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Nigeria lifts ban on Twitter after seven months

Nigeria lifted its ban on Twitter on Friday, restoring access to the social media platform for millions of users across West Africa's biggest democracy.

The Nigerian government cracked down on Twitter in June after the platform deleted a post from President Muhammadu Buhari that threatened political dissenters.

A spokesman for Nigeria's National Information Technology Development Agency said it reinstated Twitter at 12 a.m. Thursday, once Twitter agreed to certain conditions, including establishing an office or legal entity in the country and meeting applicable tax obligations.

"These conditions addressed legal registration of operations, taxation and managing prohibited publication in line with Nigerian laws. Twitter has agreed to meet all the conditions," NITDA Director-General Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi said in a statement.

The company also agreed to enroll Nigeria in its "Partner Support and Law Enforcement Portals," a medium for Twitter staff and government officials to manage content that violates the platform's community rules. The portals will also establish a channel for Nigerian law enforcement agencies to file a formal report if Twitter violates Nigerian law.

"Twitter has agreed to act with a respectful acknowledgement of Nigerian laws and the national culture and history on which such legislation has been built," Abdullahi said in the statement.

Twitter commended the lifting of the ban Friday, but didn't acknowledge concessions made to the Nigerian government.

"We are pleased that Twitter has been restored for everyone in Nigeria. Our mission in Nigeria and around the world is to serve the public conversation," the company stated.

The deleted tweet from Buhari threatened to retaliate against secessionists in the country's southeast region who had attacked government offices.

"Many of those misbehaving today are too young to be aware of the destruction and loss of lives that occurred during the Biafra war," Buhari wrote in the post, referring to the Nigerian Civil War that killed more than 600,000 people in the late 1960s. "Those of us in the fields for 30 months, who went through the war, will treat them in the language they understand."

Some read Buhari's tweet as a threat of genocide against the region's Igbo ethnic group, the New York Times reported at the time.

Twitter removed the tweet, citing its "abusive behavior" policy; Nigeria countered by blocking the social media giant and promising to prosecute individuals and companies who sought to get around the ban.

Atlanta Falcons release edge rusher Dante Fowler Jr. after two seasons

The Atlanta Falcons released veteran outside linebacker Dante Fowler Jr. on Friday, the team announced.

Fowler was scheduled to become a free agent heading into the 2022 season, which was converted into a void year in his reworked contract. The 27-year-old edge rusher initially signed a three-year pact with the Falcons in free agency in 2020, but he agreed to take a pay cut in the 2021 campaign with an opportunity to earn more in incentives and add the void year.

He failed to hit any of the incentives that were included in the restructured deal, appearing in 14 games -- starting six -- and finishing with just 4.5 sacks.

During his two seasons in Atlanta, Fowler played a combined 28 games -- starting 19 of them -- and recorded 59 total tackles, 7.5 sacks, four forced fumbles and two passes defended.

By the conclusion of the 2021 campaign, Fowler's playing time had become inconsistent. In some games, he would play more than 50% of the Falcons' defensive snaps. However, he'd play under 40% of the snaps in other matchups.

Fowler topped the Falcons with 4.5 sacks this past season, but Atlanta ranked last in the NFL with just 18 sacks.

The release of Fowler leaves the Falcons with about \$4.7 million in dead money for 2022, but the club is freed from the majority of the inflated deal.

Fowler, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2015 draft, has compiled 200 total tackles, 35 sacks, 10 forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries over 91 career games with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Los Angeles Rams and Falcons.

Milwaukee Bucks to sign ex-Brooklyn Nets guard DeAndre' Bembry

The Milwaukee Bucks are expected to sign former Brooklyn Nets guard DeAndre' Bembry for the remainder of the season.

League sources told ESPN, The Athletic and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Friday that Bembry will travel to Milwaukee to finalize a contract agreement as soon as Monday.

In need of a free roster spot, the Nets waived Bembry to complete last week's James Harden-Ben Simmons trade. Bembry averaged 5.8 points and 3.2 rebounds over 48 games (20 starts) for the Nets this season. He averaged 19.8 minutes per game while shooting 56.8% from the floor and 41.7% from 3-point range.

The pending arrival of Bembry still leaves the Bucks with two vacant roster spots. According to ESPN, Milwaukee remains a possible landing spot for veteran guard Goran Dragic, who was waived by the San Antonio Spurs earlier Tuesday.

