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◆ **Apple announced** changes to its App Store regulations that will allow software developers to tell customers about other ways to pay for services outside Apple's ecosystem, part of a proposed settlement of a class-action lawsuit. **B1**

◆ **BofA unveiled** its most significant executive shake-up in years, saying that operating chief Tom Montag and Anne Finucane, a vice chairman, will retire. **B8**

◆ **The hacker who is** taking responsibility for breaking into T-Mobile's systems said the wireless company's lax security eased his path into a cache of records. **B1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** posted declines, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq both retreating 0.6% and the Dow industrials losing 0.5%. **B9**

◆ **ABC News' president** told staffers that she has requested an independent inquiry into how the network handled sexual-assault allegations against a former executive producer of "GMA." **B1**

◆ **Lordstown Motors** named Daniel Ninivaggi, a veteran auto-industry executive and onetime lieutenant to Carl Icahn, as its new CEO. **B1**

◆ **Axel Springer** agreed to buy Washington, D.C., publisher Politico, expanding the German publisher's portfolio of U.S.-based media holdings. **B2**

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◆ **More than 100 people** were killed, including at least 13 U.S. service members and 90 Afghans, at the Kabul airport when two blasts ripped through crowds trying to enter the American-controlled facility, disrupting the final push of the U.S.-led evacuation effort. Biden said the U.S. would seek retribution for the attacks, which officials attributed to Islamic State's regional offshoot. **A1, A4, A5, A7**

◆ **The Supreme Court** lifted the latest federal ban on evictions during the pandemic, a swift legal blow against a moratorium the Biden administration imposed this month despite questions about its legality. **A1**

◆ **Harris said** the Biden administration would continue to call out China for its aggressive maritime claims in the South China Sea but doesn't want a conflict with Beijing. **A16**

◆ **U.S. climate envoy** Kerry plans another trip to China next week, where he will press leaders to declare a moratorium on financing international coal-fired projects. **A16**

◆ **The U.S. Chamber of Commerce** and a Texas affiliate withdrew a suit filed to block parts of a federal rule requiring insurers and employers to disclose prices they pay for health-care services and drugs. **A3**

◆ **The police officer** who shot and killed Ashli Babbitt during the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol revealed his identity in an NBC interview. Lt. Michael Byrd said he opened fire as a last resort. **A3**

◆ **The world's largest contract chip maker** is raising prices by as much as 20%, according to people familiar with the matter, a move that could result in consumers paying more for electronics.

◆ **Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co.** plans to increase the prices of its most advanced chips by roughly 10%, while less-advanced chips used by customers like auto makers will cost about 20% more, these people said. The higher prices will generally Please turn to page A9

◆ **The hot tub and the snarled supply chain**..... **A9**

◆ **U.S. Embassy told all Americans to immediately leave the Abbey, East and North entrances.**

Blasts Kill at Least 13 U.S. Troops



Women injured in the attack outside the airport in Kabul on Thursday arrive at a hospital for treatment.

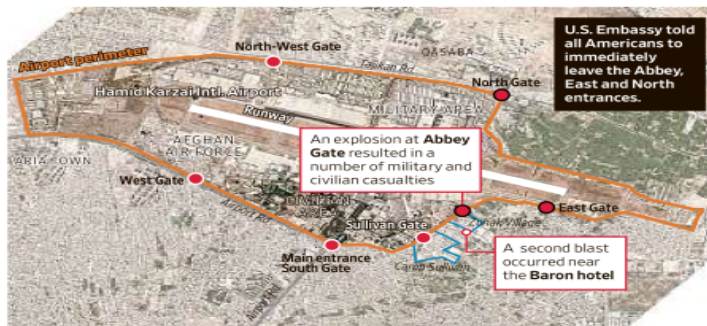
More than 90 Afghans die at Kabul airport as explosions hit crowds seeking evacuation

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By Yaroslav Trofimov, Nancy A. Youssef and Sune Engel Rasmussen

A suicide bomb attack at the airport's Abbey Gate was followed by an assault by gunmen, officials said. Another bomb attack took place nearby, at a hotel outside the airport, officials said. Eighteen U.S. service members were injured, the Pentagon said. The attack marked the deadliest day for the U.S. military in Afghanistan since 2011, and it came just five days before the Biden administration's deadline for the complete military withdrawal from the country. **Please turn to page A7**

◆ Treasury to allow aid groups to work despite sanctions. **A4**



Sources: Marine Corp Intelligence Activity (gates); Planet Labs (satellite image)

Bombings Reveal Hidden Afghan War

By ALAN COLLISON

Two days before he was shot dead by the Taliban, Abu Omar Khorasani, a onetime leader of Islamic State in Afghanistan, sat slumped in a dingy Afghan prison interview room, waiting for his soon-to-be executioners. Mr. Khorasani saw the Taliban's advance as a harbinger for change. For years both organizations had sworn to rid Afghanistan of nonbelievers. "They will let me free if

they are good Muslims," he told The Wall Street Journal in an interview.

When Taliban fighters seized Kabul last week, they took control of the prison, freed hundreds of inmates, and killed Mr. Khorasani and eight other members of his terror group.

Just as the Taliban has been fighting American coalition forces, they are good Muslims," he told The Wall Street Journal in an interview.

◆ Al Qaeda ally's power grows under Taliban. **A5**

Biden Decries Killings as Criticism Rises

WASHINGTON—President Biden said the U.S. would seek retribution for the attacks in Afghanistan that killed at least 13 American service members

By Andrew Restuccia, Alex Leary and Stobhan Hughes

and dozens of Afghans and promised to continue evacuation efforts. "We will not forgive. We will hunt you down and make you pay," Mr. Biden said during remarks at the White House on Thursday evening as an already

fraught humanitarian and political crisis worsened.

Mr. Biden faced calls from some lawmakers to extend the mission in Afghanistan, but the president planned to stick with his Aug. 31 withdrawal deadline, according to advisers.

The president said he had instructed his military commanders to develop response plans to the attacks, including plans to strike assets, leadership and facilities of ISIS-K, the Afghan affiliate of Islamic State, to which the Pentagon attributed the attacks.

The U.S. evacuation effort

will move forward, Mr. Biden said, though he called the situation on the ground volatile. He said the effort wouldn't cease, even after troops are withdrawn, until any American who wants to get out is able to. Mr. Biden also said the U.S. would work to extract Afghan allies but noted the difficulty of guaranteeing that they could all be evacuated.

