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World-Wide

Ukraine's military successes against Russia have transformed calculations in Washington and other Western capitals, as a war that started with Western efforts at damage control has become one that offers a strategic opportunity to constrain Russia's expansionist ambitions. **A1, A7-8**

◆ The FBI performed potentially millions of searches of American electronic data last year without a warrant, U.S. intelligence officials said. **A4**

◆ Israeli police clashed with Palestinians at Jerusalem's most contested site as large crowds of Muslims gathered for Friday prayers, ending a week of relative calm. **A9**

◆ A Georgia man pleaded guilty to seditious conspiracy, admitting he conspired to stop Biden from taking office by force in connection with the attack on the Capitol. **A4**

◆ A New York judge denied Trump's request to end contempt-of-court fines for not complying with a civil subpoena from the state's attorney general. **A6**

◆ A U.S. judge sentenced a member of a cell of British Islamic State fighters who tortured Western hostages, killing four Americans, to life in prison. **A3**

Business & Finance

◆ A rout in tech stocks deepened Friday, bringing the Nasdaq's losses for April to more than 13%, the index's worst monthly performance in more than a decade. The S&P 500 and Dow dropped 8.8% and 4.9%, respectively, in April. **A1**

◆ Compensation for U.S. workers grew rapidly in the first quarter, as a tight labor market put more money in their pockets while also keeping pressure on inflation. **A1**

◆ Consumers spent more in March, showing that U.S. households are absorbing high inflation. **A2**

◆ China is preparing to hit pause on its monthslong campaign against tech companies, according to people familiar with the matter. **A1, B11**

◆ Couche-Tard and EG Group are in talks about a deal. A combination of the convenience-store companies would have over \$70 billion in annual revenue. **B1**

◆ Exxon's first-quarter profit more than doubled to \$5.5 billion, while Chevron earned \$6.3 billion, up from about \$1.4 billion in the year-earlier period. **B1**

◆ The EPA issued an emergency waiver to allow gas stations to sell high-ethanol content gasoline this summer, fulfilling a directive from Biden. **A2**

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Putin Really May Break The Nuclear Taboo **A15**

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Rescue workers on Friday searched an apartment building in Kyiv that was hit by a Russian missile. The strike came Thursday as U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres visited the city.

Ukraine's Resilience in War Spurs Allies to Increase Aid

By William Mauldin in Washington, Max Colchester in London and Laurence Norman in Berlin

Ukraine's military successes against Russia have transformed calculations in Washington and other Western capitals, leading to a sharp increase in military help for Kyiv as a war that started with Western efforts at damage control has become one that offers a strategic opportunity to constrain Russia's expansionist ambitions.

The U.S. and its allies are

now shipping large volumes of heavy weaponry to Ukraine, including more advanced Western systems to supplement the light weapons and Soviet-era arms that were fun-

neled into Ukraine since before the invasion started.

Those shipments are aimed at supporting Kyiv in the next decisive phase of the war in coming weeks—but also to arm the country in a conflict that could last for months or years. The war's outcome is

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◆ More coverage of the Ukraine crisis on pages A7 and A8.

Nasdaq Caps Worst Month Since 2008

By GUNJAN BANERJI AND CATLIN OSTROFF

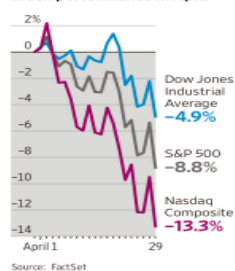
An April rout in technology stocks deepened Friday, dragging the Nasdaq Composite to its worst monthly performance in more than a decade, as soaring inflation and rising interest rates fanned worries of a recession.

The broad selloff has erased trillions of dollars in market value from the tech-heavy gauge, with investors souring on shares of everything from software and semiconductor companies to social-media giants.

The Nasdaq dropped 4.2% Friday, bringing its losses for the month to more than 13%, its worst showing since October 2008. The index is down 21% in 2022, its worst start to a year on record.

The broader S&P 500 has fallen for four consecutive weeks, shedding 8.8% in April and bringing its year-to-date losses to 13%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 4.9% in April and is down more than 9% this year. Both indexes

Index performance in April



Source: FactSet

logged their worst months since March 2020.

The punishing declines in tech and growth stocks mark a dramatic shift from recent years. Investors have ditched shares of some of the biggest tech companies, which had been stock-market darlings for much of the past decade and

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Pay and Benefits Soar In Tight Labor Market

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON AND GABRIEL T. RUBIN

Compensation for American workers grew rapidly in the first quarter, as a tight labor market put more money in workers' pockets while also keeping pressure on inflation. Business and government employers spent 4.5% more on worker costs in the first quarter compared with the same period a year earlier, without adjusting for seasonality, the Labor Department said Friday. That marked the fastest increase in records dating to

2001, and the gain eclipsed 4.0% annual growth in the fourth quarter.

