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Cars were stranded on the flooded Major Deegan Expressway in the Bronx, N.Y., on Thursday after the storm.

Ida Causes Massive Flooding, Kills at Least 41 in Northeast

States in the Northeast began recovery efforts after the remnants of Hurricane Ida unleashed record-breaking rain-falls, flash floods and tornadoes in a powerful burst that killed at least 41 people.

By James Fanelli,
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and Valerie Bauerlein

does in a powerful burst that blindsided some in the region and killed at least 41 people. The death toll doubled late Thursday afternoon, when New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy reported the tally in his state.

At least 23 people died there, the majority caught in vehicles by floodwaters, Mr. Murphy said. Some people were missing since the storm, but he didn't say how many.

"We are still very much in the midst of the impacts of Ida," Mr. Murphy, a Democrat, said. The storm cut a path from Maryland to Connecticut on Wednesday night, trapping some people in basements in fast-rising water and others in cars on flooded roads. In southern New Jersey, tornadoes tore through homes,

farms and trees.

Thousands of people across the region had to be rescued by first-responder crews traversing waist-high waters in boats and other vehicles, according to officials in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The flooding stranded hundreds of New Yorkers in cars and subway trains late Wednesday into Thursday, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio said. At least 13 people died from flooding in the city, including 11 in basements of residential homes, city officials said. Nearly 500 vehicles were abandoned in the city and had to be removed Thursday, police officials said.

Officials in the region said that they were assessing the damage and called the speed of the rainfall unprecedented.

"Even the morning after, we are still uncovering the true depth of the loss," New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, said during a news conference. *Please turn to page A6*

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Justices' Abortion Decision Sets Off Scramble

High court's order to let a Texas law stand alters legal landscape for both sides of issue

By JACOB GERSHMAN

The legal standing of abortion has been plunged into turmoil after the Supreme Court declined to block a restrictive new Texas law, leaving both sides of the debate struggling to navigate terrain that is at its most uncertain since the court recognized a constitutional right to the procedure nearly 50 years ago.

In a 5-4 late-night ruling Wednesday, the conservative bloc of justices held sway over dissenting views from Chief Justice John Roberts and the court's liberal minority and allowed the nation's toughest restrictions on abortions to stay in effect at least for now.

The ruling was decided on largely technical grounds, with the majority emphasizing it wasn't ruling on the law's constitutionality. But to the surprise of many, it left in place a law that effectively shut down most abortions in the second-most populous state.

To abortion-rights supporters and foes alike, the ruling was seen as a potential turning point in a bitterly contested debate that has long rested on the presumption that as long as Roe v. Wade stands as precedent, sweeping restrictions on abortion cannot withstand judicial review.

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Neighbors Close Off Afghans' Exit Paths

By SAEED SHAH

ISLAMABAD—Afghanistan's neighbors have closed their land borders to people trying to flee their new Taliban rulers, trapping tens of thousands of people who are eligible to resettle in the U.S. and other countries but were unable to enter the airport in Kabul before the international airlift ended.

None of Afghanistan's airports are currently open, though Qatar has begun efforts to restore flight operations in Kabul. This means that the few at-risk Afghans who managed to leave overland were trafficked out or used fake documents.

The U.S. estimates that the

majority of Afghan interpreters and others who had applied for visas to flee the country were left behind after August's international evacuation effort transported more than 120,000 people from Kabul, a senior State Department official said.

In Kabul on Thursday, the Taliban started preparing for the official inauguration of their government that is expected in the coming days. Thousands of white flags of the Taliban's Islamic Emirate are being manufactured, according to footage on social media. In the Panjshir valley. *Please turn to page A8*

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AMANDA GORMAN

SPAC Rout Erases \$75 Billion From Value of Startups

By AMRITH RAMKUMAR

The blank-check boom has turned into a rout. More than six months after the SPAC craze crested, a broad selloff has wiped about \$75 billion off the value of companies that came public through special-purpose acquisition companies, according to a Dow Jones Market Data analysis of figures from SPAC Research.

A group of 137 SPACs that closed mergers by mid-February have lost 25% of their com-

bined value. At one point last month, the pullback topped \$100 billion. The analysis also found that companies that hadn't closed mergers as of mid-February or those that are no longer trading.

Over the same span, an exchange-traded fund that tracks companies that recently went public through initial public offerings slid 12%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average *Please turn to page A2*

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Fund Executives to Pay \$7 Billion Settlement

By GREGORY ZUCKERMAN
AND RICHARD RUBIN

Current and former executives of hedge fund Renaissance Technologies LLC will pay as much as \$7 billion in back taxes, interest and penalties to settle a long-running dispute with the Internal Revenue Service, the firm said, one of the largest tax settlements in history.

James Simons—the quantitative-investing pioneer who started Renaissance before retiring as the firm's chairman on Jan. 1—will make an additional "settlement payment" of \$670 million, according to the firm. Mr. Simons also will pay back taxes related to his gains from trades that sparked the dispute.

The dispute relates to moves the firm's Medallion fund took between 2005 and 2015 to convert short-term trading gains into long-term profits. It has been closely fol-

lowed in the worlds of finance and politics because of the enormous amounts involved and because Renaissance's leaders are among the largest political donors in the U.S.

Mr. Simons has been a long-term supporter of Democratic candidates—while Robert Mercer, another Renaissance executive, has backed Republican causes and politicians, including former President Donald Trump.

"We engaged for several years in the IRS Appeals process, in which we vigorously advocated the correctness of Medallion's tax reporting," Peter Brown, Renaissance's chief executive, wrote in a letter to Medallion's investors on Thursday. "Renaissance's board eventually concluded that the interests of our investors from the relevant period would be best served by agreeing to this resolution with the IRS, rather than risking a worse outcome." *Please turn to page A5*

Japanese Leader Suga to Step Down

By PETER LANDERS

TOKYO—Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said he wouldn't seek re-election as ruling-party leader, effectively ending his term after just a year and bringing back political instability in one of Washington's most important allies. Japan's recent wave of Covid-19 cases caused by the Delta variant did irreparable damage to Mr. Suga's leadership, and his support rating in recent polls fell below 30%. Public dissatisfaction rose even after a relatively problem-free Tokyo Olympics, which included a record medal haul for the home team.

