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In Kabul, people carried the national Afghan flag during a demonstration Thursday to mark the country's Independence Day.

## Protests in Afghanistan Widen As U.S. Works to Ease Exits

The Taliban faced new defiance against their takeover of Afghanistan and dispersed peaceful protesters with deadly force, while the U.S. said more diplomats were arriving at Kabul's airport to clear out the backlog of Afghans and U.S. citizens seeking to flee.

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Ehsanullah Amiri  
and William Mauldin

bul's airport to clear out the backlog of Afghans and U.S. citizens seeking to flee the country. In the capital and other cities, hundreds of demonstrators came out on Thursday, championing the red, green and black flag of the republic newly ousted by the Taliban. They waved the flag, an

emerging symbol of resistance against Taliban rule, chanting, "Our flag, Our pride" and "God is great."

U.S. officials said they were maintaining channels of communication with Taliban commanders in an effort to ease the way for U.S. citizens, Afghan visa holders and applicants to reach Hamid Karzai International Airport. As many as 6,000 people had been processed and were waiting at the airport for military flights.

"Our consular staff on the ground has had only a handful of reports from American citizens who have been unable to reach the airport for whatever reason," State Department

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spokesman Ned Price said. At the same time, the U.S. and Colombia are finalizing an agreement that could send as many as 4,000 Afghans who worked with the U.S. government in Afghanistan to Colombia temporarily until their paperwork is processed, according to two U.S. officials and a person familiar with the

matter. The U.S. is working to persuade allied governments to accept Afghan refugees. Albania has also offered to take them, Mr. Price said.

President Biden will deliver remarks Friday about the evacuation efforts, the White House said. Meanwhile, Taliban fighters outside the airport perimeter fired in the air and beat people to keep the crowd under control, while urging them to go home.

Protests against the Taliban's rule spread to Kabul on Thursday, the 102nd anniversary of the end of British rule, after emerging on Wednesday in

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## Toyota Set To Slash Output as Chip Crisis Intensifies

By SEAN McLAIR

**TOKYO**—Toyota Motor Corp. said it was cutting production in Japan by 40% in September because of a shortage of semiconductors, highlighting how the scarcity is hitting even the best-prepared companies.

The move shows the global semiconductor shortage has finally started to bite Japan's largest car maker as a resurgence in Covid-19 infections from the Delta variant stifles chip manufacturing in Southeast Asia, worsening a parts crisis for car companies.

Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Co. also said this week they are scheduling more downtime at several North American factories, in part because virus-related restrictions overseas are further adding to chip-supply constraints.

For much of this year, the chip-shortage challenges in the auto industry have largely stemmed from car companies miscalculating how quickly auto sales would bounce back and not ordering enough semiconductors.

Toyota had touted its ability to insulate itself from the global shortages that burned its peers because of stockpiles of components and close relationships with suppliers.

Now, the auto industry is confronting a new wrinkle with a resurgence in Covid-19 infections in Southeast Asia, particularly in Thailand.

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Designed to help Orthodox Jewish users, feature confuses cooks of many faiths

By TRIPP MICKLE

When Brenda Glasscock's top-of-the-line GE oven recently powered down instead of heating up, she worried her newest appliance was torched. "Call GE and say: I broke the oven," the 75-year-old told her husband.

Technical support turned into a lesson in digital-age dogma.

In her effort to bake brownies, Ms. Glasscock, of Athens, Ga., discovered that she inadvertently turned on "Sabbath Mode," a feature designed to freeze an oven's settings so observant Jews can abide by religious law restricting electricity on holi-



Staying warm

## Amazon Plans Expansion Into Department Stores

Amazon.com Inc. plans to open several large physical retail locations in the U.S. that will operate akin to department stores, a step to help the

By Sebastian Herrera,  
Esther Fung  
and Suzanne Kapner

tech company extend its reach in sales of clothing, household items, electronics and other areas, people familiar with the matter said.

The plan to launch large stores will mark a new expansion for the online-shopping pioneer into bricks-and-mortar

retail, an area Amazon has long disrupted.

Some of the first Amazon department stores are expected to be located in Ohio and California, the people said. The new retail spaces will be around 30,000 square feet, smaller than most department stores, which typically occupy about 100,000 square feet, and will offer items from top consumer brands. The Amazon stores will dwarf many of the company's other physical retail spaces and will have a footprint similar to scaled-down formats that Bloomingdale's Inc., Nordstrom Inc. and other depart-

ment-store chains have begun opening, the people said.

It is unclear what brands Amazon will offer in the stores, although the company's private-label goods are expected to feature prominently, the people said. Amazon sells scores of products including clothes, furniture, batteries and electronic devices through many of its own labels. The plans are a yet-unfinalized change, these people said.

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## One CEO's Vaccine Balancing Act

Taylor Farms won't mandate the shot, fearing employees might quit during a labor shortage

By JESSE NEWMAN

In a sprawling food processing plant on the outskirts of Nashville, Jon Matthews is expected to be everywhere. He oversees one million pounds of produce that flow into the plant daily to be sliced and separated into salads and sandwiches.

For months, Mr. Matthews's employer, produce giant Taylor Farms, has been engaged in an all-hands effort to cajole its 22,000 employees to be vaccinated against Covid-19, offering on-site vaccination clinics and cash incentives. The company founder, Bruce Taylor, recorded a public-service announcement that plays in the hallways, employees said.

Mr. Matthews, 50, is among the many unswayed. The inventory supervisor is uncomfortable with the novel technology behind the vaccines and remains unconvinced it will protect him from infection, particularly in light of the Delta variant, which appears to break through faster than earlier strains.

"Thirty percent of me says it might be the smart thing to do," Mr. Matthews said. Mr. Taylor, his boss, has no such doubts. "I believe the vaccine is a miracle," he said. "Why wouldn't we take advantage of it?"

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## Taliban tested Defiance on Kabul streets

Protesters in Kabul carry the Afghan national flag in a show of defiance to the Taliban, which flies a white flag emblazoned with an Islamic oath.

The Islamist group, which swept back into power at the weekend, faced dissent yesterday, with protests in several cities marking the 102nd anniversary of Afghanistan's independence from Britain. At least five people have died in demonstrations over the past two days.