Compensation for workers also accelerated on a quarterly basis, rising a seasonally adjusted 1.4% in the first quarter compared with a 1.0% increase in the fourth quarter. The growth reflected strengthening wages, salaries and benefits.

That has helped households continue to spend and support the economy. Consumer

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◆ Consumers stepped up spending in March.....A2

China Set To Ease Pressure On Tech

By KEITH ZHAI

SINGAPORE—China is preparing to hit pause on its monthslong campaign against tech companies, according to people familiar with the matter, as officials seek to arrest a rapid deterioration in the country's economic outlook.

China's top internet regulator is set to meet next week with the country's tech giants to discuss the campaign, according to the people, who described the meeting as a sign that officials acknowledge the toll the regulations have had on the private sector at a time when strict Covid measures are clouding growth prospects.

Regulators are planning to hold off on new rules that limit the time young people spend on mobile apps, according to one of the people, while another said that Beijing is considering pushing some of its biggest tech companies to offer 1% equity stakes to the state and give the government a direct role in corporate decisions. The government has already

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◆ Technology stocks lead rally in Chinese shares.....B11

EXCHANGE



CLOUDY FUTURE

Warren Buffett is still setting Berkshire's direction. For how much longer? **B1**

Shadow Crew Encouraged Musk's Twitter Takeover

Behind the scenes, fellow billionaires and internet provocateurs with a libertarian bent got Tesla CEO's attention; the Trump question

As Elon Musk's crusade against Twitter Inc. escalated from a war of words to a full-on takeover, he was egged on behind the scenes by a mix of voices—from fellow billionaires to internet trolls—with their own beefs with the social-media platform.

By Rob Copeland, Georgia Wells, Rebecca Elliott and Liz Hoffman

In Mr. Musk, a serial entrepreneur with a hard Twitter habit, these men found a vessel for pent-up animosity over the company's content moderation and management. One of them had a very personal stake: Twitter's co-founder and former Chief Executive Jack Dorsey, who resigned last year under pres-

sure from his board, was whispering in Mr. Musk's ear that Twitter should be a private company, people familiar with the matter say.

Now that Twitter's board has accepted Mr. Musk's \$44 billion buyout offer, the Tesla Inc. CEO and world's richest person is positioned to act on years of grievance and mold the platform in his own maverick image.

Mr. Musk declined to be interviewed, and it isn't clear whether he took any of their advice to heart or merely followed his own gut. Likewise, he has been cagey about his

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◆ Musk sells billions in Tesla shares after deal. A12

Your Favorite Organizing Influencer's Secret: a Junk Drawer

Social-media photos of impeccable refrigerators, closets don't tell the whole story

By RENÉE ONQUE

Brianna Ancheta's home is perfectly kept. Her shelves are evenly spaced and uniformly curated. A hot cocoa bar is redecorated in holiday themes. Just out of view of her three million TikTok followers, though, things sometimes fall apart. It turns out she and others in the burgeoning neat-freak

genre have dusty little secrets. They can be messy.

They keep things tight on camera, while their partners and families deal with the chaos that reigns just beyond the frame.

Ms. Ancheta, 26 years old, has a cabinet in her Sacramento



Shelf awareness

as some, so her space can look cluttered. And she drops clothes that she has tried on but de-

cided not to wear in a laundry basket when she doesn't feel like putting them back where they belong.

"In a perfect world, we'd hang up our clothes after every time," we try something on, she said, "but sometimes I just want to throw it on the bed."

People often turn to home organization and decluttering to

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Dismal data fuel stagflation fears

◆ Europe growth weakens ◆ US economy stalls ◆ Renminbi tumbles ◆ Costs of war take toll

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Weaker than expected European growth, a stalling US economy and concerns over the Chinese economy have raised the prospect of a global downturn driven by surging inflation and the Ukraine war. Data yesterday showed that the Russian invasion is weighing on Europe's economy, pushing up energy and food prices, worsening supply bottlenecks for manufacturers and sapping business and consumer confidence. The disappointing data came a day after the US revealed that its economy suffered an unexpected 0.4 per cent

quarterly contraction. Meanwhile, worries over the impact of severe Covid-19 lockdowns in China caused the steepest monthly fall in the renminbi on record. China's currency has fallen 4.2 per cent this month to about Rmb6.6 a dollar, the biggest drop since the end of its US dollar peg, in operation from 1994 to 2005. The fall is greater than a one-off devaluation by the central bank in 2015 that rattled global markets and a tumble in 2018 during the US-China trade war under the Trump administration. Economists said the combination of weak global growth, soaring commodity prices and a series of expected interest rate rises by western central banks —

including an unusually large 0.5 per cent point increase by the US Federal Reserve that might come next week — would hurt the global economy. "The world is in really bad shape," said Erik Nielsen, chief economics adviser at UniCredit. "Particularly in Europe, where we have entered stagflation now." He predicted the eurozone was heading for a "double whammy" of a downturn and rising borrowing costs, as the European Central Bank was likely to raise interest rates as early as July. Gross domestic product in the 19 countries that share the euro grew 0.2 per cent in the first three months of the year, compared with 0.3 per cent in



