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## BALTIMORE ERUPTS IN VIOLENCE

RIOT FOLLOWS FUNERAL OF MAN

WHO DIED IN POLICE CUSTODY

**B**ALTIMORE (Reuters) — Baltimore erupted in violence on Monday as hundreds of rioters looted stores, set buildings on fire and injured at least 15 police officers following the funeral of a 25-year-old black man who died after he was injured in police custody.

### State of Emergency

The riots broke out just a few blocks from the funeral of Freddie Gray and then spread through much of West Baltimore in the most violent U.S. demonstrations since looting in Ferguson, Missouri, last year.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard as firefighters battled blazes set by looters. Rioters with baseball bats smashed windows of cars outside major hotels.

Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake called the rioters "thugs" and imposed a citywide curfew for adults beginning Tuesday night, with exceptions for work and medical emergencies. There is already a curfew for children and officials have requested up to 5,000 additional law enforcement officers.

Gray's death on April 19 reignited a public outcry over police treatment of African Americans that flared last year after the kill-

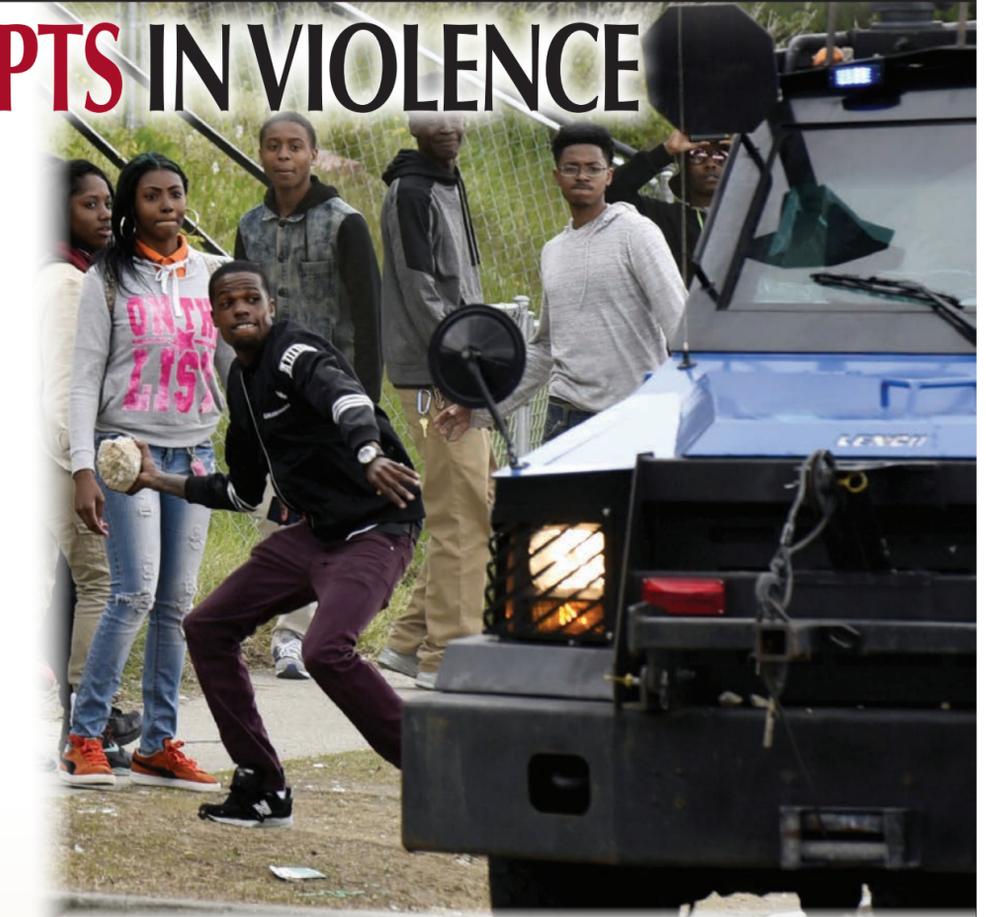
ings of unarmed black men in Ferguson, New York City and elsewhere.

