



# EPA Chief Needs 24-Hour Security after Shutting Down Inefficient and Corrupt Programs

US: Scott Pruitt, the Administrator of the EPA, sued the federal agency fourteen times when he was the Attorney General of Oklahoma. He is currently being guarded round the clock because of threats on his life. Since taking over the EPA, he has saved an estimated \$30 billion by cutting waste and fraud. For example, he replaced EPA advisory panels with independent experts instead of people who depend on the EPA for grant money. Pruitt rescinded the EPA's regulations called 'Waters of the United States' that were merely a scheme for federal zoning and confiscation of private land. -GEG.



# New Jersey Is Suing Purdue Pharmaceutical for Hooking the Nation on Opioid Pain Killers

The lawsuit says that Purdue, the makers of the painkiller OxyContin, knowingly published false information about addiction risks from its opioid medication in order to maximize sales. It says that Purdue targeted elderly and other “opioid-naive” patients. The opioid crisis in New Jersey has killed scores of people and cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. The Sackler family which owns Purdue Pharma is listed as the 19th most wealthy family by Forbes, with \$13 billion in assets. Two million people in the US are addicted to prescription drugs, and 64,070 Americans died by overdose in 2016.

Officials in New Jersey are suing one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the U.S. over its alleged role in igniting the addiction epidemic through purposefully deceptive marketing.

New Jersey Attorney General Christopher Porrino filed a lawsuit Tuesday against Purdue Pharma. The lawsuit against Purdue, the makers of the painkiller OxyContin, [will aim to refute claims](#) made by the drug makers that these highly addictive medications are safe for treating chronic pain. Porrino says the company knowingly marketed false information about addiction risks from its opioid medication in order to maximize sales, displaying what Porrino calls a “inconceivable callousness and irresponsibility,” reports Reuters.

The suit alleges that in addition to lying to doctors and other medical professionals about the risks posed from opioid painkillers, Purdue specifically targeted elderly and other “opioid-naive” patients to push its product. Porrino says this

marketing strategy ultimately led to the state's opioid crisis, which is claiming scores of lives and costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. ([RELATED: How One Painkiller Ignited The Addiction Epidemic](#))

A growing number of recent lawsuits allege Purdue launched a fraudulent marketing scheme to boost sales of OxyContin in the late 1990s that downplayed the risks for addiction from opioid pain medication. Officials in Tennessee, which filed a lawsuit against Purdue Pharma Sept. 29, [claim the company's tactics served as a model](#) for other major drug makers like Endo Pharmaceuticals and Teva Pharmaceuticals to do the same thing

Purdue Pharma is owned by the Sackler family, which is listed as the 19th [wealthiest family](#) in the country on the annual Forbes list, coming in at being worth \$13 billion. The family's fortune largely comes from OxyContin sales, which their company branded and introduced as an extended release painkiller in 1995.

"I don't know what I can say about the company except that they've been so careful always to keep from harming anybody," Beverly Sackler, who is 93-years-old and the owner of Purdue Pharma, [previously told](#) NJ.com.

Purdue Pharma [pleaded guilty in 2007 to felony charges](#) for false marketing of OxyContin and paid \$635 million as a result. The company overstated how long the effects of the medication lasted and severely downplayed the addiction risks of the drug. Three executives also pleaded guilty to criminal charges but dodged prison time.

Medical professionals say a shift in the 1990s to "institutionalize" pain management [opened the doors for pharmaceutical companies](#) to encourage the mass prescribing of painkillers by doctors, and Purdue Pharma led that effort.

Purdue Pharma denies allegations of complicity in the opioid

epidemic and says they are committed to curbing rates of opioid abuse.

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## **French Court Orders Removal of a Cross from the Monument to St. John Paul II. Says It Violates Secular Nature of the State**

A French high court ruled that a cross on top of a monument to Saint John Paul II in a public square in the city of Ploërmel, saying it violates the secular nature of the state.

After France's highest administrative court ruled that a cross surmounting a statue of Saint John Paul II must be removed, the city's former mayor has written an open letter criticizing the ruling as wrong-headed and contrary to France's best interests.