Meanwhile, Ashraf Ghani, the deposed president, resurfaced in the United Arab Emirates to say that he had fled to "prevent bloodshed [and] make sure that a huge disaster is prevented".

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# Toyota move to slash output 40% adds to jitters over global growth

◆ Carmaker cites Covid surge ◆ Fears rise of cut to US Fed stimulus ◆ Traders pile into dollar

ADAM SAMSON — LONDON

Toyota has said it will slash production by 40 per cent next month, adding to jitters among investors that global growth has peaked as new waves of coronavirus disrupt activity and policymakers rein in crisis-era stimulus measures.

The announcement from the world's biggest carmaker came a day after minutes from the US Federal Reserve's July meeting showed a majority of policymakers believed it could be appropriate to begin reducing the central bank's asset-purchase programme this year.

European equities markets, which are sensitive to fluctuations in the global economic outlook, suffered a jolt of selling pressure yesterday, with benchmark indices in London and Frankfurt down

more than 1 per cent and the French stocks bourse off more than 2.4 per cent. US markets steadied after a 1.1 per cent drop in the previous session.

The spectre of reductions to the Fed's \$120bn asset purchase programme, which has been a pillar of the global market rally since the depths of the pandemic last March, dented confidence.

"There was this suggestion of tapering sooner and faster among some FOMC members," said Derek Halpenny, head of research for global markets at M&P. "I think that's shaken up fragile sentiment."

Commodities were also hit. Iron ore, the steelmaking ingredient that is the main source of profits for some of the world's biggest miners, slumped 15 per cent to \$130 a tonne. Concerns over

slowing growth in China and Beijing's efforts to curb steel output to hit emissions targets have weighed on the price, which was above \$230 a tonne in May. Global oil market Brent crude dropped about 3 per cent, while traders shifted into the US dollar, considered a shelter during times of market angst. The currency reached its highest level of the year against a basket of peers.

Toyota executives said a sudden surge in coronavirus cases in Vietnam and Malaysia had exacerbated the semiconductor shortage and left the group short of other vehicle parts for its global network. The company said it would build 540,000 vehicles in September, down from the 900,000 it had planned.

In the US, Ford said one of its plants would halt assembly of its F-150 pick-up



Executives at Toyota say the rise in Covid-19 infections in Vietnam and Malaysia is exacerbating the shortage in semiconductors

truck for a week starting on Monday. Toyota shares dropped 4.4 per cent while Ford slipped as much as 5.3 per cent before cutting its losses.

The supply-chain bottlenecks come at a time when investors and economists are scrutinising signs that the global economic recovery from the pandemic is showing signs of strain. Growth in China's industrial production slowed last month while surveys have pointed to drops in sentiment among US factory executives and consumers.

"Investors worry that the best of the recovery... is behind us and are turning more cautious on their allocation," said Emmanuel Cau, head of European equity strategy at Barclays.

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## Irish farmers fear impact of EU's reformed grant system

Payments from the EU's Common Agricultural Policy worth billions of euros per year have kept thousands of Irish farmers afloat for decades. However, the EU is now seeking to reform the system, as part of its wider aim of reducing the bloc's greenhouse gas emissions 55 per cent, from 1990 levels, by 2030. Irish farmers warn that the EU's proposal to alter its grants to deter intensive operations could devastate local economies.

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## Antitrust watchdog refiles suit against Facebook 'buy or bury' policy on rivals

HANNAH MURPHY — SAN FRANCISCO

The US Federal Trade Commission has refiled its antitrust complaint against Facebook, doubling down on its accusations that the social media giant maintains monopoly power and uses a "buy or bury" strategy to neutralise competitors.

The original lawsuit, filed in December, accused Facebook of conducting a "years-long course of anti-competitive conduct" as it sought to force the company to unwind its acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp, made in 2012 and 2014 for \$1bn and \$19bn, respectively.

However, a federal judge dismissed that complaint in June, arguing the agency had "failed to plead enough facts to plausibly establish" Facebook had monopoly power over the market.

The refiled lawsuit revives the anti-

trust argument but with more detail, for instance claiming the company pursued an "anti-competitive acquisition strategy". It also said the social network had "anti-competitive conditional dealing policies" designed to crush rivals by depriving them of access to their platform. The complaint runs to 80 pages, up from the original 53-page filing.

"Facebook lacked the business acumen and technical talent to survive the transition to mobile. After failing to compete with new innovators, Facebook illegally bought or buried them when their popularity became an existential threat," said Holly Vedova, acting director of the FTC's bureau of competition. "This conduct is no less anti-competitive than if Facebook had bribed emerging competitors not to compete."

The case is the first big test for new FTC chair and prominent Big Tech critic

Lina Khan, whom Facebook had sought to recuse from any involvement in the case because of her criticisms of the company while working as an academic. The FTC said in the filing that Facebook and Instagram user numbers, which have been redacted, are "tens of millions" higher than those of Snapchat, the next largest social media app.

"No other personal social networking provider in the US remotely approaches Facebook's scale," it said.

It also argues that Facebook's dominance creates a "high barrier to entry" for rivals, citing internal company documents that acknowledge the difficulty for competitors in challenging "an incumbent with dominant scale".

The company said on Twitter that it was reviewing the refilled complaint and would have "more to say soon".

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Nasdaq Composite	14508.63	14525.91	0.10	£ per \$	1.368	1.376	-0.58	UK Gov 10 yr	0.54	4.02	-0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34950.63	34980.89	-0.09	€ per \$	0.956	0.961	-0.52	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.49	-0.01	-0.01
FTSEurofirst 300	1801.17	1829.76	-1.51	¥ per \$	309.725	309.895	-0.05	Japan Gov 10 yr	117.38	0.01	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4123.04	4109.42	-1.58	SFR per \$	148.996	151.183	-1.45	US Gov 30 yr	115.27	1.87	-0.06
FTSE 100	7058.89	7109.32	-1.54	₹ per \$	1.073	1.075	-0.19	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.62	-0.76	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4064.14	4122.61	-1.42	₹ per \$	0.956	0.954	0.21				
CAC 40	6665.89	6770.11	-2.43								
Xetra Dax	15165.01	15065.97	-1.25								
Nikkei	27281.17	27595.91	-1.10								
Hang Seng	25516.33	25987.61	-2.13								
MSCI World \$	3078.01	3100.12	-0.71	Oil WTI \$	63.02	66.21	-5.36	Fed Funds Eff	0.10	0.00	0.02
MSCI EM \$	1261.80	1256.78	0.46	Oil Brent \$	66.04	68.23	-3.21	US 3m Bill	0.07	0.07	0.00
MSCI ACWI	724.93	729.13	-0.58	Gold \$	1703.45	1789.45	-4.34	Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.56	0.03
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Pro-government protesters in Pastunistan Square in Kabul on Thursday. Minutes later, Taliban gunmen violently dispersed them.

