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On Party's 100th Birthday, Xi Pledges China Won't Be Bullied



RED-LETTER DAY: Students took part in ceremonies Thursday in Beijing marking the 100th anniversary of the ruling Communist Party. President Xi Jinping declared that China would repel foreign attempts 'to bully, oppress, or enslave us.' **A16**

U.S. Wins Backing for Global Minimum Corporate Tax Rate

By PAUL HANNON AND KATE DAVIDSON

The U.S. has won international backing for a global minimum rate of tax as part of a wider overhaul of the rules for taxing international companies, a major step toward securing a final agreement on a key element of the Biden administration's domestic plans for revenue raising and spending.

Officials from 130 countries that met virtually agreed on Thursday to the broad outlines of what would be the

most sweeping change in international taxation in a century. Among them were all of the Group of 20 major economies, including China and India, which previously had reservations about the proposed overhaul.

Those governments now will seek to pass laws ensuring that companies headquartered in their countries pay a minimum tax rate of at least 15% in each of the nations in which they operate, reducing opportunities for tax avoidance.

The Organization for Eco-

nomic Cooperation and Development, which is guiding the negotiations, estimates that governments incur lost revenue of between \$100 billion and \$240 billion to tax avoidance each year.

"After years of intense work and negotiations, this historic package will ensure that large multinational companies pay their fair share of tax everywhere," OECD Secretary-General Mathias Cormann said.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen called it "a historic day for economic diplo-

macy." She added, "Today's agreement by 130 countries representing more than 90% of global GDP is a clear sign: The race to the bottom is one step closer to coming to an end."

The Biden administration's international efforts are tied closely to its domestic tax agenda, which calls for raising the U.S. corporate tax rate to 28% from 21%, and raising the minimum tax on U.S.-based

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◆ Big tech firms eager for end of patchwork tax rules..... **A2**

Justices Uphold Arizona Election Rules

Supreme Court's 6-3 decision leaves states more room to tighten their voting laws

By BRENT KENDALL AND JESS BRAVIN

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court upheld a pair of Arizona voting rules against Democratic claims that the state discriminated against minority voters, a decision that could make it more difficult to challenge new state efforts to tighten election regulations.

The court, in a 6-3 opinion by Justice Samuel Alito, ruled Arizona was on solid legal ground in enforcing rules that prohibit third parties from collecting mail-in ballots and disallow votes cast in the wrong precinct.

The decision, issued on Thursday, the final day before the court's summer recess, was one of two major rulings that divided the court along ideological lines, with conservatives in the majority. The court also struck down a California requirement that tax-exempt charities disclose their major donors to state regulators.

Justice Alito said that while Arizona "generally makes it very easy to vote," the process of voting entails some level of burden for everyone. "Mere inconvenience" for voters isn't enough to establish that elec-

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◆ California's donor-disclosure rule is struck down..... **A6**

Biden, DeSantis Meet in Miami On Efforts at Collapsed Tower

Gov. Ron DeSantis and President Biden at a briefing Thursday in Miami to discuss rescue work at the collapsed condo. **A3**



Robinhood Is Offering Individuals IPO Access

By PETER RUDEGEAR

Robinhood Markets Inc. wants its users to buy stock. The online brokerage firm's own, that is.

The popular stock-trading app plans to set aside as much as 35% of shares in its coming initial public offering for individual investors, the company said in a regulatory filing on Thursday, a much larger retail allocation than in a typical deal. Robinhood wants people to sign up to buy the shares on its new platform that gives users access to IPOs before they start trading.

The Robinhood IPO is shaping up to be the biggest test yet of a notion that is gaining traction on Wall Street: The everyday investor should play a bigger role in the IPO market. Robinhood rivals, SoFi Technologies Inc. and investing and social-networking app Public

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After a Century, China's Communist Party Gets a Bad Rap

One hundred rappers recorded a centennial tribute even loyal fans dissed

By EVA XIAO

HONG KONG—How do you get all the cool kids excited about the 100th birthday of China's Communist Party?

Somebody's idea was squeezing 100 Chinese rap and hip-hop groups onto a 15-minute track, which, naturally, celebrates China's achievements and dissolves its haters.

"We got money in the bank, our brothers are the most lit," goes one line that segues into an English-language chorus, "China rising."

Yet even among the party loyal, it sank. The heavily autotuned number vanished in a cloud of disdain days before Thursday's centennial. "I can only suffer once," one listener posted on social media.

Beijing has in recent years

Business Lockdowns Hurt. Reopening Isn't Much Easier.

For small businesses such as Nashville music venue Exit/In, the obstacles to turning a profit have multiplied as relief runs out

By RUTH SIMON

For two weeks, Chris Cobb checked the weather forecast obsessively. Exit/In, the historic Nashville music venue he owns, was set to host its first live event since Covid-19 shut it down.

He had been plotting a return for months, rehiring staff, negotiating with artists and transforming an old shipping container into an outdoor stage with a new 40-foot mural. Money flowed out of the club's checking account. Revenue from ticket sales trickled in.

On June 1, a day before the first two bands were scheduled to perform, forecasters called for a greater than 90% chance of rain, as well as thunder. "It's 444 days that we've been closed. We are going to get rained," said Mr. Cobb. "It's a cancel-the-show forecast."

Covid-19 devastated the live-events business as venues went dark due to lockdowns and a lack of demand. In metropolitan Nashville, home to a vibrant live music scene, revenue and employment fell nearly 75% at independent music venues in 2020, according to the

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Sizzling Car Market Faces Lean Supplies

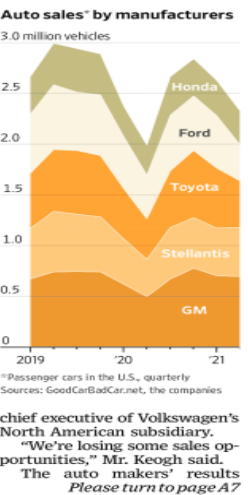
By NORA NAUGHTON AND MIKE COLLAS

U.S. car sales continued at a blistering pace in the second quarter but showed some signs of slowing in June, as the number of vehicles on dealership lots continues to dwindle.

