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Israeli soldiers transport a burnt car which is reportedly connected to the disappearance of three teenagers near the West Bank city of Hebron, Friday.

Israeli soldiers comb West Bank for 3 teenagers - 1 American - feared abducted by Palestinians

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM
Israeli soldiers searched the West Bank on Friday for three missing teenagers from nearby settlements, one of them a U.S. citizen, feared kidnapped by Palestinian militants, authorities said.

Authorities offered little detail, with local media only reporting the hitchhiking teenagers left their Yeshiva, or religious seminary, on Thursday night and had not been seen since. Soldiers near Hebron combed the rocky hills of the West Bank searching for them Friday.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the disappearances, which comes after the formation of a Palestinian unity government following the collapse of U.S.-brokered peace talks.

Two Israeli defence officials said authorities believed the teens likely were kidnapped by Palestinian militants, without elaborating. They spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not allowed to brief journalists.

"The main mission is to ensure their return," said Brig. Gen. Motti Almoz, a military spokesman.

Tsuri Tsuf, a spokesman for a settlement where one of the

teens is from, told Israel's Channel 10 television that his community was "greatly worried" and gathered to pray for the safety of the youths.

Authorities found a burned-out car during their search that investigators were examining.

The three teens are from settlements in the West Bank, territory Israel captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war and that Palestinians are demanding as part of their future state along with the Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem.

If Palestinians abducted the teens, it would be the first serious incident to challenge relations with Israel since the formation of a Palestinian unity government earlier this month, led by President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party and backed by the Islamic militant group Hamas. The West and Israel consider Hamas a terror group because of its deadly attacks targeting civilians.

Hamas frequently calls for the abduction of Israelis and militants have kidnapped Israelis in the past. The Israeli military has said it has foiled multiple Palestinian kidnapping attempts in recent years and warns soldiers and civilians not to accept rides from strangers. Despite the warnings, hitchhiking remains common in Israel.

Clerics urges national defence as militants seize more Iraqi towns

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Iraq's Shiite clerical leadership Friday called on all Iraqis to defend their country from Sunni militants who have seized large swaths of territory, and a U.N. official expressed "extreme alarm" at reprisal killings in the offensive, citing reports of hundreds of dead and wounded.

U.S. President Barack Obama said he is weighing options for countering the insurgency, but warned Iraqi leaders that he would not take military action unless they moved to address the country's political troubles.

Fighters from the al-Qaida-inspired Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant made fresh gains, capturing two towns in an ethnically mixed province northeast of Baghdad. The ISIL assault also threatens to embroil Iraq more deeply in a wider regional conflict feeding off the chaos caused by the civil war in neighbouring Syria.

The fast-moving rebellion, which also draws support from former Saddam-era figures and other disaffected Sunnis, has emerged as the biggest threat to Iraq's stability since the U.S. withdrawal at the end of 2011. It has pushed the nation closer to a precipice that could partition it into Sunni, Shiite and Kurdish zones.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-led government is struggling to form a coherent response after militants overran the country's second-largest city of Mosul, Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit and smaller communities, as well as military and police bases — often after meeting little resistance from state security forces.

A representative for Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most revered Shiite spiritual leader in Iraq, told worshippers at Friday prayers that it was their civic duty to confront the threat.

"Citizens who can carry weapons and fight the terrorists in defence of their country, its people and its holy sites should volunteer and join the security forces," said Sheikh Abdul-Mahdi al-Karbalai, a cleric whose comments are thought to reflect al-Sistani's thinking.

He warned that Iraq faced "great danger" and that the responsibility of fighting the militants "is everybody's responsibility, and is not limited to one specific sect or group."

In Geneva, U.N. human rights chief Navi Pillay warned of "murder of all kinds" and other war crimes in Iraq, where her office says the number of those killed in recent days may run into the hundreds and the number of wounded could approach 1,000.

Pillay said her office has received reports that militants rounded up and killed Iraqi army soldiers as well as 17 civilians in a single street in Mosul.