## Doubts Spread About Vaccines Made in China

By SUI-LEE WEE  
and STEVEN LEE MYERS

SINGAPORE — The arrival of the Chinese vaccines was supposed to help stop the spread of the coronavirus in Southeast Asia. Instead, countries across the region are quickly turning elsewhere to look for shots.

Residents in Thailand vaccinated with one dose of China's Sinovac are now given the AstraZeneca shot three to four weeks later. In Indonesia, officials are administering the Moderna vaccine as a booster to health care workers who had received two doses of Sinovac.

Malaysia's health minister said the country would stop using Sinovac once its supply ran out. Even Cambodia, one of China's strongest allies, has started using AstraZeneca as a booster for its frontline workers who had taken the Chinese vaccines.

Few places benefited from China's vaccine diplomacy as much as Southeast Asia, a region of more than 650 million that has struggled to secure doses from Western drugmakers. Several of these countries have recorded some of the fastest-growing number of cases in the world, underscoring the desperate need for inoculations.

China, eager to build good will, stepped in, promising to provide more than 255 million doses, according to Bridge Consulting, a

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## Afghan Forces on the Run, Hiding and Hunted

By MATTHEW ROSENBERG

Columns of Afghan soldiers in armored vehicles and pickup trucks sped through the desert to reach Iran. Military pilots flew low and fast to the safety of Uzbekistan's mountains.

Thousands of Afghan security force members managed to make it to other countries over the past few weeks as the Taliban rapidly seized the country. Others managed to negotiate surrenders and went back to their homes — and

### 'Praying to Be Saved' as Army Crumbles

some kept their weapons and joined the winning side.

They were all part of the sudden atomization of the national security forces that the United States and its allies spent tens of billions of dollars to arm, train and stand against the Taliban, a two-decade

effort at institution-building that vanished in just a few days.

But tens of thousands of other Afghan grunts, commandos and spies who fought to the end, despite the talk in Washington that the Afghan forces simply gave up, have been left behind. They are now on the run, hiding and hunted by the Taliban.

"There's no way out," said Farid, an Afghan commando, in a text message to an American soldier who fought with him. Farid,

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### When the Flames Close In

After years covering fires in California, a photographer experienced the event personally. Page A11.

## Venom of Political and Culture Battles Seeps Into School Halls

By SARAH MERVOSH  
and GIULIA HEYWARD

July and August are supposed to be the quietest months of the school year. But not this time.

In Williamson County, Tenn., protesters outside a packed,

hours-long school board meeting last week shouted, "No more masks, no more masks."

In Loudoun County, Va., a debate over transgender rights brought raucous crowds to school board meetings this summer, culminating last week with dueling parking lot rallies. The board ap-

proved a policy that allows transgender students to join sports teams that match their gender identity and requires teachers to use transgender students' pronouns.

And, in a particular low point for school board-parental relations, a woman railed against critical race

theory during a meeting in the Philadelphia area, yelling, "You have brought division to us." After the allotted time, the school board president walked off the stage, into the audience, and took the microphone away. She was escorted from the lectern by security.

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## TIGHTENING GRIP, TALIBAN SILENCE FOES AND DISSENT

### From Covering Kabul to Needing Rescue

This article is by Michael M. Grynbbaum, Tiffany Hsu and Katie Robertson.

For hours, they waited on the tarmac in the relentless heat, children and suitcases and strollers in tow, hoping for a flight to freedom that would not come. More than 200 Afghans from all walks of life — cooks, gardeners, translators, drivers, journalists gathered on the runway of the Kabul airport, seeking escape from a country whose government had collapsed with shocking speed.

When Taliban forces surged into the crowded airport, the group — local employees of The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post, along with their relatives — heard gunfire. They scattered, eventually returning to homes where their safety could not be assured.

It would be several long days until some members of the group were able to secure passage on Thursday out of Afghanistan — an exfiltration that came after a global rescue effort stretching from American newsrooms to the halls of the Pentagon to the emir's palace in Doha, Qatar. One Times correspondent, a former U.S. Marine, who had been evacuated earlier but returned on a military plane to assist his Afghan colleagues, stayed inside the airport to help coordinate the escape.

The group's ordeal was one of many that played out over the past week in Afghanistan, where citizens who worked side by side with Western journalists for years — helping to inform the world about the travails of their nation — now fear for their safety and that of their families under the Taliban. Media outlets from around the world have called on high-level diplomats and on-the-ground fixers to help their workers flee a

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### Arrests and Reports of Reprisal Killings

This article is by Carlotta Gall, Marc Santora and Richard Pérez-Peña.

The Taliban cracked down on protests that erupted in at least four cities in Afghanistan on Thursday and rounded up opponents despite promises of amnesty, even as fearful workers stayed home and thousands of people continued a frenzied rush to leave the country.

Even as the Taliban moved to assert control, hundreds of protesters took to the streets for a second day to rally against their rule, this time marching in Kabul, the capital, as well as other cities. Again, the Taliban met them with force, using gunfire and beatings to disperse crowds. And again the actions of Taliban foot soldiers undermined the leadership's suggestions that, having taken power, they would moderate the brutality they have long been known for.

The police officers who served the old government have melted away, and instead armed Taliban fighters are operating checkpoints and directing traffic, administering their notions of justice as they see fit, with little consistency from one to another.

The Taliban were stepping up an intensive search for people who worked with U.S. and NATO forces, particularly members of the former Afghan security services, according to witnesses and a security assessment prepared for the United Nations. Though the Taliban have said there would be no reprisals, there have been arrests, property seizures and scattered reports of reprisal killings.

Kabul's international airport remained a scene of desperation, as thousands struggled to get in and board flights out.