General Motors Co. reported a nearly 40% increase in vehicle sales for the second quarter compared with the same period a year ago. The Detroit auto maker's sales were also up compared with the first quarter, but less so, rising 10% over that period.

Sales for Stellantis NV increased 32% in the second quarter, compared with the April-to-June period a year ago. The Jeep brand owner's growth from the first quarter was more modest, up 3% in the second quarter compared with the first three months of the year.

Volkswagen AG reported its best first-half U.S. sales in nearly a half-century while managing tight supplies. The company now has about 32,000 vehicles in inventory while aiming to sell around 30,000 vehicles a month, said Scott Keogh,





Allen H. Weisselberg, center, the Trump Organization's chief financial officer, was accused of avoiding taxes on \$1.7 million in perks.

Trump Business Charged With 'Audacious' Tax Fraud

Prosecutors Describe 15 Years of Hiding Executives' Luxury Perks and Bonuses

This article is by Ben Protess, William K. Rashbaum and Jonah E. Bromwich.

The Trump Organization, the real estate business that catapulted Donald J. Trump to tabloid fame, television riches and ultimately the White House, was charged Thursday with running a 15-year scheme to help its executives evade taxes by compensating them with fringe benefits that were hidden from the authorities.

Mr. Dunne and the indictment described a deliberate effort by senior executives to underreport their income, in concert with the Trump Organization, by accepting secret perks that did not show up on tax documents. In the case of Mr. Weisselberg, the indictment said, the company kept his benefits off its books but recorded them in an internal spreadsheet.

The charges against the Trump Organization and Mr. Weisselberg — whom Mr. Trump once praised for doing "whatever was necessary to protect the bottom line" — ushered in a new phase of the district attorney's inquiry into the

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Striking at Heart of Ex-President's Image

This article is by Jonah E. Bromwich, William K. Rashbaum, Ben Protess and Maggie Haberman.

After all the suspicion and anticipation, it was not a conspiracy involving Russia, widespread money laundering or a sweeping allegation of racketeering and corruption.

Instead, it was an investigation that uncovered the alleged abuse of run-of-the-mill perks — like car leases, apartments and school tuition — that transformed Donald J. Trump's family business from real estate branding empire to criminal defendant.

On Thursday, prosecutors from the Manhattan district attorney's office announced charges against the Trump Organization and its chief financial officer, Allen H. Weisselberg, alleging a scheme lasting over a decade in which Mr. Weisselberg failed to pay

taxes on close to \$2 million worth of perks and bonuses as the company benefited from helping him do so.

While there is no indication that Mr. Trump himself will face criminal charges anytime soon, the district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., has said that "the work continues," and the former president will remain the focus of the investigation as prosecutors exert pressure on Mr. Weisselberg to cooperate. Mr. Trump has escaped numerous law enforcement inquiries over the better part of three decades, and he could well do so again. Even so, the case brought by Mr. Vance on Thursday has already struck at the heart of Mr. Trump's public image — the business of the businessman — in a way no other investigation has done.

The fallout could be significant. An indictment against a

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JUSTICES BOLSTER G.O.P. STATES' PUSH FOR VOTING LIMITS

6-3 Ruling in Arizona Case Could Make It Harder to Challenge New Laws

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday gave states new latitude to impose restrictions on voting, using a ruling in a case from Arizona to signal that challenges to laws being passed by Republican legislatures that make it harder for minority groups to vote would face a hostile reception from a majority of the justices.

The vote was 6 to 3, with the court's three liberal members in dissent.

The decision was among the most consequential in decades on voting rights, and it was the first time the court had considered how a crucial part of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 applied to restrictions that have a particular impact on people of color.

The six conservative justices in the majority concluded that the relevant part of the act can be used to strike down voting restrictions only when they impose substantial and disproportionate burdens on minority voters, effectively blocking their ability to cast a ballot — a standard suggesting that the Supreme Court would not be inclined to overturn many of the legislative measures that Republicans have pursued or ap-

proved around the country. "Where a state provides multiple ways to vote," Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. wrote for the majority, "any burden imposed on voters who choose one of the available options cannot be evaluated without also taking into account the other available means."

In dissent, Justice Elena Kagan wrote that the majority had done violence to the Voting Rights Act, a civil rights landmark.

"Wherever it can, the majority gives a cramped reading to broad language," she wrote. "And then it uses that reading to uphold two election laws from Arizona that discriminate against minority voters."

Justice Kagan said the court's action was a devastating blow to the nation's ideals.

"What is tragic here," she wrote, "is that the court has (yet again) rewritten — in order to weaken — a statute that stands as a monument to America's greatness and protects against its basest impulses. What is tragic is that the court has damaged a statute designed to bring about 'the end of discrimination in voting.'"

The ruling came at a time when

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DISCRETION A 6-to-3 decision held that a state requirement for charities to disclose donor information was unconstitutional. PAGE A11

Countries Back Minimum Tax On Companies

This article is by Liz Alderman, Jim Tankersley and Eshe Nelson.

PARIS — An effort to push the most sweeping changes to the global tax system in a century gained significant momentum on Thursday when 130 nations agreed to a blueprint in which multinational corporations would pay an appropriate share of tax wherever they operate.