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the previous quarter, Eurostat said. Economists polled by Reuters had on average forecast growth to be stable. France's economy stagnated in the first quarter, while Italian output contracted. The Spanish economy also lost pace. Germany was the only one of the four biggest EU economies to beat expectations, posting meagre growth of 0.2 per cent in the previous three months. "We are seeing peak stagflationary fears now and this is giving us a reality check on the real costs of the war," said Ludovic Subran, Allianz top economist. **Gillian Triff** page 6
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Chelsea goal LA Dodgers team leads bid

The sale of Chelsea Football Club entered its final round yesterday after a US consortium led by the co-owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team was chosen as the preferred bidder. Todd Boehly's group, backed by US buyout group Clearlake Capital, has entered exclusive talks to buy the English Premier League club — despite a last-minute bid by Jim Ratcliffe, the UK's richest man, to gatecrash the deal. The race to buy Chelsea was triggered after Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich was forced to sell his trophy asset when he was hit by British sanctions over the war in Ukraine. **Report** page 8



Chelsea's Marcos Alonso, right, celebrates scoring against Manchester United in a Premier League clash on Thursday night — Matthew Ashman/ANSA



Relatives rescue orphans from 'the wolf's mouth'

The FT has traced relatives' journeys as they seek to retrieve children who were orphaned during the fighting in Mariupol and moved to Russian-held territory. Grandmother Elena describes an odyssey from Ukraine to Moscow, into the wolf's mouth, and on to Donetsk where she was reunited with grandson Ilya, 10. The trip was aided by Russian tycoon Roman Abramovich. Kyiv says there are at least 5,000 more children behind the lines. **Desperate hunt** — **Page 3**

HSBC break-up call as biggest investor grows weary of century-old dual focus

STEPHEN MORRIS AND
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TASBY KINDER — HONG KONG

HSBC is under mounting pressure to break up after its largest shareholder, Chinese insurer Ping An, told the bank to split its Asian and western operations, calling time on a dual focus that has endured for more than a century. The rupture with Ping An, the biggest insurance group in China, marks a worsening of HSBC's geopolitical troubles, with the bank increasingly torn between China and the west. Ping An has set out its break-up plan to HSBC, which is led by chair Mark Tucker and chief executive Noel Quinn, say people familiar with the matter. The insurer has argued that an independent Asia business listed in Hong Kong would have higher profitability,

lower capital requirements and greater autonomy to make decisions. A second top-10 shareholder told the Financial Times that Ping An's proposal was a "pretty interesting idea", adding: "For HSBC, it's existential. They are not in a tenable structure. You wouldn't create this institution from scratch." A demerger would also give investors choice on which parts of the sprawling lender — which has 40mn customers, more than 200,000 staff and operations in 64 countries — they want to own, the insurer has privately told the bank. Ping An told executives it thought HSBC's balancing act between Chinese and western interests would become more difficult in coming years, according to people familiar with the talks. HSBC was criticised in China after it provided information to US prosecutors that led to the arrest of Huawei chief

financial officer Meng Wanzhou in 2018. It has also been targeted by US and UK politicians over its Chinese executives' support for Hong Kong's controversial national security law. "HSBC is in the least tenable position of any financial institution in the world on the US-China conflict. They're in a position where everyone hates them — the UK, France, the US, Hong Kong and China. I don't see a path out of their current situation today and I don't see the geopolitical tension getting better," said the second top-10 shareholder. Ping An was also disappointed by the Bank of England's decision to force HSBC to cancel its dividend early in the pandemic. The insurer is frustrated that while most of its earnings are made in Asia — in particular in Hong Kong, where it was founded in 1865 — the lender is still overseen by UK regulators.

