

## CAMERON SLAMS POST-REFERENDUM XENOPHOBIC INCIDENTS

**LONDON:** Prime Minister David Cameron's spokeswoman yesterday said the government "will not tolerate intolerance" after a series of racist incidents was reported following Britain's decision to leave the European Union. "We should be absolutely clear that this government will not tolerate intolerance... intimidating migrants, telling them they need to go home," his spokeswoman told journalists.

The Polish Embassy in London earlier said it was "shocked and deeply concerned" by incidents of abuse directed at the Polish community. They include the posting of laminated cards reading "Leave the EU - no more Polish vermin"

to members of the Polish community in Huntingdon, near Cambridge, on Saturday and reports of racist graffiti scrawled on a Polish community centre in Hammersmith, London.

"We would like to thank for all the messages of support and solidarity with the Polish community expressed by the British public," the embassy said. London mayor Sadiq Khan yesterday placed the city's police force on alert following the incidents. Khan said he took "seriously my responsibility to defend London's fantastic mix of diversity and tolerance. 'I've asked our police to be extra vigilant for any rise in cases of hate crime, and I'm calling on

all Londoners to pull together and rally behind this great city. 'It's also crucial that we don't demonize the 1.5 million people in London who voted for Brexit, we must respect their decision and work together now to get the best deal for London."

## '90 incidents'

Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Nick Percival said the force was looking into the posting of racist cards. "We are... taking it seriously as it does represent a hate crime. We would encourage anyone who is either a victim or is aware of the source of this to come forward." Other incidents were also reported on social media.

John O'Connell, from anti-racism group Far Right Watch, said they had recorded over 90 incidents in the last three days, ranging from "verbal abuse up to physical violence." Sky News journalist Adam Boulton tweeted that he had seen three "when are you going home?" Racist incidents aimed at EU citizens." Finance minister George Osborne called for "unity of spirit and purpose", and urged Britons to "condemn hatred and division wherever we see it."

"Britain is an open and tolerant country and I will fight with everything I have to keep it so," he said. Conservative politician Sayeeda Warsi, who made a

high profile switch to the Remain camp, blamed the highly-charged campaign for enflaming tensions. "Long after the political bus moves on we leave problems on our street," she told Sky News.

"I've spent most of the weekend talking to organizations, individuals and activists... who monitor hate crime, and they have shown some really disturbing early results from people being stopped in the street and saying look, we voted Leave, it's time for you to leave. "And they are saying this to individuals and families who have been here for three, four, five generations. The atmosphere on the street is not good." —AFP

## TRUMP E-MAILS: CAN YOU SPARE \$10 TO HELP ELECT A BILLIONAIRE? NOMINEE IN DESPERATE NEED FOR MORE MONEY

**WASHINGTON:** The billionaire running for president now seeks to convince millions of Americans to give him money. With the simple tap of the "send" button one day last week, Donald Trump collected \$3 million in campaign contributions - as much as he did in the entire month of May. He had asked for donations of \$10 or more, with the promise of chipping in \$2 million of his own money to match those that arrived.

That one-day haul from Trump's first fundraising appeal is

## Reap millions

Still, if Trump can reap millions of dollars from each pitch, that could help him solve an urgent problem: He's being crushed by Democratic rival Hillary Clinton's well-honed finance machine, which pulled in 10 times as much as he did last month. Campaign money pays for the advertising and employees needed to find, persuade and turn out voters on Election Day. Trump's national finance chairman Steven Mnuchin said the campaign was "over-

called the Trump Make America Great Again Committee that has sent two dozen emails in the past month. "Contribute \$100, \$50, or even just \$25 to show you're ready to keep winning!" one missive asks. Each donation is divided, with 80 percent going to the Trump campaign and 20 percent to the RNC.

As successful as Trump's first fundraising email seems to have been, Tom Sather, senior director of research at the email data solutions firm Return Path, said the candidate could have done better.

## Spam rate

By contrast, Clinton's spam rate on fundraising emails is typically about 5.7 percent, and her rate at which people open the emails holds steady at about 14 percent, Sather said. "It will be interesting to see how he gets better at this, or if he continues to flounder," Sather said. "There is an art and a science involved." Trump has begun leveraging his social media fan base for cash. In a sponsored Facebook post on Tuesday, Trump asked for donations after a reminder that he is new to fundraising. "I did a good thing during the Republican primary. I didn't ask my supporters for a single dime. Not one."

