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## Trump, imputado por intentar revertir las elecciones de 2020

El expresidente está acusado de manipulación de testigos y de conspiración para defraudar a EE UU y contra los derechos de los ciudadanos

M. A. SÁNCHEZ-VALLEJO I. SEISDEDOS, Nueva York  
Donald Trump se enfrenta a una nueva imputación. Estados Unidos se adentra otra vez en territorio inexplorado con el expresidente republicano: deberá responder ante un gran jurado de Washing-

ton, que investiga sus intentos de revertir, apoyado en un supuesto fraude, los resultados legítimos de las elecciones de noviembre de 2020, lo que culminó en el asalto al Capitolio el 6 de enero de 2021 por una horda de seguidores. Trump se enfrenta a cuatro

cargos: conspiración para defraudar a EE UU, conspiración para obstruir un procedimiento oficial, manipulación de testigos y conspiración contra los derechos de los ciudadanos. Es la tercera imputación para el republicano, tras los arrestos de abril en Nueva

York en el caso *Stormy Daniels*, que investiga el pago de dinero negro para acallar a una actriz porno; y el de junio en Miami, por tener centenares de cajas de documentos confidenciales que se llevó de la Casa Blanca tras dejar el cargo. **PÁGINA 2**

### El gasto anual en sanidad y educación sube 15.000 millones tras la covid

El 40% de alza de las partidas en pandemia se ha consolidado

ANTONIO MAQUEDA, Madrid  
El coronavirus y las cicatrices de la pandemia han dejado rastro en el gasto público: las partidas de sanidad y educación han subido 1,1 puntos de PIB con respecto a los niveles prepandemia, lo que supone unos 15.000 millones de euros adicionales. Según la Autoridad Fiscal Independiente, el 40% del aumento de presupuesto de la era covid se ha consolidado, y recuerda que este aumento del gasto estructural no lleva asociado un incremento de la financiación que reciben las comunidades, que gestionan estos servicios básicos. **PÁGINA 34**

### El verano, un factor de riesgo extra para los asesinatos machistas

ANDREA GARCÍA BAROJA, Madrid  
Una joven de 29 años murió asesinada el domingo en Barcelona a manos de su pareja. Fue el séptimo crimen machista de julio. El Ministerio de Igualdad convocó ayer a su comité de crisis. El verano, advierten, es un factor de riesgo extra para la violencia, ante el mayor aislamiento de las víctimas en vacaciones, el tiempo de convivencia y los conflictos familiares. **PÁGINA 20**



El presidente de la Generalitat, Pere Aragonès, ayer. / ALBERT GARCIA

## ERC se suma al PNV y urge a Sánchez a mover ficha con la investidura

Aragonès pide un pacto de financiación e insiste en el referéndum

CAMILO S. BAQUERO, Barcelona  
Los partidos nacionalistas pretenden que Pedro Sánchez mueva ficha primero y coinciden con el Gobierno en que hay que abrir el melón de la financiación autonómica para allanar el camino hacia la investidura. El presidente catalán,

Pere Aragonès (ERC), reclamó ayer a Sánchez que presente una oferta para empezar a negociar el pacto de investidura. Aragonès pidió al presidente en funciones que actúe "sin miedo a la derecha" e insistió en que el conflicto "se resolverá con un referéndum", pese

a que Sánchez lo rechaza de plano. Reclamó "acabar con la represión", en referencia a la amnistía. Y dejó abierta una vía más factible de negociación, a través de una mejora de la financiación con un pacto bilateral. **PÁGINAS 12 Y 33**

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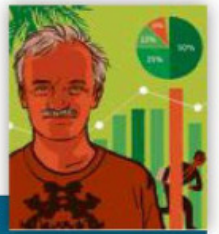
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# Arrêts maladie : l'exécutif veut passer à l'offensive

► Soucieux de réduire les dépenses publiques et de lutter contre les « fraudes », l'exécutif a identifié les arrêts maladie comme un levier d'économies

► En 2022, selon l'Assurance-maladie, le montant des indemnités journalières a augmenté de 8,2 %, et cette hausse est plus forte après la crise sanitaire

► Mais les causes de cette progression sont multiples : vieillissement des actifs dont le nombre croît, effets de certaines réformes, hausse du smic...

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Zoey Zephyr (à droite) et sa compagne, Erin Reed, lors de la marche des fiertés, à Missoula (Montana), le 17 juin. BEN ALLAN SMITH/HP

## Niger Paris va évacuer les Français, la crainte d'une escalade militaire

La crise au Niger menace de se régionaliser, quelques jours après le putsch qui a écarté le président élu, Mohamed Bazoum. Dimanche, onze pays de la Communauté économique des États d'Afrique de l'Ouest (Cedeao), menés par le Nigeria, avaient menacé d'un « recours à la force ». « Nous sommes prêts », a renchéri, lundi, le chef des armées nigériennes. « Toute intervention militaire contre le Niger s'assimilerait à une

déclaration de guerre contre le Burkina Faso et le Mali », ont réagi les porte-parole de ces deux États voisins, dirigés par des juntes militaires.