The attacks prompted an outpouring of criticism, mostly from Republican lawmakers.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R., Calif.) said House Speaker Nancy

Pelosi (D., Calif.) should call the House back into session for a briefing by the administration and a vote on legislation to prevent the troop withdrawal until every American is out of Afghanistan.

"Mr. President, there is a clear choice before you now: Either rip up the August 31 deadline and defend evacuation routes—or by expanding the perimeter around the Kabul airport or by retaking Bagram—or leave our people behind in your retreat," said Sen. Ben Sasse (R., Neb.), referring to the air base north of Kabul. **Please turn to page A7**



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Chip Provider To Boost Prices

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By Yang Jie, Stephanie Yang and Yoko Kubota

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Supreme Court Blocks Eviction Moratorium

By JESS BRAVIN AND BRENT KENDALL

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court on Thursday lifted the latest federal ban on evictions during the Covid-19 pandemic, siding with landlords against a moratorium the Biden administration imposed this month despite questions about its legality. Three liberal justices dissented.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has repeatedly renewed the eviction moratorium for millions of tenants affected by the pandemic in large part to allow them to remain in their homes as state and local governments struggle to disburse some \$47 billion of rental assistance provided by Congress. The current order was set to expire Oct. 3; as of July 31, just \$4.7 billion of the rental assistance had reached landlords and tenants.

But in Thursday's unsigned opinion, the court's conservative majority said the tempo-

rary eviction ban exceeded the CDC's authority to combat communicable diseases, forcing landlords to bear the pandemic's costs.

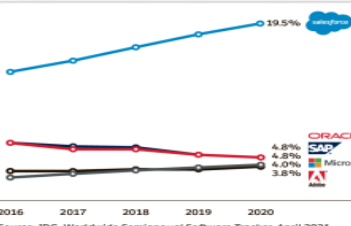
"The moratorium has put...millions of landlords across the country, at risk of irreparable harm by depriving them of rent payments with no guarantee of eventual recovery," the court said. "Many landlords have modest means. And preventing them from evicting tenants who breach their leases intrudes on one of the most fundamental elements of property ownership—the right to exclude."

White House press secretary Jen Psaki called the decision disappointing, though President Biden had acknowledged the order was legally shaky.

"As a result of this ruling, families will face the painful impact of evictions, and communities across the country will face greater risk of exposure to Covid-19," Ms. Psaki said. **Please turn to page A2**

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Deadly Kabul airport explosions

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● US marines among at least 13 killed ● Isis-K seen as likely attacker ● Chaos around airlift

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Two bombs exploded near Kabul airport yesterday, killing and wounding an unknown number of civilians and US troops and dealing a severe setback to President Joe Biden as he withdraws American forces from the country.

The Pentagon said there was an explosion close to the airport's Abbey gate and a second blast at the nearby Baron hotel. US media reported that four US marines were among the dead.

The blast at the Baron, where some evacuees had gathered, was set off by a bomber wearing a suicide vest. It was followed by small-arms fire, according to a UK defence official. The gate blast was a vehicle explosion, the official said.

The UK official added that Isis-K, the Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan, was "highly likely" to have been behind the attack. No UK military or government casualties have been reported.

Reuters quoted a Taliban official saying at least 13 people were killed. Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said the group "strongly condemns the bombing at the Kabul airport", which he said took place "in an area where US forces are responsible for security".

"The Islamic Emirate is paying close attention to the security and protection of its people and civil circles will be strictly stopped," he wrote on Twitter after the attack. He told Afghanistan's Tolonews that at least 52 people had been wounded.

Jens Stoltenberg, Nato's secretary-general, condemned the attack but suggested the airlift should continue. "Our priority remains to evacuate as many people to safety as quickly as possible," he said.

The blast came hours after warnings of security threats complicated efforts to provide safe passage for thousands of people. Western powers are rushing to evacuate thousands of foreigners and



Afghans hurt in the blasts seek treatment at a hospital in Kabul
WILL KUTNER/AP

Afghans at risk of reprisals from the Taliban ahead of a US deadline of August 31 to pull out its troops. America's Nato allies have pressed the Biden administration to extend the deadline but Washington has rebuffed the requests. The Taliban has warned that it will not accept an extension of the deadline.

The airport has been the site of chaotic scenes since the Taliban seized

power last week in the wake of the US move to withdraw from the country.

A further 13,400 people were evacuated over the past 24 hours, the White House said, bringing the total number taken out since August 14 to 95,700.

While the US said it would "continue to evacuate as many people as we can until the end of the mission", other nations are ending rescue missions.

British officials said before the bomb attack that they expected the last UK airlift of civilians out of Kabul to take place early this morning but that they were reviewing plans. A total of 11 evacuation flights were scheduled for the last 24 hours of the operation. Boris Johnson, UK prime minister, said the "vast majority" of Afghans eligible to come to Britain had been evacuated.

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, Germany's defence minister, said European allies had begun to close their military missions. Angela Merkel, the German chancellor, acknowledged that the "window of opportunity was closing" for taking people out by the airlift.

The Dutch government said it expected to carry out its last evacuation flight late yesterday. Canada said it had ceased evacuation flights earlier in the day.

The attacks will make it harder for thousands who say they are eligible for evacuation to enter the heavily guarded airport. Flight traffic at Kabul airport has been heavy with foreign military evacuations supplemented by private charter flights.

Additional reporting by Farhan Bokhari in Islamabad



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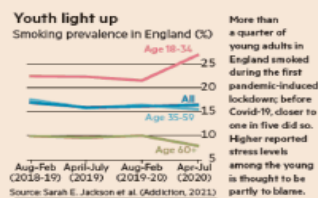
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Fernández lockdown party needles Argentine voters

An uproar over a maskless party at his Argentine government residence has piled more pressure on President Alberto Fernández, already under fire for his handling of the pandemic. The revelation of revelries taking place during the most stringent phase of lockdowns in 2020 comes less than a month before voters go to polls that could sway the balance of power in the lower house of Congress. Fernández said such parties would not happen again.

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Media deals thrive as Forbes takes Spac route and Axel Springer buys Politico

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Forbes has agreed to go public via a merger with a special purpose acquisition company that values the US business news outlet at \$650m, making it the latest in a string of eye-catching deals in the media industry.