Obama did not specify what options he was considering, but he ruled out sending American troops back into combat in Iraq.

Neighbouring Shiite powerhouse Iran signalled its willingness to confront the growing threat from the militant blitz.

Iran's official IRNA news agency reported that former members of Tehran's powerful Revolutionary Guard have announced their readiness to fight in Iraq against the Islamic State, and Iranian state TV quoted President Hassan Rouhani as saying his country will do all it can to battle terrorism next door.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will apply all its efforts on the international and regional levels to confront terrorism," the report said Rouhani told al-Maliki by phone.

Iranian officials denied reports their forces were actively operating inside Iraq, however.

Sexual violence summit ends on hopeful note

The Associated Press

LONDON

A conference focusing on rape in conflict zones ended on an upbeat note Friday, with hundreds of participants from Somalia to Kosovo encouraged by an outpouring of international support.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told participants it was time to "banish sexual violence to the dark ages in the history books."

"We will not tolerate rape as a tactic of war and intimidation," he said.

Activists, diplomats and rape

survivors left the four-day London summit, co-hosted by actress Angelina Jolie and British Foreign Secretary William Hague, believing they had made progress in better prosecuting offenders and protecting victims — especially those in developing countries and conflict regions.

Organizers said 155 countries signed a declaration of commitment to end sexual violence in conflict and many,



John Kerry

including the U.S. and Britain, pledged funds to support the cause.

Deeq Mohamed, a Somali delegate, said he came away encouraged by the global support, although he knew there was no easy answer to the scourge of sex crimes in war zones.

"You see all the people around the world here and you realize you're not alone anymore," he said.

"Everybody is making their little difference, and that can make a big change."



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**8AM - 4PM
SPECIAL SERVICES**

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Gas Emergency 403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency 403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services 403.526.2828

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www.medicinehat.ca/what'snew/flood_relief_information

Please note there are only two circumstances where residents will be required to close their Sanitary Sewer Isolation Valve:

- 1) Once a year for maintenance purposes 1st or 2nd week of May (insert and remove the same day)
- 2) When you are advised by the Director of Emergency Management due to an emergency situation.

Contact:
Betty Koch, Program Administrator
Sanitary Sewer Isolation Valve Assistance Program
City of Medicine Hat
403-529-8206
betkoc@medicinehat.ca

OR
Emergency Management Assistant
City of Medicine Hat
403-502-8712

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

You can make a difference in our City...

The City of Medicine Hat invites you to apply to serve on the **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board** or the **Social Development Advisory Board**.

The core function of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board is to hear subdivision appeals, development appeals and some bylaw orders in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act and Bylaw #3009. This position will appeal to persons with an interest in real estate, property development, planning or the functions of a quasi-judicial board. There is one position available and the term is to end December 31, 2016.

The Social Development Advisory Board acts in an advisory capacity to the Public Services Committee and City Council in matters involving the social needs of the community at large by identifying issues and developing recommendations. There is one position available and the term is to end December 31, 2015.

More information about these Boards and the required application form is available online at www.medicinehat.ca at 'I want to...apply' or from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat.

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department by 4:30 pm, Thursday, June 26, 2014.

For further information please contact the City Clerk at 403-529-8234.

FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2014. This is an annual maintenance activity that maintains water quality and system infrastructure. Residents may notice some discoloring of water, which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, you may wish to flush the water from your home for a few minutes by watering your lawn or running your tap. Please note that the flushing in your home will not correct private plumbing/corrosion problems. Thank you for your understanding.



The City of Medicine Hat and you partners in safe drinking water.

PROPOSED REZONING AMENDMENT TO THE LAND USE BYLAW #4168 902-SOUTH RAIL STREET SE

TAKE NOTICE that City Council gave First Reading on Wednesday June 4th, 2014 by Bylaw #4229, a Bylaw of the City of Medicine Hat to amend Bylaw #4168, the Land Use Bylaw to rezone the subject lands at 902 South Railway Street S.E. to Direct Control.

