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The U.S. military conducted an airstrike against Islamic State in Afghanistan early Saturday, the Pentagon said, likely killing an extremist leader described as a planner for the organization. The action came as the U.S. military on Friday began shifting operations at Kabul's international airport toward a final withdrawal. **A1, A7, A8**

Israel's prime minister pressed Biden to back off reviving the Iranian nuclear accord while invoking the long ties between Israel and the U.S. and the persistent threat of terrorism. **A6**

A Florida judge said school districts could impose mask mandates and that Gov. DeSantis had overstepped his authority when he banned such rules. **A3**

U.S. intelligence agencies are unable to determine conclusively how the Covid-19 pandemic emerged, a summary of a classified report said. **A10**

A California panel recommended that Sirhan Sirhan, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's assassin, be released from prison on parole. **A5**

Hurricane Ida strengthened as it barreled toward Louisiana, spurring mandatory evacuation orders for New Orleans residents living outside the levee system. **A3**

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Fed Chairman Powell reaffirmed the central bank's emerging plan to begin reversing its easy-money policies later this year while explaining in greater detail why he expects a recent surge in inflation to fade over time. **A1**

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed at fresh records after Powell's remarks, rising 0.9% and 1.2%, respectively, while the Dow added 0.7%. Yields on U.S. government bonds fell. **B11**

China plans to propose rules that would ban companies with large amounts of sensitive consumer data from going public in the U.S. **A1**

Walt Disney's ESPN is seeking to license its brand to major sports-betting companies for at least \$3 billion over several years. **A1**

The SEC launched a wide-ranging review of the online strategies that brokers such as Robinhood and investment advisers use to interact with customers. **B1**

T-Mobile's CEO apologized to customers for a security breach that has exposed personal data from more than 50 million people. **B1**

Peloton said that the U.S. government has subpoenaed the company for information on its reporting of injuries related to its products. **B3**

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Nation Honors Fallen as Families of Blast Victims Grieve



MOURNING: Flags flew at half-staff in Washington on Friday to honor the 13 troops killed in the Kabul airport suicide-bombing attack. The Pentagon had yet to name the dead, but families and friends of some of them began telling their stories. **A8**

U.S. Launches Strike Against Islamic State in Afghanistan

Military targets figure described as a planner for the group in wake of Kabul airport attack

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military said it conducted an airstrike against the Islamic State on Saturday in Afghanistan, likely killing an extremist leader described as a planner for the organization.

The strike was the first known U.S. response to Thurs-

day's suicide bomb attack at Kabul's international airport, which killed scores of people.

Navy Capt. Bill Urban, a

By Nancy A. Youssef, Sune Engel Rasmussen, Ehsanullah Amir and Gordon Lubold

spokesman for U.S. Central Command, which oversees U.S. forces in the Middle East and Afghanistan, said it was an "over-the-horizon" strike, meaning the un-

manned aerial vehicle used in the operation flew from a site outside of Afghanistan.

"Initial indications are that we killed the target," Capt. Urban said, without naming the militant leader being targeted. There were no known civilian casualties, he said in a state-

The airstrike in Afghanistan on Saturday took place in Afghanistan's eastern Nangarhar province, Capt. Urban said.

Nangarhar is known as a home to Islamic State-Khorasan,

or ISIS-K, as Islamic State's regional offshoot in Afghanistan is called, as are other regions in eastern Afghanistan.

The strike came as the military on Friday began shifting operations at the airport toward a final withdrawal, winding down the chaotic and bloody evacuation that airlifted more than 100,000 Americans, Afghans and others out of the country over the past two weeks.

Earlier Friday, hundreds of Afghans picked their way

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U.S., Taliban Find an Uneasy Alliance

Militants provide Kabul airport security alongside Marines

By Yaroslav Trofimov and Vivian Salama

Twenty years ago, the U.S. invaded Afghanistan to get rid of the Taliban. Today, American forces, battered by one of the bloodiest attacks of the war, are relying for their own security on that same group, whose members they were trying to kill just weeks earlier.

Members of the Taliban's elite Badr 313 unit, dressed in the latest tactical gear, patrol the same Kabul airport parking lot as U.S. Marines, separated by a few coils of razor wire. Farther away, ordinary Taliban fighters pat-

down Afghans seeking to enter the facility and disperse crowds with whips and occasional gunfire in the air.

The Taliban are also attempting to hold off Islamic State, an even more radical organization, which killed 13 U.S. troops and nearly 200 Afghans in a suicide bombing on Thursday.

In the final days of the chaotic withdrawal, the 5,200 American forces in Afghanistan "use the Taliban as a tool to protect us as much as possible," Gen.

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The U.S. is in talks with the Taliban over a diplomatic presence in Kabul. **A7**



A Taliban fighter stands guard at a checkpoint in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Fed Stays Course to Pare Back Stimulus

By Nick Timiraos

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell reaffirmed the central bank's emerging plan to begin reversing its easy-money policies later this year while explaining in greater detail why he expects a recent surge in inflation to fade over time.