Face à cette « dégradation de la situation sécuritaire », la France, contestée dans la rue, a annoncé une opération d'évacuation de ses ressortissants par voie aérienne, qui devait commencer dès mardi, selon le Quai d'Orsay.

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Le premier ministre britannique a confirmé plus d'une centaine de nouvelles licences d'exploration et d'exploitation de gaz et pétrole en mer du Nord

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En prison depuis le coup d'État militaire de février 2021, l'ancienne dissidente puis cheffe du gouvernement a bénéficié d'une amnistie partielle, annoncée par la junte militaire, mardi

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## Cinéma Quentin Dupieux ou la frénésie d'un éternel « débutant »



A Paris, en juin. PHILIPPE QUASSE/PASCO

DANS LE HUIS CLOS d'un théâtre parisien, devant un vaudeville peu inspiré, un spectateur se lève, harangue les comédiens, avant de s'inviter sur scène : tel est l'argument de Yannick, le nouveau film de Quentin Dupieux, en salle le 2 août. Ce nouvel opus est aussi son cinquième en quatre ans : dans un entretien, le cinéaste s'explique sur cette « boulimie »

de films. Il aime tourner vite, revendique la brièveté ; des choix qui valent à son cinéma de ne pas faire l'unanimité. Mais, pour lui, varier les projets permet de maintenir la « créativité du débutant ». « Le pire pour un artiste, c'est de devenir professionnel », pense-t-il.

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## Police « Les contrôles au faciès sont un problème systémique »

L'avocat Slim Ben Achour a fait condamner l'État à plusieurs reprises pour discrimination. Dans un entretien, il estime que les contrôles d'identité, dans leur forme actuelle, sont la « porte d'entrée » des violences policières

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## TRUMP CHARGED WITH 'DESTABILIZING LIES' IN 3 CONSPIRACIES TO OVERTURN HIS DEFEAT



In the final days of his presidency, Donald J. Trump spoke to a rally on Jan. 6, 2021, shortly before his followers stormed the Capitol.

### Filing Cites 6 Co-Conspirators — Ex-President Now Faces 2 Federal Indictments

By ALAN FEUER and MAGGIE HABERMAN

Former President Donald J. Trump was indicted on Tuesday in connection with his widespread efforts to overturn the 2020 election, following a sprawling federal investigation into his attempts to cling to power after losing the presidency.

The indictment, filed by the special counsel Jack Smith in Federal District Court in Washington, accuses Mr. Trump of three conspiracies: one to defraud the United States; a second to obstruct an official government proceeding, the certification of the Electoral College vote; and a third to deprive people of a civil right, the right to have their votes counted.

Each of these conspiracies — which built on the widespread mistrust the defendant was creating through pervasive and destabilizing lies about election fraud — targeted a bedrock function of the United States federal government: the nation's process of collecting, counting and certifying the results of the presidential election, the indictment said.

The charges signify an extraordinary moment in United States history: a former president, in the midst of a campaign to return to the White House, being charged over attempts to use the levers of government power to subvert democracy and remain in office against the will of voters.

In sweeping terms, the indictment described how Mr. Trump and six co-conspirators employed a variety of means to reverse his defeat in the election almost from the moment that voting ended.

It depicted how Mr. Trump promoted false claims of fraud, sought to bend the Justice Department toward supporting those claims and oversaw a scheme to create false slates of electors pledged to him in states that were actually won by Joseph R. Biden Jr.

And it described how he ultimately pressured his vice president, Mike Pence, to use the fake electors to subvert the certification of the election at a joint session of Congress on Jan. 6, 2021, that was cut short by the violence at the Capitol.

The indictment did not name the alleged co-conspirators, but the descriptions of their behavior match publicly known episodes involving prominent people around Mr. Trump.

The behavior of "Co-conspirator 1" appears to align with that of Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mr. Trump's



The special counsel Jack Smith filed the indictment Tuesday.

personal lawyer whom he put in charge of efforts to deny the transfer of power after his main campaign lawyers made clear it was over.

Mr. Giuliani's lawyer, Robert J. Costello, acknowledged in a statement that it "appears that Mayor Giuliani is alleged to be co-conspirator No. 1."

The description of "Co-conspirator 2" tracks closely with that of John Eastman, a California law professor who served as the architect of the plan to pressure Mr. Pence.

The co-conspirators could be charged at any point, and their in-

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### What's at Stake? Essence of American Democracy.

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — In the long annals of the republic, the White House has seen its share of perfidy and scandal, presidents who cheated on their wives and cheated the taxpayers, who abused their power and abused the public trust.

But not since the framers emerged from Independence Hall on that clear, cool day in Philadelphia 236 years ago has any president who was voted out of office been accused of plotting

to hold on to power in an elaborate scheme of deception and intimidation that would lead to violence in the halls of Congress.

What makes the indictment against Donald J. Trump on Tuesday so breathtaking is not that it is the first time a president has been charged with a crime or even the second. Mr. Trump already holds those records.

But as serious as hush money and classified documents may be, this third indictment in four months gets to the heart of the matter, the issue that will define

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the future of American democracy.