An application was received to amend the Land Use Bylaw to rezone the subject lands at 902 South Railway Street S.E. to Direct Control (DC) to address the unique aspects of the subject lands.

A Public Hearing in general accordance with the Municipal Government Act and the City's Procedure Bylaw, and consideration of the Second/Third Readings of proposed Bylaw #4229 will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at the address below on Monday, July 7th, 2014, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. Any person who claims to be affected by the proposed bylaw may make representation to City Council at the Public Hearing. Oral submissions are limited to five minutes.

A copy of proposed Bylaw #4229 and related documents may be inspected during office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the City Clerk Department or accessed via the 'Proposed Bylaws' section on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

Anyone wishing to have a written submission concerning this proposed bylaw placed before the City Council must submit it to: City Clerk Department, 580 First Street S.E. Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 8E6 by 12:00 o'clock noon, Wednesday, July 2nd, 2014

Dated at the City of Medicine Hat, in the Province of Alberta, this 7th day of June, 2014.

Angela Cruickshank, City Clerk
Phone 403-529-8234
Fax 403-529-8182
E-mail: ANGCRU@medicinehat.ca



TREE VOUCHERS

Are you a Home Owner in our RANCLANDS or SOUTHLANDS subdivisions? You may be entitled to a Tree Voucher through the Land & Properties Department.

Trees improve air quality, lower cooling and heating costs and enhance the aesthetic and economic value of property.

To find out more or to request a voucher phone 403.529.8148 or email land_properties@medicinehat.ca. Vouchers will be mailed.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED JUNE 5 TO JUNE 11, 2014 PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
465 8 Street NE	(Lot 18, Block 10, Plan 1433HS) Permit No. DP11779. With Conditions. Detached Residence Addition.
1387 24 Street SE	(Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 5976JK) Permit No. DP11783. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
167 Somerside Way SE	(Lot 28, Block 9, Plan 0912931) Permit No. DP11782. With Conditions. Driveway Width Variance.
14 Carr Crescent SE	(Lot 17, Block 11, Plan 7610522) Permit No. DP11785. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
20 Wheatland Drive SE	(Lot 12, Block 2, Plan 1311331) Permit No. DP11786. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
64 Wheatland Drive SE	(Lot 23, Block 2, Plan 1311331) Permit No. DP11787. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
30 Somerside Gate SE	(Lot 13, Block 9, Plan 0912931) Permit No. DP11788. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
243 Somerside Way SE	(Lot 5, Block 8, Plan 0912931) Permit No. DP11792. With Conditions. Detached Residence.
3 Turner Green SE	(Lot 34, Block 54, Plan 9711506) Permit No. DP11796. With Conditions. Deck Cover.
HOME OCCUPATION	
500 Stark Way SE	(Lot 27, Block 2, Plan 0013182) Permit No. DP11768. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Consultant.
22 Rossdale Court SE	(Lot 61, Block 3, Plan 7611036) Permit No. DP11771. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Safety Consultant — Three Year Renewal.
4 - 372 Belfast Street SE	(Lot 17, Block 87, Plan 636M) Permit No. DP11772. Office With Storage on Site. With Conditions. General Contractor.
440 Ash Avenue SE	(Lot 21, 22, Block 29, Plan 1491) Permit No. DP11773. Customers to Attend Site. With Conditions. Beauty Salon — Three Year Renewal.
1503 Eagle View Place SW	(Lot 25, Block 2, Plan -) Permit No. DP11775. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Petro/Oilfield Service — Three Year Renewal.
21 Sundance Bay SW	(Lot 13, Block 30, Plan 0312198) Permit No. DP11776. Office Use Only. With Conditions. Photography — Three Year Renewal.
78 Sunset Crescent SW	(Lot 1, Block 27, Plan 0312828) Permit No. DP11780. Customers to Attend Site. With Conditions. Aesthetics.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning, Building & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374)