The Chicago Bulls, Los Angeles Lakers, L.A. Clippers and Nets also are possible destinations for Dragic, ESPN reported.

The Bucks are without guard Pat Connaughton (hand surgery) for a month. Milwaukee also has been missing veteran guard George Hill, who has been dealing with a neck injury.

In addition to those injuries, the Bucks traded guard Donte DiVincenzo to the Sacramento Kings at the NBA trade deadline, leaving the team short-handed in its backcourt.

Toyota heading to moon with cruiser, robotic arms, dreams

Toyota is working with Japan's space agency on a vehicle to explore the lunar surface, with ambitions to help people live on the moon by 2040 and then go live on Mars, company officials said Friday.

The vehicle being developed with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency is called Lunar Cruiser, whose name pays homage to the Toyota Land Cruiser sport utility vehicle. Its launch is set for the late 2020's.

The vehicle is based on the idea that people eat, work, sleep and communicate with others safely in cars, and the same can be done in outer space, said Takao Sato, who heads the Lunar Cruiser project at Toyota Motor Corp.

"We see space as an area for our once-in-a-century transformation. By going to space, we may be able to develop telecommunications and other technology that will prove valuable to human life," Sato told The Associated Press.

Gitai Japan Inc., a venture contracted with Toyota, has developed a robotic arm for the Lunar Cruiser, designed to perform tasks such as inspection and maintenance. Its "grapple fixture" allows the arm's end to be changed so it can work like different tools, scooping, lifting and sweeping.

Gitai Chief Executive Sho Nakanose said he felt the challenge of blasting off into space has basically been met but working in space entails big costs and hazards for astronauts. That's where robots would come in handy, he said.

Since its founding in the 1930s, Toyota has fretted about losing a core business because of changing times. It has ventured into housing, boats, jets and robots. Its net-connected sustainable living quarters near Mount Fuji, called Woven City, where construction is starting this year.

Japanese fascination with the moon has been growing.

A private Japanese venture called ispace Inc. is working on lunar rovers, landing and orbiting, and is scheduled for a moon landing later this year. Businessman Yusaku Maezawa, who recently took videos of himself floating around in the International Space Station, has booked an orbit around the moon aboard Tesla CEO Elon Musk's Starship.

Toyota engineer Shinichiro Noda said he is excited about the lunar project, an extension of the automaker's longtime mission to serve customers and the moon may provide valuable resources for life on Earth.

"Sending our cars to the moon is our mission," he said. Toyota has vehicles almost everywhere. "But this is about taking our cars to somewhere we have never been."

Beaver Dam man faces felony charges after fleeing from Columbus business with a gun

A 36-year-old Beaver Dam man faces charges after fleeing from a Columbus business on Thursday night after an employee of the business reported the man was acting strangely while in the parking lot while in possession of a long gun.

Andy J. Gerow faces felony charges of eluding an officer and his second offense of possession of marijuana along with a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct while armed. He was booked into the Columbia County Jail.

According to a press release from Columbus Police Chief Dennis Weiner, Columbus officers were dispatched to the business at 10:08 p.m. on Thursday, however when Columbus Police Officers and Columbia County Sheriff Deputies arrived, the man fled in his vehicle.

A pursuit initiated that traveled west out of Columbus on Highway 60 with speeds reaching 100 mph. During the pursuit, a long gun was observed to be thrown out the window. Tire deflation devices were utilized and three of the tires on Gerow's vehicle went flat. His vehicle was stopped on Highway 60 and 51 in the town of Leeds. Gerow, who was alone in the vehicle, was taken without incident. The pursuit lasted 12 miles.

The long gun was located and found to be an AR-15 style rifle with rounds in the chamber and two loaded magazines. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Fall River Police Department and Brown's Towing assisted Columbus Police.

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Colorado deputy captures loose horse, rides it home

A Colorado sheriff's deputy called to help wrangle a loose horse climbed onto the panicking equine's back and rode the animal back to its home.

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office said Deputy Ian Sebold was among those who responded to a call about a loose horse wandering through busy roads in Centennial.

The sheriff's office said in a Facebook post that the horse "tried to make a clean getaway but Deputy Sebold was much too quick."

"The cowboy cop responded to the call, wrangled the horse, jumped on its back and rode it to safety," the post said.