The deal approaches a goal that had proved elusive for the global community for decades as countries tried to prevent businesses from shopping for the jurisdiction with the lowest rates — what Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen called a 30-year "race to the bottom" on corporate taxes.

The result of the negotiations, overseen by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and revived this year by President Biden, is also remarkable because it includes China, Russia and India among the signatories — large economies that had been wary of a tax overhaul.

The conceptual framework includes a 15 percent minimum corporate tax rate, which had been proposed by the United States, and rules that would force technology giants like Amazon and Facebook and other big global businesses to pay taxes in countries where their goods or services are sold, even if they have no physical presence there.

Closing some of the most notorious tax loopholes in the world would generate an estimated \$150 billion in additional tax revenue each year, said the O.E.C.D., the research and policy organization of the world's richest countries.

Even so, some major tax havens, including Ireland and some Caribbean nations, still have not signed on to the deal, potentially

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Over 140 were still missing Thursday in Surfside, Fla.

In 2018, Official Deemed Tower In 'Good Shape'

By FRANCES ROBLES

SURFSIDE, Fla. — José L. Haar is still claustrophobic and suffers from chronic back pain, lingering effects from the hours he spent trapped under rubble between two dead brothers decades ago.

Hired to haul debris from a demolition project, Mr. Haar was one of three survivors of the 1997 collapse of the Biscayne Kennel Club, a dog track near Miami that caved while being wrecked by an unlicensed, uninsured and unregistered subcontractor.

"Everyone started throwing blame around: the owners, the city," said Mr. Haar, who worked for a demolition company at the site. "It was a very difficult situation."

The building collapse that killed two men is back in the news after it emerged that a city inspector who conducted multiple site visits during the doomed demolition was Ross Prieto, the chief building official in Surfside, Fla., who told residents of Champlain Towers South that their building appeared to be sound nearly three years before its deadly collapse last week.

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Xi Issues a Warning to the World: China's Rise Can't Be Stopped

By CHRIS BUCKLEY and KEITH BRADSHAW

China's rise is unstoppable, Xi Jinping declared. The country will not be lectured. And those who try to block its ascent will hit a "Great Wall of steel."

Mr. Xi, the most powerful Chinese leader in generations, delivered the defiant message in a speech in Beijing on Thursday that celebrated 100 years of the Chinese Communist Party.

The speech was laden with symbols intended to show that China and its ruling party would not tolerate foreign obstruction on the country's path to becoming a superpower. The event's pageantry symbolized a powerful nation firmly, yet comfortably, in control. A crowd of 70,000 people waved flags, sang and cheered in unison. Troops marched and jets flew overhead in perfect formations.

And each time Mr. Xi made a pugnacious comment, the crowd applauded and roared approval.

At times, Mr. Xi's strident words seemed aimed as much at Washington as at the hundreds of millions of Chinese who watched on their televisions. The biggest applause from the handpicked, Covid-screened audience on Tian-



Performers rehearsed Thursday in Tiananmen Square as the Communist Party marked 100 years.

anmen Square came when he declared that China would not be pushed around.

"The Chinese people will never allow foreign forces to bully, oppress or enslave us," he said, clad in a Mao suit. "Whoever nurses delusions of doing that will crack their heads and spill blood on the

Great Wall of steel built from the flesh and blood of 1.4 billion Chinese people."

Mr. Xi's address was one of the most anticipated of his nearly nine years in power and was all the more significant because he seeks to extend his rule. The celebration was Mr. Xi's chance to cement a

place, at least implicitly, on a dais of era-defining Chinese leaders, above all Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping.

Mr. Xi has sought to portray himself as a transformative leader guiding China into a new era of global strength and rejuvenation

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Myths of In-Office Creativity

There is no evidence that chance office meetings bolster innovation. Now, some are seeking to reimagine work. PAGE B1

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Enormous government spending will help fuel growth and erase pandemic job losses, a new report says. PAGE B1

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U.S. Exposes Russian Hacking

The move is a first test for President Vladimir V. Putin since the Geneva summit, where President Biden told him to rein in cyberattacks. PAGE A8

Rightward Shift in Israel

A new prime minister's decision about an unauthorized settlement provided an idea of how he hopes to manage his coalition. News Analysis. PAGE A4

Estranged Princes Reunite

Princess William and Harry unveiled a statue of their mother, Diana, at Kensington Palace in London on what would have been her 60th birthday. PAGE A4

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Deadly highs in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia took a toll in cars, stifling apartments, workplaces, homeless camps and old homes. PAGE A14

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Why did the Pennsylvania Supreme Court abruptly free the disgraced entertainer from prison? A breakdown of the legal issues behind the move. PAGE A16

Cheney Joins Jan. 6 Inquiry

Speaker Nancy Pelosi offered a slot to Liz Cheney of Wyoming to bring a veneer of bipartisanship to an investigation the G.O.P. rejected. PAGE A13



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Outdoor art abounds in New York. Above, the singer Lia Lungu at Socrates Sculpture Park in Queens. PAGE C12

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ALLEN WEISSELBERG, center right, finance chief of the Trump Organization, is escorted to court in New York. He and the company are accused of running a 15-year tax fraud scheme. They pleaded not guilty.

TRUMP COMPANY CHARGED WITH TAX FRAUD

Chief financial officer is also indicted. The case could threaten the firm's survival.

BY CHRIS MEGIERIAN, DEL. QUENTIN WILBER AND JANET HOOK

WASHINGTON — The Trump Organization, an international showcase for gaudy wealth that made Donald Trump a household name long before he ran for president, has been dodging taxes for years, according to Manhattan prosecutors who unveiled the first criminal charges against the company on Thursday.

The organization is charged with criminal tax fraud and scheming to defraud the government. Allen Weisselberg, Trump's long-time accountant and keeper of his financial secrets, faces the same charges plus grand larceny and falsifying records, according to the 15-count indictment.

