

Polls So Quiet, Egypt Extends Vote One Day

Limited Turnout May Diminish a Victory

By DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK

CAIRO — After Egypt's revolution three years ago, so many voters eager for democracy turned out for elections that officials had to scramble to accommodate the throngs.

On Tuesday, the military-backed government confronted the opposite problem. Officials extended a scheduled two-day vote for a third day not because of long lines, but because so few people had shown up.

Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, the former army field marshal who deposed Mohamed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's first freely elected president, is still universally expected to win by a landslide. Yet the disappointing turnout has upended his supporters' hopes that the vote would grant him new legitimacy after the ouster.

When polling places around the nation remained largely empty on the second day of voting, signs of panic swept the government. Officials initially extended voting hours on Tuesday by an hour, to 10 p.m. Then, a holiday was declared for state and private employees, as well as for banks and the stock market. Train and subway fares were suspended. State television said that the police would help the elderly or the sick get to polling stations, and it repeated admonishments from Muslim and Christian leaders about a religious duty to vote.

Officials also said that the government would fine those who did not vote up to \$70 — a large sum for most Egyptians — and that unlike in the past, the fines would be enforced.

Analysts said the government's scramble to increase the turnout undermined the endlessly repeated premise of the new military-backed order: that Mr. Sisi had the passionate support of an overwhelming majority of Egyptians to oust Mr. Morsi and to assume leadership.

The extension of voting "looks desperate," said Michele Dunne, Continued on Page A9

JUSTICES REJECT A RIGID I.Q. RULE FOR EXECUTIONS

BAR CUTOFF IN FLORIDA

5-to-4 Ruling Suggests Eight Other States May Be Affected

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday continued a trend to limit capital punishment, ruling that Florida's I.Q. score cutoff was too rigid to decide which mentally disabled individuals must be spared the death penalty.

"Florida seeks to execute a man because he scored a 71 instead of 70 on an I.Q. test," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the majority in a 5-to-4 decision.

Justice Kennedy was joined by the court's four-member liberal wing, a recurring coalition in cases concerning harsh punishments.

When the court barred the execution of people with mental disabilities in 2002 in Atkins v. Virginia, it largely let the states determine who qualified. Tuesday's decision, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. wrote for the four dissenters, represented a "sea change" in the court's approach.

The ruling will affect not only Florida, which has the nation's second-largest death row after California, but also as many as eight other states by Justice Kennedy's count, including Alabama and Virginia. They will now be required to take a less mechanical approach to mental disability in capital cases, said Eric M. Freedman, a law professor at Hofstra.

"Death row inmates commonly suffer from multidimensional mental problems," Mr. Freedman said. "Today's ruling requires courts to investigate these fully, by looking at the elephant rather than the tail."

In Tuesday's decision, Justice Kennedy said that closer supervision of the states was warranted given the nature of the punishment. "The death penalty is the Continued on Page A13

U.S. Troops to Leave Afghanistan by End of '16



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U.S. and Afghan service members looking for caves with weapons caches. Just 9,800 American troops will remain by year's end.

Detroit Urged to Tear Down 40,000 Buildings

By MONICA DAVEY

DETROIT — A task force convened by the Obama administration issued the most detailed study yet of blight in Detroit on Tuesday and recommended that the city spend at least \$850 million to quickly tear down about 40,000 dilapidated buildings, demolish or restore tens of thousands more, and clear thousands of trash-packed lots.

It also said that the hulking remains of factories that dot Detroit, crumbling reminders of the city's manufacturing prowess, must be salvaged or demolished, which could cost as much as \$1 billion more.

If carried out, the recommendations by the Detroit Blight Removal Task Force would drastically alter the face of the nation's largest bankrupt city. They would

First Step in Plan to Stem Blight in a Bankrupt City

also cost significantly more than the approximately \$450 million that the city already plans to spend on blight, raising questions about the feasibility of the vast cleanup effort, which is part of its larger campaign to emerge from bankruptcy by fall and begin re-making itself.

And the recommendations are certain to raise even more questions on the streets of Detroit about which neighborhoods will be helped first, and which will have to wait.

The blight study, which is perhaps the most elaborate survey

of decay conducted in any large America city, found that 30 percent of buildings, or 78,506 of them, scattered across the city's 139 square miles, are dilapidated or heading that way. It found that 114,000 parcels — about 30 percent of the city's total — are vacant. And it found that more than 90 percent of publicly held parcels are blighted.

All in all, the report provides a remarkably gloomy, block-by-block portrait of the hollowed-out city's misery and a virtual record of how Detroit's population, once 1.8 million, has fallen to fewer than half that.

"Blight is a cancer," Dan Gilbert, a business executive and leader of the blight task force, said on Tuesday, laying out highlights of the report, more than 300 pages and months in the making. "Blight sucks the soul out of any- Continued on Page A15

Focus to Shift to Terror Threats Elsewhere

By MARK LANDLER

WASHINGTON — President Obama, declaring that it was "time to turn the page on a decade in which so much of our foreign policy was focused on the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq," announced on Tuesday that he planned to withdraw the last American troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2016.