The move came as Axel Springer, the German publishing group backed by private equity firm KKR, struck a deal to buy Politico as it continues an expansion into US media. Axel Springer and Politico did not disclose the terms of the transaction but two people familiar with the deal said it valued the political news service at more than \$1bn.

The Forbes agreement with Magnum Opus Acquisition, backed by private investment firm L2 Capital, will see

Forbes receive \$600m, including cash raised by the Spac as well as commitments from other investors.

Forbes, founded by Bertie Charles Forbes and Walter Drey more than a century ago, published its first issue in 1917 and is known for tracking the world's wealthiest individuals.

The deal, led by Jonathan Lin, a former portfolio manager at Steve Cohen's hedge fund Point72 Asset Management, is the latest in a series of media sector deals.

Axel Springer's purchase of Politico is the latest acquisition by the Berlin-based group, which is pursuing expansion beyond its domestic market.

Since missing out on the sale of the Financial Times six years ago, the publisher of Germany's Die Welt and Bild has bought online news site Business Insider for \$345m in 2015 and more

recently a majority stake in newsletter publisher Morning Brew.

Axel Springer is already in a 50/50 joint venture with Politico for a Europe-focused version of its website. Yesterday's deal includes the remaining 50 per cent of Politico Europe as well as Politico, a technology news website also founded and controlled by publisher Robert Altbritt.

The acquisition of Politico has been mooted for several years, although more recently Axel Springer's chief, Mathias Döpfner, had also considered other acquisitions. Among them is Axios, a digital news company launched by former Politico journalists.

Axel Springer's move to delist in early 2020 after KKR became its largest shareholder has allowed the group to accelerate investments in digital media free from public investors' scrutiny.

World Markets									
STOCK MARKETS			CURRENCIES			INTEREST RATES			
	Aug 26	prev	Aug 26	prev	Aug 26	prev	price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4481.93	4486.19	\$ per €	1.175	1.175	€ per \$	0.729	0.729	
Nasdaq Composite	15032.98	15041.86	\$ per £	1.372	1.373	£ per €	1.167	1.169	
Dow Jones Ind	35337.17	35405.50	€ per ¥	0.857	0.856	¥ per €	129.356	129.383	
FTSE 100	1812.83	1818.50	¥ per \$	110.050	110.100	£ index	81.686	81.633	
Euro Stoxx 50	4171.69	4181.12	¥ per €	156.940	151.104	\$ per £	1.256	1.256	
FTSE 250	2124.98	2150.12	£ per \$	1.079	1.075	CHF per €	0.934	0.931	
FTSE All-Share	4106.96	4119.44							
CAC 40	6696.32	6676.48							
Nikkei	15793.62	15860.96							
Hong Kong	29415.99	29693.91							
MSCI World	3125.83	3122.00							
MSCI EM	1275.31	1270.01							
MSCI ACWI	735.79	734.64							
COMMODITIES									
	Aug 26	prev	Aug 26	prev	Aug 26	prev	price	yield	chg
Oil WTI	69.71	66.36	Gold	1788.70	1806.45				
Oil Brent	71.82	72.25							
Gold	1788.70	1806.45							

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U.S. TROOPS AMONG DOZENS DEAD IN BLASTS AS BIDEN VOWS, 'WE WILL HUNT YOU DOWN'



The attacks wounded at least 120 people during evacuation efforts in Kabul on Thursday, Afghan officials estimated. At least 13 American troops were killed.

Suicide Attacks Near Airport as Afghans Sought to Flee

This article is by **Mathieu Aikins, Sharif Hassan, Thomas Gibbons-Neff, Eric Schmitt and Richard Pérez-Peña.**

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two explosions killed dozens of people, including at least 13 U.S. troops, ripping through the crowds outside Afghanistan's main airport on Thursday, just hours after Western governments had warned of an imminent Islamic State attack and told their people to stay away from the airport.

The attack, by at least two suicide bombers, struck at the only avenue of escape for the thousands of foreign nationals and tens — or hundreds — of thousands of their Afghan allies who are trying to flee the country after the Taliban takeover and ahead of the final withdrawal of U.S. troops, set for next Tuesday.

Afghan health officials gave varying estimates of the toll at the international airport in Kabul, the capital — from at least 30 dead to more than 60, and from 120 wounded to 140 — while a Taliban spokesman cited at least 13 civilians killed and 60 wounded.

For American forces, the attacks were a gruesome coda to almost 20 years of warfare in Afghanistan — one of their heaviest losses, just days before they are set to leave the country. In addition to 13 service members killed, 15 were wounded, the Pentagon said.

"We're outraged as well as heartbroken," President Biden said in an address from the White House.

"To those who carried out this attack, as well as anyone who wishes America harm, know this," he said to the attackers. "We will not forgive. We will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay. I will defend our interests and our people with every measure at my command."

Bystanders hoping to find survivors picked their way among torn and bloodied bodies that littered the ground outside one of the airport's main gates, or waded into a drainage canal where other bodies bobbed in the water.

"I saw bodies of women, children and men scattered all around after the blast," said one Afghan witness, who requested anonymity because he feared for his safety. He said he and other civilians, along with Taliban fighters, fled after the first explosion, because there were rumors that the Islamic State "had sent four suicide bombers," and he feared more detonations.

The bombings hint at a new round of violence that may be in store for a people and a country that have suffered more than 40 years of warfare, as the Taliban militants' new rule is being challenged

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Worst Fear for President Who Hoped For End to Military Condolence Calls

By **MICHAEL D. SHEAR**

WASHINGTON — It was exactly what President Biden feared most.

His decision to end America's longest war was driven, he had said repeatedly, by his determination not to sacrifice even one more member of the military on behalf of an effort he had long believed was no longer in the interests of the United States.

But on Thursday morning, the withdrawal he set in motion claimed the lives of 13 U.S. troops, along with scores of Afghan civilians — the first American casualties in 18 months and the deadliest day there for the U.S. military since 2011.

In searing remarks from the East Room of the White House Thursday evening, Mr. Biden pledged to "hunt

down" the terrorists who claimed responsibility for the bombings at the Kabul airport but said the frantic, dangerous evacuation of U.S. citizens and allies from Afghanistan would continue for several more days.