Mr. Suga, 72 years old, said he wouldn't be a candidate in *Please turn to page A9*

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Xi unveils plan for new SME stock market in Beijing

- Part of 'common prosperity' goals
- Support for innovation and start-ups

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China will create a new stock exchange in Beijing to support the growth of small and medium-sized businesses and its capital markets.

Xi Jinping, China's president, told an international trade fair yesterday that the new exchange in the capital would be the primary platform for serving "innovation-orientated SMEs".

The announcement is China's latest effort in a long-running campaign to develop its onshore capital markets. Focus has been sharpened in recent months with rising regulatory scrutiny of domestic companies listed offshore.

China has expanded to embrace companies listing on Wall Street. "This is a clear-cut example of Beijing seeking to make markets serve the real economy and... its long-term development objectives," said Rory Green, head of China research at TSLombard.

The launch comes as Xi's government pursues a series of regulatory and policy reforms. A crackdown that initially targeted fintech lending and antitrust abuses has expanded to embrace companies across Chinese business sectors, from education and gaming to ride-hailing and food deliveries. Xi has also signalled a pivot towards "common prosperity", a goal that encompasses wealth redistribution and is part of a broadside against the business elite.

For investors the new exchange "underscores a positive side to China's

intervention", Green added. "While areas that do not comply with 'common prosperity' goals will be penalised, sectors that help secure long-term objectives have a significant policy tailwind."

The China Securities Regulatory Commission, the country's top markets regulator, said the new exchange in Beijing would improve China's capital market systems and deepen supply-side structural reforms.

The CSRC this week said it would clamp down on private equity industry funds if they diverged from supporting innovation and start-ups.

China has had patchy success building up its new stock markets in recent years. Shanghai's Star Market was touted as the country's answer to New York's tech-focused Nasdaq when it launched in July 2019. But after an initial flurry of listings it has had an uneven performance this year, drawing complaints about a cumbersome vetting process and the quality of listings.

The bourse has been hit by a record number of suspended initial public offerings after Beijing's decision to shelve the listing of Ant Group in Shanghai and Hong Kong amid concerns over the company's lending business — raising fears of tighter regulatory scrutiny.

The Star 50 index tracking the largest companies on the tech-focused market is up just 0.5 per cent in 2021, despite the ostensible policy support of Star-listed groups from Beijing.

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Subway New York stations flooded as tail-end of Hurricane Ida lashes city



Water gushes through a New York subway platform on Wednesday night as remnants of Hurricane Ida unleashed torrential rain storms on the city and surrounding areas, killing at least 14 people.

In New York City, eight people

died after being trapped in flooded basements with six further deaths in New Jersey.

The storm broke the record for the most rainfall observed in Central Park in one hour, with 5.15 inches falling.

The transport network was badly hit, with commuters

stranded overnight. Lines on the subway system were still suspended yesterday. Newark airport briefly evacuated its air traffic control tower due to dangerous winds.

The overall cost to insurers is expected to be \$1.5bn-\$2.5bn. **Ida hits east coast page 2**

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China said the US must improve relations with Beijing to win co-operation on global warming, ahead of a meeting between climate-change envoys John Kerry and Xie Zhenhua. — PAGE 4

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China's Alibaba has promised to give Rmb100bn (\$15.5bn) to projects in support of President Xi Jinping's "common prosperity" campaign as Beijing continues its clampdown on the tech sector. — PAGE 6

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After a slow start, YouTube's paid music streaming services have passed the 50m subscriber milestone, as the Google-owned unit is locked in competition with Amazon, Apple and Spotify. — PAGE 8

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The US road freight industry is calling for more foreign truckers to be allowed to operate in the country because of a shortage of drivers that has been made worse by the pandemic. — PAGE 8

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Covid impact on Europeans

Pandemic's effect on respondents (Q3)

None By illness Only economic

Denmark Germany France Sweden Italy Bulgaria Poland Spain

Source: ECFR, YouGov, Datastraps, Alpha (Survey from May-June 2021)

Southern/eastern Europeans have had different Covid experiences from northern/western ones.

Among Danes, 72 per cent said it caused them no serious illness, bereavement or economic distress, against 36 per cent of Spaniards.



Bridgepoint's executive awards stay under wraps

This year Bridgepoint became the first private equity firm to list on the London Stock Exchange since 1994, but the group's convoluted structure means its top executives' rewards stay private. Unlike leading US peers, the company was able to shield from investor scrutiny millions of pounds in payments known as "carried interest". While perfectly legal, this has attracted criticism not only of the business, but of regulators and policymakers.

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'Bond king' calls time on Treasuries and predicts big losses for investors

TOMMY STUBBINGTON — LONDON

Former bond investor Bill Gross has lashed out at the asset class that made his name and fortune, predicting that buying "trash" US government debt will be a losing bet.

Gross, the erstwhile "bond king" who built Pimco into a \$2tn asset manager before his departure in 2014, fired the latest salvo against bonds in an investment outlook on his website.

US Treasury yields have slumped in recent months, reflecting a powerful rally in global debt prices that has blindsided many big investors. The 10-year Treasury yield — a benchmark for financial assets around the world — was just 1.29 per cent yesterday, far below its late-March peak of 1.75 per cent.

At today's level, yields have "nowhere to go but up" given the Federal Reserve

is soon expected to start winding down its bond-buying programme, wrote Gross. The 77-year-old, who retired from professional fund management two years ago, said he expected the 10-year Treasury yield to rise to 2 per cent over the next 12 months, resulting in a loss of about 3 per cent for investors as bond prices fall.