Under a new timetable outlined by Mr. Obama in the Rose Garden, the 32,000 American troops now in Afghanistan would be reduced to 9,800 after this year.

That number would be cut in half by the end of 2015, and by the end of 2016, there would be only a vestigial force to protect the embassy in Kabul and to help the Afghans with military purchases and other security matters. At the height of American involvement, in 2011, the United States had 101,000 troops in the country.

Mr. Obama said the withdrawal of combat troops from Afghanistan would free up resources to confront an emerging terrorist threat stretching from the Middle East to Africa — a strategy he plans to detail in a commencement address on Wednesday at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

"Americans have learned that it's harder to end wars than it is to begin them," he said. "Yet this is how wars end in the 21st century."

Despite Mr. Obama's attempt to signal the end of 13 years of American military engagement in Afghanistan, the United States will continue to have troops engaged in lethal counterterrorism operations there for at least two more years. The president also conceded that the United States would leave behind a deeply ambiguous legacy.

"We have to recognize Afghanistan will not be a perfect place, and it is not America's responsibility to make it one," he said. "The future of Afghanistan must be decided by Afghans."

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Afghan Woman's Rebellion

A woman who set her husband on fire received support from others tired of enduring lives of abuse. Page A10.

Eyes on Stats, Players Hire Help to Crunch Them

By SCOTT CACCIOLA

MIAMI — For many players, a professional entourage is as much a part of the N.B.A. lifestyle as yacht-size wristwatches.

Countless players employ trainers who travel on the road to conduct private workouts. Others have personal chefs who make sure that their diets remain steady, their omelets cooked just so. Some even have stylists who handpick the outfits they wear to postgame news conferences.

But it may be time to make room for one more member of the N.B.A. player's ever-expanding staff: the personal statistician.

Justin Zormelo, a 30-year-old Georgetown graduate, is at the forefront of a growing industry, his services a must-have accessory for the playoffs. Zormelo, who spends hours every day hunkered over a laptop in his home office, has become the go-to source for players who want a private guide through the emerging world of advanced analytics.

Let others conduct wind sprints and weight-room sessions. Zormelo, who works for individual players and not their teams studies film, pores over metrics, and feeds his clients a mix of information and instruction that is as much informed by Excel spreadsheets as it is by coaches' playbooks. He gives players data and advice on obscure points of the game — some-



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Justin Zormelo, center, of Best Ball Analytics with his assistant Stanley Wakefield Jr., left, and the prospect JaKarr Sampson.

thing many coaches may not appreciate — like their offensive production when they take two dribbles instead of four and their shooting percentages when coming off screens at the left elbow of the court.

"I take a lot of time to figure out different formulas for efficiency," said Zormelo, who has had more than 30 N.B.A. clients since starting a company called Best Ball Analytics in 2011. "I'm trying to stay a step ahead."

Zormelo's rise reflects a broad-

er shift in the N.B.A. toward an embrace of "Moneyball"-style analytics — such as player efficiency ratings — that did not exist a generation ago. Intangibles like a player's "killer instinct" or his "clutch performance" have given way to mathematical equations that quantify every aspect of the game.

Zormelo's career took off three years ago when he began working for Kevin Durant, the league's leading scorer and most valuable

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Once Allies, Ex-Obama Aides Face Off in British Campaign

By JASON HOROWITZ

LONDON — David Axelrod stood on a stage in the Buckingham Room of the Labour Party headquarters this month, rallying British progressives who are hoping, and paying, for Barack Obama's message maven to help lead them back into power.

Cleanly shaven with a light purple shirt and dark purple tie, Mr. Axelrod held forth on the similarities between Mr. Obama's presidential campaign and that of the Labour candidate for prime minister, Ed Miliband, who is running on a platform of narrowing economic inequality in Britain.

Mr. Axelrod is not the only top Obama operative at work here. A week earlier, Jim Messina, Mr. Obama's lanky 2012 campaign manager, met at Downing Street with his client, Prime Minister David Cameron of the Conservative Party, who argues that years of austerity have corrected the profligate years of Labour rule and that tough immigration laws are protecting British values and jobs.

The British elections in 2015 will be waged over these competing economic visions, the country's stomach for hard-right anti-immigrant appeals, and the candidates' abilities to manage coal-



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The ex-aides David Axelrod, left, and Jim Messina in 2009.

ition partners. But the contest is also shaping into a proxy competition between two titans of the "No Drama Obama" campaigns who are acting out their ideological and personal conflicts on a faraway stage.

As more former aides turn their affiliation with the president into lucrative consulting arrangements, the Battle of Britain crystallizes a concern among some Democrats over whether those most central to Mr. Obama's rise should be expected in their private business to stand for his public policies and values. And if they are not, some of the president's supporters wonder what exactly it means to work for Mr. Obama in the first place.

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