After more than an hour of mayhem, hundreds of police moved into glass-strewn streets where the worst of the violence had taken place and used pepper spray on rioters who had sacked check-cashing and liquor stores. Looting later spread to a nearby shopping mall.

Police and news helicopters buzzed overhead while firefighters fought a blaze at a CVS pharmacy that had been looted. Rioters twice slashed the fire hose.

An Orioles baseball game was canceled and schools, businesses and train stations shut down in the city of 662,000 people 40 miles from the nation's capital.

"All this had to happen, people getting tired of the police killing the young black guys for no reason. ... It is a sad day but it had to happen," said Tony Luster, 40, who is on disability and was out



• Reuters

Protesters clash with police Monday near Mondawmin Mall after Freddie Gray's funeral in Baltimore. Several Baltimore police officers were injured on Monday in violent clashes with young people after the funeral of Gray, a black man who died in police custody.

on the street watching the police line.

A string of deadly confrontations between mostly white police and black men, and the violence

it has prompted, will be among the challenges facing U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, who was sworn in on Monday.

Following her swearing in,

Lynch said improving relations between police and the communities they protect will be high on

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### Construction

## Trees removed to make way for senior living expansion

**B**AXTER — Motorists turning a corner along Excelsior Road expressed surprise at the altered landscape as trees were clear-cut near the Conservation Drive intersection.

The trees — west of the turn to the Paul Bunyan State Trailhead parking lot and the Northland Arboretum — were removed to make way for the expansion of the senior living options along Excelsior Road.

Northern Lakes Senior Living is going up next to Arbor Glenn and Autumn Glenn Apartments. Developers said the addition is designed to round out the continuum of

care with assisted living and memory care units alongside market-rate apartments. The site, near the Paul Bunyan State Trail bridge, was originally developed in 2005 with independent senior living apartments.

Two years ago, the Baxter City Council approved rezoning the land from commercial to high density residential and then approved a planned unit development for 60 market-rate senior housing units.

A minor subdivision later created one lot for senior housing units in two buildings.

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### Crow Wing County Board

## Per diem increase requested

**M**embers of the Crow Wing County planning commission and board of adjustment are asking the county board to raise their per diems.

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At the committee of the whole meeting last week, Don Hales said members of the planning commission voted unanimously to ask for the increase.

"I think ours is probably one of the higher responsibility boards that you have," Hales said.

Members of all county committees, including the county board, currently receive a \$50 per diem for attending meetings. The planning commission and

board of adjustment reviews variance requests, conditional use permits, zoning map amendments and plat changes. Several citizen committees were eliminated or combined with others in 2008, County Administrator

Tim Houle said. The planning commission and board of adjustment were separate committees and each met biweekly before they were combined. The work that was once done in four separate weekly meetings is now done in one monthly meeting.

Hales suggested the county board consider establishing tiers of citizen com-

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### Disaster

## SHOCK turns to ANGER as Nepalese people wait for quake assistance



• Reuters

People perform last rites for their family members Monday at a cremation ground after an earthquake in Bhaktapur, Nepal.

**K**ATHMANDU (Reuters) — Shock turned to anger in Nepal on Tuesday, as some of the

tens of thousands of people stricken by the weekend's devastating earthquake expressed frustration at what they said was their government's slow response to the crisis.

International aid has finally begun to arrive in the Himalayan nation of 28 million people, as the death toll topped 3,900 people.

About 6,500 more people were injured in Nepal's most deadly quake in 81 years. It triggered a huge avalanche on Mount Everest that killed at least 17 climbers, including foreigners, the worst single disaster on the world's highest peak.

A series of aftershocks, severe damage from the 7.9 magnitude quake, creaking infrastructure and a lack of funds have slowed the disbursement of aid to those most in need.

The head of neighboring India's National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), one of the first foreign organizations to arrive in Nepal to help in the search and rescue effort, said finding survivors and the bodies of the dead would take time.

NDRF Director General O.P. Singh said heavy equipment could not fit through many of the narrow streets of Kathmandu, Nepal's capital.

"You have to remove all this rubble, so that will take a lot of time ... I think it's going to take weeks," he told Indian television channel NDTV late on Monday.

For a third night, many people across the country slept in the open, their homes either flattened or threatened by tremors that spread more fear among

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