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First responders and residents walk amid debris and destroyed homes Oct. 11 after Hurricane Michael swept through Mexico Beach, Florida. (CNS/Reuters/Carlo Allegri)



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