At the Fed's meeting late last month, "I was of the view, as were most participants, that if the economy evolved broadly as anticipated, it could be appropriate to start reducing the pace" of the Fed's \$120 billion in monthly asset purchases this year, Mr. Powell said Friday.

Since that meeting, the economy has seen "more progress in the form of a strong employment report for July, but also the further spread of the Delta variant" of the Covid-19 virus, Mr. Powell said Friday morning at a virtual symposium hosted by the Kansas City Fed.

Markets rallied Friday, with the S&P 500 hitting a fresh record. The index gained 0.9% to its first close above 4500. In the bond market, the yield on 10-year Treasury notes fell to 1.311% after Mr. Powell's speech, from 1.342% Thursday.

The rise of Covid-19 infections due to the Delta variant has complicated the economic outlook by creating renewed risk of a sharper economic slowdown at the very moment some officials were ready to reduce, or taper, the pace of monthly bond purchases.

Growth in consumer spending slowed last month to 0.3%, the Commerce Department reported on Friday, less than a third of June's spending increase of 1.1% and less than economists had projected. Spending on services grew, while spending on goods declined.

The Delta variant threatens to delay a rebound in travel and leisure spending. The Kansas City Fed, for example, last week scrapped plans for Friday's conference, normally conducted in Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park, to be held in person. The event is

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Powell spurs rise in stocks; Treasury yields decline. **B11**
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Puppies Plus Backpacks Snarl Traffic

Walking is so over for photogenic pandemic pooches

By Joe Barretti

Yvette Piña was riding her bike to the beach in Chicago with her dog, Poochie, in a backpack-style carrier last summer when she heard a crash.

A big guy got out of his car and threw his hands in the air in frustration. He had just rear-ended another car at a stop light. "I was looking at the dog," he said, pointing to her 11-year-old Maltese-shih tzu, whose head stuck out from the sack.

"I just gave a shoulder shrug, like, 'Oooh, sorry,'" said Ms. Piña, a 46-year-old web content manager. "But I

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China to Ban U.S. IPOs For Some Tech Firms

By Keith Zhai

SINGAPORE—China plans to propose new rules that would ban companies with large amounts of sensitive consumer data from going public in the U.S., people familiar with the matter said, a move that is likely to thwart the ambitions of the country's tech firms to list abroad.

In recent weeks, officials from China's stock regulator have told some companies and international investors that the new rules would prohibit internet firms holding a swath of user-related data from listing abroad, the people said. The regulators said the rules target companies seeking foreign initial public offerings via units incorporated outside the country, according to the people.

China Securities Regulatory

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ESPN Seeks \$3 Billion Sports-Betting Tie-In

By Cara Lombardo and Benjamin Mullin

Walt Disney Co.'s ESPN is seeking to license its brand to major sports-betting companies for at least \$3 billion over several years, according to people familiar with the matter, aiming to capitalize on the fast-growing online gambling. The sports-media giant has held talks with owners of major sportsbooks, including casino operator Caesars Entertainment Inc. and online gambling company DraftKings Inc., the people said. ESPN has existing marketing partnerships with both companies.

On offer is the right for a suitor to use the ESPN name for branding purposes and potentially rename its sportsbook after the leading sports-TV network in the U.S., the people said. A deal could come with an exclusive marketing commitment that would require the sports-betting firm to spend a certain amount of

money advertising on ESPN's platforms, one of the people said.

Disney's shares rose Friday after The Wall Street Journal reported on ESPN's ambition, closing up 2% at \$180.14.

There is no guarantee ESPN will reach a deal. It remains to be seen whether gaming companies have an appetite to pay for the ESPN name when they are already investing to establish their existing brands.

ESPN has been cautious about entering the sports-betting arena. It has struck partnerships to integrate odds and betting-related content into some of its shows, and has podcasts and telecasts dedicated to gambling, including "Daily Wager." But executives have said they want the company to avoid being directly involved in gambling transactions.

A brand-licensing deal would let ESPN profit from the boom in sports gambling with-

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The aftermath of the bomb blast outside Kabul airport on Thursday night — Jim Huysmans/New York Times/Redux/Getty

Powell eyes year-end tapering move

► Jackson Hole speech cites recovery progress ► Markets expect stimulus cut by January

COLBY SMITH AND KATE DUGUID — NEW YORK

Jay Powell has sent his strongest signal yet that the Federal Reserve could start reining in its huge pandemic-era stimulus programme this year, declaring "clear progress" in the recovery of the US labour market.