"To those who carried out this attack, as well as anyone who wishes America harm, know this: We will not forgive," Mr. Biden said, using language that had grim echoes of warnings President George W. Bush made after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. "We will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay."

America's tumultuous exit from Afghanistan has dragged down Mr. Biden's approval ratings, and the bombings on

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An ISIS Offshoot Claims Responsibility As Terror Groups Find a New Foothold

This article is by **Ben Hubbard, Eric Schmitt and Matthew Rosenberg.**

DOHA, Qatar — The nightmare that kept counterterrorism experts awake even before the Taliban returned to power is that Afghanistan would become fertile ground for terrorist groups, most notably Al Qaeda and the Islamic State.

Two explosions claimed by the Islamic State that killed dozens of people, including at least 13 American service members, in Kabul on Thursday bolstered fears that the nightmare was fast becoming a reality.

"I can't tell you how upsetting and depressing this is," said Saad Mohseni, the owner of Tolo, one of Afghanistan's most popular television channels. "It feels like it's back to business as usual — more bombings, more attacks, except that now

we're going to have to deal with it all under a Taliban regime."

Twenty years of military action by the United States and its international partners aimed at stamping out terrorism have exacted major tolls on Al Qaeda and the Islamic State, killing many of their fighters and leaders and largely preventing them from holding territory.

But both groups have proved able to adapt, terrorism experts say, evolving into more diffuse organizations that continually seek out new global trouble spots to take root and put their violent extremism into action.

The twin suicide bombings near the Kabul airport on Thursday underscored the devastating power these groups still have to inflict mass casualties in spite of the American effort. And they raised haunting questions about whether the

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Government Choices Raised Flood Risks for Tennesseans

By **CHRISTOPHER FLAVELLE**

The floods that killed at least 20 people in Tennessee last weekend arrived with shocking speed and force — seemingly a case study of the difficulties of protecting people from explosive rainstorms as climate change gets worse.

A closer look at what happened in the days, years and even decades before the storm reveals that a series of government decisions — where and how to build, when to update flood maps, whether to join the federal flood insurance program and how to warn of dangerous floods — left residents more exposed to flooding than they had to be.

Record rainfall, at times exceeding three inches an hour, swelled rivers and creeks in Middle Tennessee on Saturday, destroying homes, cutting off power and cellphone service and wash-



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Flooding in Tennessee has killed at least 20 people.

ing away bridges. Among the dead are 7-month-old twins, a 15-year-old girl and an Army veteran who died after helping his wife and daughter escape.

It's impossible to say whether

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Wildfire Smoke Chokes Lake Tahoe, Once an Oasis of Fresh Air

By **THOMAS FULLER and SHAWN HUBLER**

TAHOE CITY, Calif. — When the pandemic swept through California last year, Lake Tahoe, the azure gem of the Sierra Nevada, swarmed with city dwellers fleeing to the purity of its alpine air.

Now the stampede has reversed. With a fast-expanding wildfire roaring just one ridge away from the Tahoe basin, residents were in flight this week from smoke so toxic and thick that it spiked past the highest levels on air quality charts.

Pablo Durana, a cinematographer who had just bought a house in South Lake Tahoe last year, was bound for a friend's place in Santa Monica with his partner.

Tristan Biles, a technology worker who had been working remotely since Halloween from a condo on the edge of a ski slope, was decamping to San Diego to meet his girlfriend.



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Smoke from the Caldor fire shrouded Emerald Bay, near South Lake Tahoe, Calif., on Wednesday.

Phil Abernathy, a scuba diver who works three jobs to afford life among the tall pines and crystalline waters, was headed under a thick, ashen sky to San Francisco. Just inhaling, he said, felt like a "sizable man is standing on

my chest." The Caldor fire, which has chewed through an area larger than Denver since it started more than 70 miles southwest of Lake Tahoe on Aug. 14, is now a dozen miles south of the lake. The fire

was only 12 percent contained on Thursday, when authorities ordered evacuations at the edge of the Tahoe basin.

Amid the exodus, which has become a way of life in parts of the

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Paul Krugman

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Will 'mad moms' decide election?

Newsom's supporters and detractors alike see support from women as crucial.

By SEEMA MENTA

STOCKTON — Almost since its inception, the effort to oust Gov. Gavin Newsom has been inextricably tied to the pandemic's impact on schools. Recall backers say they succeeded in qualifying for the ballot in large part because of mothers' frustration with closed classrooms and their children's struggles with virtual learning.

Now, as recall ballots are dropping in mailboxes, children are returning to school amid heated battles over mask mandates and skyrocketing cases of the highly transmissible Delta variant. Leaders of the effort to remove Newsom from office are confident that women, exasperated by the effect of Newsom's policies on their children, are the reason they will prevail.

"It's gas on the fire," said Anne Hyde Dunsmore, campaign manager for Rescue California, one of the main recall groups. "The whole time, it's probably the single [See Recall, A7]

Legislators weigh statewide mandate

The issue of vaccination is touchy. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Calling out D.A. from the inside

Under alias, a Black prosecutor wrote of racism and injustice in Jackie Lacey's office.

By JAMES QUEALLY

THE headlines read as though they were written by protesters who routinely demonstrated outside the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

Why I Don't Trust Prosecutors.

When Police And Prosecutors Are Partners in Crime.

When Innocence Is Inconvenient.

Unsurprisingly criticizing the nation's largest prosecutor's office, the accompanying essays accused the agency of a smorgasbord of malfeasance: racial discrimination, failing to protect employees from sexual harassment and failing to hold police accountable for misconduct.

Blunt and profane, the sentences quaked with anger at an institution the author viewed as fundamentally broken.

Though each post echoed criticisms that protesters lobbed last year at then-Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey, these calls for change came from inside the office.

The author was a prosecutor. His pen name: Spooky Brown Esq. The man behind the alias, Adevale Oduye, had [See Prosecutor, A12]

Biden vows response to blast

U.S. to continue evacuations despite deadly attack on troops, Afghans



ONE OF the many wounded lies in a hospital, top, after bombings Thursday outside the airport and at the nearby Baron Hotel in Kabul, the Afghan capital. Above, British troops secure the area near the hotel.