"With quantitative easing about to reverse, it's more than obvious that the \$120bn-a-month Federal Reserve deluge will probably end sometime in mid-2022 given inflation at greater than 2 per cent and economic growth prospects remaining optimistic," he wrote, adding that the central bank had bought 60 per cent of net issuance by the US government over the past year.

"How willing, therefore, will private markets be to absorb this future 60 per cent in mid-2022 and beyond?"

He added: "Cash has been trash for a long time but there are now new contenders for the investment garbage can. Intermediate to long-term bond funds are in that trash receptacle for sure."

After founding Pimco 50 years ago, Gross revolutionised bond investing as he built up the world's largest fixed-income asset manager. It is not the first time Gross has called time on the four-decade bull market in bonds: in March he said he was shorting Treasuries, expecting yields to climb to 3 per cent.

But Gross is not the only investor to be caught out by this year's Treasury rally. Many heavyweight bond investors stuck with their bearish bets even as yields plunged in July, a move that led to big losses for some high-profile hedge funds that had piled into the so-called refutation trade.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Sep 2	prev	%chg			Sep 2	prev	%chg			price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4540.23	4524.09	0.36	\$ per £	1.157	1.155	0.723	0.725	US Gov 10 yr		148.98	1.30	0.00	
Nasdaq Composite	15390.42	15300.38	0.33	\$ per €	1.383	1.379	1.166	1.163	UK Gov 10 yr			0.59	-0.01	
Dow Jones Ind	35486.21	35312.53	0.44	€ per \$	0.858	0.860	130.512	130.400	Gov Gov 10 yr			-0.39	-0.01	
FTSE100	1827.47	1822.15	0.29	¥ per \$	106.975	110.005	108.480	81.550	Jpn Gov 10 yr		115.83	0.03	0.00	
Euro Stoxx 50	4234.24	4227.27	0.16	¥ per €	152.139	151.654	116.25	1.91	US Gov 30 yr		116.25	1.91	-0.01	
FTSE 200	7183.90	7149.84	0.20	Sfr per €	1.085	1.084	105.46	-0.73	Gov Gov 2 yr		105.46	-0.73	-0.01	
FTSE All-Share	4133.54	4129.63	0.12	€ per \$	0.843	0.844								
CAC 40	6763.08	6758.69	0.06											
Asian Stoxx	15840.93	15824.29	0.10											
Nikkei	29543.53	29451.02	0.33											
Hong Kong	26930.43	26828.29	0.24											
MSCI World \$	3151.66	3141.35	0.33	Oil WTI \$	70.34	69.58	2.55		Fed Funds Eff		0.10	0.09	0.02	
MSCI EM \$	1312.44	1308.67	0.29	Oil Brent \$	73.26	71.58	2.33		US 3m Bills		0.05	0.04	0.01	
MSCI ACWI \$	743.67	741.27	0.32	Gold \$	1811.80	1814.95	-0.17		Euro Libor 3m		-0.57	-1.96	-0.01	
									UK 3m		0.07	0.07	0.00	

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TEXAS LAW ALTERS ABORTION BATTLE ACROSS COUNTRY

MOVE SOWS CONFUSION

Clinics Struggle for Legal Strategy as Near Ban Takes Effect

This article is by J. David Goodman, Sabrina Tavernise, Ruth Graham and Edgar Sandoval.

HOUSTON — When the Supreme Court decided this week that Texas could carry out and enforce the nation's most restrictive anti-abortion law, even some staunch abortion opponents were surprised.

The ruling suddenly forced them, as well as abortion providers, to confront a legal situation that has little precedent but an immediate impact on women across the state.

The law essentially bans abortions after six weeks of pregnancy and, uniquely, allows private citizens to bring suit against abortion providers. On Thursday, anti-abortion groups were on the hunt for viable lawsuits even as other conservative states considered emulating the Texas legislation. "You can only dream of these kinds of things," said Melanie Salazar, who headed a student anti-abortion group at the University of Texas at San Antonio. "To be young, to be an activist, this is definitely a celebratory time."

Abortion rights groups and providers steeled themselves for potential legal fights, vowing to comply with the law even as they fought for it to be thrown out.

The uncertainty came after the conservative-leaning Supreme Court declined late Wednesday to temporarily halt the restrictions, a decision that heightened expectations among anti-abortion groups that Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision establishing a constitutional right to the procedure, could soon be overruled by the court.

It also pushed the issue of reproductive rights to the forefront of Democratic campaigns in Texas and around the country.

President Biden called the law, and the Supreme Court's decision to let it stand, an "unprecedented assault on constitutional rights" and pledged to explore steps the federal government could take "to insulate those in Texas from this law and ensure access to safe and legal abortions." Speaker Nancy Pelosi vowed to call a vote on a measure that would protect abortion access for women.

Although the law does not allow those seeking abortions to be sued, panic and confusion reigned among women in the process of seeking the procedure on Thursday. Call centers for abortion services turned into help lines crowded with crying women weighing unforeseen circumstances and undesired options. Some began seeking services by crossing state lines. Others won't.

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A BATTLE WON Conservatives have long fought to gain a solid anti-abortion majority. PAGE A17

SUDDEN SHIFT The justices' decision puts abortion in the middle of the political maelstrom. PAGE A16

Court's 'Shadow Docket' Draws Scrutiny, and Fire, From All Sides

By CHARLIE SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — Most of the time, the Supreme Court appears to the public like a cautiously deliberative body. Before issuing major rulings, the justices pore over extensive written briefs, grill lawyers in oral arguments and



MILLBURN, N.J. Wedding dresses were destroyed by flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Ida.



BROOKLYN Water nearly touched the ceiling in the basement apartment where Roberto Bravo died.



PHILADELPHIA The Schuylkill reached near-record levels, inundating highways and parking lots.

then take months to draft opinions explaining their reasoning, which they release at precisely calibrated moments.

Then there is the "shadow docket."

With increasing frequency, the court is taking up weighty matters in a rushed way, considering emergency petitions that often

yield late-night decisions issued with minimal or no written opinions. Such orders have reshaped the legal landscape in recent years on high-profile matters like changes to immigration enforcement, disputes over election rules, and public-health orders barring religious gatherings and evictions during the pandemic.