World Markets											
Stock Markets				Currencies				Interest Rates			
	Apr 29	prev	%chg	Pair	Apr 29	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4216.83	4207.96	-1.85	\$ per €	1.064	1.062	0.19%	US Gov 10 yr	91.92	2.90	0.04
Nasdaq Composite	12646.41	12611.53	-1.75	\$ per £	1.256	1.254	0.16%	UK Gov 10 yr	121.78	1.90	0.03
Dow Jones Ind	33957.18	33816.28	-1.06	€ per €	0.940	0.940	0.00%	Ger Gov 10 yr	91.81	0.94	0.04
FTSEurofirst 300	1763.38	1750.94	-0.71	¥ per \$	129.560	131.015	-1.10%	Japan Gov 10 yr	99.96	0.21	0.00
Care Share 50	3798.88	3777.52	-0.58	₩ per \$	162.662	162.916	-0.16%	US Gov 30 yr	87.22	2.96	0.01
FTSE 100	7544.35	7529.18	-0.17	Sfr per €	1.024	1.022	0.19%	Ger Gov 2 yr	99.67	0.25	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4185.12	4165.89	-0.46								
CAC 40	6933.77	6908.14	-0.36								
Nikkei	26847.90	26766.63	-1.75								
Xetra Dax	14087.88	13979.84	-0.84								
Hang Seng	21089.39	21076.17	-0.01								
MSCI World \$	2881.56	2867.81	-1.32								
MSCI EM \$	1053.02	1043.74	-0.87								
MSCI ACWI \$	985.80	975.90	-1.02								
FT Wilshire 2500	5584.15	5461.22	-2.24								
FT Wilshire 5000	43602.49	42570.57	-2.42								
Commodities											
	Apr 29	prev	%chg		Apr 29	prev	%chg		price	prev	chg
Oil WTI \$	109.40	109.36	1.03	Gold \$	1880.50	1885.00	-0.24	Fed Funds Eff	0.23	0.20	0.12
Oil Brent \$	108.67	107.26	1.31					US 3m Bill	0.82	0.82	0.00
Gold \$	1880.50	1885.00	-0.24					US 10m Bill	0.58	0.58	0.00
								US 3m	1.21	1.21	0.00

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Taking over Twitter

What does Musk actually want?



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RESIDENTS board up an apartment building after heavy Russian shelling in Dobropillya, Ukraine. President Volodymyr Zelensky accused Moscow of scorched-earth tactics in the Donbas region in the country's east.

Russian artillery hammers battle zone in east Ukraine

President Zelensky says Moscow aims to render Donbas region uninhabitable after nearly 400 strikes.

BY LAURA KING AND TRACY WILKINSON

LVIV, Ukraine — Russian forces aimed a punishing artillery barrage Saturday at cities, towns and villages in eastern Ukraine, destroying electrical plants, fuel depots and other key infrastructure.

The onslaught came even as Western and Ukrainian military officials and analysts said Moscow's much vaunted military offensive in the country's industrial heartland was being slowed by troop casualties and logistical, supply and morale problems.

And in Mariupol, the southern port city that has become ground zero in Russian brutality and Ukrainian resistance, a small group of women and children was finally evacuated Saturday from a besieged steel plant, but hundreds, possibly thousands, of civilians, soldiers and wounded remained trapped.

Russia reported nearly 400 artillery strikes overnight and early Saturday, mainly in the eastern battle zone. It described the targets as military ones, but Ukraine says residential areas, including the northeastern city of Kharkiv, are being ravaged. Ukrainian [See Ukraine, A4]



UKRAINIAN war refugees in Medyka, Poland, board a train to Krakow. Poland has taken in more Ukrainians than all other countries combined.

A haunted refuge

In Warsaw, the Ukrainian influx evokes scenes of WWII, but there is also 'something magic'

BY LAURA KING

WARSAW — Eighty years ago, Adolf Hitler nearly wiped Warsaw off the map. Now, a city whose history is written in ash and blood, an age-old crossroads of wartime tragedy, is bursting with Ukrainian refugees.

Poland has taken in more people fleeing the conflict in Ukraine than all other countries combined, the United Nations says. Of the more than 5.4 million people who have sought shelter outside the country, almost 3 million crossed into Poland.

Some have moved on to other European countries; others have made the journey back, although the war is still raging and their homeland remains battered and dangerous.

But about a tenth of those arrivals — an estimated 300,000 people, almost all of them women and children — are in the Polish capital, straining a city where social services were already stretched. Day care and cancer treatment, classroom spots and affordable housing, counseling [See Refugees, A6]

TIMES INVESTIGATION

George Floyd, Eric Garner, a \$40,000 lunch

How Big Tobacco stokes Black smokers' fear of menthol bans

BY EMILY BAUMGAERTNER, BEN STOCKTON AND RYAN LINDBAY

ATLANTA — Retired Deputy Police Chief Wayne Harris stood in front of Black lawmakers and clicked to a slide of George Floyd, pinned down on the pavement with Police Officer Derek Chauvin's knee on his neck.

"I chose this picture intentionally because I want to set the tone," he said.

But Harris hadn't come to the luncheon to discuss police reform or Floyd's murder.

He was there at the invitation of tobacco maker Reynolds American to urge representatives not to ban menthol cigarettes, the flavor of choice for the vast majority of Black smokers. Using the specter of Floyd's tragic death and the social [See Menthol, A10]

600,000

Estimate by the FDA of lives that could be saved if a national ban on menthol cigarettes is enacted, including almost 250,000 Black lives.