Millions of other Afghans, including critical workers, particu-

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CHUCK CLOSE, 1940-2021

## Painter of Portraits a Lot Larger Than Life, and Just as Detailed

By KEN JOHNSON  
and ROBIN POGREBIN

Chuck Close, who rose to prominence in the 1970s and '80s with colossal Photorealist portraits of himself, family members and fellow artists, but who late in his career faced accusations of sexual harassment, died on Thursday in a hospital in Oceanside, N.Y. He was 81.

His death was confirmed by his lawyer, John Silberman.

At the end of the 1960s, a period when formalist abstraction and Pop Art dominated the contemporary scene, Mr. Close began using airbrush and diluted black paint to create highly detailed nine-foot-tall grisaille paintings based on mug-shot-like photographs of himself and his friends.

His first, and still one of his best known, is a self-portrait in which he stares impassively back at the camera through plastic black-rimmed glasses. He has messy,



CHUCK CLOSE, VIA PAGE GALLERY

A 2005 self-portrait by Chuck Close, a Photorealist pioneer.

stringy hair, his face is unshaven, and a cigarette with smoke rising from it juts from the corner of his mouth — a rebel with a new artistic cause.

This and his other paintings

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Yasuhiro Wakabayashi, the Japanese American fashion photographer known as Hiro, transformed ordinary objects into the desirable. He was 90. PAGE A20

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A new policy from President Biden will require all nursing home workers to be vaccinated against Covid. Facilities that fall short could be penalized or lose federal funding. PAGE A14

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## Masks won't come off soon, say experts

To avoid virus surges, face mandates and other precautions may persist for months.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II AND LUKE MONEY

The rise of the Delta variant has upended previous optimistic projections of herd immunity and a return to normal life, with many health experts believing mask mandates and tougher vaccine requirements will be needed in the coming months to avoid more serious coronavirus surges.

While there are promising signs that California's fourth COVID-19 surge may be starting to flatten, the fall and winter will bring new challenges as people stay indoors more often and vaccine immunity begins to wane.

The rapid spread of Delta among the unvaccinated — and the still relatively small number of "breakthrough" cases among the vaccinated — shows that significant increases in inoculations will help stop the spread. In fact, officials are now preparing to provide booster shots to those who already got their first series of vaccinations, saying the extra dose is needed to keep people protected.

Still, "the vaccines themselves are not going to likely be sufficient. And during times of increased transmission, we'll need other tools available to protect all of us — and particularly those who, at this time, can't be vaccinated, like our children," UC San Francisco epidemiologist Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo said.

California is in a better position than other states [See Delta, A12]

## County passes 25,000 deaths

L.A. region marks another milestone amid a surge in the COVID-19 pandemic. CALIFORNIA, B1



AFGHANS march down a street carrying banners and their national flag in defiance of the Taliban in Kabul. Anger grew against the militant group even as it touted what it said was the rout of the United States.

### REPORTER'S ESSAY

## Surreal brush with militants

Journalists are roughed up, then offered an energy drink

BY MARCUS YAM

KABUL, Afghanistan — When I headed out to work, it had been five days since the Taliban took over Kabul. And it was Independence Day, a national holiday, when Afghans celebrate their country's independence from Britain in 1919. I wanted to capture the mood of the city.

I went first to an event for Ashura, a religious ritual at which devout Shiite Muslims beat themselves with chains to display penance and mourning. I didn't spend more time there than necessary, because Shiite Muslim events have often been a target of deadly attacks in Afghanistan. By the time I left, I had drops of blood spattered on my shalwar kameez, the traditional baggy tunic and trousers, as well as my camera, hands, glasses and face.

As I stepped outside, I saw a procession of about 200 men, some on motorcycles or bicycles, some walking, carrying Afghan flags. They chanted, "God [See Encounter, A4]



A RALLY in Kabul by Afghans waving the national flag, above, turned to a melee with the arrival of Taliban fighters, who attacked a Times correspondent.

### What went wrong for U.S.?

Despite its military might and expertise, the United States underestimated the Taliban in its takeover. WORLD, A3

### A stake in Biden's policy

Kamala Harris' ownership claim to the Afghanistan pullout carries risks for her. PERSPECTIVES, A2

## Afghans keep up protests against Taliban

Militants assert their control, beating those hoisting flags to mark independence day.

BY MARCUS YAM AND TRACY WILKINSON

KABUL, Afghanistan — Anti-Taliban protesters defied their new rulers for a second day Thursday, marking Afghanistan's independence day by attempting to hoist the red, green and black national banner but often getting beaten down by militant fighters who control the streets of the capital and elsewhere.

The jarring, violent scenes marked the latest unrest as the Taliban sought to gain a firmer grip on a nation that has changed much since it first ruled two decades ago. That was proving increasingly difficult, even as the militant group sought to compare Afghanistan's independence from Britain in 1919 to the insurgents' swift takeover of the country this week from the American-backed government.

The Taliban said in a statement that its "jihadist resistance forced another arrogant power of the world, the United States, to fail and retreat from our holy territory of Afghanistan."

But anger against the group was rising, and governing was proving perilous. Meanwhile, the international airport in Kabul saw another gridlock crush of Afghans and others desperate to flee the country. In Washington, the Pentagon said that since July it had flown 12,000 people out of the airport in the capital, including American diplomats, Afghans eligible for special visas because of their work on behalf of the U.S. military and diplomatic missions, and others.

Only about 2,000 were airlifted out of Kabul in a dozen military flights in the last 24 hours, State Department spokesman Ned Price said in a Thursday briefing. [See Afghans, A4]

## Actor's lawsuit is a game changer

Scarlett Johansson's fight with Disney reveals fissures in the shift to streaming.

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER AND ANOUSHKA SAKOUI

Natasha Romanoff — a.k.a. Black Widow, the Marvel superspy portrayed by Scarlett Johansson — may have met her end in 2019's "Avengers: Endgame."

But Johansson's lawsuit against Walt Disney Co. could have an immortal legacy in Hollywood for the way it highlights a growing fight between studios and talent.

Johansson's battle with the Burbank entertainment giant — in which she argues she was cheated out of pay by Disney's decision to sell the movie on Disney+ while it was in theaters — is the latest and most high-profile



"BLACK Widow's" Scarlett Johansson says she lost pay in its hybrid release. Disney disputes the claims.

example of a debate that's been boiling under the surface in the entertainment industry. Disney says her case has no merit.