The latest and perhaps most powerful example came just before midnight on Wednesday, when the court ruled 5 to 4 to leave in place a novel Texas law that bars most abortions in the state — a momentous development in the decades-long judicial battle over

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DOZENS ARE DEAD AS RECORD DELUGE STUNS NORTHEAST

Storm Ravages Infrastructure in 4 States — Region's Worst Toll Since 2012

By ANDY NEWMAN

Three days after Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana, its weakened remnants tore into the Northeast and claimed at least 43 lives across New York, New Jersey and two other states in an onslaught that ended Thursday and served as an ominous sign of climate change's capacity to wreak new kinds of havoc.

The last storm this deadly in the region, Sandy in 2012, did its damage mostly through tidal surges. But most of this storm's toll — in both human life and property damage — reflected the extent to which the sheer volume of rain simply overwhelmed the infrastructure of a region built for a different meteorological era.

Officials warned that the unthinkable was quickly becoming the norm.

"There are no more cataclysmic 'unforeseeable' events," Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York said Thursday morning. "We need to foresee these in advance and be prepared."

The rain was shocking in its intensity. More than three inches fell in a single hour in Central Park on Wednesday night, shattering a record that had been set just days before by Tropical Storm Henri. Across the region, more than half a foot of rain fell within a few hours, and several places in New York and New Jersey reported more than nine inches.

The deluge turned streets to rivers across the Northeast and trapped people in flooded basement apartments. Emergency workers in boats rescued people stranded on the roofs of their cars.

THE VICTIMS They died trapped in homes and cars as a savage storm's raging water and howling winds caught many unprepared. PAGE A12

THE AFTERMATH Thursday's blue skies made the snarled subways, downed trees and stalled cars seem even more shocking. PAGE A14

Below Ground, Homes Turned To Death Traps

This article is by Mihir Zaveri, Matthew Haag, Adam Playford and Nate Schweber.

For about a year, Roberto Bravo lived in a windowless bedroom in a Brooklyn house owned by his brother, a dark basement unit he tried to cheer up with personal mementos: a photo of himself in a tuxedo surrounded by friends, and a flag of Ecuador, his home country, that he hung on the wall.

On Wednesday night, the apartment turned into a death trap as water gushed into his unit and quickly overwhelmed him.

He screamed for help — "Ayúdame por favor," "Please help me" — as the water climbed to the ceiling. He never made it out.

Cramped basement apartments have long been a prevalent piece of New York City's vast housing stock, a shadowy network of illegal rentals that often lack basic safety features like more than one way to get out, and that yet are a vital source of shelter for many immigrants like Mr. Bravo.

But after Wednesday's record-shattering rainfall, the underground units turned into tormented scenes of life and death: Of the 13 people killed so far in New York City in Wednesday's storm, at least 11 were in basement units, nearly as many dead as in Louisiana, where Hurricane Ida made landfall on Sunday.

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QUEENS Mourners outside the home of victims on Thursday.

north of Philadelphia, at least three by drowning. And a state police sergeant in Connecticut died after his car was swept away by floodwaters.

The storm also crippled mass transit. Much of New York City's subway system was partly or

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Fire and Floods, And Not Ready To Tackle Them

This article is by Christopher Flavelle, Anne Barnard, Brad Plumer and Michael Kimmelman.

In Louisiana and Mississippi, nearly one million people lack electricity and drinking water after a hurricane obliterated power lines. In California, wildfire menaces Lake Tahoe, forcing tens of thousands to flee. In Tennessee, flash floods killed at least 20; hundreds more perished in a heat wave in the Northwest. And in New York City, 7 inches of rain fell in just hours Wednesday, drowning people in their basements.

Disasters cascading across the country this summer have exposed a harsh reality: The United States is not ready for the extreme weather that is now becoming frequent as a result of a warming planet.

"These events tell us we're not prepared," said Alice Hill, who oversaw planning for climate risks on the National Security Council during the Obama administration. "We have built our cities, our communities, to a climate that no longer exists."

In remarks Thursday, President Biden acknowledged the challenge ahead. "And to the country, the past few days of Hurricane Ida and the wildfires in the West and the unprecedented flash floods in New York and New Jersey is yet another reminder that these ex-

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The few riders say trams still make sense in Kolkata, a city of 15 million. But trips seem mostly nostalgic. PAGE A4

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The abrupt loss of pandemic unemployment benefits to an estimated 7.5 million Americans could have long-term effects, not only for the recipients but also for the U.S. economy. PAGE B1

Taliban Face a Cash Crisis

The group has long tapped underground banks and opium to fund its insurgency in Afghanistan. Ending the nation's problems will require a lot more than that. PAGE B1

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ANALYSIS

Court signals end of Roe vs. Wade

Texas case suggests justices will allow laws that undo nationwide right to abortion.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority has sent its strongest signal to date that Roe vs. Wade will fall, having given a green light to the nation's second-most populous state to outlaw abortions after six weeks of pregnancy.

The justices did not overturn the right to abortion in the order they released at 11:58 p.m. Eastern time Wednesday on the Texas case, and they might not formally overrule Roe vs. Wade later this year when they take up a case from Mississippi.

But the five most conservative justices made it clear they would not protect women or their doctors if they face abortion-related penalties imposed by a state.

For the first time, President Trump's top appointees joined together to rule in an abortion dispute, aligning with Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr., who have opposed abortion rights in court opinions for more than 30 years. The justices rejected an appeal [See Analysis, A7]

Effect on 2022 midterm election
Supreme Court's ruling on Texas abortion ban stokes a political tinderbox. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

One war ends, but another continues

U.S. counter-terrorism mission in Afghanistan is far from over, Biden warns militant groups.

By CHRIS MEGHERIAN

WASHINGTON — Even as President Biden assured Americans that he was ending the war in Afghanistan, he directed a very different message to Islamic State terrorists who had killed U.S. service members in a suicide bombing there.