At the core of the United States of America v. Donald J. Trump is no less than the viability of the system constructed during that summer in Philadelphia. Can a sitting president spread lies about an election and try to employ the authority of the government to overturn the will of the voters without consequence? The question would have been unimaginable just a

few years ago, but the Trump case raises the kind of specter more familiar in countries with histories of coups and juntas and dictators.

In effect, Jack Smith, the special counsel who brought the case, charged Mr. Trump with one of the most sensational frauds in the history of the United States, one "fueled by lies" and animated by the basest of motives, the thirst for power. In a 45-page, four-count indictment, Mr. Smith dispensed with the notion that Mr. Trump be-

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#### COUNT ONE: Conspiracy to Defraud the United States

The Defendant, DONALD J. TRUMP, did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to defraud the United States by using dishonesty, fraud, and deceit to impair, obstruct, and defeat the lawful federal government function by which the results of the presidential election are collected, counted, and certified by the federal government.

#### COUNT TWO: Conspiracy to Obstruct an Official Proceeding

The Defendant, DONALD J. TRUMP, did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to corruptly obstruct and impede an official proceeding, that is, the certification of the electoral vote.

#### COUNT THREE: Obstruction of, and Attempt to Obstruct, an Official Proceeding

The Defendant, DONALD J. TRUMP, attempted to, and did, corruptly obstruct and impede an official proceeding, that is, the certification of the electoral vote.

#### COUNT FOUR: Conspiracy Against Rights

The Defendant, DONALD J. TRUMP, did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to injure, oppress, threaten, and intimidate one or more persons in the free exercise and enjoyment of a right and privilege secured to them by the Constitution and laws of the United States — that is, the right to vote, and to have one's vote counted.

### Fear Grips Transgender Russians As War Intensifies a Crackdown

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR and GEORGY BIRGER

Jan Dvorkin had raised and nurtured his adopted son in Moscow for seven years until, one day in May, the Russian authorities notified him they were revoking custody. A woman Mr. Dvorkin knew had filed an official complaint, saying that because he was transgender and gay, he was an unfit parent.

When Mr. Dvorkin asked the woman why she had reported him, she told him he had brought it on himself, and "that I could have easily avoided it by staying in the closet."

He managed to find another family to take the boy, who is deaf, so that the child would not be sent to an orphanage.

Mr. Dvorkin's experience underscores the increasingly repressive treatment gay and transgender people are subjected to across Russia — a hardship that seems certain to grow as the government leverages the war in Ukraine as justification for greater restrictions on L.G.B.T.Q. life.

The latest crackdown came last week when President Vladimir V.



Jan Dvorkin said that Vladimir Putin "found an easy enemy."

Putin signed a law that criminalized all surgery and hormone treatments used for gender transitions.

That law comes on top of a measure enacted last December prohibiting the representation of L.G.B.T.Q. relationships in any media — streaming services, social platforms, books, music, posters, billboards and film.

Critics, including legal and medical professionals and gay rights activists, view the campaign as an effort to distract from Russia's military failings in Ukraine — by creating a boogeyman it can portray as a threat from a deviant and corrupt West.

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### Migrants Desperate for Shelter Swamp a City Obligated to Give It

By ANDY NEWMAN

They came from Colombia and Chad, from Burundi, Peru, Venezuela, Madagascar. In New York they had heard there was a haven for immigrants, a place to live and get back on their feet.

When they arrived, they found out that they had heard wrong.

Two, three, four days later, they were still lined up outside the city's migrant intake center at the Roosevelt Hotel, around the corner from Grand Central Terminal — close to 200 people, nearly all men. Sleeping on the sidewalk. Heads resting on book bags, trash bags of belongings by their sides: the visible faces of a system that has officially broken down.

For over a year, record numbers of asylum seekers have arrived in New York from across the globe, nearly doubling the city's homeless population in one huge spasm: More than 100,000 people now live in shelters in the city.

Unlike other American cities, especially in the West, where thousands live in the streets for lack of other options, New York City is legally required to give anyone shelter who asks for it.



Migrants in line at New York's intake center on Monday.

But now the shelters are full. As the migrants have continued to arrive, the city has built tents, cobbled together a vast portfolio of hotels and office buildings turned into housing and given migrants tickets to go elsewhere. It has not been enough. The mayor has called for state and federal help, saying the city is overwhelmed. And officials have also, increasingly, pushed back against the city's legal obligations to shelter homeless people.

Mohammadou Sidiya, 20, from Mauritania in West Africa, stood beside a friend on Tuesday morning. They had traveled for more than a month to get here.

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### U.S. to Bring a New Law to Bear On Unchecked Private Gun Sales

By SERGE F. KOVALESKI and GLENN THURSH

Another school week had just begun at Central Visual and Performing Arts High School in St. Louis when Orlando Harris, armed with a recently purchased AR-15-style rifle and 600 rounds of ammunition, burst into the building with a declaration: "You are all going to die!"

Mr. Harris, a 19-year-old graduate of the school, opened fire that morning in October, killing Alexandria Bell, 15, and Jean Kuczkka, a 61-year-old physical education teacher. More than half a dozen others were injured before the police fatally shot the gunman in a third-floor room where he had barricaded himself.