40,000

Black lives claimed by tobacco-related cancers each year, a rate that's 17% higher than for white people and 74% higher than for Asians and Latinos.

\$20 million

Amount spent so far by two tobacco companies on a campaign to block state Senate Bill 793, which would ban flavored tobacco — including menthol — in California.

Way less for that faucet and hose

New drought rules in the Southland aim to cut daily water use to 80 gallons per person.

BY HAYLEY SMITH AND IAN JAMES

When the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California last week unveiled its strictest-ever restrictions for about 6 million residents, it did so with an urgent goal in mind: a 35% reduction in consumption, equating to an allocation of about 80 gallons of water per person per day.

Officials said that's the number needed to conserve critical supplies for health and safety amid worsening drought — and to prevent a full outdoor watering ban as soon as September.

The current average potable water use across the MWD's service area — for residential, commercial and industrial purposes — amounts to 125 gallons per person per day.

"The ballpark figure we're looking at is getting to the consumption of about 80 gallons per person per day," said Adel Hagekhalil, the district's general manager. "We're trying to preserve everything we can."

The number is not arbitrary: Southern California communities that are dependent on water delivered [See Restrictions, A18]

Which cities will see water limits?

A list of Southland communities that will be affected by new restrictions. CALIFORNIA, B2

COLUMN ONE

He realized NIMBY was not in his Bible



FORMER singer-songwriter Larry Buford peers out from his backyard cabana across the street from a Willowbrook shelter.

BY DOUG SMITH

The Bible was always Larry S. Buford's guiding light, but it put the one-time Motown singer-songwriter in a dilemma when he found himself defending his South Los Angeles neighborhood from encroaching development.

Buford became increasingly alarmed over the span of two decades as he watched the single-family homes on his tranquil block of Avalon Boulevard replaced by multistory apartment buildings with insufficient parking.

The apartment buildings were for people who are poor or homeless or aged or mentally ill. And the deeply religious 68-year-old, who has lived in Willowbrook for a quarter of a century, was in a quandary: His personal values were at odds with his concern for his neighborhood. [See Christian, A9]



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NAOMI JUDD DIES

One half of the Judds, bound for the Country Music Hall of Fame on Sunday, and mother of Ashley, left, and Wynonna, was 76. CALIFORNIA, B8

Is Villanueva above the law?

L.A. County sheriff acts like he is. And he may be right. Two columnists write. CALIFORNIA, B1

With team mark, K is for Kershaw

Dodgers ace breaks career strikeout record, but Tigers rally to win. SPORTS, D1

Weather
Partly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 74/55. B10



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The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

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Biden up, but not on economy, poll finds

BY DAN BALZ,
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AND SCOTT CLEMENT

President Biden's standing with Americans has improved slightly over the past two months, but he remains in negative territory in most assessments of his performance in office, and Republicans hold substantial advantages over Democrats on key economic indicators that are shaping the midterm election year, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll.

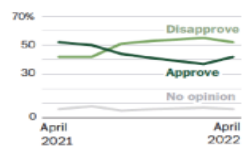
The new survey, while better for the president and his party than his low point two months ago, nonetheless underscores the headwinds Democratic candidates are facing ahead of the November balloting. With a 42 percent approval rating overall, Biden gets low marks on his handling of the economy and inflation, and Republicans are significantly more trusted than Democrats on both measures.

More than 9 in 10 Americans say they are concerned, at minimum, about the rate of inflation, which has been at a 40-year high

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Biden job approval ticks up, yet remains underwater

Q: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?



Source: April 24-28, 2022, Washington Post-ABC News poll among 1,004 U.S. adults with an error margin of +/- 3.5 percentage points. EMILY GUSKIN / THE WASHINGTON POST



EMILIO MORENO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Destroyed houses are seen in Irpin, near Kyiv, Ukraine, on Saturday. Ukraine's military claimed it regained control of four villages in the eastern Kharkiv region on Saturday, asserting Russian troops were "not succeeding" in taking control of vast swaths of the east.

Influx of Western artillery will reshape the war

BY DAN LAMOTHE

The Western artillery flooding into Ukraine will alter the war with Russia, setting off a bloody battle of wits backed by long-range weapons and forcing both sides to grow more nimble if they hope to avoid significant fatalities as fighting intensifies in the east, U.S. officials and military analysts predict.

The expanded artillery battle follows Russia's failed effort to rapidly seize Ukraine's major population centers, including the capital, Kyiv. It comes as the government of President Volodymyr Zelensky and his Western benefactors brace for what is expected to be a grinding campaign in the Donbas region. The conflict there is expected to showcase the long-range cannons that are a centerpiece of Russia's arsenal, weaponry already used to devastating effect in places such as Mariupol, a southern port city that has been pulverized by unrelenting bombardment.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, speaking alongside his Canadian counterpart at the Pentagon on Thursday, said long-

SEE ARTILLERY ON A23

Putin, Soviet-era scars push Finland toward NATO

BY EMILY RAUHALA

NIRALA, FINLAND — Two Finnish border guards glide through a narrow cut in a tall pine forest, their skis tracking a line along a still-frozen frontier.