In a closely watched virtual speech to the Jackson Hole gathering of central bankers, the Fed chair said the US central bank had met the first of two goals it wanted to achieve before cutting its monthly \$120bn asset purchase programme. It had pledged to maintain that pace of bond buying until it saw "substantial further progress" on its targets of average 2 per cent inflation and maximum employment. "My view is that the 'substantial further progress'

test has been met for inflation," Powell said. "There has also been clear progress toward maximum employment."

He endorsed minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee's latest meeting that indicated a majority of officials believe it would be appropriate to start "tapering" the bond-buying programme by the end of the year.

"At the FOMC's recent July meeting, I was of the view, as were most participants, that if the economy evolved broadly as anticipated, it could be appropriate to start reducing the pace of asset purchases this year," he said.

The question of when the Fed would pull back from its bond-buying programme has left investors jittery as they brace for heightened volatility in financial markets. Wall Street welcomed

Powell's comments, with the S&P 500 up 0.7 per cent after the speech. Benchmark 10-year Treasury yields, which underpin global borrowing rates, fell 0.04 percentage points to 1.51 per cent.

The Fed chair's speech came at a highly uncertain moment for the world's largest economy. Policymakers and economists alike are scrambling to assess the potential economic damage from a surge in Covid-19 cases, which disrupted the Kansas City Fed's plans to host this year's symposium in person.

Conflicting economic signals have also made it difficult for central bankers to reach a consensus on when exactly "tapering" should begin, and at what point these bond purchases should stop altogether.

A growing cohort of central bank offi-

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cials point to surging US consumer prices, propelled by supply chain constraints, to build a case that the Fed should end these bond purchases soon if it wants to avoid even higher inflation and financial instability.

Most market participants think an announcement is likely in November, with tapering starting either in December or January.

Powell sought to assure investors the Fed would not move immediately to substantially tighten policy by raising rates as it takes its first steps to cut stimulus. "Even after asset purchases end, elevated holdings of longer-term securities will continue to support accommodative financial conditions," he said. *Additional reporting by Joe Rennison in New York*

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Race, culture and cricket Michael Holding has Lunch with the FT

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Flower power Florists go green
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Luxury loses its swagger as Xi takes aim at excess

Some 110,000 ultra-wealthy Chinese are said to spend more than €100,000 a year on fashion and jewellery, making up a quarter of luxury sales in their country. But if President Xi Jinping's push for a fairer society turns into the kind of crackdown that has hit tech and education, the rich might not feel like flaunting their wealth any more. Investors have already dialled down, with €61.7bn wiped off LVHM-L Hermès, Kering, Richemont and Burberry. *Call for redistribution ► PAGE 9*

Cook sells \$750m of Apple shares after decade at helm notches up tenfold rise

TIM BRADSHAW — LONDON

Tim Cook has marked his decade in charge of Apple by selling more than \$750m worth of shares after receiving the final tranche of a stock award he was granted when he took over from Steve Jobs as head of the iPhone maker. Apple's stock has risen more than tenfold since Cook became chief executive in 2011, a record that entitled him to the maximum payout under the award.

After his remaining restricted stock awards vested on August 24, around 5m shares were sold at prices ranging between \$148 and \$150, netting \$752m, according to filings released on Thursday. Apple's shares hit a high of \$153.12 this month, as the market capitalisation of the world's most valuable company approaches a record \$2.5tn.

Most of the trades were part of a pre-

arranged stock sale plan adopted last August, through a scheme commonly used by US executives to avoid any appearance of insider trading. Just over half of the sales, worth \$397m, were withheld by Apple to cover Cook's tax obligations when stock options vest.

Cook's original stock award was estimated to be worth \$578m in 2011 when it was first granted, at the time putting Cook among the most highly remunerated executives in America.

The scheme was amended in 2013 to reflect Apple's total shareholder return relative to other US companies, after around a third of Apple's shareholders lodged a protest vote on executive pay at the company's annual meeting.

Cook, whose net worth was estimated by Bloomberg to top \$1bn for the first time last August, said in 2015 he would give away most of his fortune before he

dies. He donated just over \$10m worth of Apple stock to charity a week ago.

Last September, Cook, who receives an annual salary of \$5m, was granted his first new award of restricted stock units since 2011. It will vest after April 2025 and could be worth almost \$150m at today's share price, if Apple hits the top end of its targets by 2025.

Disclosures of such a big share sale in a single instance are unusual. Larry Page and Sergey Brin, Google's co-founders, have together sold more than \$1.2bn worth of stock in parent Alphabet since May. But most of those were in relatively small trades spread over months.