Mr. Harris had struggled with mental health issues so severe that his family had him committed more than once, triggering an automatic rejection on the federal background check system when he tried to purchase a gun at a licensed dealer 16 days before the shooting. But Missouri is one of 29 states that have no background check requirement for private sales. So, Mr. Harris found a weap-



The mothers of victims in a school shooting in St. Louis.

on by browsing the online site Armslist.

Federal law requires background checks only for purchases made through the approximately 80,000 businesses that sell, ship, import or manufacture weapons licensed through the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Unlicensed private sellers, by contrast, can legally sell their wares at gun shows, out of their homes and, increasingly, through online platforms such as Armslist that match buyers with sellers.

The growing digital loophole is causing alarm among gun-control advocates, and some of those

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A close call against Portugal nearly eliminated the United States from the Women's World Cup. The knockout stages will not be any easier. PAGE B6

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## The UK's net zero consensus will evaporate

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## Investors beware the lure of undue optimism

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## Election cycle Biden robust in fundraising

Joe Biden and his wife Jill take a bike ride in Delaware yesterday. The US president has started to ramp up fundraising for his re-election campaign, with finance disclosures revealing that Biden and the Democratic party had raised a combined \$72m this year.

Fundraising on the Republican side gives little clarity on whom Biden might face. Former president Donald Trump, who leads in all party polls, remains a formidable fundraiser. However, the \$50m he attracted was eclipsed by the \$57m he has spent to defend himself from federal and state criminal charges.

Ron DeSantis had the most cash on hand of Trump's rivals for the White House candidacy. Between his campaign and his affiliated political action committee, the Florida governor had \$109.1m to spend, giving him ample firepower for a long campaign.

Cash ploughed in to offers page 4



Jim Wilson/AP via Getty Images

# Uber posts first operating profit after racking up \$31bn of losses since 2014

Landmark for ride-hailing group • Quarter yields \$326m in earnings • Shares rise 90% in past year

RICHARD WATERS — SAN FRANCISCO

Uber reported its first operating profit yesterday, marking a turning point for the chronically loss-making company after years of heavy spending in its dash for growth.

The landmark in the ride-hailing company's finances comes after it had racked up a total of \$31.5bn in operating losses since 2014, the first year for which it disclosed details of its finances.

Uber forged ahead with one of the most ambitious global expansions by a tech start-up as it tapped mountains of cheap capital to subsidise rides and grab market share.

The aggressive push involved the flouting of taxi regulations in many countries and, to its critics, made Uber a

byword for Silicon Valley arrogance in the cheap-money decade between the financial crisis and the pandemic.

"For most of our history 'profitable' wasn't the first thing that came up when you asked someone about Uber," chief executive Dara Khosrowshahi said yesterday. "In fact, many observers over the years boldly proclaimed that we would never make any money."

"The easy availability of capital over the past decade obscured the poor unit

**'Many observers boldly proclaimed that we would never make any money'**

Dara Khosrowshahi, Uber chief

economics of many businesses," Khosrowshahi added, while insisting that was never true of Uber, even as it burnt through cash in its efforts to take the lion's share of the new ride-hailing market and force smaller rivals to retreat.

Uber's turnaround has come on the back of a rebound in demand for ride-hailing after the pandemic and a successful expansion into food deliveries.

Under Khosrowshahi, who stepped in six years ago when co-founder Travis Kalanick was forced out over a series of scandals, the company has also raised prices and acted aggressively to rein in costs, bolstering its profit margins.

Uber has reported after-tax profits in several quarters, though only thanks to gains on disposals or revaluations of its equity investments. By contrast, for the

second quarter of this year, it reported \$326m in pre-tax earnings from 14 per cent in the latest quarter, to \$9.23bn. The operating loss of \$715m a year before.

Khosrowshahi said that the group's move to profitability, as well as its quarterly free cash flow of more than \$1bn, reflected "disciplined execution, record audience and strong engagement".

Despite finding a more stable financial footing, Uber's latest figures continued to reflect the price wars that characterise the ride-hailing and food-delivery businesses. Price cuts this year by Lyft, its struggling US rival, ate into the growth of Uber's ride-hailing business in the latest quarter.

Meanwhile, competition with delivery company DoorDash weighed on growth in the delivery business, leading

Uber to fall short of Wall Street forecasts, with revenue growth of 14 per cent in the latest quarter, to \$9.23bn.

However, steady growth in demand for Uber's services, even as prices have risen, has underpinned Wall Street's confidence in the durability of the turnaround and brought a 90 per cent rise in its stock price over the past year, despite a near-6 per cent fall yesterday.

Uber also issued a stronger forecast than expected for its current quarter.

It predicted that earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation would reach \$975m-\$1.025bn, compared with a Wall Street estimate of \$915m. Its bookings forecast of \$54bn-\$55bn was above the \$35.9bn that was predicted by analysts.