"We are not done with you yet," he said. The statement was a reminder that the "forever war" isn't really over, despite the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan after two decades. Instead of closing the door on American operations, Afghanistan will probably join the roster of countries where Washington has awarded itself sweeping powers to target a range of terrorist groups.

This new phase in Afghanistan could resemble operations in Somalia and Yemen, where U.S. forces [See War, A4]

Promise, peril in new Taliban era

U.S. exit has set off a geopolitical scramble in the region. **WORLD, A3**



WALLY SKALIJ Los Angeles Times

'WE'RE FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE'

A firefighter works to control a backfire during the battle against the Caldor fire on Thursday along Highway 89, west of Lake Tahoe. Favorable weather aided efforts to combat the blaze. **CALIFORNIA, B2**

THE GRIP MS-13 HOLDS ON MACARTHUR PARK

Attacks on transgender women expose the gang's shadow authority over the residents and economy on its L.A. turf

By MATTHEW ORMSETH AND MELISSA HERNANDEZ

Night settled on a woman sitting alone on a bench in MacArthur Park.

Three people moved toward her. One locked an arm around the woman's throat as the others pulled out knives and began to stab her.

The attack in October marked the second time in weeks that a transgender woman had been stabbed nearly to death in the Los Angeles park by members of MS-13, a street gang that considers the park the heart of its territory.

The vicious assaults drew condemnation from advocacy groups and a heavy police presence to the park as a straightforward narrative emerged: MS-13 had been motivated by a hateful, bigoted desire to rid its turf of transgender people. Left unmentioned, however, was the tangled underworld economics that brought the women and the gang into contact in the first place.

The women had been paying members of MS-13 a weekly fee — "taxes" in the gang's words — simply for permission to be in the park, according to police reports and interviews [See MS-13, A12]



JASON ARMOND Los Angeles Times

POLICE PATROL MacArthur Park. Two transgender women were stabbed last fall at the park, the heart of MS-13 territory.



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STORMS POUND NORTHEAST

Cars flooded on a New York highway were just a slice of the devastation wrought by record rainfall that killed more than 40 people. **NATION, A6**

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PAINFUL DEBATE OVER CRIME REFORM

Some are emboldened by the recall effort. Others are redefining the term 'victim.'

By ANITA CHABRIA AND JAMES QUEALLY

Marc Klaas remembers when victims' advocates like him wielded unchallenged influence in California — courted by elected leaders of both parties, pivotal in the enactment of the state's "three strikes" law in 1994 and decades of tough policies that followed.

"Our voices were loud and people were listening," said Klaas, whose 12-year-old daughter, Polly, was taken from her home and strangled in 1993 by a convicted kidnapper who'd been out on parole for only three months, a murder that shocked the nation and propelled Klaas into an anguishing spotlight. "It certainly had the politicians scrambling."

Over the last decade, as crime rates dropped, the clout of established victims groups ebbed as reformers successfully rolled back tough statutes they blamed for disproportionately incarcerating people of color. But tough on-crime traditionalists like Klaas are now feeling emboldened again in California. Some crime has surged during the pandemic, including homicides. Though the reasons are complex and not clearly understood, the spike is bolstering the arguments of incarceration hardliners that reform policies have failed.

The campaign to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom has made public safety a priority, and Klaas and his allies have seized on the recall fever [See Reform, A7]

Fear and loathing on campaign trail

Messages from Newsom and his GOP challengers have taken on dystopian feel. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Newsom, Elder make each other the focus in wake of a good poll for governor. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Caldor fire reduces Lake Tahoe clarity

Smoke and ash are clouding the famously clear water. Some fear the damage might last.

By TONY BARBOZA AND ANITA CHABRIA

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — The Caldor fire has triggered evacuations in two states, torched hundreds of homes, made the air hazardous to breathe and spurred President Biden to issue an emergency declaration.

But the erratic wildfire is also causing another problem for Lake Tahoe: Smoke and ash particles are entering the lake and clouding its world-famous crystal blue waters.

Burning for nearly three weeks now, the fire has scorched more than 210,000 acres and blanketed the region in a haze of smoke.

Readings in recent days show the lake's clarity — which is tracked by lowering a white disk below the surface and measuring the depth at which it disappears — has dropped to below normal for this time of year.

"We would expect to see something like 65 feet and we're seeing something more between 50 and 55 feet," said Geoff Schladow, director of the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center.

By Thursday, the heavy winds that had driven flames to the outskirts of South Lake Tahoe and the Nevada border earlier in the week had begun to subside, giving fire crews the opportunity to expand containment of the blaze. It also fueled a cautious optimism among some that the resort city had avoided devastation.

Scientists are trying to [See Tahoe, A9]

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Cars sit abandoned on the flooded Major Deegan Expressway in the Bronx after the remnants of Hurricane Ida ravaged New York.

Ida inflicts death, ruin on Northeast

Torrential rain, flooding kill more than 40 in region; officials warn intense weather is growing threat

BY BEN GUARINO,
PHILIP BUMP,
MARK BERMAN
AND MARC FISHER

NEW YORK — Ida had long since lost its hurricane status, but the storm that powered down New Orleans and forced thousands from their homes last weekend doused the New York-New Jersey area with near-biblical bursts of rain Wednesday night, killing more than 40 people, paralyzing transportation and raising alarms about the region's ability to handle a new wave of intense weather.

People drowned in their homes and perished in cars stuck on flooded roads. In the Flushing section of Queens in New York City, a family of three, including a 2-year-old, got trapped in their flooded basement apartment, called for help but died before it could arrive. Not far away, in Jamaica, two more people died when the building they lived in partially collapsed as it filled with rainwater.