Elon Musk, Tesla boss, is in line to receive stock options worth tens of billions of dollars if the electric car maker hits targets for financial performance and market capitalisation, under an incentive scheme agreed in 2018.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Aug 27	prev	%chg		Aug 27	prev	%chg		Aug 27	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4605.97	4670.00	0.60	\$ per £	1.175	1.175	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	1.48	1.31	-0.05
Nikkei Composite	15112.09	14965.01	1.11	£ per \$	1.372	1.372	0.00	UK Gov 10 yr	0.58	0.58	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	28441.41	28212.12	0.81	€ per \$	0.857	0.857	0.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.42	0.42	0.00
FTSE100	1820.37	1812.93	0.41	¥ per \$	110.050	110.050	0.00	Japan Gov 10 yr	117.19	0.02	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4188.71	4189.87	0.40	₹ per \$	150.940	150.940	0.00	US Gov 30 yr	115.30	1.93	-0.03
FTSE 100	7148.01	7124.98	0.32	SFr per \$	1.079	1.079	0.00	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.51	-0.75	-0.01
FTSE All-Share	4121.03	4106.66	0.35	₹ per \$	0.851	0.851	0.00				
CAC 40	6991.92	6969.03	0.24								
Xetra Dax	15951.75	15793.62	0.37								
Nikkei	27641.14	27742.29	-0.36								
Hong Kong	25407.89	25415.68	-0.03								
MSCI World \$	3116.27	3125.65	-0.30								
MSCI EM \$	1286.13	1275.31	0.72	Oil WTI \$	69.81	67.42	2.36	Fed Funds Eff	0.06	0.06	0.01
MSCI ACWI \$	731.94	735.79	-0.52	Oil Brent \$	72.94	71.57	2.07	US 3m Bills	0.06	0.06	0.01
				Gold \$	1798.60	1798.70	-0.12	Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.56	0.00
								UK 3m	0.07	0.07	0.00

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A former police officer who tried to help his family escape the Taliban was among the scores killed in the bombing on Thursday.

Family That Worked With U.S. Buries a Father and Their Hopes

By MATTHIEU AIKINS

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a shed beside the mosque his father had helped to build, Hussein's body lay on a marble slab on Friday morning as his brother Hamid and other relatives washed him for burial. Delicately, they patched the shrapnel wounds that had killed him the day before, using bits of cotton and plaster, and clear plastic tape.

Neighbors and relatives appeared in the doorway, watching and offering advice; in this township on the outskirts of Kabul, people are buried in the same way a child is raised, as a common affair. "We all went together to the airport a few days ago," said Jamil, 28, one of Hussein's seven brothers. Jamil had worked for an American N.G.O., and had applied

for a U.S. visa. Hussein, the oldest, had been a police officer who had worked with U.S. Special Forces; Hamid, the second-oldest, was an army major who had served alongside the Americans in Helmand Province.

All three felt they and their families' lives were in danger with the Taliban in power again, especially since they belonged to the Hazara Shiite minority. Three days ago, Hussein had brought his wife and five children to the airport, but the Taliban had driven them back. "They were beating us with whips and cables and firing in the air," said his wife, Mahera, 35. "I was afraid for the children."

Yet her husband was desperate

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Marine Barely Older Than War Is Killed Bringing It to an End

By JACK HEALY and DAVE PHILLIPS

After Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20, landed in Afghanistan with his Marine unit, his father, Jim, began checking his phone for a little green dot. Mr. McCollum had not been able to talk with his son, but the green dot next to Rylee's name on a messaging app meant that he was online. That he was still OK.

When news came that a suicide bomber killed 13 American service members outside the airport in Kabul on Thursday, Mr. McCollum checked again for the dot. His son was on his first overseas deployment, had gotten married recently, and was about to become a father. Mr. McCollum messaged his son: "Hey man, you good?" But the green dot was gone.

"In my heart yesterday after-

noon, I knew," Mr. McCollum said.

On Friday, Lance Corporal McCollum became one of the first American victims to be publicly identified in the attack that also killed at least 170 Afghans. It was the highest U.S. death toll in a single incident in Afghanistan in 10 years. His death was confirmed by his father and by the governor of Wyoming, Mark Gordon.

While the Department of Defense has not released an official accounting of the victims, their names began to emerge on Friday. They appeared in social media posts from family and friends and somber announcements from the high schools where the young men had played football or wres-

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IN FRANTIC CROWD, A SUICIDE BOMBER HID IN PLAIN SIGHT

Attacker Ignited Explosives at Airport as
U.S. Troops Moved to Frisk Him

This article is by Helene Cooper, Eric Schmitt and Thomas Gibbons-Neff.

WASHINGTON — The suicide bomber waited until the last possible moment, U.S. officials said.

A crowd straining to get into Hamid Karzai International Airport had converged on Abbey Gate, a main entryway manned by Marines and other service members. The troops knew that they could be targeted in an attack; just the day before, the State Department had warned of a "credible" threat at three gates at the airport, where more than 5,000 American troops had helped to evacuate more than 100,000 people in less than two weeks. Abbey Gate was on the list.

Airport security had closed two of the gates, but decided to leave Abbey Gate open, U.S. officials said.

They also said that, earlier in the day, Taliban commanders and fighters manning checkpoints along the airport route twice pushed back surging crowds, but they came back again.