Carey Dunne, an assistant district attorney, said the scheme "was orchestrated by the most senior executives, who were financially benefiting themselves and the company, by getting secret pay raises at the expense of state and federal taxpayers."

Weisselberg, who appeared in court wearing handcuffs after surrendering at the courthouse, pleaded not guilty, as did the Trump Organization.

The indictment did not name Trump or any of his relatives, but it could prove debilitating for their company if it becomes harder to find business partners or obtain bank loans. Trump called the prosecution a continuation of a "witch hunt."

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CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

Newsom's future will go to voters in September

Potential candidates have a tight timeline for entering the race against the governor.

BY PHIL WILLON

SACRAMENTO — Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis on Thursday set Sept. 14 as the date for the recall election targeting California Gov. Gavin Newsom, leaving it up to voters to decide whether to oust a sitting governor for just the second time in the state's history.

The tight election timetable gives prospective candidates just over two weeks to decide whether to jump in. Months ago, a cadre of notable Republicans launched unofficial campaigns with promises of loosening the Democrats' ironclad grip on state government.

"Now that Newsom actually has to campaign, I'm wondering if he's up to the task," said Anne Hyde Dunsmore, campaign manager for Rescue California, one of the main recall proponents. "We haven't had to do much because he seems to be doing something every day that helps us."

Newsom and his supporters have dismissed the recall effort as a long-shot ploy by the Republican Party to force its unpopular conservative agenda on Californians who support the governor's policies, including his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting the environment and advocating for gun control measures.

The Democratic governor has characterized recall campaign leaders as anti-immigrant supporters of former President Trump who include QAnon conspir-

acy theorists and fringe members of the right wing. Juan Rodriguez, the leader of Newsom's anti-recall campaign, said California voters have an opportunity to "reject this Republican power grab."

"This Republican recall is a naked attempt by Trump Republicans to grab control in California — powered by the same Republicans who refused to accept the results of the presidential election and are now pushing voter suppression laws across the country," Rodriguez said in a statement.

Still, one of the greatest threats to Newsom's political survival would be a challenge from the left. No prominent California Democrats have publicly entertained entering the race, and most have pledged to stay out of it.

But candidates have a limited window to mull over

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L.A. sets new camping limits in public areas

Backers say rules are a compassionate way to ensure access. Foes say they criminalize homelessness.

BY DAVID ZAHNISER AND BENJAMIN ORESKES

Over the objections of activists, advocacy groups and two of their colleagues, Los Angeles City Council members on Thursday approved a new package of restrictions on encampments near homeless shelters, day-care centers and an array of other public facilities.

With some arguing the measure would further criminalize homelessness and others saying the city took too long to act, council members voted 13 to 2 to enact rules regulating sitting, sleeping and storing proper-

ty near fire hydrants, building entrances, driveways, libraries, parks, elementary schools and several other locations.

Backers of the ordinance said it would restore access to public spaces in a way that is compassionate, treating most violations as infractions that can result in fines, not jail time, and limiting the involvement of law enforcement. They warned that their constituents would not continue to support new shelters and other homeless facilities unless the city shows they have regained control of the sidewalks and other public space.

Councilman Bob Blumenfeld said he has already faced protests at his Woodland Hills residence after working to open two "tiny home" cabin communities for unhoused residents in his west San Fernando Valley district.

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Justices deal a blow to Voting Rights Act

Supreme Court backs Arizona restrictions that had outsized effect on minority voters.

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority limited the reach of the Voting Rights Act on Thursday and ruled that states may enforce election rules even if they have a more discriminatory effect on Black, Latino or Native American voters.

In a 6-3 decision, the justices upheld two Arizona rules that were sponsored by

Republicans and opposed by Democrats. One calls for throwing out legal ballots that were cast in the wrong precinct. Arizona discards a higher percentage of ballots than any other state because of its shifting precinct boundaries.

The justices also upheld a second law that makes it a crime for anyone other than family members or postal workers to deliver a mail ballot, a rule that has a significant effect on tribal reservations.

The Arizona case took on major importance this year because it came amid a partisan national battle over voting rights and election

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A BOAT sets out from Al-Mina in Gaza City. A blockade limits how far fishing vessels can go.

A day at sea with Gazan fishermen

TEXT BY NABIH BULOS PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARCUS YAM REPORTING FROM GAZA CITY

The hours after sunset are when Gaza City's seaside walkway is at its most crowded, with families navigating brightly colored juice and ice cream stalls, the embers atop countless hookah pipes glowing in the wind and cafes blaring music well into the night.

But just before sunrise, it's a quieter, more serene waterfront. By 6 a.m., the fishermen have assembled at Al-Mina, the city's main port, loading fuel, ice and other supplies into their rickety boats for another 24 hours at sea.

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CONSOLING IN FLORIDA

President Biden speaks Thursday after meeting with victims' families and rescuers in a Miami-area condo collapse. **NATION, A5**

Sexual abuse inquiry at school

A former employee at a private boarding high school in Carpinteria is under investigation. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

China celebrates party's centenary

Xi, in a display of triumphant nationalism, warns foreign forces not to meddle. **WORLD, A3**

Weather

Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 85/65. **B6**



LAPD faces slew of questions after botched South L.A. blast

BY KEVIN RECTOR, RUBEN VIVES AND RICHARD WINTON

When Los Angeles police discovered a few thousand pounds of illegal fireworks in a South L.A. yard Wednesday morning, some of the explosives were particularly troubling to members of the bomb squad.

The department's explosives experts were content to haul off nearly all of the illegal stash to a secured loca-

tion for destruction. It was a run-of-the-mill operation in the lead-up to the Fourth of July in a city obsessed with fireworks.