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BP increases dividend despite 70% fall in earnings The UK-listed oil major has raised its dividend and announced more share buybacks even as earnings slumped 70 per cent from the record levels set last year. — PAGE 6

Niger evacuations to start France is to begin evacuating its citizens and other Europeans from Niger after a military junta took power in the capital, Niamey, last week. — PAGE 2; FT VIEW, PAGE 16

China outlay to hit record China's overseas metals and mining investments are set to hit a record as it secures resources to defend its lead in electric cars, batteries and solar panels. — PAGE 4

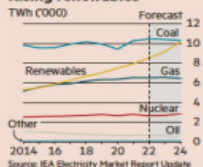
Boiler bill causes concern US and EU engineering groups have warned that a German bill to replace gas boilers with heat pumps contains provisions that violate EU principles. — PAGE 2

US pushes trilateral pact The US wants Japan and South Korea to agree that each has a duty to consult the others if it is attacked, as Washington aims for a historic joint statement. — PAGE 4

Wizz Air hit by pushback The budget carrier's plans to give its chief two more years to unlock a £100m bonus have triggered a backlash as the airline battles a depressed share price. — PAGE 10

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#### Rising renewables



Renewables could make up a third of global electricity generation by 2024, according to a report by the IEA. With favourable weather, renewable generation is forecast to grow more than 11 per cent in 2024 and could surpass coal



## China's factories lose pace against global headwinds

Factories, a pillar of China's growth during the pandemic, are bearing the brunt of the nation's economic pain as tepid global demand and geopolitical tensions bite. Activity has declined for four consecutive months. The picture has been complicated by President Xi Jinping's campaign for 'high-quality' growth that favours technology sectors over the vast manufacturing hubs that make basic consumer goods.

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# Fund managers bemoan 'tremendous' sums sitting in investor cash accounts

MADISON DARBYSHIRE — NEW YORK

Top active fund managers are struggling to attract money from large investors who are holding back in the face of volatile markets and cash accounts offering the best yields in years.

Institutional investors such as pension funds, endowments and foundations control billions in capital and are responsible for the majority of allocations to the biggest asset managers.

However, the cash sitting in US institutional money market accounts now totals almost \$5.5tn, according to the Investment Company Institute.

"There's a tremendous amount of money on the sidelines," Rob Sharps, chief executive of the \$1.4tn manager T Rowe Price, said. "You're getting yields on money market funds that you haven't in 15 years. We're probably

experiencing the worst of it right now. Investors are waiting for the [Federal Reserve] to get out of the way."

The Fed's aggressive raising of interest rates to tame inflation has boosted the appeal of cash accounts.

Yields at the largest money market funds now average more than 5 per cent and are rising, according to Crane Data. This change in the investing landscape has erased the idea that there was no alternative to equity markets.

T Rowe Price suffered \$20bn in net outflows in the past quarter and does not expect flows to turn positive until 2025.

Similarly, institutional investors have pulled more than \$5bn from active funds at AllianceBernstein, the \$646bn manager. Seth Bernstein, chief executive, said "people are sitting out" after the Fed propped up interest rates. "You're being paid to wait," he added.

Some analysts said there were signs that investors were starting to return.

"Fixed income is the next stop as investors decide to take a little more duration risk," said Alex Blostein, at Goldman Sachs. "And we are already seeing that." However, flows into fixed income are likely to go to passive managers and ETFs, he added.

Jenny Johnson, chief executive of \$1.4tn fund manager Franklin Templeton, said that it had started to see a rise in interest from clients moving from cash to higher-yielding products. But the trend was likely to be tempered by any additional rate rises.

The long hoped-for return to inflows into active managers has not arrived. "It's a moment in time," Sharps said.

"It may last for a while. But it isn't going to last for ever." — Day in the markets page 11

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	Aug 1	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Aug 1	Prev	Pair	Aug 1	Prev	Yield (%)	Aug 1	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4572.89	4598.96	-0.53	\$/£	1.103	1.103	€/£	0.907	0.907	US 2 yr	4.90	4.96	0.05
Nasdaq Composite	14290.33	14348.02	-0.39	\$/¥	1.287	1.282	\$/HK\$	0.772	0.772	US 10 yr	4.05	3.94	0.10
Dow Jones Ind	35563.70	35558.53	0.01	\$/€	0.857	0.857	\$/¥	1.167	1.167	US 30 yr	4.10	4.00	0.10
FTSEurofirst 300	1847.07	1863.49	-0.88	\$/₹	142.080	142.080	\$/₹	156.650	156.650	UK 2 yr	5.04	4.98	0.06
Euro Stoxx 50	4429.70	4471.31	-1.38	\$/₹	182.808	182.808	\$/₹	82.467	82.444	UK 10 yr	4.47	4.39	0.08
FTSE 100	7686.27	7698.41	-0.43	\$/₹	0.956	0.956	\$/₹	1.115	1.115	UK 30 yr	4.49	4.42	0.07
FTSE All-Share	4180.41	4198.02	-0.42	\$/₹	0.956	0.956	\$/₹	1.115	1.115	JPN 2 yr	0.00	0.00	-0.01
CAC 40	7406.09	7497.79	-1.22	\$/₹	0.956	0.956	\$/₹	1.115	1.115	JPN 10 yr	0.59	0.60	-0.01
Xetra Dax	16240.40	16448.83	-1.26	\$/₹	0.956	0.956	\$/₹	1.115	1.115	FRN 30 yr	1.54	1.50	0.04
Nikkei	33476.58	33172.22	0.92	\$/₹	0.956	0.956	\$/₹	1.115	1.115	GER 2 yr	3.06	3.03	0.02
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# Companies & Markets