Today the line marks the quiet but closely watched boundary between Russia and Finland. It may soon mark the border between Russia and the most powerful military alliance in the world.

Among the justifications for his unprovoked attack on Ukraine, Russian President

Vladimir Putin cited the possibility of NATO expansion. Now the brutal war looks poised to bring more of the alliance to his door.

Any day now, Finland and Sweden — European Union countries that remain militarily nonaligned — are expected to apply to join the 30-member alliance. NATO and U.S. officials have said they would be welcomed.

This historic shift is an early sign of how Russia's invasion of Ukraine is upending Europe's post-Cold War security

SEE NATO ON A25

A path out for trapped civilians

CEASE-FIRE AT MARIUPOL COMPLEX

Talks 'frozen' as Russia makes little advancement

BY RACHEL SIEGEL,
ANDREW JEONG,
DAVID L. STERN
AND JULIAN DUPLAIN

Some civilians were finally evacuated from a vast Mariupol steel plant after a cease-fire on Saturday allowed a small group to leave the besieged complex, though Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky discounted much progress on broader negotiations.

Officials believe up to 1,000 people have sought refuge at the large Azovstal complex, which has been pummeled for days amid Russian strikes. New satellite images show many buildings in the complex flattened and roofs destroyed.

On Saturday, a group of 20 to 25 women and children had been evacuated, according to the deputy commander of a Ukrainian regiment and Russia's official Tass news agency. But it's unclear whether hundreds more civilians and soldiers will be able to get out as talks between Russia and Ukraine appeared even more fraught.

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Staying behind: In besieged city, some feel a duty to remain. A24

Fuel shortage: Kyiv officials urge residents to avoid driving. A24

Motive hazy for 2 accused of pretending to be agents

BY EMILY DAVIES
AND PETER HERMANN

The two men swaggered around the building, residents recall, boasting of being federal agents as if they were another amenity at the Crossing, a luxury apartment complex on the District's waterfront with a wellness center in its basement and an infinity pool on its roof.

Arian Taherzadeh, who worked alongside a man named Haider Ali, patrolled the lobby when unwanted guests wandered inside and, prosecutors and residents say, advertised that his important law enforcement job earned him free rent in the high-rise home to high-powered D.C. lawyers, U.S. Secret Service agents and others connected to the military.

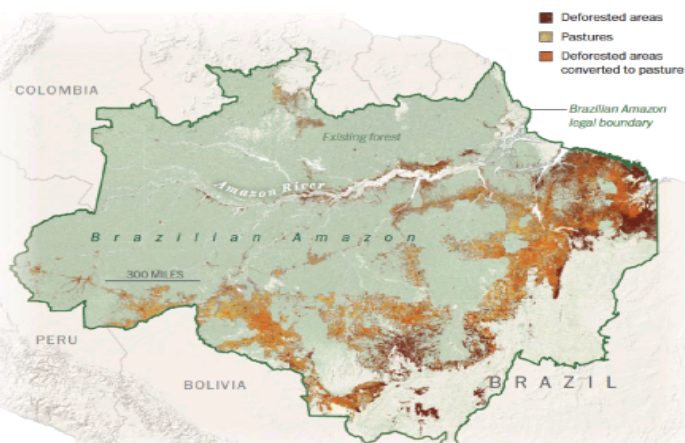
One day in January, when a resident posted a picture on the apartment Facebook page showing that a parking ticket machine in the garage had been smashed, Taherzadeh responded with seeming authority: "It was committed by a guest of a resident in the building. All parties are known."

Taherzadeh, according to prosecutors, apparently gained access

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U.S. TASTE FOR BEEF HELPS FUEL AMAZON'S RUIN

Deforestation from cattle ranching is pushing the biome to the brink as Americans consume hundreds of millions of pounds



THE WASHINGTON POST

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The pattern is clear: First, the forest is razed.

Then, the cattle are moved in.

If the Amazon is to die, it will be beef that kills it.

And America will be an accomplice.

Cattle ranching, responsible for the great majority of deforestation in the Amazon, is pushing the forest to the edge of what scientists warn could be a vast and irreversible dieback that claims much of the biome. Despite agreement that change is necessary to avert disaster, despite attempts at reform, despite the resources of Brazil's federal government and powerful beef companies, the destruction continues.

But the ongoing failure to protect the world's largest rainforest from rapacious cattle ranching is no longer Brazil's alone, a Washington Post investigation shows. It is now shared by the United States — and the American consumer.