The bigger question facing studios, streaming services and talent agencies: How should stars and filmmakers be paid for movies and TV shows now that the business model is shifting quickly from one based on box office and television ratings to one reliant on online subscriptions? Such issues could fuel contentious contract negotiations in 2023 with Hollywood's major unions.

"The battles being waged by stars and participants over 'Black Widow' and HBO Max are in many respects just the tip of the iceberg," Russell Hollander, Directors Guild of America national executive director and chief negotiator, said in a statement. [See Streaming, A9]

## Bauer's accuser loses her bid for restraining order

Dodgers pitcher did not cross boundaries in interactions with woman, judge rules.

BY STEVE HENSON AND ETHAN SEARS

After four days of emotional testimony, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge denied a request for a restraining order against Dodgers pitcher Trevor Bauer by a woman who accused him of sexual assault.

Judge Dianna Gould-Saltman said there was a distinction between what the accuser thought was permissible in their two intimate encounters and what she communicated to Bauer. "When she set boundaries, [Bauer] respected them," the judge told the courtroom following closing arguments.

While ruling that Bauer and his accuser did have a "dating relationship" under the law — a condition for is-

suing a restraining order — the judge said she did not consider Bauer a threat to the woman.

With Bauer standing silently by her side, attorney Shawn Holley made a brief statement to reporters outside the courthouse after the ruling, which also lifted an existing temporary restraining order. Neither Holley nor Bauer took questions.

"We are grateful to the Los Angeles Superior Court for denying the request for a permanent restraining order and dissolving the temporary restraining order against Mr. Bauer today," Holley said. "While we have expected this outcome since the petition was filed in June, we appreciate the court reviewing all relevant information and testimony to make this informed decision."

Gould-Saltman ruled that Bauer, in his conduct with his accuser, "did not coerce her or threaten her into sexual activity." She said testimony established that the [See Bauer, A7]

### At debate, GOP foes hit Newsom

Three Republican recall challengers go after the governor instead of front-runner Larry Elder. CALIFORNIA, B1

### Ex-cops charged over swastika

The two are accused of vandalizing car while on duty in Torrance. Cases they handled are under review. CALIFORNIA, B1

### Hurricane slams Mexican coast

Grace damages homes and knocks out power to thousands as it crosses the Yucatan Peninsula. WORLD, A4

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## Bomb standoff puts Hill at a halt

Man in custody after threats, anti-Biden tirade; no device found

BY LIZZIE JOHNSON, MEGAN FLYNN, ANTONIO OLIVO AND PETER JAMISON

For the third time in eight months, Washington was brought to a standstill Thursday as the seat of the U.S. government came under the threat of violence, this time from a man who parked a truck near the Capitol, demanded to speak with President Biden about a range of grievances and threatened to destroy two blocks of the nation's capital with an explosive device.

Congressional office buildings and nearby homes were evacuated as authorities negotiated with the man, identified by law enforcement as Floyd Ray Roseberry, 49, of North Carolina. Roseberry surrendered to authorities after about five hours and will face criminal charges, U.S. Capitol Police Chief J. Thomas Manger said. No bomb was found in his live stream, officials said. They did discover materials that could be used to make explosives.

Before he was taken into custody, Roseberry delivered a tirade over a Facebook live video in which he assailed Biden and other Democrats, called for a revolt against the federal government and claimed there were other "patriots" waiting in vehicles elsewhere in D.C.

"The revolution is on, it's here, it's today," he said in his live stream, "America needs a voice. I'll give it to them."

Roseberry voiced disgust with Biden's Afghanistan policy and called on Democratic senators to step down, saying they were "killing America."

The video circulated widely online before social media companies began to remove it. An 81-second excerpt of the live stream was viewed more than 400,000 times on Twitter before the company started cracking down on posts that contained it.

SEE CAPITOL ON A7

## Chaos at airport plagues evacuation effort



Afghans carry the national flag Thursday at a Kabul rally, a show of defiance on the day marking Afghanistan's 1919 independence from Britain. The Taliban marked the anniversary by gloating over having "forced another arrogant power" — the United States — to retreat.

### Biden's quandary: How to starve the Taliban but spare the populace

BY JEFF STEIN AND JOHN HUDSON

Afghanistan's economy faces calamity in the aftermath of the Taliban capture of Kabul, with the United States freezing the country's financial reserves, residents unable to withdraw their money from bank accounts and billions of dollars of international aid put on hold.

The dangerous economic climate poses a major dilemma for the Biden administration as it tries to maintain leverage over the Taliban without exacerbating the severe economic conditions that threaten to immiserate millions of Afghan citizens. Biden administration officials are monitoring the situation closely and have said they will resume the flow of humanitarian aid, but they have not signaled

how they plan to proceed.

Senior officials in Afghanistan's toppled government have warned in recent days that parts of the nation's economy are on the brink of devastation, given the country's high dependence on international funding. Acting central bank governor Ajmal Ahmad, who recently fled the country, said in an interview that the nation's economy faces severe strains as foreign capital and aid are choked off.

Similarly, Wahid Majrooh, the acting minister of public health in Afghanistan, told The Washington Post that he is "deeply, deeply concerned" about cuts in international aid and funding for Afghanistan's national health-care system. Majrooh said in an interview that he is already facing shortages of critical medical

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### Orders for rapid U.S. military exit put pressure on Afghan forces

BY GREG JAFFE AND DAN LAMOTHE

From the moment President Biden decided to end the war in Afghanistan, he made it clear to the Pentagon that his top priority was to keep U.S. fatalities to a minimum, a decision that necessitated a speedy withdrawal, said senior U.S. officials.

On those terms, the mission has so far been a success. There have been zero U.S. civilian or military deaths. But the focus on the safety of U.S. service members made other war goals, such as the long-term survival of the Afghan forces and the evacuation of Afghan interpreters, lower priorities and helped precipitate some of the current problems the United States faces in Afghanistan.

Earlier this summer, senior

State Department officials expressed surprise at the speed of Gen. Austin "Scott" Miller's withdrawal of his forces and headquarters from Afghanistan. Miller was directed to pause very briefly in July before the inter-agency consensus shifted again and the withdrawal continued, said military and administration officials who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive planning.