In the 1,300 miles of Ida's beeline from Louisiana's Gulf Coast to New York City, the storm morphed from Category 4 hurricane into a sprawling mess of wind and water, but it packed an even deadlier wallop in its late phase, dumping more than three inches of rain on New York's Central Park in just



Police special operations personnel rescue a man from his flooded basement apartment Wednesday night in New York City. A family of three died in another basement unit.

one hour, a record and a deluge so intense that basements and tunnels filled up in minutes. There were 23 deaths in New Jersey alone, the state's governor said.

Throughout the area, thousands of people on their way home Wednesday night got stuck in trains, planes and cars that were suddenly engulfed. On New York City's F train, Jessica Guillaume, heading home from her job checking fabric quality in Manhattan's Garment District, found herself spending three harrowing hours in a stalled subway car with three other drenched and freezing people, none of whom could make out the rare announcements on the train's public-address system.

"They say we New Yorkers are not very friendly, but we were really looking out and worrying about each other," Guillaume said Thursday, finally dry and home. "We only had each other."

On her 10th day in office, New York's new governor, Kathy Hochul (D), said the storm constituted "the first time we've had a flash flood event of this proportion."

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Activists weigh next steps in abortion battle

FOES WATCH FOR VIOLATIONS OF TEXAS BAN

Novel legal strategy gives power to private citizens

BY ANN E. MARIMOW,
MATT ZAPOTOSKY
AND CAROLINE KITCHENER

Antiabortion activists celebrated a victory years in the making on Thursday, while abortion providers and their advocates anticipated their next legal move after the Supreme Court allowed Texas to implement the strictest abortion ban in the nation.

The 5-to-4 decision late Wednesday said the law, based on a novel strategy put forward by a former law clerk to the late Justice Antonin Scalia, could remain in effect ahead of lower court battles over whether it is constitutional.

The statute prohibits most abortions in Texas and empowers private citizens — rather than the government — to enforce the ban on abortions as early as six weeks

into pregnancy. Its enactment drew outrage from President Biden and other top Democrats, and it quickly embroiled all three branches of government in a constitutional battle many thought was settled nearly 50 years ago.

Abortion providers and opponents said it was too early to predict a test case, in which a person sued under the law could contest its legality, because abortion providers appeared to be complying with the law and were not performing the newly banned procedures.

But antiabortion groups were monitoring anonymous tips about potential violations, which could include not only health-care workers who assist in abortions but also people who help fund, transport or counsel patients. Providers were huddling with lawyers to prepare to challenge the law.

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Justices' Texas ruling illustrates threat to Roe

5-to-4 split on court foreshadows next abortion-law fight

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court majority never mentioned *Roe v. Wade* in its 400-word order at midnight Wednesday greenlighting Texas's most-restrictive-in-the-nation abortion law.

But it is difficult to imagine the court's revitalized conservative majority is not ready to make substantial changes to the half-century of Supreme Court jurisprudence that controls a woman's right to an abortion.

The first chance for justices to do that comes this fall, when the court considers a restrictive

abortion law from Mississippi. "Many already thought that the writing was on the wall for *Roe*, and this confirms it for me," said Mary Ziegler, a Florida State University law professor and author of "Abortion and the Law in America: *Roe v. Wade* to the Present."

"The remaining questions," she said, "are how and when it falls." Not all proponents of abortion rights are as pessimistic as those who insisted the 5-to-4 vote had effectively overruled *Roe*. The court's order was based on legal procedure, and it went out of its way to say abortion providers and civil rights groups "raised serious questions regarding the constitutionality of the Texas law at issue."

But the court's willingness to let a ban on most abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy

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As schools reopen, fears of inequity

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE

When Sharon Tucker decided to keep her son in virtual learning last year, she thought about the pandemic's heavy toll on families of color. But as the parent of a Black child, she also listened closely when her son began to talk about school discipline.

The then-7-year-old worried about what would happen if his mask slipped down. Or if he forgot other new rules. He believed he had been unfairly punished once before at school. He didn't want trouble again.

"It's just one of the realities of families of color here," said Tucker, of Silver Spring, Md. "He

Families of color point to virus risks and concerns over classroom discipline

wanted to stay remote."

As a new school year begins — with the delta variant of the coronavirus on the rise and debates flaring over masks and vaccines — research shows wariness about in-person classes has not completely faded among Black and Hispanic families.

Recent surveys have found that while most parents nationally plan to send their children

back into classrooms for 2021-2022, there is far greater hesitancy among families of color. It is less than in the spring, but still significant.

Just 6 percent of White parents across the country were uncertain about or against sending their children back into school buildings, compared to 18 percent of Black parents, 17 percent of Hispanic parents and 12 percent of Asian parents, according to an August report by the Rand Corp., a nonprofit research organization.

"Unquestionably, the gap is there," said Heather Schwartz, the report's co-author.

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Taliban faces fight in rugged Panjshir

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN,
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AND HAQ NAWAZ KHAN

Zaki was among thousands of Afghans who fled into the craggy mountains north of Kabul following the Taliban's rapid takeover of Afghanistan, fearing the brutality and harsh rules of the Islamist extremists. Now, the 27-year-old former government employee is carrying an AK-47 on Afghanistan's last military front line.

College-educated, the civilian-turned-guerrilla fighter is part of a fledgling resistance force determined to prevent the Taliban from seizing the last sliver of Afghanistan the militants have

Resistance makes stand in terrain neither Soviets nor militants subdued

yet to dominate — the rugged province of Panjshir.

"We do not want to be second- or third-class citizens of the country," said Zaki, who spoke on the condition that his full name not be used because he fears reprisals by the Taliban against his family in Kabul. "We do not want to lose our freedom and our smile."

For four days, the Taliban has targeted Panjshir, attacking from

several directions and engaging in fierce clashes with the resistance forces. It is the most serious challenge the Taliban has faced in the military campaign in which it swept across Afghanistan last month in a lightning strike that saw Kabul and 33 provincial capitals fall in 10 days.

Both sides say they have inflicted heavy battlefield casualties and have claimed successes, and both are using social media to spread disinformation.

