

FRENCH REIN IN SPEECH BACKING ACTS OF TERROR

DEBATE OVER FAIRNESS

Recent Law Allows for Rapid Trials and Stiff Prison Sentences

By **DOREEN CARVAJAL** and **ALAN COWELL**

PARIS — The French authorities are moving aggressively to rein in speech supporting terrorism, employing a new law to mete out tough prison sentences in a crackdown that is stoking a free-speech debate after last week's attacks in Paris.

Those swept up under the new law include a 28-year-old man of French-Tunisian background who was sentenced to six months in prison after he was found guilty of shouting support for the attackers as he passed a police station in Bourgoin-Jallieu on Sunday. A 34-year-old man who on Saturday hit a car while drunk, injured the other driver and subsequently praised the acts of the gunmen when the police detained him was sentenced Monday to four years in prison.

All told, up to 100 people are under investigation for making or posting comments that support or try to justify terrorism, according to Cédric Cabut, a prosecutor in Bourgoin-Jallieu, in the east of France. The French news media have reported about cases in Paris, Toulouse, Nice, Strasbourg, Orléans and elsewhere in France.

The arrests have raised questions about a double standard for free speech here, with one set of rules for the cartoonists who freely skewered religions of all kinds, even when Muslims, Catholics and others objected, and yet were defended for their right to do so, and another set for the statements by Muslim supporters of the gunmen, which have

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Raid Kills 2 in Belgium

Two suspects died in a gun battle in one of a series of raids. Terrorists had planned attacks on the police, officials said. Page A4.

2016 Hopefuls Skirt Leaders Of the G.O.P.

Party Fracturing Even as It Flexes Power

By **JEREMY W. PETERS** and **ASHLEY PARKER**

WASHINGTON — The Republican majority in Congress is barely a week old. Until just a few days ago, the new sign outside Senator Mitch McConnell's office, freshly stenciled with the words "majority leader," was not even screwed in properly. But an important group of Republicans has already decided that it is ready to move on.

Instead of joining party leaders at an annual retreat in Hershey, Pa., on Thursday, Senators Rand Paul of Kentucky and Marco Rubio of Florida kicked the tires on their presumptive 2016 presidential campaigns. Mr. Paul is making a cross-country swing to meet with supporters from New Hampshire to Arizona. Mr. Rubio spent the first part of the week rolling out his new book and will use the latter part to court donors.

A third possible candidate, Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, decided not to skip the gathering but still managed to poke party leaders in the eye on Monday when he headlined a rival retreat hosted by the Heritage Foundation. In his speech there, he accused his party of putting forward a milquetoast agenda.

This kind of political free agency, surfacing before the new Republican-controlled Senate has passed a single legislative priority of its own, is becoming an early test for the Republican Party as it looks to expand its power from Capitol Hill to the White House.