"Miller's view was let's get out of here as fast as we can," said a senior administration official. "We're at high risk [for U.S. casualties], and every day extra we're there increases the risk. We're on borrowed time."

"We didn't think it was going to be that fast," the administration official said.

A defense official acknowledged.

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### AFGHANS FIND U.S. GUIDANCE CONFUSING

Reports of Taliban attacks, abuses mount

BY EZZATULLAH MEHRDAD, DAN LAMOTHE AND KAREEM FAHIM

KABUL — A chaotic and dangerous dynamic at Kabul's airport showed few signs of relenting Thursday as thousands of people attempting to board flights faced beatings by Taliban guards, the crush of heaving crowds and interminable spells in the dust and heat while waiting to escape Afghanistan.

The daily mayhem at the airport — a fixture since the Taliban takeover Sunday — has stoked criticism that the Biden administration was slow to try to get Americans and their allies out, while underscoring fears about how the militants will rule the country.

Several people said Thursday they had received confusing signals from the United States about how exactly they were supposed to leave, citing emails from the State Department urging them to go the airport, only to find there was no one to receive them or to answer their questions on how to board flights.

"We arrived at 6 a.m.," said a 39-year-old librarian, a dual U.S.-Afghan citizen, who came with his wife and two children after receiving an email invitation from the State Department. "From 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., the gate did not open, and there is no person to address our concerns."

At one point as he waited, the man, who, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity because he feared retribution, said he was whipped by a Taliban fighter.

The chaos at the airport came as Afghans marked their traditional independence day, with small but determined groups of demonstrators waving the country's red, black and green national flag as they marched through Kabul. Such protests have emerged as an easy challenge to

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Afghan reporters: Under Taliban, they feel both fear and duty. C1

## 'I'm begging you. . . . Take that shot.'

BY STEPHANIE MCCRUMMEN

CENTREVILLE, ALA. — Cases were spiking again. Hospitals were filling up again. The latest wave of the coronavirus pandemic was raging across Alabama, and inside a rural clinic in one of the state's least-vaccinated counties, a doctor scanned a chart for her first case of the day: 84 years old. A routine exam. Unvaccinated.

"Mr. Potts," Lacy Smith said, greeting a man in dark slacks and a maroon T-shirt leaning on a cane. "How've you been feeling?"

Even at the most urgent of moments, it was the most ordinary of questions because of what the doctor understood: that if Alabama had any chance of turning things around at this point, it was no longer a matter of what Dr. Fauci said on CNN, or what some

As covid-19 surges in unvaccinated Alabama, the intimate conversations between doctors and patients have taken on a new urgency



Barry Walker thanks John Watts after the physician vaccinated him in his car in Linden, Ala., in March.

celebrity posted on Twitter but rather what was about to happen now, a delicate conversation between a doctor and a patient, the vaccines in a cooler down the hall just in case. Between Smith and two colleagues, there were 10 unvaccinated people on the schedule this day, and the first was Potts.

"Oh, pretty good, considering my age and the heat," he replied as the doctor reminded herself to be patient, because the question wasn't whether to bring up the vaccine, only how.

She asked about his garden. They discussed his vitals.

"So," she finally said, "What are your current thoughts about the covid vaccine?"

"People getting pretty sick, aren't they?" he said.

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## FTC says Facebook has no real rivals in new filing

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

The Federal Trade Commission on Thursday refiled a bolstered version of its antitrust case against Facebook in a last-ditch effort to save what has been described as its most important competition lawsuit in decades.

Seeking to overcome a judge's stunning dismissal of its original lawsuit because the FTC had not presented ample evidence that Facebook is a monopoly, the FTC argues in its new filing that Facebook is in a class of its own and should not be compared to popular apps such as TikTok, Twitter and Pinterest, which attract a public-facing audience. The complaint argues that Snapchat, with tens of millions fewer

monthly users than either Facebook or Instagram, is a company's next-closest competitor.

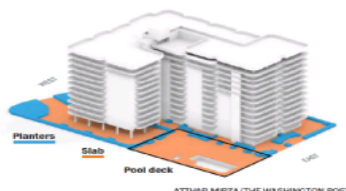
"Without meaningful competition, Facebook has been able to provide lower levels of service quality on privacy and data protection than it would have to provide in a competitive market," the FTC said in the complaint.

Facebook spokesman Christopher Sgro said in a statement that it was "unfortunate" the FTC decided to proceed with the case. "There was no valid claim that Facebook was a monopolist — and that has not changed," he said. "We fight to win people's

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## Pequeñas Victorias, tres madres con un objetivo en común

La tira con Julieta Díaz, Mariana Genesio y Natalie Pérez, que cambió los paradigmas de la ficción en TV, se estrena hoy en Amazon Prime Video. Espectáculos



## RIVER: DUDAS Y OBLIGACIONES PARA LA REFUNDACIÓN

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## Olivos: la Justicia avanza y puede complicar a Fernández

**ESCÁNDALO.** El fiscal quiere saber si los invitados al cumpleaños de la primera dama tenían permiso para circular; la Casa Militar debe enviar datos sobre los ingresos a la residencia

Mientras el Gobierno intenta cerrar el escándalo, la Justicia dio un nuevo paso en la investigación por el festejo de cumpleaños de la primera dama, Fabiola Yáñez, que se celebró en la quinta presidencial de Olivos en plena cuarentena, en 2020.

El fiscal federal Ramiro González, a cargo de la pesquisa, pidió al Gobierno información para determi-

nar si Yáñez y sus invitados tenían permiso de circulación.