But about 40 soda can-sized items and 200 smaller items, each with a short fuse and unknown firepower, gave them pause. They were uncertain the devices were stable enough to transport.

Instead, they tried to safely detonate the devices in a specialized container right there on the street — and caused a massive explo-

sion that left the residential block in tatters and 17 people injured. It was a disaster captured by television choppers and crews on the ground who'd gathered in the neighborhood to record the fireworks seizure and detonation.

By Thursday, a massive investigation was underway into how what was meant to be a carefully controlled explosion went so badly out of control — casting debris for blocks, blasting out win-

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Justices uphold Ariz. vote limits

Lower court found law discriminatory; GOP-led states gain freer rein

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court on Thursday upheld two Arizona voting restrictions that a lower court had said discriminated against minority voters, a ruling that suggests that it will be harder to successfully challenge a spate of new laws passed by state legislatures in the aftermath of the 2020 election.

Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. wrote the opinion in the 6-to-3 ruling, with the court's conservative majority in charge. The court's liberals joined an opinion by Justice Elena Kagan protesting that the decision weakens the shield provided by the Voting Rights Act (VRA), first passed in 1965 to forbid laws that result in discrimination based on race.

The final day of the Supreme Court's decision-making brought a second opinion, about the disclosure of donors, decided along the same conservative-liberal divide. It was a partisan close to a term in which the justices had successfully decided many controversial cases without rancor.

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Struck down: Calif. had required charities to detail top donors. A4

130 nations back plan for a global minimum tax, in boost for Biden

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

President Biden on Thursday celebrated a victory in his drive to make corporations pay a larger share of the cost of government, as 130 countries endorsed a blueprint for a global minimum tax on giant businesses and pledged to work for final approval by the end of October.

The agreement announced by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris showcased the president's preference for patient diplomacy rather than the unilateral moves favored by his predecessor.

Potentially the most significant change in global tax rules in 100 years, the accord is designed to stop countries from competing to lure corporations by offering lower tax rates and to help governments fund their operations at a time of soaring pandemic-related expenses. Biden administration officials also describe the tax plan as a partial remedy for the offshoring of manufacturing jobs that have hollowed out U.S. factory towns and fueled populist resentments.

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\$3 trillion: The federal deficit is again on pace to top that figure. A18

Prosecutors allege fraud at Trump firm



Alan Weisselberg, longtime chief financial officer of the Trump Organization, arrives for a court appearance Thursday in Manhattan.

Indictments become Trump's latest rallying cry

BY JOSH DAWSEY

Former president Donald Trump turned to a familiar playbook Thursday, attacking New York prosecutors who charged his company and chief financial officer with a raft of financial crimes by calling their charges politically motivated and an overreach designed to target him and his supporters.

Trump, who has battled

Criminal case provides political fuel for possible White House run

through decades of criminal investigations, bankruptcies and scandals, immediately used some of the same phraseology he employed during investigations

into his conduct in the 2016 campaign and while he served as president.

"The political Witch Hunt by the Radical Left Democrats, with New York now taking over the assignment, continues. It is dividing our Country like never before!" he said in a statement minutes after the indictments were unsealed. "Do people see the Radical Left prosecutors, and what they are trying to do to

75M+++ Voters and Patriots, for what it is?"

Whether charges that his company evaded taxes by hiding payments to employees will do any political damage to Trump is unclear as he teases another presidential run in 2024 and looks to play a starring role in the 2022 midterm elections. He has retained the strong support of the Republican Party through a se-

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TAXABLE BENEFITS HIDDEN, THEY SAY

Company, CFO accused of payments scheme

BY SHAYNA JACOBS, DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD, JOSH DAWSEY AND JONATHAN O'CONNELL

NEW YORK — Prosecutors charged former president Donald Trump's business with a 15-year "scheme to defraud" the government and charged its chief financial officer with grand larceny and tax fraud in a Manhattan courtroom Thursday, describing what they said was a wide-ranging effort to hide income from tax authorities.

In charging papers, prosecutors alleged that the Trump Organization effectively kept two sets of books. In one — for internal use — it carefully tallied the value of benefits given to executives as part of their compensation: apartments, cars, furniture, tuition payments, even money for holiday gifts.

But in the documents that the Trump Organization sent to tax authorities, prosecutors said, those benefits were omitted. Prosecutors said the result was that the Trump Organization and its executives avoided taxes on their full compensation: CFO Allen Weisselberg, they said, avoided paying more than \$900,000.

"To put it bluntly, this was a sweeping and audacious illegal payments scheme," said Carey Dunne, a prosecutor working for Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. (D), at an arraignment hearing. He rejected an allegation from the Trump Organization that the charges

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U.S. unready for wildfire escalation

BY SARAH KAPLAN

PORTLAND, ORE. — On the heels of one of the worst wildfire years on record, the federal government is struggling to recruit and retain staff as firefighters grapple with low wages, trauma and burnout from increasingly long and intense fire seasons.

Heat waves have toppled temperature records across the nation, and firefighters are actively battling 48 large blazes that have consumed more than half a million acres in 12 states. But land management agencies are carrying out fire mitigation measures at a fraction of the pace required, and the funds needed to make communities more resilient are one-seventh of what the government has supplied.

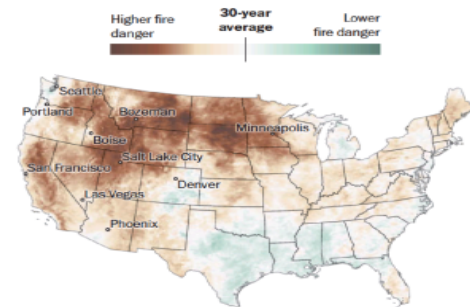
"We're burning up, we're choking up, we aren't just heating up," California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) told President Biden at a

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Parched vegetation holds potential for severe wildfires

To determine the potential for severe wildfires, researchers calculate the Energy Release Component (ERC)*, which measures the potential for vegetation to burn based on recent weather.