That third time, someone else came with them.

At 5:48 p.m., the bomber, wearing a 25-pound explosive vest under clothing, walked up to the group of Americans who were frisking people hoping to enter the complex. He waited, officials said, until just before he was about to be searched by the American troops. And then he detonated the bomb, which was unusually large for a suicide vest, killing himself and igniting an attack that would leave dozens of people dead, including 13 American service members.

"This is close-up war — the breath of the person you are searching is upon you," Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., the head of United States Central Command, said on Thursday after the attack, describing the face-to-face contact between the bomber and the troops. "The bomber and the troops must search before allowing them to enter."

Pentagon officials said they were still piecing together the chain of events that took place at Abbey Gate on Thursday. There will be after-action reviews and storyboards with detailed lists of

what led up to that moment. There will be questions: Why were so many service members grouped so close together? How did the bomber evade the Taliban checkpoints? Did someone let him through?

U.S. military forces conducted their first reprisal strike in Afghanistan since the attack on Friday, "an over-the-horizon counterterrorism operation" in the Nangarhar Province "against an ISIS-K planner," said Capt. Bill Urban, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command, referring to the Afghan affiliate of the Islamic State that claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack.

"Initial indications are that we killed the target," he said. "We know of no civilian casualties."

As the scope of the damage



Standing guard at the site of the blast at the Kabul airport.

from Thursday's bombing became clearer, health officials in Kabul raised the death toll, saying at least 170 people had been killed. Afghans seeking to escape Taliban rule continued to stream to the airport on Friday, but the size of the crowd was estimated in the hundreds, down from the thousands who were there when the blast occurred. The airport remained largely locked down, although evacuation flights continued. Just after 2 p.m. Friday, as another gray-tailed U.S. aircraft

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COUNTERATTACK The U.S. said its drone strike appeared to have killed an ISIS-K planner. PAGE A9

Adams Works Social Circuits In Donor Blitz

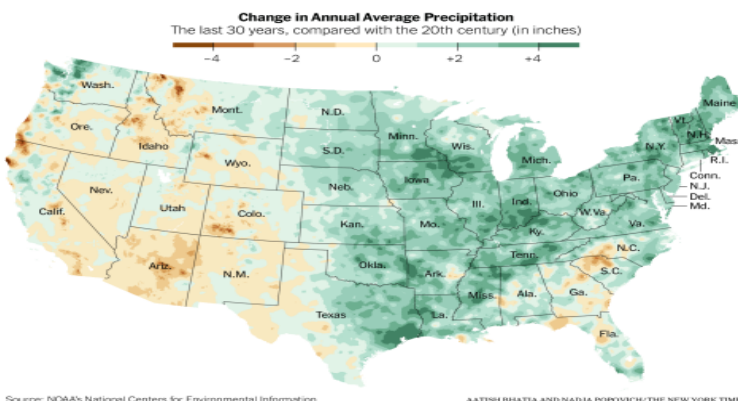
By DANA RUBINSTEIN
and EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS

On Martha's Vineyard last weekend, as most residents braced for the possible arrival of Hurricane Henri, a smaller gathering focused on a more certain visitor: Eric Adams, New York City's likely next mayor.

Mr. Adams mingled on Friday with potential donors at a fundraiser in Oak Bluffs, a historically Black section of the island. A day later, Mr. Adams traveled to the opposite end of the island, for a fund-raiser hosted at the waterfront retreat of Zach Iscol, a businessman who ran for mayor and then comptroller during the June 22 primary election. Caroline Kennedy attended.

The weekend before, Mr. Adams was in the Hamptons, donning a bright red blazer with polka dot elbow patches at a fund-raiser hosted by John Catsimatidis, the Republican billionaire, and attending a separate meeting with the venture capitalist Lisa Blau.

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Source: NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

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America's Getting Drier. Yet Wetter, Too.

The United States, like most countries, is facing a shift in the amount of precipitation it is seeing in the era of climate change. But whether that means you are experiencing a deep drought or record-breaking rains depends on where you live. PAGE A15.

Crush of Patients, Struggling For Air, Fills Children's Hospital

By NOAH WEILAND
and ERIN SCHAFF

NEW ORLEANS — Helpless to improve her infant son's breathing as he was about to be intubated, Catherine Perrilloux did the only thing that came naturally to her in that moment, the worst of her life. She looked away and prayed. The boy, known as Junior, was two months old and gravely ill with Covid-19.

"I see a bunch of them crowding around the room with the ventilator machine, and then they pull out the tubing, and I'm just losing control," Ms. Perrilloux, a dean at a nearby private school, recalled last week in her son's room in the pediatric intensive care unit. "There's nothing that you could say to make it better. You can't do anything. It's just paralyzing."