En este expediente, el fiscal detalló que la Casa Militar aún no envió la información sobre los ingresos y egresos de la residencia presidencial del día de los festejos, de los que participó el presidente Alberto Fernández. La acumulación de pruebas enfrenta al Presidente con

un escenario judicial complicado para poder atravesar el proceso sin consecuencias, pese a que se trata de un delito menor. Una de las asistentes al cumpleaños, Stefania Domínguez, tomó distancia de la estrategia judicial oficial y contrató como abogado a Mauricio D'Alessandro, quien ayer aseguró que hubo unas "30 fotos" del festejo. Página 10

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Una crisis que acelera tiempos

Claudio Jacquelin

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## La presión fiscal frena el crédito, advierten los bancos

**COSTO.** Si una empresa toma un crédito con una tasa de interés del 40% anual, el costo total que pagará es del 52%. Para los particulares, ese costo llega al 57%. Lo que encarece el préstamo son los impuestos, y eso frena el desarrollo del mercado, advirtieron los dos mayores bancos de la ciudad en un informe encargado al Ieral. Página 18

## Llegó la nieve e ilusiona a los centros de esquí

**sociedad**—BARILOCHE.—Se hizo desear, pero finalmente llegó. La gran nevada que los centros de esquí esperaban desde hacía más de un mes cayó esta semana y la postal cambió rotundamente. Ayer, en el cerro Catedral, los esquiadores disfrutaban de las pistas a pura sonrisa. Página 25



MARCELO MARTÍNEZ

## Los talibanes lanzan una "cacería de disidentes"

**AFGANISTÁN.** KABUL (DPA).—En una "cacería de disidentes", los talibanes comenzaron ayer a acorralar a afganos que trabajaron con el anterior gobierno o con las fuerzas de Estados Unidos, según un informe de inteligencia occidental. Página 2

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## Total da população vacinada

	ao menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada**
<b>Brasil</b>	<b>58,7 %</b>	<b>25,2 %</b>
MS	68,5%	39,5%
SP	72,1%	31,2%
RS	64,3%	31,2%

## Totalmente vacinada



Números da pandemia	Casos	Óbitos
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,5 mil</b>	<b>572,7 mil</b>
Méd. móvel	29,9 mil	821
Variação***	-7,9%	-6,9%
Em 24 h	35,8 mil	1.030

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## Para cientistas, delta inviabiliza imunidade coletiva

A variante delta, duas vezes mais contagiosa que o Sars-Cov-2 original, entrou ao menos por enquanto as chances da chamada imunidade de rebanho, afirmam especialistas de universidades europeias. Para eles, a vacinação continua sendo fundamental contra o vírus. **Saúde B1**

## SP pagará bolsa para manter alunos na escola

João Dória (PSDB) vai custear bolsa de estudos de R\$ 1.000 ao ano para alunos do ensino médio mais vulneráveis, na tentativa de mantê-los na escola. **B3**

## Após impasse, Masp revela seu plano de expansão

Depois de anos sem definição, um túnel subterrâneo sob a avenida Paulista em São Paulo unirá o edifício-sede do Masp ao prédio da sua expansão. O antigo Dumont-Adams se tornará Pietro Maria Bardi, ligado ao edifício Lina Bo, sede do museu, pela passagem. **Ilustrada C4**

## Afegãos no Brasil buscam salvar parentes a distância

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## Bispo renuncia após vídeo íntimo vazar

O pedido da renúncia de dom Tomé Ferreira da Silva, de São José do Rio Preto (SP), foi aceito pelo papa Francisco. Ele aparece nu tocando o próprio órgão genital. A CNBB não comentou. **Cotidiano B4**

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**Caem as máscaras**  
Sobre afirmações de subprocuradora e ministro.

**Acolher afegãos**  
Em defesa de facilitar as concessões de refúgio.



# Crise e gastos preocupam investidor e afetam mercados

Dólar e juros sobem, e analistas dizem que 'rei agora está nu' para quem apostou em agenda liberal

A crise inflada pelo presidente Jair Bolsonaro ao confrontar as instituições e o risco de descontrole fiscal preocupam investidores e já afetam os índices financeiros. O Ibovespa inverteu a trajetória e caiu 3,3% na semana; os juros futuros voltaram ao nível de 2018; o dólar foi a R\$ 5,42.

Para o ex-diretor do Banco Central Alexandre Schwartzman, o mercado ignorou riscos domésticos por surfar na liquidez mundial. Agora, com a retomada de China e EUA a quem do esperado, o cenário externo deixa de oferecer alívio, e a insegurança local fica exposta.

Sergio Vale, da MB Asso-ciados, acrescenta que não há mais expectativa de que a atual gestão entregue algo de relevante. "Com Bolsonaro criando crises, trazendo riscos fiscais crescentes e com a falta de equilíbrio na política, o mercado gradativamente vai abandoná-lo."

"É difícil falar do mercado como entidade de opinião única, mas antes havia mais unanimidade [sobre Bolsonaro], e isso não existe agora", afirma a economista Zeina Latif. Dois pontos de frustração são a proposta de adiar o pagamento dos precatórios e o aumento de gastos.

Os economistas ressaltam que a desconfiança é um retrato de momento. "O rei está nu", diz André Perfeito, da Necton, "mas ele pode voltar a se vestir". **Mercado A13**

**95 milhões tinham contas da família atrasadas já antes da pandemia A16**



Omair Haidari via Reuters

## TALIBÃ CELEBRA VITÓRIA SOBRE EUA, AMPLIA REPRESSÃO E DEIXA MORTOS

Homem entrega bebê para militares americanos nos arredores do aeroporto em Cabul, para que ele pudesse sair do país; grupo fundamentalista enfrentou ontem manifestantes que foram às ruas para celebrar o Dia da Independência **Mundo A10**

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Trajetória no mercado de sexo norteia livro sobre Elize Matsunaga

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### O mais jovem na Lua

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Brasileira com mais medalhas, judoca Mayra Aguiar celebra apoio que recebeu

## Bolsonaro entra com ação no STF contra inquérito sem aval do MP

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## CIRCOS VOLTAM A FUNCIONAR EM SÃO PAULO E TENTAM ATRAIR PÚBLICO

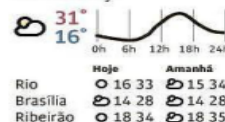
De máscara, palhaço Bambine recepciona pessoas no circo Moscou, no bairro de Itaquera, na capital paulista; picadeiros, que seguem regras do plano de quarentena estadual que afrouxou restrições, agora podem ter lotação máxima de novo **Guia C8**

## CPI quebra sigilo de Barros, Wassef e influenciadores

CPI da Covid aprovou quebra de sigilo fiscal de Ricardo Barros (PP-PR), líder do governo na Câmara, Frederick Wassef, advogado que atua para o presidente, e blogueiros bolsonaristas. Requerimentos foram aprovados antes de fala do dono da Precisa. **Poder A7**

