

# Two Deputies Killed, Two Others Hurt in California Shooting Spree



Crime scene tape crisscross a Motel 6 parking lot where Sheriff's Deputy Danny Oliver was killed in Sacramento, California October 24, 2014.

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – Two California sheriff's deputies were killed and two others were wounded in a shooting spree that started in a motel parking lot in Sacramento on Friday, authorities said.

Marcelo Marquez, 34, and a female companion, who were described on Twitter by the California Highway Patrol as armed and dangerous, were taken into custody, police said.

The incident began on Friday morning in the parking lot of a Motel 6 when a deputy, later identified as Danny Oliver, 47, approached a vehicle considered to be suspicious, said Sacramento County Sheriff Lieutenant R.L. Davis.

Someone inside the car fired multiple rounds at Oliver, who was struck in the chest. On Friday afternoon, Sacramento Sheriff Scott Jones said that Oliver had died of

his wounds at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center in Sacramento.

"We grieve as a family," Jones told a news conference. He said that Oliver, a 15-year veteran of the force, left behind a wife and two daughters.

After shooting Oliver, the car's occupants then carjacked a vehicle nearby, shooting the man who was at the wheel before fleeing, Davis said. Police initially said that the civilian who was carjacked was a woman.

They then stole a third vehicle, a 2002 red Ford F-150 pickup truck, and are believed to have crossed into neighboring Placer County, shooting two sheriff's deputies there, Davis said.

One of the deputies, 42-year-old Michael David Davis Jr., later died, said Placer County Sheriff Edward

Bonner at a news conference.

Davis was a 15-year veteran with the department and died 26 years to the day after his father and namesake, Michael David Davis, was killed while on duty as a sheriff's deputy in southern California, Bonner said.

The female suspect was taken into custody earlier on Friday afternoon, the Sacramento Bee reported. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Department confirmed that she was "with law enforcement," but said it was not clear whether she was still viewed as a suspect.

Marquez was taken into custody around 4 p.m. local time after he was found hiding in a suburban home, the Placer County Sheriff's Department said. Businesses in the town of Auburn, where the man fled, were put on lockdown for much of Friday afternoon.

## Egyptians Protest Against Government Crackdown



Egyptian demonstrators stage a rally in Cairo to denounce the violence by security forces against protesters. (file photo)

CAIRO (Press TV) – Hundreds of Egyptian demonstrators have rallied in Cairo and other cities across the country to denounce the violence by security forces against student protesters, Press TV reports.

The demonstrators from the Anti-Coup Alliance took to the streets across Egypt on Friday, calling for an immediate end to military rule and the release of political detainees.

One man was killed in clashes with the police in the Cairo neighborhood of Matariya.

Masked men also set ablaze two automobiles belonging to the Saudi Arabian consulate. This is the first attack against Saudi property in

the North African country.

Egyptian protesters say Riyadh has been the biggest supporter of Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, the current president and the former head of the armed forces.

Following the ouster of Egypt's first democratically-elected president Mohamed Morsi by Sisi in July 2013, students have staged massive anti-government protests across the country. The government clampdown on Morsi supporters has left hundreds dead and thousands detained.

Also on Friday, two bomb attacks in the volatile Sinai Peninsula claimed the lives of nearly 33 security personnel.

Following the Friday assaults, Sisi held an emergency meeting of the National Defense Council to discuss the new spate of violence in Sinai, and announced three days of mourning in the country.

The council also declared a state of emergency "for a duration of three months" in the northern and central parts of the Sinai Peninsula.

Dozens of similar attacks have taken place against army and police forces in Sinai over the past couple of years.

Ansar Bait al-Maqdis, an al-Qaeda-affiliated militant group, has claimed responsibility for most of the attacks in the restive region.

## Six Takfiri Terrorists Killed by Tunisian Security Forces

TUNIS (Press TV) – Tunisian security forces have killed six Takfiri terrorists who had taken a number of people hostage in a suburban house near the capital Tunis, Press TV reports.

Security forces stormed the house in the Oued Ellil suburb of Tunis on Friday after negotiations with the terrorists failed.

Five women and one man were killed and two others arrested in the attack. Tunisian security guards also rescued two kids who had been used as human shields by the militants during the operations.

The militants were reportedly planning an attack to disrupt the country's parliamentary elections, which is due on Sunday.

"The mother used her own daughter as a human shield for foreign agents. This shows the inhumanity

of those terrorists who were neutralized by the elite anti-terrorism units," Interior Ministry spokesman Mohammed Ali Aroui told Press TV.

"We would like to reassure Tunisians that the situation is under control. Militants wanted to abort the election process, but this will not happen," he added.

Security forces are on high alert ahead of the key elections, in which approximately 5.2 million voters are eligible to cast their ballots.

Over 13,000 candidates started their official electoral campaigns around three weeks ago for the 217 seats in the country's National Assembly.

The Islamist Ennahda Movement and the secular Nidaa Tounes Party are expected to win the majority of the votes in the upcoming elections.

## Brazil Presidential Campaign Ends in Slugfest Over Corruption



Presidential candidates Aecio Neves of Brazilian Social Democratic Party (PSDB) and Dilma Rousseff of Workers Party (PT) pose before a television debate in Rio de Janeiro October 24, 2014.