Long before Kabul bombings, Taliban foe terrorized nation

Islamic State affiliate is seen as Afghanistan's harshest militant group

By NABIH BULOS AND PATRICK J. McDONNELL

KABUL, Afghanistan — The organization believed to be responsible for Thursday's deadly bombings outside the airport in Kabul is a longtime sworn enemy of both the United States and the Taliban.

Known as ISIS-K or IS-K, it is the local affiliate of Islamic State, the jihadist group that once ruled large

swaths of northern Syria and Iraq.

The K stands for Khorasan, a historical region in current-day Iran, Afghanistan and neighboring parts of southwest Asia that figures prominently in some jihadist doctrine.

The group — which emerged around 2014, as Islamic State was becoming a brand name in terrorism — never controlled much territory in Afghanistan, specializing instead in suicide bombings, ambushes and other guerrilla-style assaults.

Even after losing significant battles against U.S. forces and the Taliban, the group maintained enough of a network to stage heinous, high-profile attacks.

Thursday's twin bombings, in which dozens of people were killed, including 13 U.S. service members, was its first major strike since the Taliban seized control of Kabul this month.

The attacks outside the airport — where crowds of Afghans and foreign [See Militants, A5]

By NABIH BULOS, CHRIS MEGERIAN, TRACY WILKINSON, ELI STOKLOS AND MARCUS YAM

KABUL, Afghanistan — An attack by Islamic State terrorists on Thursday shattered hopes that U.S. forces could complete their withdrawal from Afghanistan without a wave of bloodshed, and President Biden vowed retaliation even as he remained committed to finishing the evacuation in the coming days.

Thirteen American service members and dozens of Afghan civilians were killed in what appeared likely to become a tragic punctuation mark on two decades of U.S. military involvement here.

"We will not forgive. We will not forget," Biden said from the White House. "We will hunt you down and make you pay."

The attack, one of the deadliest on U.S. forces since the war began, involved two bombings, one at an airport gate where Afghan civilians had lined up in hopes of catching a flight out of the country, and another at a nearby hotel that has been a staging ground for evacuees. Then gunmen opened fire, adding to the devastation.

"I saw a flash, and then everyone just started running into each other," said Mohibullah Atayil, 18, who had been trying to get in line at the airport and was about 300 yards from the first explosion. "It was chaos."

He was unscathed, but his brother, 30-year-old Gulnur Atayil, who once worked as a security guard at a U.S. base in the western city of Herat, suffered wounds to his arms and legs and received a blood transfusion.

Islamic State in Khorasan, also known as ISIS-K, a local offshoot of the Iraq and Syria-based terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the attack, according to the affiliated Amaq news agency. ISIS-K is hostile to both the Taliban, the fundamentalist group that took control of Kabul this month, and U.S. troops, a reflection of the volatile environment in Afghanistan as Biden tries to finalize the U.S. withdrawal.

Since the evacuation began less than two weeks ago, thousands of Afghans have converged on the airport under the hot sun in an effort to flee the country.

On Thursday, that scene of desperation was transformed into one of carnage. Video from the attack's aftermath showed bloodied corpses strewn near a sewage canal that runs along the airport's outskirts. Some of the dead had to be fished out of the canal.

The wounded were rushed to nearby hospitals. Habib Jan, 35, lay amid an arsenal of beeping machines [See Biden, A4]

Philippine president to seek VP post

Critics of Rodrigo Duterte call his new political pursuit an attempted end run around constitutional term limits. WORLD, A3

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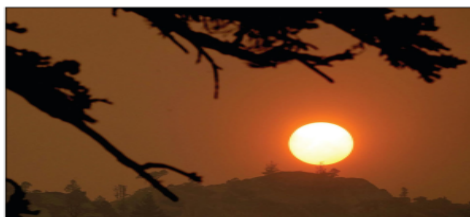
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Lake Tahoe was an escape during the pandemic; now it's barely inhabitable

As Caldor fire creeps closer, boaters, hikers and beachgoers have all but vanished.

By HAYLEY SMITH AND JASON ARMOND

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — The smell of burnt mesquite chokes the mountain air, but it's the signs along the roadways that announce the early end of the summer season at South Lake Tahoe. "FOREST CLOSED," "NO CAMPING," "NO



SMOKE FROM the Caldor fire obscures the sun as it sets over the mountains near South Lake Tahoe, Calif. The lake, a blue jewel, is now choppy and dark.

BARBECUES.

As the destructive Caldor fire creeps closer to the popular resort area, the boaters, hikers and beachgoers who typically descend on South Lake Tahoe ahead of Labor Day have all but vanished. And the lake itself — a blue jewel of California — is now choppy and dark under a dense blanket of smoke. The layer of ash in the area is thick enough in some places to show footprints.

But it was only months ago that Tahoe offered an escape valve and relocation option for many during the [See Tahoe, A7]

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Casualties outside airport and hotel also include dozens of Afghans; 18 Americans among wounded

Islamic State group takes responsibility; attack is deadliest against U.S. in Afghanistan in a decade

Biden vows vengeance, says evacuation flights will proceed toward Aug. 31 pullout deadline

Kabul blasts kill at least 13 U.S. troops

Questions and criticisms amplify pivotal crisis for Biden presidency

BY SEAN SULLIVAN
AND ANNE GEARAN

President Biden on Thursday confronted the most volatile crisis of his young presidency, the deaths of at least 13 Americans in Afghanistan that threatened to undermine his credentials as a seasoned global leader and a steady hand.

In emotional comments at the White House, Biden made clear that the attack would not cause him to rethink his strategy. Rather, he said, it reinforced his belief that the war must end and that the evacuation must proceed. He framed the deaths as the sacrifice of heroes performing a noble mission, and he suggested that any move to cut short the evacuation of Americans and their Afghan supporters would amount to caving to the terrorists.

"I bear responsibility for, fundamentally, all that has happened," Biden said, addressing the nation hours after the deadly attack. His voice broke as he invoked Scripture, history and personal loss to decry the double suicide bombing

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WAKIL KOSARI/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

Wounded women arrive at a hospital after Thursday's bombings outside Kabul's airport and a nearby hotel. The attack at the airport gate was carried out by a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt, according to the Islamic State affiliate that asserted responsibility.