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Hugo Velázquez y Miguel Cuevas intentaron sacar rédito político de la situación

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## Pourquoi la Terre brûle

Grèce, Californie, Sibérie et maintenant la France... Les feux de forêts se sont multipliés cet été dans le monde. Des catastrophes que le réchauffement climatique risque de rendre plus fréquentes. **PAGES 2 À 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

La France commence  
à toucher les milliards  
du plan de relance européen

Bruxelles vient d'adresser un premier chèque de 5,1 milliards d'euros à Paris sur les 39,4 milliards prévus d'ici à 2023. Cette manne provient du plan de relance de 750 mil-

liards décidé l'an dernier par les États membres. Financé par des emprunts de la Commission européenne, il est destiné à soutenir les plans d'investissement nationaux. **PAGE 23**

Afghanistan : premiers  
mouvements de contestation  
contre les talibans

À Djalalabad, Assadabad et surtout à Kaboul, des Afghans ont manifesté jeudi en brandissant le drapeau national comme un signe d'opposition aux talibans. Dans la capitale, une

banderole noir, rouge, vert de plusieurs centaines de mètres a défilé au milieu de la circulation. Les nouveaux maîtres du pays ont réagi sévèrement, parfois par des tirs. **PAGE 6**

## ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thérard ythread@lefigaro.fr

## Soldats du feu et de l'humanité

Partout, la Terre brûle et l'inquiétude grandit. L'été est meurtrier sur le pourtour méditerranéen. Comme en Grèce, en Turquie ou en Algérie, les ravages provoqués par les incendies continuent dans le massif des Maures, en France. La Californie, la Sibérie, la Bolivie et d'autres régions du monde sont aussi la proie des flammes. Quand un geste criminel n'est pas à l'origine du drame, le dérèglement climatique est montré du doigt. Les départs de feu sont, bien sûr, favorisés par l'augmentation des températures. Mais, quelle que soit la cause, ce sont toujours les pompiers qui montent en première ligne.

Ils sont plus de 250 000 en France, à 80 % des volontaires, aux côtés de quelque 40 000 professionnels et 12 000 militaires. Ces hommes et ces femmes - de plus en plus nombreuses - sont l'incarnation de l'engagement et du dévouement dans ce que ces deux notions, si souvent oubliées en cette époque tourmentée, ont de plus noble. Symboles de la fraternité nationale, ils exposent leur vie pour sauver celle des autres.

La lutte contre le feu ou les inondations, dans la fréquence s'accroît sous l'influence du désordre climatique, constitue leur mission originelle avec le secours aux personnes. Pourtant, celle-ci est loin d'être majoritaire en nombre aujourd'hui. Les pompiers sont de plus en plus appelés à l'aide pour un oui ou pour un non, souvent de très mauvaises raisons, quand ils ne sont pas attirés dans des guets-apens ou pris pour cibles par des bandes de quartier. Ils restent corvées à merci en toutes circonstances, ainsi que la crise sanitaire vient de le montrer.

Les pompiers  
sont en  
première ligne

Malheureusement, la reconnaissance n'est pas toujours au rendez-vous pour ces soldats du feu devenus également, de nos jours, les soldats au quotidien de l'humanité. Leur combat contre les incendies qui détruisent l'arrière-pays tropézien, son patrimoine naturel et animal, est l'occasion de souligner la grandeur de leur sacrifice au service de la collectivité. ■

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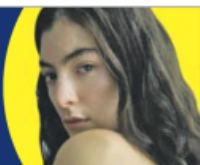
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## Raab 'refused to take calls' during fall of Afghanistan

Aubrey Allegretti  
Peter Walker  
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Dominic Raab is under increasing pressure to resign, including from some MPs in his own party, amid claims he in effect disappeared for more than a week while on holiday during Afghanistan's collapse, delegating almost all duties to juniors.

With Raab's department not denying that he asked another minister to make a call on Friday to assist the evacuation of former translators for the British military, Labour, the Liberal Democrats and SNP demanded Boris Johnson sack his foreign secretary if he does not decide to quit.

Some Conservative MPs said privately that they agreed, with one telling the Guardian that Raab's position was now "untenable".

The foreign secretary is becoming a focal point for wider political anger over the humiliating retreat from the Taliban following 20 years of military involvement and 457 UK deaths, with concerns about his department's seeming lack of foresight exacerbated by his apparently semi-detached role.

A Whitehall source confirmed a Daily Mail report that while on holiday in Crete on Friday, a week after his arrival, Foreign Office officials advised Raab to speak by phone to his Afghan counterpart, Haneef Atmar, to request assistance on the removal of translators who had worked with the British military.

They were told Raab was not available and that a junior minister, Zac Goldsmith, a Tory peer, should make the call instead. Because Lord Goldsmith was not Atmar's direct equivalent, there was a delay of a day. The paper has now reported that the call never took place, adding to the pressure on the foreign secretary.

The source told the Guardian that Raab "refused to be contacted on basically anything" for more than a week, and instead directed that "everything had to go to Goldsmith". They added that Raab's team had told civil servants "there was an incredibly high bar to getting him to look at anything while on holiday".

A separate diplomatic source also said there had been increasing frustration at a lack of support from Raab in the weeks before the fall of Kabul. They said Raab

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▲ Dominic Raab heads to No 10 yesterday. He is coming under pressure to resign PHOTOGRAPH: JUSTIN TALLIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## British embassy guards 'ineligible for UK help'

Exclusive  
Amelia Gentleman

More than 100 guards at the British embassy in Kabul have been told they are not eligible for UK government protection because they were hired through an outsourced contractor,

the Guardian has learned. Most of the 125-strong team of security personnel, employed by GardaWorld, have been given informal notice that they no longer have jobs guarding the embassy, several said.

The guards, some of whom had worked for the embassy

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## Half of children at high risk from climate crisis

Damian Carrington  
Environment editor

Almost half of the world's 2.2 billion children are already at "extremely high risk" from the effects of the climate crisis and pollution, according to a new report from Unicef. The UN

agency's head described the situation as "unimaginably dire".

Nearly every child around the world is at risk from at least one effect today, including heatwaves, floods, cyclones, disease, drought, and air pollution, the report said. But 1 billion children in 33 countries face three or four impacts

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