Despite the resistance's control of most of the province, it

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Aumenta la tensión entre el Gobierno y los empresarios

CRISIS. Fernández y Kulfas no asistieron ayer a la celebración de la UIA por el Día de la Industria; la entidad reclamó baja de impuestos y relaciones laborales modernas

Con varios cortocircuitos en las últimas semanas con los productores del campo, el Gobierno escaló ayer la tensión con el empresariado industrial en medio de la campaña y de la crisis económica. El presidente Alberto Fernández y el ministro de Desarrollo Productivo, Matías Kulfas, decidieron no asistir a la celebración del

Día de la Industria, organizada por la Unión Industrial Argentina (UIA). Enviaron a segundas líneas y fueron a un polo industrial en Chaco.

La decisión se da luego de varios cruces entre Kulfas y la entidad, sobre todo a partir de la elección de Daniel Funes de Rioja como titular de la UIA. En el Gobierno creen que ese cambio

expresó un giro político en la agenda de la entidad. Ayer, los industriales buscaron volver a concertar. "No hay banderas", dijo Funes de Rioja en su discurso, en el que pidió bajas de impuestos y modernización de las relaciones laborales. El secretario de Industria, Ariel Schale, los instó a apoyar el "modelo" oficial. **Página 15**

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KIRCHNERISMO. Hace dos semanas que no aparece en un acto

Cristina Kirchner apareció por última vez en un acto público de campaña 15 días atrás, en La Plata. Desde entonces, la vicepresidenta mantuvo distancia de la actividad proselitista del Frente de Todos. En el oficialismo ignoran cuándo reaparecerá, en un contexto de cruces en el comando de campaña y críticas kirchneristas por las incursiones del presidente Alberto Fernández. De todas formas, en el kirchnerismo confían en que estará en el cierre de campaña de la semana próxima. **Página 8**

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Lautaro marcó el primero de la Argentina, que mostró un muy buen nivel ante un rival que jugó una hora con 10

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La noche de las PASO desvela a la oposición

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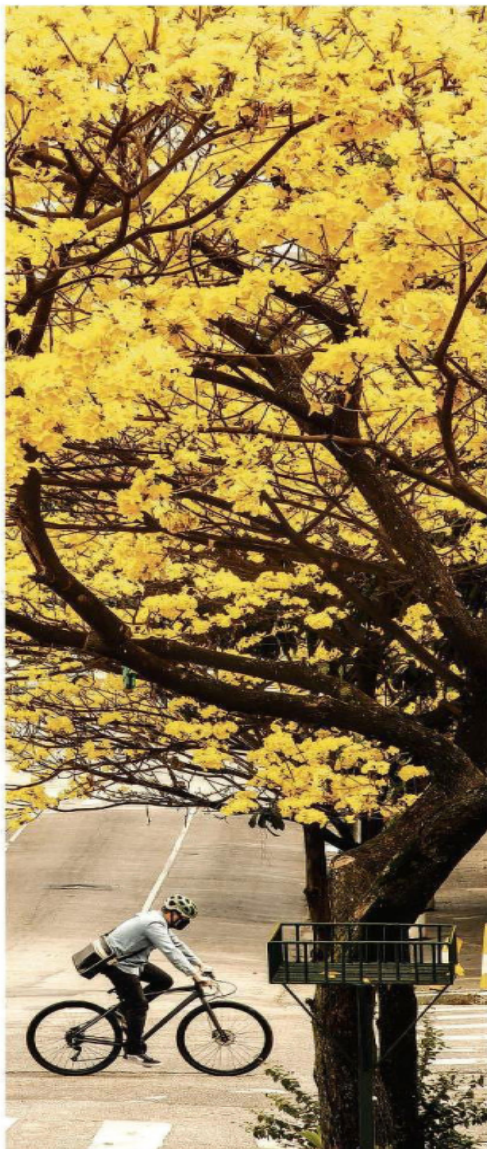
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Bolsonaro revoga, com vetos, Lei de Segurança Nacional

Presidente veta artigos de legislação substituta sobre punições a militares e disseminação de notícias falsas

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro revogou ontem a Lei de Segurança Nacional, resquício da ditadura militar no Brasil (1964-85) que vinha sendo usada contra críticos dele ou de seu governo, mas vetou cinco trechos da legislação sobre crimes contra o Estado democrático de Direito que a substituiu — um deles sobre militares, outro sobre notícias falsas.

O trecho dos militares, base da coalizão de forças que o sustenta, propunha pena maior quando crimes contra o Estado de Direito fossem cometidos por agentes públicos. O próprio presidente, em escalada autoritária, tem atacado o sistema eleitoral e os demais Poderes.

Mas Bolsonaro recuou de vetar o artigo que extingue a LSN, contrariando aliados.

No caso das fake news, enquadradas no crime de comunicação enganosa em massa quando pudessem afetar o processo eleitoral, o Planalto citou insegurança jurídica na definição do que seria inverídico.

O Congresso, que já avalizara o projeto, pode agora manter ou derrubar os vetos — não há prazo para essa análise. Poder A12 e A13

“Não se negocia democracia, democracia é uma realidade, o Estado de Direito é uma realidade”

Rodrigo Pacheco
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Promotores e até um juiz militar de seis estados e o DF movem ações, com instrumentos jurídicos distintos, para coibir a participação de PMs nos atos bolsonaristas do 7 de Setembro. Entre os argumentos, estão o de possível quebra de hierarquia e comportamento subversivo. Poder A10

Enem 2021 é o mais branco e elitista em uma década

O governo Jair Bolsonaro vai realizar neste ano o Enem (Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio) com a menor proporção de inscritos pretos, pardos e indígenas dos últimos dez anos.