BY JOHN HUDSON,
ALEX HORTON,
MISSY RYAN
AND DAN LAMOTHE

Twin bombings at the gates of Kabul's international airport and a nearby hotel killed 10 U.S. Marines, two soldiers, one Navy corpsman and dozens of Afghan civilians Thursday, throwing the final days of a U.S.-led evacuation effort into chaos and fulfilling a nightmare scenario President Biden's top aides had desperately sought to avoid.

The explosions, which also wounded 18 Americans and scores of Afghans, came as the United States and other Western nations rushed to complete the evacuation of tens of thousands of citizens and Afghan allies ahead of an Aug. 31 deadline.

President Biden vowed to punish the assailants but said the United States would continue running evacuation flights to bring Americans and Afghan allies home.

"We will hunt you down and make you pay," Biden said before taking a moment of silence for those killed in the assault, the deadliest attack on U.S. forces in Afghanistan since 2011.

In keeping to his end-of-month withdrawal timeline, Biden acknowledged that some Americans and Afghan allies may be left in Afghanistan after troops leave

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Analysts: ISIS-K, affiliate that claims attack, calls both U.S. and Taliban foes

BY HANNAH ALLAM
AND SOUAD MEKHENNET

For months, terrorism analysts warned that Islamic State-linked militants in Afghanistan would try to turn the Biden administration's exit into a bloody spectacle.

On Thursday in Kabul, those predictions were realized.

ISIS-Khorasan, the Islamic State's Afghanistan and Pakistan arm, issued a statement claiming responsibility for the suicide bombing attack that killed 13 U.S. service members and dozens of Afghans in an attack outside the airport. The series of blasts ripped through crowds of civil-

ians who were clamoring for a chance to flee before the U.S. withdrawal deadline on Tuesday.

With its signature blend of complexity and cruelty, the attack was seen by many observers as a reminder to both the Americans and the Taliban that, no matter who was in the presidential palace, Afghanistan would remain contested.

Authorities had instantly suspected the Islamic State affiliate, known as ISIS-K or ISK for short. The group's rivalry with the Taliban is a microcosm of the competition between al-Qaeda and its more radical spinoff, the Islamic State, analysts say. There

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President Biden speaks Thursday about the attack. "We will hunt you down and make you pay," he said of those responsible.

A 'Digital Dunkirk' mobilizes from afar to evacuate Afghans Veterans, others network to secure safe paths to the Kabul airport. A10

Carnage and chaos at airport as desperate Afghans are cut down

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE,
EZZATULLAH MEHRDAD
AND SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

KABUL — Thousands of anxious Afghans seeking a new future were once again massing at Kabul's airport on Thursday, waiting to be frisked by the U.S. Marine Corps at Abbey Gate. There were five days left before the departure of the Americans, five days to escape a nation suddenly under control of the Taliban.

But as the crowds pressed forward to the gate, their entry point to a new life, a suicide bomber detonated his explosive belt. A second explosion followed at the nearby Baron Hotel, then gunfire.

"People were burning alive, people could not breathe," said one Afghan eyewitness, who was with his wife and other family members waiting for an evacuation flight.

"Dead people were everywhere," said a second Afghan man who, like other eyewitnesses, spoke on the condition of anonymity because he feared reprisals. "I saw a woman in blood, wrapped up in a blanket covered in blood."

By nightfall, the full extent of the carnage came into clearer focus. At least 13 U.S. troops were dead and an additional 18 wounded, one of the deadliest assaults

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D.C. officer shot man as he drove off

BY PETER HERMANN
AND ELLIE SILVERMAN

A D.C. police sergeant fired at least 10 rounds into a BMW sedan, killing an armed man as he drove away from officers trying to detain him, a shooting the police chief called inconsistent with policies that generally prohibit firing at moving vehicles.

After releasing video from the officer's body camera, Police Chief Robert J. Contee III promised a thorough investigation into the actions of officers who were called after the driver was found unresponsive inside the vehicle,

Police chief vows probe of policy inconsistency on body-camera video

which was running but stopped at an intersection early Wednesday in Northeast Washington. Police said the man had a gun tucked into the right side of his waistband.

Contee said it was still unclear why the sergeant fired his weapon. The chief noted that the video is obstructed by a ballistic shield

the officer was holding. "It is very difficult to see what the officer was seeing," the chief said. "What did he perceive to be the threat at that point?"

Police identified the motorist as Antwan Gilmore, 27, of Capitol Heights, Md. The body-camera video appears to show the officer firing several shots at the vehicle as it was being driven away, including after it had gone beyond a group of officers. The car crashed into a tree several blocks away.

Contee said the gun that officers had observed when they first encountered Gilmore "was still in

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High court ends CDC's eviction ban

BY ROBERT BARNES,
RACHEL SIEGEL
AND JONATHAN O'CONNELL

A divided Supreme Court has ended a national moratorium on evictions in parts of the country ravaged by the coronavirus pandemic, removing protections for millions of Americans who have not been able to make rent payments.

A coalition of landlords and real estate trade groups in Alabama and Georgia challenged the latest extension of a moratorium imposed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is-

Justices: Agency lacks authority to issue order in face of pandemic

sued Aug. 3 and intended to run through Oct. 3.

In an unsigned opinion released Thursday night, the Supreme Court's conservative majority agreed that the federal agency did not have the power to order such a ban.

"It is indisputable that the public has a strong interest in combat-

ing the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant," the majority's eight-page opinion said. "But our system does not permit agencies to act unlawfully even in pursuit of desirable ends. . . . It is up to Congress, not the CDC, to decide whether the public interest merits further action here."

The court's three liberal justices dissented and said the majority's rush to end the moratorium was inappropriate and untimely.

"The public interest strongly favors respecting the CDC's judgment at this moment, when over

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Protecting a legacy Descendants of West Africa's Amazons of Dahomey are working to save the history of the all-female army. A7

Time's Up chief steps down The CEO of the anti-harassment group admitted advising N.Y. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo amid his scandal. A4

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Escándalo por el adoctrinamiento en una escuela

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Los alumnos empezaron a dejar de ser rehenes

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COMICIOS. Prevén retrasos en el recuento y la difusión de los resultados, y conflictos en algunos distritos; descartan riesgo sanitario

Claudio Jacquelin
LA NACION

"Van a ser las elecciones más complejas que hayamos tenido", advierten desde la Justicia Electoral cuando solo faltan 16 días para las primarias abiertas, simultáneas y obligatorias (PASO).