In the two years since Wash-

ington lifted a moratorium that was imposed on raw Brazilian beef over food safety concerns, the United States has grown to become its second-biggest buyer. The country bought more than 320 million pounds of Brazilian beef last year — and is on pace to purchase nearly twice as much this year. The biggest supplier is the beef behemoth JBS, whose fleet of brands stock some of America's major retail chains and businesses: Kroger, Goya Foods, Albertsons (the parent company of Safeway, Jewel-Osco and Vons).

JBS, the world's largest beef producer, has repeatedly been accused by environmentalists of buying cattle raised on illegally deforested land. Greenpeace first alleged such ties in a 2009 report. In 2017, Brazil's environmental law enforcement agency, Ibama, fined the company what was then more than \$7.5 million, alleging that two of its Amazon meatpacking plants had purchased nearly 50,000 such animals. In October, federal prosecutors focusing on deforestation alleged

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Com polarização, PF redobra segurança de presidenciáveis

Candidatos receberão notas de 1 a 5 conforme risco que correm e terão agenda avaliada 48h antes

A Polícia Federal vai reforçar o esquema de segurança dos candidatos à Presidência diante da expectativa de uma eleição acirrada e da polarização entre Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e o ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT).

Entre outras medidas, a polícia vai atrelar a cada presidenciável uma inédita nota de risco, que varia de 1 a 5, e exigir que os candidatos anunciem suas agendas 48 horas antes. Mais de 300 agentes estarão envolvidos.

A PF também pode contraindicar eventos arriscados. As decisões vêm a reboque das eleições de 2018, quando Bolsonaro foi esfaqueado por Adélio Bispo de Oliveira. Até então, a proteção seguia lei e portaria sucintas da Justiça.

Integrantes da PF avaliam que essa é a eleição mais preocupante da história em termos de segurança em razão do clima de radicalização. É também a primeira vez na história recente que um ex-presidente será candidato.

A proteção pela PF pode ocorrer a partir da homologação das candidaturas, entre julho e agosto. **Política A4**

Bolsonaro contraria aliados e faz convocação para ato contra o STF As



Eduardo Anzelli/Folhapress

RELIGIOSOS ESPERAM QUE VITÓRIA DA GRANDE RIO NO CARNAVAL AJUDE A COMBATER INTOLERÂNCIA

A vitória da escola de samba Grande Rio e seu enredo sobre Exu no Carnaval do Rio foi celebrada como um triunfo contra o preconceito em terreiros como o de Celinho de Omulu, babalorixá (pai de santo) ladeado na foto pelos seus dois adjuntos, o babakekerê Luiz Carlos e a iakekerê Naná, além da iadagã (auxiliar) Zaze (mais à esq.), em Duque de Caxias (RJ) **Cotidiano B1**

Indústria tenta retomada sem intervenção do Estado

Setor que mais encolheu nas últimas décadas, a indústria brasileira registra perdas em relação aos seus pares internacionais. O peso na economia está em 11%, menor desde 1947. Houve queda na participação no emprego e nas exportações. **Mercado A19**

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Dirigentes brancos jamais vão se sensibilizar por situação que não viveram, afirma Grafite

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Itamar Vieira Junior Jatinhos e tragédia sob Bolsonaro

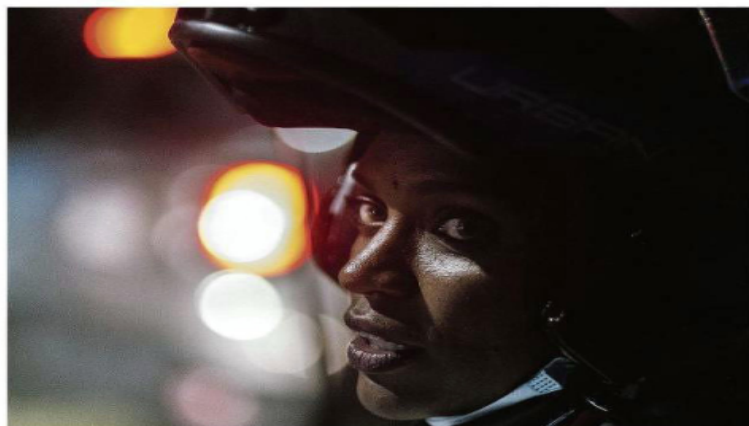
A tragédia do governo Bolsonaro é percebida de maneira distinta por uma sociedade desigual. Para milionários e bilionários, o problema são as filas para a compra de jatinhos num país que vive o drama da fome. **Ilustríssima C12**

Marqueteiro vê Dória vítima de bolsonaristas

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87% DOS PAULISTANOS DEFENDEM REGULAR APLICATIVOS

Juliana Iemanjara, 34, que presta serviços para quatro apps; levantamento indica inclinação de moradores à regulação de plataformas para dar proteção aos colaboradores **Mercado A22 e A23**

