounded Syrian boy who gained international attention has died three days after suffering injuries in an air raid on the northern Syrian city of Aleppo, opposition activists said Sunday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and Aleppo-based activist Baraa al-Halaby said that Ali Daqneesh, 10, died on Saturday from the same airstrike on a relief-held area in Aleppo.

Syrian activists posted footage of Ali's brother, Omran Daqneesh, 5, after his rescue from a building in Wednesday's airstrike. Omran has been discharged.

Twin bombings kill at least 17 in Somalia

MCKIADISHU, Somalia — A suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden vehicle at the gates of a local government headquarters in Somalia while another targeted a marketplace, killing at least 17 people and wounding more than 30 others, police said Sunday.

Somali Prime Minister Omar Abdirahim Sharmake said that "evil-doers" had targeted innocent civilians. The al-Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Leaders of Euro Zone's top economies to talk unity

NAPLES — The leaders of Germany, France, and Italy will meet today to discuss how to keep Europe united in the second set of talks between the leaders of the Euro Zone's three largest econo-

mies since Britain voted to leave the European Union.

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi hosts German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande on an island off the coast of Naples ahead of Sep-

tember's E.U. summit called to discuss repercussions from the British exit vote.

Officials fear it could lead to a referendum in the Netherlands — a founding E.U. member — on whether to leave the bloc as well.

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