At Children's Hospital New Orleans, where the intensive care unit has been jammed with Covid-19 patients, scenes like this have played out unrelentingly over the past month. Nurses raced around monitoring one gut-wrenching case after another. One child was getting a complicated



An infant in the I.C.U. at Children's Hospital New Orleans.

breathing treatment known as ECMO, a last resort after ventilators fail, which nurses said was almost unheard-of for pediatric cases. About a half-dozen others were in various stages of distress.

"We all thought, 'Well, thankfully it's not happening to the kids; none of us would be able to stomach that,'" said Mark Melancon, a longtime nurse at the hospital, recalling previous stages of the coronavirus pandemic. "Fast forward to now, and it's happening

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California's governor will have the final say on freeing Sirhan Sirhan, who killed Robert F. Kennedy in 1968. PAGE A15

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Fed chief maintains recovery optimism

Central bank could start tapering its supportive measures later this year

BY RACHEL SIEGEL

The American recovery appears to be strongly on track despite lingering uncertainty about the surging coronavirus, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell said Friday, adding that continued progress could spur the central bank to start unwinding its support for the U.S. economy later this year.

Powell reassessed his belief that rising inflation will be a temporary feature of the recovery, even as prices rise at a faster clip than many Fed policymakers expected. And Powell said he was optimistic that the labor market would keep gaining momentum, positioning the Fed to ease up its sprawling bond-buying program that has supported the markets through much of the coronavirus crisis.

"Before the pandemic, we all saw the extraordinary benefits that a strong labor market can deliver to our society," Powell said in remarks delivered Friday morning at a conference hosted by the Kansas City Fed. "Despite today's challenges, the economy is on a path to just such a labor market, with high levels of employment and participation, broadly shared wage gains and inflation running close to our price stability goal."

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U.S. bases set to house up to 50,000 Afghans



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Afghans arrive at Dulles International Airport on Friday, where some have faced long waits on planes before screening and processing. All flights carrying Afghan evacuees to the United States are being funneled to Dulles Airport. Story, A7

Taliban faces struggle on security

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE, EZZATULLAH MEHRDAD AND SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

KABUL — Despite its brutality and harsh Islamic codes, the Taliban was accepted by many Afghans who lived under its rule for a singular reason: The militants were thought to provide better security than previous governments, more so than any other force that had emerged in Afghanistan.

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A day after an Islamic State-Khorasan suicide bomber killed 13 U.S. service members and at least 170 others at Kabul's airport — one of the country's deadliest terrorist episodes — there was little faith among some Afghans in the Taliban's ability or willingness to prevent future attacks.

"When the Taliban took control of the country, they promised us security," said Sadiq, a 33-year-old photographer who spoke on the condition that

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Bombing illustrates airport challenges

BY DAN LAMOTHE

The catastrophic loss of life in a suicide bombing at Kabul's international airport laid bare the challenges the U.S. military faced in an evacuation mission that relied on the Taliban to create an outside perimeter of checkpoints and forced Americans to search Afghan civilians without the security measures typically used while deployed, defense officials and combat veterans said.

The bomb detonated on Thursday afternoon in a crowded area

just outside the airport's Abbey Gate killed at least 170 people, including 13 U.S. troops, according to U.S. officials and the Taliban. The attack — which came after days of increasingly dire warnings that the Islamic State affiliate in Afghanistan was plotting to strike the airport — left dozens of bodies piled in a sewage ditch that desperate Afghans had been traversing while trying to evacuate, following the Taliban's takeover of Kabul.

The deaths and chaos have

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BOMBING ESCALATES FEAR AND URGENCY

Pentagon: Drone strike appears to kill ISIS target

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN AND ALEX HORTON

The U.S. military is destroying equipment at the Kabul airport and more than doubling its temporary housing capacity on bases in the United States to extract as many people from Afghanistan as possible before Tuesday's withdrawal deadline.

The military will be able to accommodate up to 50,000 Afghans at seven bases and facilities in the United States, said Pentagon spokesman John Kirby, who announced that Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, and Fort Pickett and Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia had been added to the four installations already part of the operation.

The airlift, which as of Friday morning had carried upwards of 110,000 people out of Kabul, is entering its last four days amid intense urgency, with Hamid Karzai International Airport reeling from a terrorist attack Thursday that killed 13 U.S. service members and at least 170 others — the vast majority of them Afghans.

As of midday Friday, about 14,000 Afghan evacuees had arrived in the United States via Dulles International Airport, according to Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D). According to Air Force Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, the commander of U.S. Northern Command, 6,578 Afghans had arrived at the four military

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Even before ruling, eviction ban had been booted

High court made its demise official, but judges in some states had been undercutting it for weeks

BY MARISSA J. LANG

BILOXI, MISS. — The U.S. Supreme Court overturned a federal eviction moratorium late Thursday, allowing evictions to resume all across the country. But in several states grappling with a new surge in coronavirus cases, the policy has been effectively dead for weeks.