Con esa premisa, los funcionarios electorales se encuentran en estado de alerta para tratar de atemperar las numerosas dificultades que, se-

gún prevén, deberán enfrentar el domingo 12 de septiembre.

Entre los inconvenientes que vislumbran, fuentes de la Cámara Electoral se apresuran a anunciar uno de los que mayor y más rápida zozobra pueden generar en la dirigencia y en la ciudadanía tras el cierre de los comicios: advierten que, muy probablemente, la difusión de los resultados se demorará más de lo que ha ocurrido en comicios anteriores. Continúa en la página 12

Fernández quedó imputado por el festejo en Olivos

CAUSA. El fiscal Ramiro González imputó ayer al presidente Alberto Fernández por participar del festejo de cumpleaños de la primera dama, Fabiola Yañez, a pesar de las restricciones por el coronavirus. La investigación abarca a Yañez y a las otras

nueve personas que estuvieron en la celebración. Antes de la decisión del fiscal, Fernández se presentó en la causa, sin abogado, ofreció donar durante cuatro meses la mitad de su sueldo al Instituto Malbrán y pidió ser sobreseído. **Página 8**



Una mujer herida llega por sus propios medios a un hospital de Kabul para ser asistida

AFP

Un doble atentado en Kabul agrava la crisis en Afganistán

EVACUACIÓN. Militantes suicidas de EI atacaron cerca del aeropuerto; murieron 60 afganos y 13 militares de EE.UU., que prometió represalias

KABUL (AP).— Dos militantes suicidas y hombres armados atacaron a una multitud de afganos en las afueras del aeropuerto de Kabul; transformaron así las conocidas escenas de desesperación de quienes intentan evacuar el país desde la llegada de los talibanes en crudas imágenes de horror indiscriminado.

Por lo menos 73 personas murieron —60 eran afganos y 13, militares norteamericanos— en el doble atentado que se atribuyó la filial en Afganistán del grupo extremista Estado Islámico, enemigo por igual de Occidente y de los talibanes. Estados Unidos prometió represalias. **Página 2**

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Biden, ante la peor realidad imaginable

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Um dos feridos em atentado no aeroporto de Cabul chega a hospital na capital afegã; ataque do Estado Islâmico local matou mais de 70 Victor J. Blue/The New York Times

Itamaraty 'resgatou' na Índia vacina a 10% do valor

Após tentativas do governo de buscar vacina na Índia redundarem em prejuízo de US\$ 500 mil, o Itamaraty negociou secretamente com o governo local e trouxe as mesmas doses por 10% do valor pago pela Fiocruz, informa Patrícia Campos Mello. Poder A12

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Supremo decide manter autonomia do Banco Central

O STF decidiu manter a autonomia do Banco Central. Por 8 votos a 2, a corte entendeu que a lei complementar que conferiu a independência é constitucional. PT e PSOL haviam entrado com ação questionando se o Congresso poderia ter aprovado projeto sobre o tema. Mercado A20

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Ouro, prata e bronze

O Brasil conquistou ouro no atletismo, de Yeltsin Jacques, pratas no hipismo e na esgrima, respectivamente de Rodolpho Risikalla e Jovane Guissone, e dois bronzes, ambos do nadador Daniel Dias. B7

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Pandemia mata rua Augusta nos Jardins, que se vê cheia de placas de aluguel

Atentado deixa ao menos 73 mortos no aeroporto de Cabul

Ataque do Estado Islâmico, rival do Talibã, agrava crise; entre vítimas há 60 afegãos e 13 americanos

Ao menos 73 pessoas morreram ontem em atentados a bomba cometidos pelo braço afegão do grupo terrorista Estado Islâmico nas cercanias do aeroporto internacional de Cabul, único local na capital fora do domínio dos extremistas do Talibã.

Desde a retirada militar americana depois de quase 20 anos de guerra em vão e da subsequente tomada do governo pelos radicais do Talibã, no dia 15, as pistas de decolagem são diariamente tomadas por estrangeiros e refugiados tentando escapar.

As explosões ocorreram no início da noite perto da entrada principal, após a Casa Branca alertar para risco iminente de atentado da ala afegã do EI, rival dos talibãs. Deixaram mais de 140 feridos e elevaram a crise no país centro-asiático de patamar.

O Talibã condenou os ataques e culpou os americanos pela falha de segurança. O presidente dos EUA, Joe Biden, lamentou as mortes e prometeu revidar, dizendo que não reverá a retirada. O Pentágono ainda tem 6.000 militares no país. Mundo A14

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Presidente diz que hidrelétricas poderão parar

Jair Bolsonaro, cuja gestão tem negado o risco de apagão, pediu ontem em live que a população desligue um ponto de luz em casa, pois hidrelétricas podem parar. Para distribuidoras e analistas, a Aneel terá de repassar custos de geração à conta de luz, que subiria 15,2%. Mercado A17 e A18

Vinicius Torres Freire Estamos à beira do apagão

É possível gerir o sistema "no osso" até novembro, diz um especialista, se o plano do Operador Nacional do Sistema for executado. Mas o risco de blecautes vai ser grande. O fim de setembro é a data crítica para uma decisão de raciocinar, e é preciso elaborar um plano já. Mercado A20

Bancos pedem mudanças no Pix para evitar crimes

Bancos pedem ao BC que flexibilize regras do Pix para dificultar a ação de criminosos. Um dos pleitos é que seja concedida liberdade para negociação de limites de transferência e pagamento no sistema. Sequestros, golpes e roubos usando o Pix têm sido recorrentes. Mercado A23

Ações de atual diretor-geral da PF viram alvo de inquérito

O inquérito que apura as acusações do ex-ministro Sérgio Moro sobre interferência do presidente Jair Bolsonaro na Polícia Federal vai ganhar novo rumo. O delegado Felipe Leal, responsável pelo caso, decidiu que investigará os atos do atual diretor-geral da PF, Paulo Gustavo Maiurino.

Serão examinadas trocas na chefia do Amazonas e de um delegado que fez operação contra o então titular da pasta do Meio Ambiente, Ricardo Salles. Praticamente parado desde 2020, o inquérito foi retomado em julho por ordem do relator, Alexandre de Moraes, do STF. Poder A11



Yeltsin Jacques (à dir.), que conquistou o ouro nos 5.000 m T11 Athit Perawongmetha/Reuters

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Sobre medidas para a segurança no 7 de Setembro.