"Taking away that cross is an attack on a part of our

culture,” he said in a two-page [missive](#) that begins simply “Chers amis.”

As Breitbart News [reported](#) earlier this week, France’s *Conseil d’Etat* ordered the elimination of a cross from a monument to Saint John Paul II in a public square in the city of Ploërmel, Brittany, saying it violates the secular nature of the state.

The court said that the statue of the Polish Pope could remain but the large cross above the monument had to be removed, a ruling that provoked consternation even outside French borders.

The Polish Prime Minister, Beata Szydło complained of “censorship” and said that if the cross must come down the statue should be transferred to Poland where it will be appreciated.

“The Polish government will try to save the monument of our compatriot from censorship, and we will propose to transfer it to Poland,” she said, adding that Pope John Paul “is a symbol of united Christian Europe.”

The former mayor, Mr. Paul Anselin, now heads up a private association called “Don’t Touch My Pope” and has reached out to the current mayor, Patrick Le Diffon, urging him to sell the plot of land to his group or a religious congregation if he is worried about the monument’s placement on public land. If he had done so sooner, Anselin writes, the current problem probably wouldn’t exist.

Mr. Anselin seems to think the current mayor isn’t fighting hard enough to save the monument, judging from certain comments. “What today’s politicians are missing is a pair of balls,” he [said](#).

In his letter, Anselin said that his first reaction to the court’s ruling was one of “great sadness and sorrow,” noting that such a thing has never been done before. “Brittany is a

land of Christian roots,” he said, “a tolerant and generous Christianity.”

“The decision would have been unlikely even if the *Conseil d’Etat* had relied strictly on the law,” he said, “but they failed to take into account a circular letter regarding the application of the law of 1905 that prescribed acting with discernment, taking into consideration local circumstances.”

When the former mayor commissioned the monument, he writes, “it was first of all in homage to the man who brought communism down, naturally with the strength of the Catholic Church in Poland,” and thus, “putting a cross over the head of a pope seemed like the most normal thing in the world to me.”

“There is also a cultural problem that is fundamental,” he writes. “Taking away that cross is an attack on a part of our culture.”

Anselin says that together with their lawyer, he is exploring all possible avenues to save the monument, including the European Court of Human Rights.

The former mayor also states that his association is organizing a “great, peaceful demonstration” in December “to show our determination.” He intends to invite leaders of other monotheistic religions as witness that they do not find the placement of the cross offensive.

“Whether they are Jews or Muslims,” he writes, “they know well that France’s roots are Christian, and even more especially those of Brittany, marked by Catholicism.”

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# Barack Obama Helped to Implement Uranium One Deal

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission authorized a third-party license to allow Uranium One to export the substance to Canada through a back door channel. Uranium One reported that some of that uranium went to Europe and possibly Asia. The US sold off shares of uranium even though we use more than we produce, forcing the US to import it. Former President Barack Obama intervened in the process to obtain a permit for a trucking company to export US uranium. Meanwhile, Russia was involved in a scheme to control the market on uranium. All of this and more covered in this report. -GEG



# King of Saudi Arabia Arrests 11 Royal Princes. Lebanon's Prime Minister Resigns.

King Salman and his 32-year-old son who is heir to the crown, Prince Salman, ordered the arrest of eleven royal princes and four government ministers in what is said to be a corruption investigation. However, it may actually be a move to clear away opposition to the policies of the Crown Prince as he prepares to assume power. One of those arrested is the head of the national guard, which is the only military group that was not under the control of the crown prince. The Saudis have been meddling in Lebanon, and are being blamed for the resignation of the prime minister who said his life was in danger. Lebanon may fall into civil war or a war between Israel and Hezbollah. It appears that the crown prince is embarking on policies that are destabilizing the region.



# Yemen Launched Missile at Saudi Arabia, Trump Blames Iran

Yemen launched a missile into Saudi Arabia's capital that was intercepted by a US-made Patriot missile. There were no casualties. President Trump blamed Iran for the attack because it supports the Shi'ite rebel Houthis in Yemen where the proxy war between Iran and Saudi Arabia is being fought. The Saudis responded with airstrikes against Yemen. The war has claimed more than 10,000 lives and has driven the Arab world's poorest country to the brink of famine.

The Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen closed off the land, sea and air ports to the Arab world's poorest country early Monday after a rebel-fired ballistic missile targeted Riyadh, blaming the launch on Iran and warning it could be "considered as an act of war."

The coalition's statement ramps up tensions between the ultraconservative Sunni kingdom and its Shiite rival Iran, both of which have interests in Yemen's yearslong conflict. The bloodshed continued Sunday as an Islamic State-claimed militant attack in Aden killed at least 17 people.

In a statement, the coalition accused Iran of supplying Yemen's Houthi rebels and their allies with the missile launched Saturday toward the Saudi capital's international airport.

Iran has backed the rebels, but denies arming them. The Houthi militants have said their Volcano-variant ballistic missile is locally produced.

The Saudi-led coalition's statement said the closures would be temporary and "take into account" the work of humanitarian and aid organizations. The war has claimed more than 10,000 lives

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The Saudi-led coalition launched a wave of airstrikes – starting overnight and continuing until noon Sunday – on the rebel-held capital, Sanaa, apparently in response to the ballistic missile. Saudi Arabia said it shot down the missile, with fragments landing in an uninhabited area north of the capital.

The coalition threatened Iran with a possible retaliatory strike.

“Iran’s role and its direct command of its Houthi proxy in this matter constitutes a clear act of aggression that targets neighboring countries, and threatens peace and security in the region and globally,” the statement said. “Therefore, the coalition’s command considers this a blatant act of military aggression by the Iranian regime, and could rise to be considered as an act of war against the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.”

The statement added: “The coalition command also affirms that the kingdom reserves its right to respond to Iran in the appropriate time and manner.”

There was no immediate response from Iran, though Iran’s defense minister, Gen. Amir Hatami, earlier denied his country was involved in the launch.

“Does anyone ask the United States what are you giving to Saudi Arabia?” he was quoted by the semi-official ISNA news agency as saying Sunday. The U.S. has offered logistical and targeting support to the Saudi-led coalition.

President Donald Trump also was quick to blame Iran on Sunday. “A shot was just taken by Iran, in my opinion, at Saudi Arabia. And our system knocked it down,” Trump said, referring to the Patriot missile batteries Saudi Arabia purchased from the U.S.

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# Gunman Killed 27 People in a Baptist Church Then Fled When Armed Citizen Fired Back

Sutherland Springs, Texas: Devin Kelley, 26, has been identified as the First Baptist Church shooter who killed at least 27 people and injured 20 more. Kelley was a fan of CNN and atheism, according to reports about his now-deleted Facebook page, and his LinkedIn account showed he had an interest in social-justice issues. Kelley was court martialed after he was dishonorably discharged from the US Air Force in 2014, and it was illegal for him to own a gun under the Gun Control Act of 1998. An armed citizen ended Kelley's rampage when he engaged the shooter in gunfire, causing him to flee.

New details about the Sutherland Springs gunman Devin Kelley have emerged. According to reports, Kelley wore "all black" clothes as he carried out the massacre. According to his now deleted Facebook page, it appears Kelley was a fan of CNN and Atheism.

"Texas shooting suspect was dressed in all black, with tactical type gear and was wearing a ballistic vest, according to @TxDPS," reports CBS News.

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– CBS News (@CBSNews) [November 6, 2017](#)

Tweet credits: [Paul Joseph Watson](#)

*These are the Facebook likes of the shooter, as being reported by Heavy and other outlets.*  
[pic.twitter.com/Lqw1ECwnLA](http://pic.twitter.com/Lqw1ECwnLA)

– Paul Joseph Watson (@PrisonPlanet) [November 5, 2017](#)

*Interests of shooter Devin Patrick Kelley, according to his LinkedIn page.* <https://t.co/ZXexIM4IRm>  
[pic.twitter.com/mSZwNAmE4j](http://pic.twitter.com/mSZwNAmE4j)

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Here are photos of the gunman [via](#) Facebook.

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