*Data shown represents the difference between average ERC over the past two weeks compared to a 1991-2020 average.

Source: Climate Engine

ZACH LEVIT/THE WASHINGTON POST

Washington Football Team is fined \$10 million by NFL

Snyder's wife will run operations for now after probe into harassment

BY WILL HOBSON, LIZ CLARKE, BETH REINHARD AND MARK MASKE

The NFL fined the Washington Football Team \$10 million for fostering a workplace culture where sexual harassment, bullying and intimidation were commonplace throughout most of Daniel Snyder's ownership, the league announced Thursday, but it declined to release a detailed investigative report or address any allegations levied by former employees against Snyder.

"The culture of the club was very toxic and fell far short of the NFL's values," Lisa Priel, the league's special counsel for investigations, said during a conference call with reporters.

The NFL did not suspend Snyder but said that his wife, Tanya, named the team's co-CEO this week, will assume responsibilities for all day-to-day team operations and represent the team at all league meetings and other league activities for at least the next several months. There was little to no sentiment among other owners throughout the process to force Snyder to sell the franchise, people familiar with the situation have said.

The fine was the outcome of a lengthy league investigation overseen by prominent D.C. attorney Beth Wilkinson. The NFL will not release any detailed findings from Wilkinson's investigation beyond a news release, Priel said. In a contrast to previous league investigations, such as its probe into a video showing former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice assaulting his fiancée, the NFL did not request any written report from Wilkinson but instead heard her

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Jim Morrison y su voz aún viven en el misterio del rock

Mañana se cumplen 50 años de la muerte, a los 27 años, del explosivo cantante de The Doors; rumores y sospechas nunca confirmadas atravesaron su fallecimiento en un hotel de París. **Especiales**



ROGER FEDERER VOLVIÓ A SONREÍR EN WIMBLEDON

—deportes

El suizo recuperó las mejores sensaciones, ganó y disfrutó con la gente en el All England; "es lo que necesitaba desesperadamente; fue un sentimiento maravilloso", confesó.

CAYÓ UNA DE LAS MÁS COMPLEJAS BANDAS DE MOTOCHORROS

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El grupo criminal utilizaba puestos de observación en el microcentro y falsos repartidores que marcaban a las víctimas al salir de financieras. **Página 24**

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Tras los cuestionamientos, se destrabará por decreto la llegada de vacunas de EE.UU.

COVID. Fernández firmará un DNU para habilitar las dosis de Pfizer, Moderna y Janssen

Luego de meses de cuestionamientos por el fracaso de las negociaciones, el Gobierno trabaja en los detalles del decreto que el presidente Alberto Fernández firmará en las próximas horas, que flexibiliza el mecanismo para la llegada al país de vacunas contra el coronavirus producidas por Estados Unidos.

El Gobierno avanzó en las últimas horas en la negociación con Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson y Moderna, así como con autoridades de la Casa Blanca, para destrabar un acuerdo con los laboratorios norteamericanos, según confirmaron anoche fuentes oficiales.

Así, el Gobierno podría finalmente

comprar vacunas fabricadas en los Estados Unidos y también recibir la donación de dosis que la administración del presidente norteamericano, Joe Biden, hará en América Latina. La norma modificaría la ley de vacunas, que entra en cortocircuito con los requerimientos legales de los laboratorios. **Página 2**

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La mayoría kirchnerista del Consejo de la Magistratura, con aval de la diputada Graciela Camaño, nombró ayer a Juan Carlos Cubría, hijo de la jueza federal María Servini, secretario de la Comisión de Disciplina y Acusación, un lugar clave que puede incidir en las investigaciones contra los magistrados. Frente a ello, renunció el titular de esa comisión, el juez Ricardo Recondo, perteneciente al bloque opositor en el organismo. **Página 13**

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Xi advirtió que China no se dejará intimidar

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Cristina, en modo campaña y con críticas a la oposición

La vicepresidenta entregó ayer computadoras a alumnos de Lomas de Zamora, en un acto junto al gobernador Axel Kicillof y al intendente Martín Insaurralde, posible candidato a diputado. Criticó al FMI y apuntó contra la oposición. **Página 15**



CAPTURA DE TV

El gasto en jubilaciones se redujo casi 10% en un año

AJUSTE. Fue en el acumulado enero-mayo; el poder de compra de los pasivos disminuyó 18,5% desde 2017

Silvia Stang
LA NACION

En los cinco primeros meses del año, el Gobierno redujo el gasto asignado a jubilaciones y pensiones en un 9,4% respecto del mismo período de

2020, comparado en términos reales, es decir, según las cifras corregidas por la inflación. Así lo indica un informe elaborado por el Ieral, de la Fundación Mediterránea, que también señala que entre el primer semestre de 2017 y el de este año el

haber promedio del sistema perdió un 18,5% de su poder de compra (en la variación influyen los aumentos nominales y el valor de las nuevas jubilaciones), y que en 15 años el número de beneficiarios creció un 112%, impulsado por las moratorias.