Brasil deve iniciar transplantes de órgãos de porco em 2025

Com investimento de R\$ 50 milhões do governo paulista, pesquisadores estimam que o país poderá ter primeiros pacientes submetidos ao transplante já em 2025. **Ciência B6**

Banimento de livros atinge 26 estados dos EUA

Estudo da entidade de defesa da liberdade de expressão Pen America revela que ao menos 26 dos 50 estados dos EUA tiveram no último ano ações de autoridades locais para vetar livros em escolas e bibliotecas públicas. **Mundo A15**

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Budget, dette : l'inquiétant repli de la croissance

L'activité économique a stagné au premier trimestre, pendant que l'inflation s'envolait à près de 5 %. Ce coup de frein complique sérieusement le redressement des comptes publics.

La situation économique se détériore rapidement dans le monde, sous l'effet des chocs simultanés du Covid, de la guerre en Ukraine et de la flambée des prix. Au cours des trois premiers mois de l'année, la croissance a été

nulle en France, tandis que l'inflation s'est élevée à 4,8 %, du jamais-vu depuis plus de trente ans. La hausse des prix, qui touche en particulier l'énergie et les produits alimentaires, a lourdement pesé sur la consommation

des ménages, traditionnel moteur de l'économie française. Elle alimente aussi les revendications concernant le pouvoir d'achat et, selon le baromètre des décideurs réalisé par Viavoice pour HEC Paris, Le Figaro et BFM Busi-

ness, fait craindre des conflits sociaux. Le recul de la croissance, combiné aux dépenses promises par Emmanuel Macron durant la campagne, devrait conduire à une nouvelle dégradation des finances publiques.

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Joe Biden fait monter la pression sur la Russie avec une aide militaire massive à l'Ukraine



Le président américain a demandé au Congrès une rallonge de 33 milliards de dollars pour soutenir l'effort de guerre des Ukrainiens, dont au moins 20 milliards iront dans la fourniture d'armes lourdes, comme ces canons Howitzer. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

Législatives: le projet d'union avec les Insoumis déchire le PS

En acceptant ce vendredi un certain nombre de convergences programmatiques avec le mouvement de Jean-Luc Mélenchon, le PS d'Olivier Faure a franchi un pas de plus vers un accord en vue des législatives. Mais ce rapprochement suscite une importante fronde interne, menée par les proches de François Hollande et de grands élus, à l'instar de la présidente de la région Occitanie, Carole Delga. À la veille du 1^{er} Mai, le PS est au bord de la scission. **PAGES 4 ET 5**

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Engrenage infernal

Depuis quelques mois, nous nous étions pris à rêver. La crise sanitaire absorbée jusqu'à l'indigestion par l'État-providence, les affaires semblaient reparties de l'avant comme personne n'avait osé l'imaginer. La reprise en trombe de l'activité après des mois de pandémie, la santé retrouvée des entreprises, la baisse continue du chômage nous avaient même presque plongés - il en faut peu chez nous - dans un climat de douce euphorie. Patatras! Le zéro de croissance des premiers mois de l'année laisse entrevoir un atterrissage beaucoup plus brutal que prévu. Le gouvernement, une fois n'est pas coutume, n'y peut rien : Ukraine, Covid, Chine, flambée des prix de l'énergie et des matières premières... une invraisemblable accumulation de calamités accable la planète sans distinction. Les temps s'annoncent rugueux pour tout le monde.

Chez nous, au grand brouillard politique qui prévaut depuis l'élection présidentielle, s'ajoute désormais l'incertitude économique. Car ce changement de décor installe un engrenage infernal qui perturbe tous les scénarios, à commencer par celui de l'exé-

cution du budget. Bâti sur une prévision de PIB en hausse de 4 %, il est d'ores et déjà totalement obsolète. De sérieuses questions se posent aussi sur les dizaines de milliards d'engagements du candidat Macron (aides publiques contre l'inflation, revalorisation du smic, des retraites, des minima sociaux...). Ils constitueront autant de chèques sans provision qui viendront creuser les déficits. Ces dépenses, comme les précédentes,

Les recettes de la croissance devaient combler les déficits

n'ont guère d'importance, nous expliquait-on jusqu'ici, puisqu'elles seront comblées par les recettes de la croissance. Laquelle s'évaporant, le serpent se mordit la queue. L'affaire n'aurait rien d'inquiétant si nous disposions de marges de manœuvre financières, comme nos voisins d'Europe du Nord, qui remplissent leurs caisses dans les temps prospères et les vident en période de vaches maigres. Les nôtres, hélas, sonnent creux depuis des décennies, quelle que soit la météo. Et chaque soubresaut nous affaiblit encore un peu plus. ■

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