In counties where judges barely enforced the moratorium, undercut it or ignored it because they were skeptical of its legal underpinnings or simply disagreed, the Supreme Court's decision will probably make little difference: The moratorium's protections — meant to keep people in their homes amid rising cases of the coronavirus — had already been almost completely eroded.

In mid-March, the Texas Supreme Court refused to extend

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Shea Mills, 38, lost her job in the pandemic. She gained rental aid, but late fees tipped the scale and, after a second eviction notice, she left her apartment. She couldn't "go through the anxiety of it all."

Parents press doctors to inoculate under-12 kids

As school year nears, a deluge of worried pleas to skirt FDA guidelines

BY FRANCES STEAD SELLERS AND ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA

Jason Goldstein has every incentive to get his youngest child vaccinated. The 11-year-old has health issues that could make covid-19 particularly dangerous for him.

But the Baltimore pediatrician is abiding by the same advice he has given to the 50 or more parents who have called him recently. "We all want our children to get the best protection," he said. "And just as much as we want to do it, we want to do it in the safest way possible. We've got to wait for the data to play out."

As the start of the school year nears, pediatricians say they are being deluged by calls from anxious parents, who are eager to get their children vaccinated against

the virus that continues its deadly rampage, especially as the delta variant appears to exact a greater toll on kids. Some parents are seeking ways to get the shots before federal officials give the go-ahead, with more than 2,100 children with covid-19 hospitalized, according to a Washington Post analysis of federal data.

While the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized for children 12 and up and was granted full approval this week for anyone over 16 — giving doctors flexibility in how they use the shots, as long as the uses are considered reasonable — it isn't clear when younger children may be eligible to roll up their sleeves. The Food and Drug Administration's timetable for authorizing shots for younger children ranges from later this year to early next.

"It's hard," said Goldstein, who

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Razão só prevalecerá se houver debate aberto

Convidado do Fronteiras do Pensamento, o docente canadense diz ser preciso racionalidade para enfrentar impasses atuais, como revelou a pandemia.

Entender por que tantos creem em conspirações e cloroquina é um passo para buscar o confronto de ideias que induzam as pessoas a verem opções mais sensatas. Ilustrada C1 e C2

População do Brasil chega a 213,3 mi, diz IBGE

A população brasileira alcançou em 2021 a marca de 213,3 milhões de habitantes, indica estimativa do IBGE. O estudo tem 1º de julho como referência.

O município de São Paulo continua sendo o mais populoso do país, seguido por Rio de Janeiro, Brasília e Salvador. Cotidiano B4

Doria faz exclusão em série de alunos da rede estadual

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Atrasado na 2ª dose, Brasil tem legião de 'meio vacinados'

País tem terceira maior lacuna entre os 100% imunizados e quem foi só parcialmente, abrindo flanco para o vírus

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O Brasil é hoje o terceiro país com maior discrepância entre pessoas que completaram o esquema vacinal contra a Covid e aquelas que estão parcialmente imunizadas, tendo recebido uma dose das vacinas que exigem duas, entre os 130 que disponibilizam dados. Apenas Costa Rica e Taiwan têm lacunas maiores.

Embora o país esteja no grupo intermediário de cobertura vacinal para primeira dose, com 62% inoculados, e tenha recomendado uma dose extra a pessoas com mais de 70 anos, apenas 28% aqui têm imunização completa. Os Estados Unidos, por exemplo, contam com 60% da população parcialmente vacinada e 51% com esquema completo.

Ou seja: enquanto os americanos têm 9% da população com "meia vacina", o Brasil tem 34,3%. Na Costa Rica, essa lacuna é de 39,4 pontos, e em Taiwan, de 37,1.

Embora a primeira dose traga alguma proteção contra a doença, ainda que ela varie conforme o fabricante, completar o esquema é fundamental para elevar e alongar a imunidade. Saúde B1

Total da população vacinada

	ao menos uma dose*	totalmente vacinada*
Brasil	62,0 %	27,9 %
MS	72,0 %	42,7 %
SP	73,4 %	35,4 %
RS	68,0 %	34,1 %
Totalmente vacinada		



Total de doses aplicadas

	1ª	2ª	única
Brasil	128,1 mi	55,5 mi	4,1 mi
1º SP	33,3 mi	15,4 mi	1,1 mi
2º MG	12,7 mi	5,2 mi	476,1 mil
3º RJ	9,9 mi	4,3 mi	321,4 mil

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	20,7 mi	578,4 mil
Méd. móvel	25,1 mil	677
Variação***	-16,1 %	-22,4 %
Em 24 h	28,3 mil	791

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Brasil

Dados das 20h de 27 ago
* Tornou dose única ou 1ª dose
** Tornou dose única ou 2ª dose
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Guedes defende diluir alta na energia para atenuar inflação

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L'Amérique meurtrie et humiliée à Kaboul

L'attentat qui a tué 85 personnes, dont 13 soldats américains, jeudi soir dans la capitale afghane, transforme la calamiteuse opération d'évacuation américaine en crise majeure pour l'Administration Biden.