La baja interanual del gasto real para los jubilados también está consignada en un informe del Observatorio Fiscal Federal de la Facultad de Derecho de la UCA y la Fundación Hanns Seidel. **Continúa en la página 18**

Após arquivar inquérito de atos, Moraes abre outro

Driblando pedido da PGR, o ministro Alexandre de Moraes, do Supremo, determinou o arquivamento do inquérito dos atos antidemocráticos e a abertura de outra investigação para apurar a existência de uma organização criminosa nas instituições para abalar a democracia. **Poder A10**

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Sou um governador gay, afirma tucano Eduardo Leite

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STF anula sentença de preso há sete anos sem provas

DIAS MELHORES

O ministro do STF Edson Fachin anulou ontem a condenação do trabalhador rural José Aparecido Alves Filho, preso por latrocínio há sete anos sem provas, e mandou soltá-lo depois de a Folha publicar a história na série Inocentes Presos. **Cotidiano B6**

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Presente e futuro do tênis de mesa, Bruna, 20, e Giulia Takahashi, 16, irão juntas para a capital japonesa, onde representarão o Brasil na disputa por equipes nos Jogos Olímpicos.

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Vendedor reafirma pedido de propina por vacinas à CPI

Luiz Domingueti, que relatara episódio à Folha, exhibe áudio de deputado e tem celular apreendido

Luiz Paulo Domingueti Pereira, convocado pela CPI da Covid após dizer em entrevista à Folha que recebera pedido de propina do Ministério da Saúde, reafirmou que Roberto Ferreira Dias, então diretor de logística da pasta, lhe pediu US\$ 1 por dose para fechar a compra de imunizantes.

Domingueti representa a Davati Medical Supply, que tentou vender doses da AstraZeneca ao governo, embora a fabricante de vacinas negue ter intermediários.

No depoimento, o representante disse que o deputado federal Luís Miranda (DEM-DF) também o procurou para adquirir o fármaco.

Para comprovar a versão, Domingueti tocou um áudio enviado pelo parlamentar à empresa. Mas a gravação, pouco clara, levou senadores a acusarem o depoente de falso testemunho e a apreenderem seu celular.

Luís Miranda virou foco da CPI ao denunciar suspeitas na negociação da Covaxin.

Em um dia intenso, a comissão ainda ouviu ontem Ferreira Dias, exonerado do posto depois da publicação da reportagem da Folha e citado por Miranda nas suspeitas sobre a Covaxin. Ele confirmou ter se reunido com Domingueti em fevereiro. Negou, no entanto, ter solicitado suborno. **Poder A4**

Ex-diretor da Saúde nega ter solicitado suborno e fala em armação A5

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NA CRISE, PRESIDENTE VAI A MISSA TRANSMITIDA PELA TV

Jair Bolsonaro em celebração na Paróquia Nossa Senhora da Saúde, em Brasília, na manhã de ontem; evento, que não estava na agenda oficial, contou com exibição pela TV Brasil. **Poder A7**

Angela Alonso

Enquanto a ilusão do líder moralizador persistir, haverá candidatos ao posto A9

Ritmo acelera, e país passa de 100 milhões de doses

O Brasil superou ontem a marca de 100 milhões de doses de vacinas aplicadas contra a Covid. Até agora são 74,5 milhões com primeira dose e 25,9 milhões com a segunda, além de 636 mil por dose única. Proporcionalmente, só 16,52% da população acima de 18 anos está totalmente imunizada.

O país mais que dobrou o número de vacinados em junho ante maio. No mês passado, cerca de 28,4 milhões receberam pelo menos uma dose, contra 14 milhões no outro mês. **Saúde B1**

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População com 18 anos ou mais*

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RS	53,2%	21,3%	25	3ª MG 7,2 mil 2,7 mil 13,9 mil
AM	51,6%	19,2%	0	3ª BA 4,9 mil 1,8 mil 90,2 mil

Dados das 20h de 1 jul *Ao menos uma dose: tomou dose única ou 1ª dose. Totalmente vacinada: tomou dose única ou 2ª dose **Em relação a 14 dias

Em 1 ano, 661 mil vão para trabalho por conta própria

Em um ano, 661 mil migraram para o trabalho por conta própria e impediram alta ainda maior do desemprego na pandemia, aponta o IBGE. Para analistas, diante da crise, mais pessoas foram empurradas para o chamado empreendedorismo por necessidade. **Mercado A19**

Maioria dos alunos de SP não passou mais de 2 h em app

Oito em cada dez alunos das escolas estaduais de São Paulo não passaram mais que duas horas online no aplicativo de ensino remoto do governo paulista ao longo de quase todo o ano passado. Os dados se referem à soma dos acessos durante todo o período. **Cotidiano B4**

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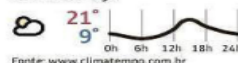
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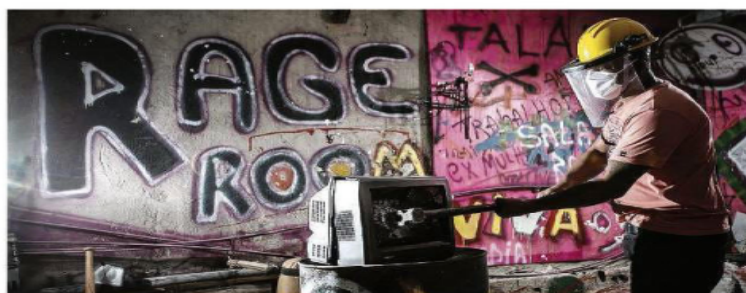
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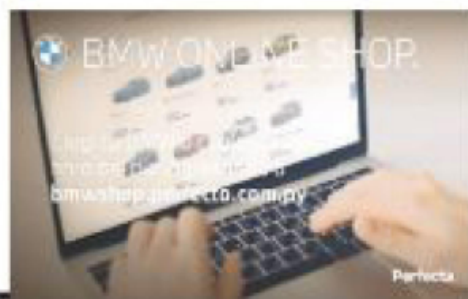
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La Chine communiste vise la suprématie mondiale



