



A man walks past debris and a sign on a boarded-up business Sept. 14, 2017, in Florida's Key West aftermath of Hurricane Irma. (CNS photo/Carlo Allegri, Reuters)



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