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Foram 3,1 milhões de inscritos neste ano, o menor número em 14 anos. A queda nas inscrições é reflexo da decisão federal de retirar a isenção de taxa de quem faltou na última edição da prova, que ocorreu no pico da pandemia. O tema está no STF. O governo evocou a economia. Cotidiano B1

Rotina de alvo de CPI inclui dinheiro vivo e galpão vazio

Salários pagos em dinheiro vivo, galpão sempre vazio, tempo para “assistir Netflix” e figuração de diretores. Assim descreveram ex-funcionários a rotina incomum nas firmas de Francisco Emerson Maximiano, alvo da CPI da Covid. As operações são legais, diz defesa. Poder A14

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Pourquoi les Français vont devoir travailler davantage

Retraite, congés, RTT... la France figure parmi les pays où les actifs sont ceux qui passent le moins de temps dans l'année, mais aussi tout au long de la vie, sur le lieu de travail.

C'est devenu l'un des thèmes de prédilection d'Emmanuel Macron : les Français vont devoir travailler davantage tout au long de leur vie. Le chef de l'État pense notamment au système des retraites, qu'il souhaite toujours réformer après l'échec de 2019. « Pas demain, pas brutalement, pas de manière uniforme, car nous prendrons en compte la difficulté des métiers. Mais progressivement, sur plusieurs années, et par un système qui fait la différence

selon le travail réellement exercé. Et donc, l'âge de départ doit être plus tardif », a-t-il affirmé au mois de juillet. Comparés aux autres Européens, les Français sont parmi ceux qui travaillent le moins. Ils quittent la vie

active en moyenne deux ans plus tôt que leurs voisins et comptent moins d'heures de travail qu'eux sur une année. Longtemps jugés plus productifs que les autres, ils ont perdu beaucoup de terrain en vingt ans.

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À Marseille, les experts du monde entier réunis pour la sauvegarde de la nature

Le Congrès mondial de l'Union internationale pour la conservation de la nature s'ouvre ce vendredi en présence du président de la République. L'espoir : trouver des solutions pour limiter le rythme de disparition des espèces animales et végétales victimes des activités humaines. **PAGES 2 ET 3**

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Se retrousser les manches

Réjouissons-nous : l'économie française, ensevelie sous les milliards du « quoi qu'il en coûte » depuis dix-huit mois, redémarre enfin. On connaît le moteur de ce redressement : la mise sous perfusion d'argent public de tous les secteurs touchés par la crise, le sauvetage de toutes les entreprises en difficulté et la prise en charge de tous les emplois menacés. On connaît aussi le prix de ce rétablissement financé à crédit, qui a emmené l'endettement de la France (2740 milliards d'euros) en terre inconnue. On connaît enfin le seul chemin crédible pour apurer notre passif, tout en maintenant le même degré de protection sociale : celui de la croissance et de la création de richesses. Pour dire les choses simplement, l'heure est venue, au sortir d'une crise entièrement prise en charge par l'État, de se retrousser les manches en travaillant davantage. L'élection présidentielle tombe à point nommé pour mettre sur la table un débat que la France ne pourra esquiver plus longtemps. Il concerne naturellement et en premier lieu les retraites. Le système, en déficit chronique, court à la faillite s'il n'est pas rapidement réformé. Il serait préservé en reportant simplement l'âge de

départ à 64 ans, comme le suggèrent de nombreux experts, et les Français partageraient encore parmi les premiers en retraite en Europe.

Le « travailler plus » durant la vie professionnelle est aussi une réponse à notre compétitivité perdue. Sans doute personne ne se risquerait à toucher la funeste loi sur les 35 heures, cette supposée conquête sociale qui a envoyé l'industrie française au tapis et que tous les

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gouvernements se sont efforcés d'amener pour soulager les entreprises. Mais des marges de manœuvre existent pour flexibiliser l'organisation du travail, négocier moins de jours de RTT et de jours fériés (sur ce terrain aussi, nous battons tout le monde), ou encore pour faciliter l'entrée des jeunes plus tôt dans la vie active. Lorsque l'on ambitionne de rester une grande puissance économique, souveraine et protectrice, il n'existe d'autre choix que celui du travail. ■

Le bilan en demi-teinte du « Grenelle des violences conjugales »

Les mesures prises à l'issue du « Grenelle », deux ans après son lancement très médiatisé, ne présentent pas toutes les avancées attendues. Certes, la plateforme de signalement monte en puissance, les dispositifs d'éloignement sont en train d'être déployés, la justice s'empare du nouveau délit de « suicide forcé ». Mais de nombreux drames soulignent encore les lacunes dans le suivi des conjoints violents. **PAGE 12**

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West 'has no coherent plan' for Afghan refugee disaster

Ex-envoy and aide warns Britain and allies of huge numbers yet to escape

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Britain and its allies have no coherent plan to deal with a huge refugee crisis expected to follow the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, a former

cabinet secretary has warned. Mark Sedwill said the emergency airlift out of Kabul had only helped "relatively small numbers" and greater pressures were likely to emerge as people fled overland.

Speaking at a Policy Exchange thinktank event, the former ambassador to Afghanistan and senior adviser to two British prime ministers said while the US decision to exit Afghanistan after 20 years could not be changed, its consequences required action from the west.

"First, there will need to be a major humanitarian effort in and around Afghanistan. We will be very lucky indeed if there is not a really significant refugee crisis," the former mandarin said, unless the Taliban set up an "inclusive and wholly different government" that was unlike the one during their previous period of rule before 2001.

"This is, in my view, a bad policy, badly implemented. It is an act of strategic self-harm," Sedwill said of the departure of foreign forces from

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Former cabinet secretary

Afghanistan. "The Taliban's victory in Afghanistan will undoubtedly fuel extremism and terrorism worldwide, whether or not it is directed from there."

The achievement of the emergency airlift, in which 114,000 people were evacuated from Kabul in just over two weeks "can't and shouldn't conceal that overall, we do not yet have a coherent policy and plan in place to deal with refugee flows out of Afghanistan", the former civil servant added.

The UNHCR has warned there could now be a further 500,000 Afghans crossing the border, on top of the 2.2 million who had already fled to countries such as Pakistan before the end of last year.

Thousands of people recognised as having a firm or likely claim for resettlement in the UK were left behind in Afghanistan when the airlift ended - leaving Britain to call directly on the Taliban to



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