Trump's early pitches seem designed to tackle the problem of how it looks when a rich guy starts asking for money, Republican strategists said. "He has built rapport with voters. So if he says he now needs their money, they're more likely to trust that he does," said John Thompson, the digital director for Ted Cruz's Republican presidential campaign. Dale "Boomer" Ranney, a South Carolina-based volunteer for Trump, recently gave \$125 to the campaign. She pointed out that if all of Trump's 9 million Twitter followers did so, he would blow past the \$1 billion that Clinton and her allies are expecting to amass.

Trump's grassroots supporters will "give what they can because they believe so much in him," she said. As Sanders proved, online fundraising can chip away at an opponent's financial advantage. Sanders raised \$6 million in 24 hours after winning the New Hampshire primary simply by declaring in a televised victory speech that he was "going to hold a fundraiser right here, right now, across America." "If they really focus on it, they could raise \$300 (million) or \$400 million online," said Barry Bennett, a former Trump adviser who helped Ben Carson raise tens of millions of dollars online for his presidential bid.

Bennett and Thompson said they could imagine ways for Trump to raise big online. For example, the campaign could design fundraising raffles with the prize of meeting Trump or touring his airplane or his glitzy properties, Thompson said. "He has a luxurious lifestyle," he said. "If I was in their shoes, and he agrees to it, I'd leverage that." —AP



**WASHINGTON:** In this June 10, 2016 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump gives a thumbs-up while addressing the Faith and Freedom Coalition's Road to Majority Conference. —AP

early evidence of the digital magic it takes to fill campaign coffers Bernie Sanders-style - millions of people, each giving a few bucks. Yet that was just one email. Success demands repetition. The presumptive Republican nominee must now make the case that he needs money, after months of boasting that he can pay his own way. And his campaign also is failing in what could be called "the art of the email." One analysis found that 74 percent of his first fundraising requests landed in spam folders.

whelmed" by reaction to the first online fundraising appeal. "This is now going to become a daily effort," Mnuchin said.

Since that initial email, the Trump campaign has sent at least four more solicitations, including one Sunday from chief strategist Paul Manafort touting the fundraising success of the week and urging supporters to keep up the momentum. Trump's partnership with the Republican National Committee also pays special attention to the small donors who typically give online. They have a joint account

The firm measures emails much the way Nielsen measures television viewership, by extrapolating from a large panel of study participants. Just 8 percent of the email recipients opened them up, according to Return Path's analysis. The campaign's stunningly high spam rate of 74 percent reflects a lack of email marketing sophistication, Sather said. For example, the campaign switched domain names recently, tripping up spam filters, and Trump may be buying email lists of people who don't want to hear from him.



**SOUTH LAKE:** Brittany Thompson and Aquivo Sun hug each other after going through the burned out remains of their home Sunday. —AP

## CREWS MAKING PROGRESS AGAINST CALIFORNIA FIRES

**LAKE ISABELLA:** Fire crews are making inroads against a raging wildfire in central California that has claimed two lives and destroyed 200 homes. Officials said about 2,000 firefighters were battling the blaze, which tore through many homes belonging to retirees on fixed incomes.

"Most people here, this is all they had," said Daniel O'Brien, 53, who lost two rental mobile homes. "You have these moments where you just want to breakdown crying and fall apart." Federal fire officials said Sunday evening that containment on the 68-square-mile blaze increased from 10 percent to 40 percent. The death toll stood at two, but officials warned that it might rise. Cadaver dogs were being brought in Sunday to search for remains.

On Saturday, firefighters found what appeared to be a set of human remains further up the street from O'Brien's two rental homes. The remains were so badly burned forensic investigators will have to determine whether they belong to a person or animal, Kern County Sheriff's spokesman Ray Pruitt said. Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency, freeing up money and resources to fight the fire and to clean up in the aftermath. The Federal Emergency Management Agency also authorized the use of funds for firefighting efforts, fire officials said.

The fire tore through small communities of houses and mobile homes that sur-

round the lake - actually a reservoir - and the Kern River, a popular spot for fishing and whitewater rafting. The communities are nestled in the foothills of the southern Sierra Nevada, a mountain range that runs hundreds of miles north and south through eastern California. Seventy-five homes were damaged.

Scorching heat and tinder-dry conditions across the West have contributed to massive wildfires in the past week that have destroyed properties and forced residents to seek shelter. Since it began Thursday, the fire has swept through 36,810 acres of parched brush and timber. It moved so quickly that some residents barely had time to escape - and two didn't.