Sebold said the horse was panicking when he arrived on the scene.

"I saw the horse crossing the road, and it's a four-lane major roadway. I could tell he was terrified," Sebold told McClatchy News. "A citizen was walking nearby, trying to stop traffic to allow him to get across.

"You could see in his face, he didn't know what to do on a major roadway. He just wanted to go home, but didn't know how to get there."

Sebold and other deputies were able to corner the horse in an apartment complex parking lot.

"With no trailer to take him home, the simplest idea was to ride him back," Sebold said. "There was no saddle, no halter, but I got a boost -- old school way -- and hopped on.

"To me, the biggest question was how to get this horse safely out of a major residential area. We were not walking those 2.6 miles."

Other deputies provided an escort with their vehicles to allow Sebold to safely ride the horse back to its home.

Sebold's actions earned praise from the sheriff's Mounted Unit on Facebook.

"That's some incredible horsemanship, to say the least," the unit wrote.

Wisconsin Senate approves concealed guns at school lots

The Wisconsin Senate sent Gov. Tony Evers a pair of bills on Thursday that would make it easier to carry concealed firearms in Wisconsin, including in vehicles on school property.

Evers, a Democrat up for reelection in November, is expected to veto the Republican bills that the Assembly passed last month.

One proposal would allow people with concealed carry licenses to have a weapon in their vehicle on school property. Republican proponents argue that gun owners who forget their weapons in their cars shouldn't risk being charged with a felony if they drive onto school grounds to drop off or pick up their children.

"I can't understand why anyone would want to carry a gun on school grounds," said bill opponent, Democratic Sen. LaTonya Johnson, of Milwaukee.

The Senate passed it 20-11, with all Republicans in support and Democrats against.

Another bill would allow anyone with a concealed carry license from any state to go armed in Wisconsin. Currently, only people with licenses from states that conduct background checks on applicants can carry concealed guns in Wisconsin. It passed on a voice vote without debate.

The Republican-controlled Assembly passed the bills earlier in the month and approval in the GOP-controlled Senate on Thursday now sends them to Evers. His spokeswoman did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

The National Rifle Association has registered in support of the bills. Opponents include the cities of Madison and groups representing school boards, administrators and survivors of domestic abuse.

Mavericks trading Kristaps Porzingis to Wizards in multiplayer swap

The Dallas Mavericks agreed to trade All-Star big man Kristaps Porzingis to the Washington Wizards on Friday. League sources told ESPN, the Washington Post and the Dallas Morning News that the Wizards are acquiring Porzingis and a second-round draft pick from the Mavs in exchange for guard Spencer Dinwiddie and forward Davis Bertans. The deal marks a significant shift for the Mavericks, who acquired Porzingis from the New York Knicks in a blockbuster trade in 2019. Dallas initially traded for Porzingis in hopes that he would form a potent duo alongside guard Luka Doncic.

Porzingis, who has battled multiple injuries in recent years and had surgery on both knees, averaged 20 points, 8.8 rebounds and 1.7 blocks in 134 games for the Mavericks across three seasons.

The 26-year-old Porzingis, who had missed the past five games before the trade due to a bone bruise in his right knee, has two seasons left on his five-year, \$158 million contract.

Dinwiddie, 28, has averaged 12.6 points, 5.8 assists and 4.7 rebounds for the Wizards this season. Bertans, meanwhile, is averaging 5.7 points and 1.8 rebounds in the 2021-22 campaign.

Also Friday, the Wizards sent center Montrezl Harrell to the Charlotte Hornets for Vernon Carey Jr. and Ish Smith, the teams announced.

In addition, Washington traded guard Aaron Holiday to the Phoenix Suns for cash considerations.

Rachel Balkovec becomes first female Minor League Baseball team manager

Former college softball catcher Rachel Balkovec will make history as the first woman to manage a team affiliated with Major League Baseball, taking over the Low-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, she confirmed.

Sources told The Athletic on Thursday that the Yankees hired Balkovec to manage the Tampa Tarpons. Balkovec confirmed that report Thursday night on Twitter.

Balkovec, 34, was hired in 2019 as a Yankees minor league hitting coach. She previously worked within the St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago White Sox and Houston Astros organizations.

Balkovec was a catcher at Creighton and New Mexico before she joined the Cardinals in 2012 as an intern. She was later named Appalachian League Strength Coach of the Year.