## BP to increase dividend and repurchases after profit fall

- Quarterly earnings plunge to \$2.6bn
- Biggest retreat among energy majors

TOM WILSON — LONDON

BP increased its dividend and announced more share buybacks even as earnings slumped 70 per cent from the record levels set last year.

The UK-listed energy major was the largest of the large western oil and gas groups to report half-year results. Each company published a similar decline in quarterly earnings, although BP's fell furthest, shrinking more than two-thirds to \$2.6bn, down from the \$8.5bn it recorded in the same period last year.

Earnings at ExxonMobil and Shell were both down 56 per cent on last year, while TotalEnergies' earnings plunged 49 per cent.

BP chief executive Bernard Looney

'When you look at the oil markets, demand is incredibly strong'

Bernard Looney, BP chief

blamed lower refining margins and a "very high level" of planned maintenance work for the drop as the upheaval in energy markets that had supercharged profits for the previous five quarters receded.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, averaged \$78 a barrel between April and June, compared with \$114 a barrel in the same period last year.

Despite the fall in earnings, which missed analysts' expectations by almost \$1bn, BP surprised investors by increasing the dividend by 10 per cent to \$0.70 per share. It also committed to another \$1.5bn in share repurchases this quarter, following \$4.5bn in share buybacks already announced and completed this year. BP shares were down 0.26 per cent yesterday in London.

BP, like its rivals, has used record

profits in the past 18 months to buy back billions of dollars of its own stock, allowing it to reduce the outstanding number of shares by more than 9 per cent over the previous four quarters. "That allows us to raise the dividend by 10 per cent and effectively leave the dividend burden unchanged," Looney said.

While the fall in oil and gas prices meant it was a "very, very different environment" compared with 2022, Looney expected robust oil demand and supply cuts by the Opec cartel and its allies to support prices for the rest of the year. "When you look at the oil markets, demand is incredibly strong," Looney said. "That coupled with [the] very strong discipline... we're seeing from Opec... all leads to a world where prices are likely to be constructive in the months and year ahead."

BP's net cash flow was negative for the quarter at \$269mn, meaning it had to borrow to meet its spending obligations. Net debt went up for the first time in 12 quarters to \$23.7bn, rising from \$21.2bn in March.

Chief financial officer Murray Auchincloss said net debt had risen, in large part due to the \$1.3bn acquisition in May of TravelCenters of America, a chain of US highway fuel stations where BP planned to roll out electric vehicle charging. The business would add \$800mn of new earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation by 2025, Auchincloss said.

Looney said he supported recent signals from the UK government that it would continue licensing new oil and gasfields in the North Sea. Critics have accused the government of backsliding on previous green commitments.

BP would continue to "invest responsibly" in oil and gas in the North Sea, at the same time as it developed new clean energy solutions for the UK, Looney added.

## Gladly global HSBC to launch second \$2bn share buyback in rebound after split campaign



Western promise: HSBC's London home. US and UK rates drove revenue as Asian growth faltered — Hollie Adams/Bloomberg

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HSBC unveiled its second \$2bn share buyback of the year after rising interest rates helped it post bumper quarterly profits of \$8.8bn, strengthening executives' hand against an activist campaign led by its largest shareholder, Ping An, to break up the lender.

The UK-based bank said yesterday that second-quarter pre-tax profits surged 89 per cent from the same period last year, beating analyst estimates of \$8bn. Revenue increased 58 per cent to \$16.7bn, exceeding expectations for about \$16bn.

The performance was largely driven by rising interest rates in the UK and US, which helped boost earnings even as growth faltered in its largest markets, Hong Kong and mainland China. The bank boosted its profitability and revenue targets for this

year. Chief executive Noel Quinn said HSBC had "good broad-based profit generation around the world... [which] shows tangible evidence the strategy is working".

HSBC has boosted payouts to investors and closed underperforming businesses in several countries after coming under pressure from Chinese insurer Ping An to break up. The buyback announced yesterday adds to the \$2bn unveiled in the first quarter. The bank also announced a dividend of 10 cents a share.

In May, about 80 per cent of shareholders voted to reject Ping An's proposed split of its global operations into eastern and western units, a move the Chinese insurer argued would improve returns and help HSBC navigate trade tensions between the US and China.

Quinn said he had spoken to Ping An since the annual meeting but had "moved on" and was now focused on

execution after "a very conclusive and decisive outcome" in the vote.

The figures are the latest sign of how central banks' swift interest rate rises are boosting lenders' performance, with banks generating profits from the difference between the interest they receive from loans and the rate they pay out to depositors.