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A respeito de decisão do Supremo relativa ao BC.



Intervenção para proteger democracia não é golpe militar, diz ex-comandante

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Reinaldo Azevedo Defender democracia passou a ser agenda antigovernista

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Bolsonaristas dão verniz democrático a atos de 7/9

As convocações bolsonaristas para os atos de 7 de Setembro substituíram palavras de ordem com mensagens anticonstitucionais e autoritárias por termos que dão verniz democrático às manifestações, mobilizadas a partir da retórica golpista de Jair Bolsonaro. A mudança de tom domina postagens nas redes sociais e falas de organizadores, o que sugere uma ação coordenada. Poder A4

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Dette, déficits : vers la fin de l'argent facile ?

Avec le retour de la croissance et de l'inflation, les banques centrales pourraient être amenées à durcir leur politique monétaire. Les marchés financiers sont sur le qui-vive.

Crise sanitaire oblige, les grands argentiers du monde entier vont tenir, à partir de ce vendredi, leur réunion annuelle de Jackson Hole en visioconférence.

Avec, en plat de résistance, la question qui agite les marchés financiers depuis quelques jours : quand les banques centrales commenceront-elles à reserrer

leur politique monétaire en réduisant les achats de dette, puis en relevant les taux d'intérêt ? L'intervention du président de la Réserve fédérale amé-

ricaine, Jerome Powell, est particulièrement attendue : avec la reprise économique vigoureuse et le retour de l'inflation aux États-Unis, il pourrait être le premier à

s'engager sur cette voie dans les mois qui viennent. La Banque centrale européenne affirme ne pas vouloir, pour le moment, changer de stratégie.

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À droite, quatre candidats à la primaire... plus un



Dans un entretien au Figaro, l'ancien ministre Michel Barnier annonce sa candidature à la présidentielle. Il devrait affronter Éric Ciotti, Valérie Pécresse et Philippe Juvin dans une primaire à laquelle Xavier Bertrand refuse de participer. Laurent Wauquiez, lui, a décidé de ne pas se lancer dans la compétition à droite en vue de 2022. PAGES 2 A 4

Attentat meurtrier à l'aéroport de Kaboul

Deux explosions se sont produites jeudi soir aux abords de l'aéroport de Kaboul, tuant ou blessant plusieurs dizaines de personnes parmi les milliers d'Afghans qui s'y massent dans l'espoir d'être évacués. Douze soldats américains ont été tués et quinze blessés, a indiqué le Pentagone, évoquant un « attentat complexe ». Les talibans ont condamné l'attaque, revendiquée dans la soirée par l'État islamique. Jugeant la situation « très risquée » à l'aéroport, Emmanuel Macron a annoncé que la France allait encore évacuer « plusieurs centaines d'Afghans ». PAGE 6

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En sursis

Le pire, en économie, n'est jamais certain. Il y a dix-huit mois, le confinement de la planète, la mise à l'arrêt de l'activité et l'interruption des échanges commerciaux laissaient entrevoir une catastrophe comme il en survient une par siècle. Le tsunami du Covid condamnait, en France comme ailleurs, des milliers d'entreprises à la faillite et des millions de salariés au chômage. Ce cataclysme programmé, fort heureusement, n'est pas advenu. Dépliant la grande échelle de l'État-pompier, le gouvernement l'a évité en déversant à chèque ouvert des dizaines de milliards d'euros dans les moindres recoins de l'économie. Ainsi a-t-il épargné - pour un prix exorbitant - un drame social à un pays proche de la crise de nerfs.

En économie, le pire n'est jamais certain, mais les miracles n'existent pas. La croissance retrouvée et les emplois préservés l'ont été à crédit. Cette année, le déficit public de la France atteindra 230 milliards d'euros (deux fois les recettes !) et la dette culminera à 120 % du PIB. Cette orgie de dépenses n'a été rendue possible que par la grâce de la Banque centrale européenne, qui distribue de l'ar-

gent gratuit à tire-larigot. Pour combien de temps encore ? C'est la grande question que se posent de plus en plus ouvertement les grands argentiers du monde, qui finiront tôt ou tard par resserrer les cordons de la bourse, puis par relever les taux d'intérêt. Pour dire

les choses simplement, nous sommes en sursis et il va bien falloir régler un jour l'addition. Nous devons hélas payer d'avance que les autres : pour acquitter la facture du Covid,

comme tout le monde, mais aussi pour combler le trou béant creusé par un demi-siècle de déficits ininterrompus. Même avec la foi d'un charbonnier macroniste, on doute que les comptes publics se redressent par la seule magie de la croissance retrouvée. Si l'on admet que toute hausse de fiscalité serait une folie dans le pays le plus taxé du monde, il faudra bien se résoudre, enfin, à tailler dans l'océan des dépenses publiques. Désormais, le temps presse. ■



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Carnage in Kabul: dozens killed in airport bombing



● Civilians and US troops among the dead in double suicide bomb attack

● Explosions took place among frantic crowds trying to escape the country

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Two suicide bombs and a gunman struck by Kabul's airport yesterday, killing dozens of civilians and at least 13 US service personnel, and plunging the evacuation of western forces from Afghanistan into deeper crisis.

The attacks are believed to be an Islamic State assault on departing coalition troops and a challenge to the Taliban's grasp on power in Afghanistan.

It was the deadliest day for US forces in a decade and intensified

criticism of Joe Biden. In an address to the nation, the president insisted "we will not be deterred by terrorists", vowing to the assailants: "We will not forgive, we will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay."

The attacks came just hours after western intelligence agencies warned of an imminent threat to the ongoing, urgent evacuation operation.

Biden said he had asked commanders to strike back and that he stood by his decision to withdraw US troops. IS claimed responsibility for the attack last night. Earlier, the head of US Central Command, Gen Kenneth McKenzie said that cooperation

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▲ Women injured in one of the blasts in the Afghan capital yesterday arrive at a hospital for treatment

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between US troops and the Taliban had probably thwarted previous attempted attacks. He said that the security cooperation would continue.

At least 60 Afghans were killed and 143 others wounded. Many of the victims had been waiting to get into the airport and on an evacuation flight, and were crowded together in and around a sewage canal.

The 13 US dead included marines and a navy medic with a further 14 personnel