The Cardinals named Balkovec their minor league strength and conditioning coordinator in 2014, making her the first woman to be hired as a full-time coordinator in professional baseball.

The Tarpons still listed David Adams as their manager Friday morning on their official website. It is unclear if Adams will remain with the Yankees organization or take a new role elsewhere.

Adams was named Tarpons manager in 2020, but that season was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. He led the Tarpons to a 73-43 record in 2021. The Tarpons led the Low-A Southeast League with 766 runs scored and a +220 run differential.

At least 13 dead in India after falling into well at wedding celebration

More than a dozen people were killed at a wedding in northern India when a slab of concrete buckled and sent them plummeting down a well, authorities said Friday.

The guests were attending the marriage ceremony on Thursday night in Uttar Pradesh state, the country's most populous state that's located in northern India.

The wedding party occurred in a village about 200 miles east of the Uttar Pradesh capital, Lucknow.











Authorities said that the parties had been dancing on a concrete slab that covered the opening to the well when their combined weight caused the slab to collapse. At least 13 women and girls died of their injuries and several others were injured in the fall.

"This is an unfortunate incident during a wedding ceremony," a police official told CNN.

Wedding guests had gathered for a traditional "haldi" ceremony on Wednesday, during which relatives apply turmeric paste on the bride and groom before the wedding.

Prime Minister Neil Modi promised in a tweet that region officials will help the victims and their families in every possible way. He added that each family will be given about \$2,600 in compensation and each injured person \$665.

Authorities in Kushnigar district also said they'd compensate the families.

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The Republican-controlled Assembly passed the bills last month and approval in the GOP-controlled Senate on Tuesday would send them to Evers.

Democrats and others opposed to the changes say they will make the state more dangerous by allowing for more people to carry firearms into more places, like school parking lots.

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Coast Guard searching for woman who went overboard on cruise ship

The U.S. Coast Guard searched for a woman who went overboard on a cruise ship, around 150 miles offshore from Louisiana, the military announced Friday.

The 32-year-old woman was onboard the Carnival Valor cruise ship when she went overboard Thursday afternoon, off the coast of SouthWest Pass, La.

The distress call went out to the Coast Guard Sector New Orleans at approximately 3 p.m. Search crews were then dispatched in a plane and helicopter.

The cruise ship circled the spot where the woman went over the railing on the 10th deck until Coast Guard crews took over. The ship returned to port Friday.

According to fellow passengers, the woman was with her husband when security got involved following an altercation. "The ship's command immediately began search and rescue procedures, returned to the area near where the incident occurred and notified the U.S. Coast Guard. Carnival's CARE team is providing support to the guest's husband who was traveling with her, as well as her family. Coast Guard officials took over the search effort and released Carnival Valor on Wednesday evening. Our thoughts are with our guest's family," reads a statement from Carnival.

Man, grandson reel in 2 rifles magnet fishing near Miami

A man and his 11-year-old grandson found a little more than they were looking for during a weekend fishing trip. The pair pulled two .50-caliber Barrett sniper rifles out of a canal near Miami.

Duane Smith told the Miami Herald he saw a YouTube video on magnet fishing and decided to give it a try on Sunday. They dropped a 5-pound (2-kilograms) magnet in the C-102 canal in southern Miami-Dade County.

"We ended up with two pounds of scrap metal and 40 pounds of gun," Smith told the newspaper.

The guns were not loaded and they didn't find any ammunition.

"The Barretts had so much mass," Smith, 61, said. "The magnet went straight to them."

Smith told the newspaper he was concerned because the serial numbers on the lower receivers of the weapons and the bolt of one of the rifles were filed off.

"Whoever did this is not your run-of-the-mill criminal," said Smith, a former Army infantry officer.

He called Miami-Dade police and two officers came out to pick up the guns.

Detective Christopher Thomas told the Herald it will likely take the department a while to determine if the weapons were used in a crime.

"Judging by the photo, those have been there for a while. That said, it will take some time for the weapons to end up at our forensics lab. Once there, they will be processed," he said.

Smith said he isn't convinced the guns were in the water very long. He says they were wrapped in plastic and he wiped away most of the corrosion in 30 minutes.

"It looked like it was something that someone would want to come back for," he said.