Rival Standard Chartered last week reported better than expected results. HSBC is particularly sensitive to interest rates as one of the world's largest deposit-taking institutions, with total assets of \$3tn.

HSBC said it expected \$900mn in credit losses, including charges related to commercial real estate in China, to which it has \$14.3bn of exposure. Chinese commercial property "is still going through some challenging times", Quinn said. "It will really hinge on customer demand coming back into that sector."

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## Raiffeisen boosts pay for Russian staff by €200mn

SAM JONES — ZURICH

Austria's Raiffeisen Bank increased pay for its Russian staff by €200mn in the past six months — equivalent to a €22,000 payout for each employee, even as the group comes under increasing pressure to leave its controversial business in the country.

The move by the bank, which is the largest western lender still operating in Russia, represents a doubling in staff costs in the division compared with the same period in 2022.

Raiffeisen said the increase was "a result of higher salaries and social security costs, provisions for one-off payments and an increase in headcount".

Headcount at the division rose less than 10 per cent. The increase in pay for Russian staff represents a jump in overall group staff costs for Raiffeisen — one of the biggest lenders in central and eastern Europe — of more than 20 per cent, despite the division representing less than a fifth of its 45,000 employees.

Raiffeisen also operates in Ukraine. Staff costs there were flat.

The bank, which has strong ties with Austria's ruling conservative People's party, this year pledged to accelerate plans to leave Russia, even as its operations there bring in outsized profits.

The bank is in the sights of US authorities over its Russian exposure. The US Treasury department has requested thousands of documents to check compliance with sanctions against Moscow.

"We continue to work at full speed on two options for our business in Russia: a sale and a spin-off," said chief executive Johann Strobl yesterday, presenting the bank's first-half results. "While we are working on these complex options, we are consequently continuing to reduce the business in Russia."

Profits before tax at Raiffeisen's Russian business rose 9.6 per cent to €867mn in the period, topping a record-beating profit in the first half of last year as the invasion of Ukraine began. Overall group profits after tax fell 24 per cent year on year, reflecting tougher business conditions elsewhere in eastern Europe.

Critics accuse the bank of not being serious about winding down its Russian operations but, like many western businesses, it finds itself in a tricky situation with few options for an easy exit.

Raiffeisen cannot repatriate any of the profits from its Russian business and has reduced its Russian loan book by more than a third since the war began.

## Nissan's woes in China are not only to do with electric vehicles

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Kana Inagaki



also forced out Ashwani Gupta, the former Nissan chief operating officer who was tipped to become the company's next president.

Having pursued an aggressive and successful expansion strategy in China with its joint venture partner Dongfeng Motor, Nissan's downfall has been extraordinary. In the first quarter, its vehicle sales in China dropped 36.8 per cent from a year earlier, while they were down 9.8 per cent in the second quarter because of strong competition from local car brands and a price war sparked by Elon Musk's Tesla.

"The fall in Nissan's sales is abnormal and it looks like they're going to disappear from the market if they don't do anything," said Takaki Nakanishi, an automotive analyst who runs his own research group.

Makoto Uchida, Nissan's chief executive, has acknowledged that their struggles in China helped push him to strike a deal with Renault so he could focus on reviving the business. He has also pledged to bring forward the rollout of electric vehicles in China. "In this tough era, Renault, Mitsubishi and ourselves are too small in scale to drastically push for electrification," Uchida said. "I felt we had to focus on discussions to take this alliance forward."

Having headed the company's business in China before becoming chief executive in late 2019, Nakanishi said Uchida should know where its problems in the market stemmed from. He suggested that the roots of Nissan's current challenges date back to Uchida's days running the business in China. Among Japanese rivals, the producer

of the Leaf electric vehicle was most enthusiastic about accelerating its electric transition in China but failed to deliver with attractive products. However, Nissan's decline in market share is also because of a sharp drop in sales for petroleum cars, suggesting a more fundamental issue of brand erosion.

Tang Jin, a senior research officer at Mizuho Bank in Tokyo, said the sluggish performance in China of the local brand Venucia underscored the dilemma Nissan faces. When the Japanese group and Dongfeng launched the brand in 2012, Nissan had hoped to separate its own cars for the middle market and create a local brand for the lower-end segment.

But the local brand, which was taken over by Dongfeng in 2017 and returned to the joint venture in late 2020, has struggled because Nissan cannot sell its own cars without heavy discounts, blurring the distinction with the Venucia.

Inside Nissan, officials blame the dogged pursuit of market share during the era of former chief Carlos Ghosn that encouraged the group to cut prices to sell more vehicles. But it was under Uchida's watch in 2018 that the company and Dongfeng announced an ambitious \$9.5bn investment plan to become a top-three China brand — a goal that now seems woefully out of reach.

For all its renewed ambitions in electric vehicles, Tang said a more realistic, short-term approach for Nissan is to buy time by reviving the sales of petroleum cars. Nearly one in three cars sold in China are electric vehicles but, volume-wise, gasoline vehicles are still vast.

"Even if there is a delay of one or two years with electric vehicles, the priority is to maintain sales of gasoline cars since they would lose their foundation in China without them," he warned.