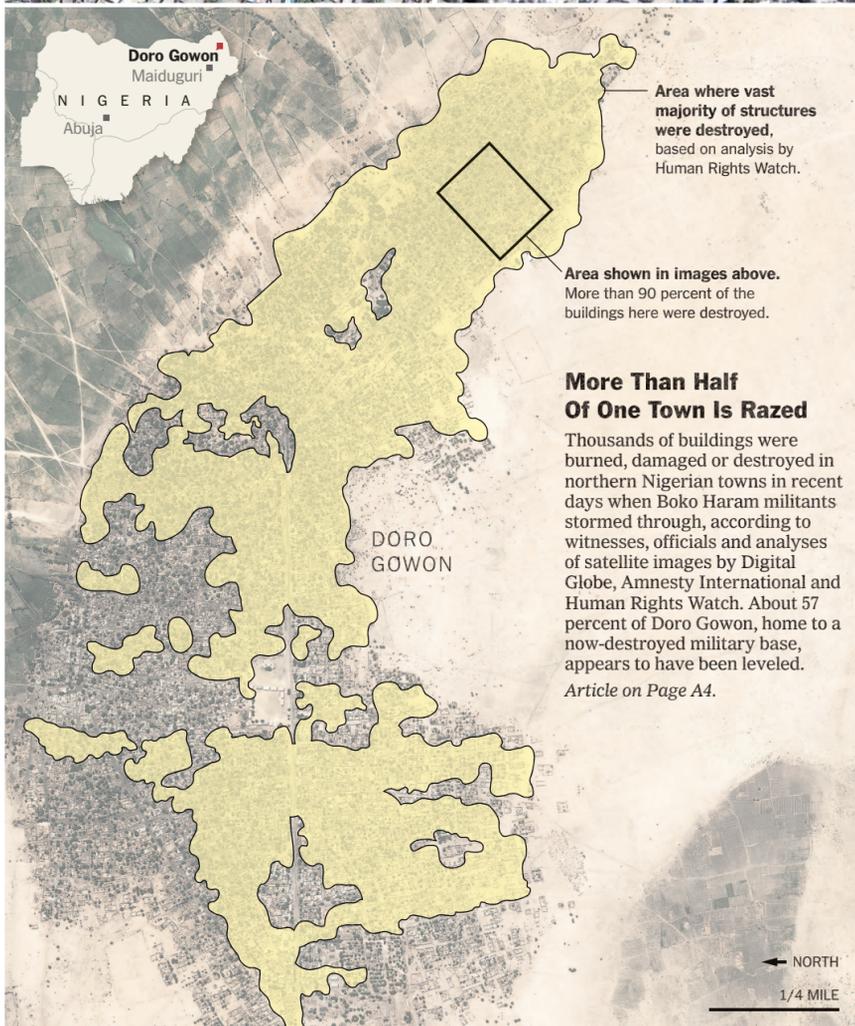
The distance between those in the party who are focused on running for president and those who say they have a responsibility to produce a record of accomplishment in Washington also points to a growing divide among conservatives.

In certain corners of the party, there is a measure of apprehension and distrust among Republicans who grumble that their leaders are eschewing bold and disruptive ideas for ones that are plain and predictable.

At the congressional retreat on

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A Swath of Destruction in Nigeria



More Than Half Of One Town Is Razed

Thousands of buildings were burned, damaged or destroyed in northern Nigerian towns in recent days when Boko Haram militants stormed through, according to witnesses, officials and analyses of satellite images by Digital Globe, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch. About 57 percent of Doro Gowon, home to a now-destroyed military base, appears to have been leveled.

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OCEAN LIFE FACES MASS EXTINCTION, BROAD STUDY SAYS

HUMAN IMPACT IS RISING

Scientists See a Chance to Reverse the Harm and Save Species

By **CARL ZIMMER**

A team of scientists, in a groundbreaking analysis of data from hundreds of sources, has concluded that humans are on the verge of causing unprecedented damage to the oceans and the animals living in them.

"We may be sitting on a precipice of a major extinction event," said Douglas J. McCauley, an ecologist at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an author of the new research, which was published on Thursday in the journal Science.

But there is still time to avert catastrophe, Dr. McCauley and his colleagues also found. Compared with the continents, the oceans are mostly intact, still wild enough to bounce back to ecological health.

"We're lucky in many ways," said Malin L. Pinsky, a marine biologist at Rutgers University and another author of the new report. "The impacts are accelerating, but they're not so bad we can't reverse them."

Scientific assessments of the oceans' health are dogged by uncertainty: It's much harder for researchers to judge the well-being of a species living underwater, over thousands of miles, than to track the health of a species on land. And changes that scientists observe in particular ocean ecosystems may not reflect trends across the planet.

Dr. Pinsky, Dr. McCauley and their colleagues sought a clearer picture of the oceans' health by pulling together data from an enormous range of sources, from discoveries in the fossil record to statistics on modern container shipping, fish catches and seabed mining. While many of the findings already existed, they had never been juxtaposed in such a way.

A number of experts said the result was a remarkable synthesis. Continued on Page A3

Perry Exits Texas Stage Making a Case for His Past, and His Future

By **MANNY FERNANDEZ**

AUSTIN, Tex. — Gov. Rick Perry leaves office here next week not so much as a man but as the face of an era — a 14-year reign in which he became the state's longest-serving chief executive and was widely regarded as the most powerful governor in the history of modern Texas.