Fires consume trees meant to fight climate change

Thousands of acres of forests have been set aside in the West to help curb climate change. But increasingly, wildfires are burning them up.

The bitter irony was highlighted in comments by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Chief Thom Porter, who said the blazes in the West were taking out years of work combating climate change.

Some of the blazes are raging in areas that are "a huge part of California's climate initiative," Porter said. "We are seeing generational destruction of forests because of what these fires are doing. This is going to take a long time to come back from."

Porter was talking about forests dedicated to carbon offset programs, which have been billed as a tool to fight climate change. The underlying goal of such programs is to ensure large swaths of trees continue growing. As they grow, the trees suck carbon out of the air and store it.

"When trees grow, as they get bigger, they pull carbon out of the atmosphere and they store it in their trunks, the branches, the leaves, every part of the tree, and that's good, said Danny Cullenward, policy director of Carbon Plan, a nonprofit that researches climate policy.

But there's an increasing problem: The plan works only "as long as the tree is alive and hasn't burned to the ground." If the trees burn, they not only stop capturing carbon they also release massive amounts of it into the atmosphere.

Carbon dioxide is the main greenhouse gas that has been piled sky high into the atmosphere, and according to a landmark United Nations report this month, is causing increasingly catastrophic climate change, with fiercer lightning storms and hotter, drier conditions in forests across the planet.

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2-year-old suffers fatal gunshot wound

A 2-year-old boy suffered a fatal gunshot wound in Milwaukee's Walker's Point neighborhood Friday afternoon in an apparent accident, police said.

Milwaukee police responded to the shooting about 1:45 p.m. in the 1300 block of South 9th Street. Police believe children got a hold of a gun and accidentally fired it, striking the 2-year-old.

Police have arrested a 26-year-old man and expect to recommend charges to prosecutors in the coming days.

"The Milwaukee Police Department reminds the public to keep firearms in a secure area and out of the reach of children," police said in a statement.

The 2-year-old boy is at least the third minor shot this weekend. An 8-year-old boy was injured Friday evening in the 4700 block of North 44th Street and a 13-year-old boy was injured early Saturday morning in the 4300 block of North 53rd Street.

And in a Tuesday road rage incident, family members say basketball player Toniah Williams, 17, was shot in the back. She was paralyzed from the waist down, her family said.

Josephine Baker is 1st black woman given Paris burial honor

The remains of American-born singer and dancer Josephine Baker will be reinterred at the Pantheon monument in Paris, making the entertainer who is a World War II hero in

France the first Black woman to get the country's highest honor.

Le Parisien newspaper reported Friday that French President Emmanuel Macron decided to organize a ceremony on February 28 at the Paris monument, which houses the remains of scientist Marie Curie, French philosopher Voltaire, writer Victor Hugo and other French luminaries.

The presidential palace confirmed the newspaper's information. After her death in 1975, Baker was buried in Monaco, dressed in a French military uniform with the medals she

received for her role as part of the French Resistance during the war.

Baker will be the fifth woman to be honored with a Pantheon burial, and will also be the first artist.

Holocaust survivor Simone Veil, one of France's most revered politicians, was buried at the Pantheon in 2018. The other women fought with the French Resistance during World

War II Germaine Tillon and Genevieve de Gaulle-Anthonioz and Nobel Prize-winning chemist Curie.

The monument also holds the remains of 72 men.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Baker became a megastar in the 1930s especially in France,

where she moved in 1925 as she was seeking to flee racism and segregation in the United States.

Cargo ship carrying luxury cars abandoned after catching fire in North Atlantic

A cargo ship carrying luxury cars has been left floating adrift in the Atlantic Ocean after a fire on board forced the crew to abandon it.

The Felicity Ace, a 656 foot-long roll-on/roll-off car carrying ship, caught fire Thursday while transporting cargo including Porsche and Volkswagen vehicles from Germany to Rhode Island.

The Portuguese Navy said the fire broke out in the cargo hold, while it was sailing 90 nautical miles southwest of Portugal's Azores but quickly spread, forcing all 22 crew members to escape.

All of the crew members were safely picked up and taken to a local hotel in a rescue effort coordinated by the Ponta Delgada Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Center, the Portuguese Navy said.

It added that the fire has not been the source of any noticeable pollution.

Owners of the ship, which is registered to Panama and operated by Japanese shipping line Mitsui O.S.K. Lines have arranged for a tow.