An elderly couple apparently was overcome by smoke as they tried to flee, county Sheriff Donny Youngblood said. Their bodies were found Friday, but their names haven't been released. Torin Swinland, 46, and his 81-year-old mother fled to a nearby park after smelling smoke and seeing flames racing down the hillside toward their community. They returned to find four garages filled with valuables incinerated. Their home escaped any major damage, though embers were still burning near the property when they got back. The two used water from a hot tub to douse the cinders. While upset by his own losses, Swinland said he felt worse for those left with nothing. "They don't have near what I have left," he said. —AP

## FRENCH POLITICIANS WANT ENGLISH SCRAPPED AS LANGUAGE OF EU HQ

**PARIS:** French purists have never taken kindly to having English thrust upon them, and some have seized upon Brexit as a chance to rid themselves of Shakespeare's language-at least at EU headquarters. The shock of the decision across the Channel to break with the European Union had barely begun to sink in when two French politicians demanded that Britain, before shutting the door, take its language along with it.

"The English language no longer has any legitimacy in Brussels," tweeted the far-right mayor of the southern town of Beziers, Robert Menard. The disdain for the English language appeared to cross all political divides, as the leader of the far-left Left Party, Jean-Luc Melenchon, tweeted: "English can no longer be the third working language of the European parliament." Several tweeters asked Menard and Melenchon what the majority English speaking Irish would do, should English disappear. Too bad, Menard implied, pointing out that Ireland's first language was officially Gaelic.

The European Union has 24 official and working languages. France regularly scores bottom of the class across the bloc in English language proficiency. In 2014, a report by international language training company Education First found that France was the weakest country in the EU in adult English proficiency, and "making little effort to improve."

"Improving the country's English skills is not a subject of national debate. If anything, public debate is aroused only when it is proposed that English take on a small measure of official importance," said the report.

## 'C'est too much!'

Despite the well-worn stereotype that the French shy away from speaking English, many younger French people are keen to improve their skills, and have adopted numerous anglicisms in every day language. "We know that it rains a lot in England, and that in France it is raining anglicisms," the esteemed Academie Francaise-which closely tracks the creeping of English words into the French language-says on its website.

Much to the Academie's chagrin, business people increasingly speak of "brainstorming" or "un briefing"-and if you're past it, you're "un has-been". If you see a rise in your fortunes, you may be tempted to say you are having "un comeback", but the Academie goes to great pains to suggest French alternatives to this "horrendous" formulation on its website. If it is hard to keep track, you could exclaim like a French teenager: "c'est too much!" Numerous television adverts have English slogans, obligingly translated into French in small print at the bottom of the screen, proving that no matter what the older generation thinks, English, "c'est cool." —AFP

## POLAND WANTS EUROPE TO BE A 'SUPERPOWER CONFEDERATION'

**WARSAW:** Poland yesterday called for EU institutional reforms that would make Europe "a superpower" through creating a confederation of nation states under a president in charge of a powerful military. Poland's rightwing leader Jaroslaw Kaczynski, a strong opponent of European federalism, insisted that after Britain voted to leave the bloc, it was imperative "to preserve a Europe of

nation states." "A confederation would be best," he told the Rzeczpospolita broadsheet daily.

Describing Brexit as something "very bad", Kaczynski warned that pushing ahead with the old Franco-German model of ever-closer political and economic integration could "end in catastrophe". Although he holds no cabinet post, the leader of the governing populist Law and Justice (PiS) party

is widely regarded as the real powerbroker in the government that swept to power on an anti-migrant and populist spending platform in October elections.

Kaczynski also insisted that an EU-wide president be chosen through a "process of regional negotiation." "If the EU is to count, it should also have a president that is chosen for a long term." The president would have "strictly defined, but strong rights to lead EU foreign policy regarding large entities like Russia, China, the United States and India, while of course preserving the foreign policy of each individual member state."

Kaczynski also repeated his long-held view that the EU should become a significant military power, "not to be against NATO but rather to work alongside NATO." His proposed European president would also be commander-in-chief of a powerful military force "with two great fronts-the east and the south." "I know that this kind of plan has slim chances. But this is what should happen. "Europe should be a superpower, and nation states should retain internal sovereignty, which is very limited today."

Kaczynski said Friday that Britain's vote to leave meant it was time for a "new European treaty" that would guarantee the rights of nation states. Taking a different tack, the foreign ministers of Germany and France yesterday called for closer EU political integration based on three key policy areas-internal and external security, the migrant and refugee crisis, and on fiscal and economic cooperation. —AFP



**WARSAW:** British Minister of State for Europe David Lidington, center, speaks with Bulgarian Foreign Minister Daniel Mitov, right, as Foreign Ministers of Poland, Witold Waszczykowski, left, Hungary Peter Szijjarto, second left, and Slovakian Foreign Ministry State Secretary Lukas Parizek, third left, stand next to them during a break in talks. —AP