Célébrant le centenaire du Parti communiste chinois (PCC), le président Xi a exalté « la mue de la Chine en superpuissance » et proclamé que « toute tentative de la juguler est vouée à l'échec ». PAGES 2 À 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

L'Insee revoit à la hausse ses prévisions de croissance pour 2021

Dans une note intitulée « Retour en surface », l'institut de conjoncture estime que l'économie française devrait croître de 6 % en 2021 et, sauf catastrophe sanitaire,

retrouver à la fin de l'année son niveau d'avant-crise. Ce redémarrage est tiré par la consommation des ménages et l'investissement des entreprises. PAGES 22 ET 23



Le gouvernement prépare les esprits à la vaccination obligatoire des soignants

L'exécutif accélère face à la menace du variant Delta et au spectre d'une quatrième vague. Jean Castex va consulter les forces politiques d'ici ce week-end sur une possible obligation vac-

cinale pour les soignants, recommandée par la Haute Autorité de santé. Selon un sondage Odoxa-Backbone Consulting pour Le Figaro, 72 % des Français y sont favorables. PAGE 5

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Des paroles aux actes

L'ordre règne à Pékin. Le Parti communiste chinois (PCC) entame son second siècle plus hégémonique que jamais. Seul à la barre, le timonier Xi Jinping a remis le trompe-l'œil du « gagnant-gagnant » qui prétendait séduire le monde. Aujourd'hui, il le défie sans détour : « Le peuple chinois ne permettra jamais à des forces étrangères de l'intimider, de l'opprimer ou de l'asservir », a-t-il déclaré jeudi au balcon d'une place Tiananmen tirée au cordeau. *Quiconque s'y risquerait sera anéanti devant une grande muraille d'acier édifiée par 1,4 milliard de Chinois.* Cette volonté de puissance s'appuie sur la fusion du Parti et du peuple, embrigadés ensemble dans un « modèle chinois » qui prétend combiner le meilleur du marxisme, du capitalisme d'État et du nationalisme. « La renaissance de la Chine est irréversible », prévient Xi, comme son ambition de suprématie mondiale. Il faut le prendre au mot, car l'empereur rouge est déjà passé des paroles aux actes. Sous sa férule, la mise au pas de Hongkong est presque achevée. Un an après l'imposition d'une loi de « sécurité nationale », la peur pousse les citoyens à dénoncer toute dissidence, la police

défile au pas de l'oie comme sur le continent, les opposants sont emprisonnés sans procès et le principal journal prodémocratie, *Apple Daily*, vient d'être réduit au silence. Les pressions internationales n'ont pas allégé le joug des Ouïgours au Xinjiang, ni ralenti l'expansionnisme de Pékin en mer de Chine. De l'Asie centrale à l'Afrique, les « nouvelles routes de la soie » de Xi suivent une stratégie d'encerclement de l'Europe, assujettissant des États faibles au moyen de la dette. Cette Chine qui passe en force, à l'intérieur comme à l'extérieur, a inscrit dans son plan de marche la « réunification » avec Taïwan, un trophée qui permettrait au « président à vie » de surpasser Mao. C'est là que la communauté internationale se retrouvera au pied du mur, forcée de choisir entre une guerre régionale, voire mondiale, et la soumission à un système de valeurs orwellien. Face à ce péril annoncé, l'appel de Joe Biden au ralliement des démocraties mérite d'être entendu. ■

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Nowhere is safe: warning on escalating climate crisis



As extreme heat
claims hundreds of
lives in the US and
Canada, experts say
time is running out
to take action

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Climate scientists have warned that nowhere is safe from the kind of extreme heat events that have hit the western US and Canada, and have urged governments to dramatically increase their efforts to tackle the escalating climate emergency.

The devastating "heat dome" has caused temperatures to rise to almost 50C (122F) in Canada and has been linked to hundreds of deaths, melted power lines, buckled roads and wildfires. Experts say that as the climate crisis pushes global temperatures higher, all societies – from northern Siberia to Europe, Asia to Australia – must prepare for more extreme weather events.

Sir David King, the former UK chief scientific adviser, said: "Nowhere is

safe ... who would have predicted a temperature of 48/49C in British Columbia?"

King, who along with other leading scientists set up the Climate Crisis Advisory Group this month, said scientists had been warning about extreme weather events for decades and now time was running out to take action. "The risks have been understood and known for so long and we

*'We should take this
very seriously ... you
warm up the planet,
you're going to see
more heat extremes'*

Prof Michael Mann
Leading climate expert

▲ Firefighters battle a blaze near the Santa Fe dam in California. Canada is also suffering badly from the heat

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have not acted, now we have a very narrow timeline for us to manage the problem," he said.

In Canada experts have been shocked by the rise in temperature, which on Tuesday hit 49.6C in the town of Lytton, British Columbia, smashing the national record for the third day in a row. On the US west coast, Seattle and Portland have registered consecutive days of exceptional heat. Local authorities said they were investigating about a dozen deaths in Washington and Oregon that could be attributed to the scorching temperatures.

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A call to arms Villagers take on Taliban as foreign troops head home

Emma Graham-Harrison
Gozara district, Afghanistan



Haji Ghoulam Farouq Siawshani watched the Taliban rampage across northern Afghanistan this month, weighing up the threat from militants on his doorstep. Then, 10 days ago, the former oil trader turned militia commander issued a call to arms.

"Where the Taliban go, they bring destruction, and they are one kilometre away from my village," he told the Guardian. "We decided to respond." He now leads a few dozen men he armed with ageing Kalashnikovs, in Gozara district, just south of the ancient trade and cultural centre of Herat, on the country's western border with Iran.

Foreign troops are racing to leave Afghanistan. The US military, who led the foreign mission for nearly 20 years, are now expected to be gone by the middle of July, and most of their

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