Porsche said that customers who purchased vehicles that were on the ship will be contacted by their dealership which will provide "additional information on how this impacts you as soon as we have additional information and know the full scope of the issue."

Volkswagen said it was "working with local authorities and the shipping company to investigate the cause of the incident."

West Bend man cited after confronting campaign volunteer

A 59-year-old West Bend man was arrested and issued a citation for disorderly conduct after confronting a campaign volunteer for Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Tom Nelson.

The incident took place Friday outside Democratic Party headquarters in West Bend, during the city's farmers market, West Bend police said. Nelson was in the office speaking to voters as part of a 72-county tour of Wisconsin.

A 21-year-old volunteer for Nelson's campaign was outside the building, holding a "Nelson for Senate" campaign sign when he was approached by a man.

According to the police report, the volunteer said the man told him, "Treason is a capital punishment you should all have bullets in your heads, including you."

Police said the staffer was upset, notified others in the office and Nelson called police.

Police said the suspect, Michael J. Richter, was arrested, brought to the police department, issued a citation for disorderly conduct and released.

Richter denied saying anything about putting a bullet in someone's head and was not armed, the report said. Nelson, the Outagamie County executive, missed his next scheduled stop in Ozaukee County but attended other events Saturday.

"This is not going to stop the campaign," Nelson said.

Wandering hen taken into custody at Pentagon security area

A wandering chicken was caught sneaking around a security area at the Pentagon, a local animal welfare organization said.

The loose hen was found early Friday morning near the U.S. Department of Defense headquarters, the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, Virginia, wrote on social media.

“Apparently, the answer to ‘why did the chicken cross the road’ is to get to the Pentagon,” the group posted.

The chicken was taken into custody by one of the league’s employees.

Chelsea Jones, a spokesperson for the organization, said in an email that she couldn’t reveal the precise location where the bird was spotted.

“We are not allowed to disclose exactly where she was found,” Jones said. “We can only say it was at a security checkpoint.”

It’s also unclear where the chicken came from or how she got to the Pentagon.

The hen — which has brown feathers and a red comb and wattles — is a Rhode Island Red. Jones described the bird as “sweet” and “nervous” but said she has allowed some people to pet her.

She’s now known as Henny Penny, one of the names given to the chicken that thinks “the sky is falling” in a folk tale.

This one has gained notoriety of her own: Jimmy Fallon performed a song about her on “The Tonight Show.”

“Are you a normal clucker or an undercover spy?” Fallon sang on his Friday episode.

Jones said Henny Penny is being adopted by a staff member who has a small farm in western Virginia.

Prosecutors say Amsterdam Apple shop hostage-taker dies

A gunman who held a hostage for hours in the Apple Store in Amsterdam before he was run over by police as he chased the hostage out of the shop died Wednesday evening, a spokesman for Amsterdam prosecutors said.

The man had demanded a ransom of 200 million euros in cryptocurrencies during the tense, five-hour standoff. The incident paralyzed one of Amsterdam’s most popular nightlife neighborhoods Wednesday as dozens of heavily armed police surrounded the store, managing to free about 70 people from the building that houses the shop before the suspect was detained.

Police Chief Frank Paauw said the suspect, a 27-year-old man from Amsterdam armed with a handgun and an automatic weapon and wearing camouflage clothing, was run over by police as he chased his fleeing hostage.

Prosecution office spokesman Franklin Wattimena said the suspect died Thursday evening. He gave no further details.

The hostage was a Bulgarian man, police said. They didn’t release his identity.

“The hostage played a sort of hero’s role by, in that split second that he had, forcing a breakthrough in this situation,”

Paauw said at a news conference in the early hours of the morning. “Otherwise it could have been a very long and unpleasant night and maybe longer.”

After the suspect was run over, a robot checked him for explosives as snipers in nearby buildings took aim, green laser beams from their weapons clearly visible in the night sky. In contacts with police, the suspect had threatened to blow himself up.

Police said Friday that he had “explosive components,” but that they weren’t armed.

Paauw said the man was taken to a hospital with serious injuries. He had remained hospitalized Thursday under police guard as detectives investigated his exact motive.

Investigations were continuing Friday, including searching two homes in Amsterdam. The Apple Store was listed on the company’s website as being closed Friday and Saturday. Bullet holes could be seen in the store’s windows.