He turned a happenstance, unelected rise to office — going from lieutenant governor to governor in December 2000 after George W. Bush resigned to become president — into a one-man Republican dynasty, winning three four-year terms, making every appointment on every board and commission in the state and redefining the power of the governor's office.

In a farewell speech to the Texas Legislature on Thursday, Mr.

Perry made a spirited case for his tenure, boasting that Texas has become more prosperous and financially sound — with better schools, safer streets, cleaner air and fewer frivolous lawsuits — since he became governor.

"There's a reason more people move to Texas than any other state, because this is the best place in the world to find a job and raise a family and to pursue your dreams," Mr. Perry, 64, told lawmakers at the Capitol.

As Mr. Perry prepares to leave office and contemplates another run for the White House, his record as governor will be closely scrutinized not just for what it says about him and his legacy but also for what it says about the priorities he set and who has benefited from the state's prosperity.

And while he and his supporters say the Texas economy thrived under his leadership — more than 30 percent of all the private-sector jobs added in the nation since January 2001 have been in Texas — critics and several economists say Mr. Perry is taking too much credit for the state's robust economy, and that the state has failed to adequately plan for the future.

"Governor Perry has accomplished some notable things that have promoted economic growth, but he has not created a sustain-

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Gov. Rick Perry in his farewell speech to legislators Thursday.

Need Some Espionage Done? Hackers Are for Hire Online

By **MATTHEW GOLDSTEIN**

A man in Sweden says he will pay up to \$2,000 to anyone who can break into his landlord's website. A woman in California says she will pay \$500 for someone to hack into her boyfriend's Facebook and Gmail accounts to see if he is cheating on her.

The business of hacking is no longer just the domain of intelligence agencies, international criminal gangs, shadowy political operatives and disgruntled "hacktivists" taking aim at big targets. Rather, it is an increasingly personal enterprise.

At a time when huge stealth attacks on companies like Sony Pictures, JPMorgan Chase and Home Depot attract attention, less noticed is a growing cottage

industry of ordinary people hiring hackers for much smaller acts of espionage.

A new website, called Hacker's List, seeks to match hackers with people looking to gain access to email accounts, take down unflattering photos from a website or gain access to a company's database. In less than three months of operation, over 500 hacking jobs have been put out to bid on the site, with hackers vying for the right to do the dirty work.

It is done anonymously, with the website's operator collecting a fee on each completed assignment. The site offers to hold a customer's payment in escrow. Continued on Page B5

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Opening the Door to Cuba

New rules put in place by President Obama are making it easier for Americans to visit Cuba than it has been for half a century. Still, some analysts warn that Cuba's aging infrastructure may not be able to accommodate the fervent interest quite so fast. PAGE A6



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Gun Case Is Dismissed

A Brooklyn man who said the police planted a gun on him had his case dismissed amid investigations of the arrest practices and use of confidential informers by a group of officers. PAGE A21

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Oklahoma Executions Resume

Oklahoma carried out its first execution since April, when the slipshod, prolonged killing of an inmate forced the state to temporarily suspend capital punishment and to make changes in its death row procedures. PAGE A16

How Presidents Suppress News

Condoleezza Rice testified in the leak trial of a former C.I.A. officer, revealing some White House tactics to try to stop news organizations from publishing information on national security. PAGE A3

G.O.P. Governor Bucks N.R.A.

Gov. Rick Snyder of Michigan vetoed gun legislation that was supported by fellow Republican lawmakers and by the National Rifle Association. PAGE A20

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Switzerland's central bank unexpectedly gave up trying to weaken its currency against the euro, a move that shook the markets and delivered a blow to the country's exporters. PAGE B1

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A Cue From the Knicks of Old

Bellarmine University in Louisville is a great shooting team, employing a basketball philosophy used by the Knicks — that is, the 1969-70 Knicks. PAGE B9

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Michael Keaton was nominated for a best actor Oscar for "Birdman," which like "Boys n the Hood" was short-listed in multiple categories. "The Grand Budapest Hotel" and "The Imitation Game" also got nods. PAGE C1

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