BRASILIA (Reuters) – Presidential candidates traded accusations over political corruption on Friday night in a last ditch attempt to sway undecided voters before Sunday's election runoff in Brazil's closest race in decades.

In the final television debate of a bitter campaign, leftist President Dilma Rousseff and pro-business opposition candidate Aecio Neves sparred over who was best suited to restore growth to a stagnant economy, fight inflation, bring down rents and deal with open sewers in Brazilian cities.

But it was a deepening bribery scandal at the country's largest enterprise, state-run oil company Petroleo Brasileiro SA (PETR4.SA), that brought the fiercest ex-

changes.

"There is one easy way to put an end to corruption: throw the Workers' Party out of office," Neves said in reply to a question from a voter on how to improve Brazil's lenient anti-corruption laws.

Polls show that the festering corruption scandal involving the ruling Workers' Party has not had a significant impact on the race in which Rousseff gained a clear lead this week.

In his last chance to win over voters, Neves came out swinging in the debate and asked Rousseff straight out whether she knew about a scam that allegedly received kickbacks from Petrobras contractors and funneled funds to Rousseff's party and its allies in Congress.

## Italians Protest at PM's Austerity Moves, Labor Reforms

ROME (PRESS TV) – Large crowds of people have taken to the streets in various Italian cities in protest at Prime Minister Matteo Renzi's austerity measures and labor reforms.

The 24-hour strike has been called by the main and biggest trade union Italian General Confederation of Labor (CGIL) to protest against cuts to public spending and job market reforms proposed by the premier.

Renzi has made proposals to change job protection rules which critics believe that it would prevent companies from hiring new staff, worsening the situation in the Eurozone's third largest economy.

The proposed reforms have drawn criticism from unions and left-wing members of Renzi's own Democratic Party who say the proposals will undermine rights

of workers and fail to do anything to address the root causes of economic stagnation for decades.

However, European policymakers have applauded the Italian prime minister's proposals.

On Friday, a national one-day strike was held in protest against the proposed reforms.

In a televised interview later on Friday, Renzi said that he respects the CGIL but the planned demonstration did not discourage him.

"The days when a street protest could block the government are gone. We won't budge a centimeter," he told the La7 channel.

A Press TV report says as the Italian public debt continues to grow exponentially, the European statistics agency has warned that it has reached nearly 134 percent of the country's gross domestic product in the second quarter of 2014.



NAYPYIDAW (Press TV) – Thousands of Rohingya Muslims have been forced to flee Myanmar over the past ten days amid a renewed crackdown on the minority group in the Southeast Asian country, an NGO says.

Chris Lewa, director of the Rohingya advocacy group Arakan Project, said on Saturday that at least 8,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar's northern state of Rakhine on cargo ships for neighboring countries since October 15.

The mass exodus comes amid a campaign of arrests by the government which has caused panic among Myanmar's Rohingya Muslim community.

Rohingyas could face indefinite detention under a new government plan that requires them to either accept ethnic reclassification and register as Bengalis or be detained.

Local authorities have reportedly rounded up a number of community and religious leaders and tortured some of them to death.

Myanmar's 1.3 million Muslims, who are denied citizenship, are said to be one of the world's most persecuted communities.

Rohingyas Muslims in Myanmar have faced torture, repression and neglect since the country's independence in 1948.

The Myanmar government has been repeatedly criticized by human rights groups for failing to protect the Rohingya Muslims.

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BEIJING (Reuters) - Sixteen workers were killed after a coal mine collapsed in China's far western region of Xinjiang, the official Xinhua news agency reported on Saturday, highlighting the poor safety standards in the world's biggest coal producing country.

The accident occurred in the regional capital of Urumqi on Friday night when 33 workers were underground, the report said citing local officials.

Eleven workers were injured and six escaped, it added.

The report did not identify the name of the coal mine and said the cause of the accident is being investigated.

China's mines are the deadliest in the world because of lax enforcement of safety standards and a rush to feed demand from a robust economy. Twenty two workers were killed in a coal mine accident in southwestern China in June.

In an effort to eliminate outdated capacity and improve work safety, China plans to shut down over 2,000 small-scale coal mines by 2015.

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CAIRO (Reuters) - Two attacks in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula killed 33 security personnel on Friday, security sources said, in some of the worst anti-state violence since Islamist President Mohamed Mursi was overthrown last year.

The violence prompted Egypt to declare a three-month state of emergency in parts of North Sinai, where the violence took place, the state news agency reported.

The attacks are a setback for the government, which had managed over the past few months to make some progress in the struggle against an Islamist militant insurgency in the Sinai as it focuses on trying to repair the economy.

President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has also expressed serious concerns over militants who are thriving in the chaos of post-Gaddafi Libya and are opposed to the Cairo government.

Egypt has offered to train anti-militant, pro-government Libyan forces while it tries to contain the Sinai insurgency. Security officials say Egyptian warplanes flown by Libyan pilots recently bombed militant targets in Libya.

Thirty people were killed in the first attack in the al-Kharouba area north-west of al-Arish, near the Gaza Strip, the sources said. Military helicopters transferred the dead and wounded to Cairo. Among them were several senior officers from the Second Field Army based in Ismailia, security sources said.

The car bomb attack targeted two armored vehicles at a checkpoint near an army installation, the sources said. They said the big explosion and high death toll were likely due to the vehicles being loaded with ammunition and heavy weapons.