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La limitation à 30 km/h dans les grandes villes suscite la polémique

Dès lundi, la vitesse sera réduite à 30 km/h dans la quasi-totalité des rues de la capitale. Paris suit une tendance qui, depuis une dizaine d'années, voit de plus en plus de villes adopter

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Un an après son lancement, la 5G se déploie à grande échelle

Malgré l'opposition initiale de certains élus de grandes villes, notamment écologistes, la téléphonie de nouvelle génération s'installe à grande vitesse sur tout le territoire.

Les consommateurs s'y convertissent aussi : selon les opérateurs télécoms, un nouvel appareil sur deux vendus aujourd'hui est 5G. **PAGES 24 ET 25**

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Le vieil homme et les terroristes

Lorsqu'il a ordonné de replier le drapeau étoilé sur la grande base de Bagram, évacuée début juillet sans même avoir prévenu le commandant afghan local, Joe Biden a amorcé un engrenage fatal. Il fait bien d'« assumer la responsabilité des événements récents », car les soixante-douze Afghans et treize soldats américains tués dans l'attaque de l'aéroport à Kaboul sont à mettre au compte de ses erreurs. Du haut de ses quatre décennies d'expérience des affaires étrangères, il a figé à l'avance la date d'un retrait sans condition et exfiltré les soldats avant de rapatrier les civils et le matériel, à rebours du bon sens militaire. Dans la manœuvre, Biden a mis l'Amérique dans le fossé. À le voir jeudi soir saluer d'un visage de cire les « héros » américains, tout en promettant de « traquer et faire payer » les terroristes, il était difficile de se convaincre que le vieil homme a la main assez sûre pour piloter une grande puissance. La fuite de Kaboul restera dans les annales comme un désastre sanglant. Le « succès » que constituerait l'évacuation désordonnée de quelque 100 000 civils ne masquera pas longtemps un double échec : l'abandon d'au

moins autant de vrais supplétifs des Occidentaux et l'exode d'un demi-million d'Afghans qui, selon l'ONU, s'apprennent à quitter le pays par leurs propres moyens. Quant à la promesse implicite que les talibans, en quête de respectabilité, assureraient notre sécurité face à leurs concurrents terroristes, elle a fait long feu. Dépassés et incompétents, ils ont montré leurs limites sur ce qui était censé être leur point fort, la sécurité, et ne feront pas mieux que tous les régimes islamistes pour le bonheur de leur population. Le résultat se dessine déjà :

En Afghanistan, Biden a mis l'Amérique dans le fossé

un Afghanistan redevenu un « hub » djihadiste où il faudra un doctorat pour distinguer entre alliés et rivaux du pouvoir en place. Après le 11 Septembre, George W. Bush avait justifié ses guerres lointaines par la nécessité de « combattre les terroristes là-bas pour ne pas les affronter ici ». En vingt ans, 2 300 soldats américains sont morts en Afghanistan et 107 civils dans des attentats islamistes aux États-Unis. Retour à la case départ ? ■

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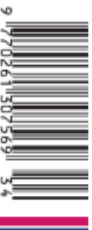
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Fear and fury as thousands abandoned to Taliban

People eligible to come to UK are left stranded by 'hugely mismanaged' British rescue effort

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Thousands of people eligible to come to the UK face an uncertain fate after the British evacuation from Kabul drew to a close last night, with some describing fury and fear at being abandoned to the Taliban in a "hugely mismanaged" rescue effort.

Ministers have conceded that at least 1,100 Afghan nationals will not

be removed in time, but some MPs say this is a vast underestimate of the true number now vulnerable to the new regime and a deteriorating security situation.

"That figure is a fraction of the total sum and a further slap in the face for the brave Afghans prepared to work with the UK for two decades," said the Labour MP Neil Coyle.

Concern was heightened after Britain announced it had shut its processing centre in Kabul early yesterday, leaving the defence secretary, Ben Wallace, to admit "with deep regret" that many British citizens and Afghans who had worked with the UK were unable to leave.

Thousands of Afghans still congregated outside the city's airport in a last desperate attempt to force their way on to one of the few remaining flights out of the country, despite a bomb and gun attack on Thursday that killed at least 90 people.

Yesterday the foreign secretary, Dominic Raab, said two UK nationals and the teenage child of another Briton were confirmed to be among the dead, while a UK adult and a child with a British family were injured.

Boris Johnson said the deaths underlined the urgency of concluding Operation Pitting - the operation to evacuate British nationals and eligible Afghans from Afghanistan.

"Of course, as we come down to the final hours of the operation there will sadly be people who haven't got through, people



Escape from Kabul
I left everything behind to save my life'

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