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**PRIMEIRA SUPERLUA DE AGOSTO É VISTA EM VÁRIAS REGIÕES NO PLANETA; HAVERÁ OUTRA, 'AZUL', NO DIA 30**

Lua aparece maior e mais brilhante no fim da tarde em Contagem (MG); fenômeno ocorre quando o satélite está no ponto de sua órbita que é mais próximo da Terra, chamado de perigeu

## Ministros omitem de suas agendas reuniões com Janja

A agenda oficial da primeira-dama Rosângela da Silva registrou no primeiro semestre encontros com ao menos sete ministros. Só Esther Dweck, da Gestão, cumpriu a obrigação legal e divulgou o evento em lista de compromissos diários. Pastas alegam atualização atrasada. **Política A4**

## Bolsonaro pede a Tarcísio emprego nos EUA para nora

**Política A8**

## Por invasão do Capitólio, Trump vira réu pela 3ª vez

O ex-presidente dos EUA Donald Trump foi indiciado pela terceira vez, agora no caso que apura as tentativas de reverter sua derrota na eleição de 2020 e a invasão do Capitólio, em 6 de janeiro de 2021. A decisão, porém, não o impede de concorrer de novo à Casa Branca. **Mundo A12**

## Tempestade mais intensa da década mata ao menos 20 na China

**A13**

## Lula pode indicar Guido Mantega para o BID

Indicação ao BID pode ser plano B de aliados. O presidente Lula tinha intenção de emplacar Mantega no comando da Vale, mas a repercussão negativa de Marcio Pochmann no IBGE fez ideia refluir. **A15**

## Farmácias já podem fazer exames de análises clínicas

**Cotidiano B3**

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Alemanha, como o Brasil, precisa de resultado para não ser eliminada **B7**

## Ciência B6

Fóssil Luzio, o mais antigo ser humano do estado de SP, era parente de indígenas

## Ilustrada C1

Sem cota, filmes nacionais somem dos cinemas e têm só 0,9% da bilheteria

# Supremo derruba tese de legítima defesa da honra

Argumento era usado para absolver acusados de feminicídio em tribunais de júri

No primeiro dia após o recesso do Judiciário, o Supremo Tribunal Federal decidiu que a tese de legítima defesa da honra não pode ser usada para absolver acusados de feminicídio durante julgamentos em tribunais de júri. O voto do ministro relator, Dias Toffoli, foi seguido por unanimidade.

Pela tese derrubada, um assassinato ou uma agressão poderiam ser aceitáveis quando a vítima supostamente ferisse a honra do agressor — como num adultério. Toffoli a considerou inconstitucional por contrariar princípios da dignidade humana, da proteção à vida e da igualdade de gênero.

Em 2021, ele já decidira, em caráter provisório, anular qualquer julgamento em que se levantasse o argumento.

A defesa da honra foi sustentada no célebre caso de Raul Fernando Doca Street, que assassinou Ângela Diniz em 1976 e, inicialmente, recebeu dois anos de prisão — a pena foi a 15 em novo júri.

As absolvições nessa linha voltaram a ser frequentes após 2008, quando o Congresso alterou regras do tribunal do júri. A norma previa a possibilidade de inocentar o réu por "quesito genérico". Para uma ala do STF, isso consagrou ao jurado o poder de agir por clemência e compaixão. **Cotidiano B1**

## QUILOMBOS DO BRASIL



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## ARTISTA QUILOMBOLA GANHA SÉRIE DE MOSTRAS

Joelington Rios, 24, nascido na comunidade Jamary dos Pretos (MA), expõe fotomontagens em festival no Rio, onde vive, e fará parte da Bienal das Amazônias em Belém **Ilustrada C8**

## Mortos na Baixada vão a 14, e mais dois PMs são baleados

O número de mortos confirmados pelo governo paulista em decorrência de ação da Polícia Militar na Baixada Santista desde sexta-feira (28) chegou ontem a 14. Esta já é a segunda operação mais letal da história da corporação, atrás apenas do massacre do Garandiru, em 1992, com 111 vítimas.

Inicialmente focada em Guarujá, a ofensiva se estendeu a Santos, onde dois policiais foram baleados. O governador Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos) chamou de "narrativa" as denúncias de abusos de agentes. O secretário da Segurança, Guilherme Derrite, falou em "resposta à altura". **Cotidiano B2**

## Hélio Schwartsman

**Diante de operação, São Paulo não tem polícia, mas uma gangue uniformizada**

**Opinião A2**


## Mulher é morta a tiros pelo ex na zona oeste de SP

A vítima, de 46 anos, foi atacada na manhã de ontem na Vila Leopoldina, zona oeste de SP, quando pegava carro de aplicativo para o trabalho, no mercado financeiro. Separara-se recentemente do ex-marido, de 56 anos, que fugiu após o crime e, horas depois, se matou. **Cotidiano B1**

## Presos do RN dizem não poder usar papel higiênico

**MARCAS DO CÁRCERE**  
Relatório sobre presídios no Rio Grande do Norte aponta que na Penitenciária de Alcaçuz os detentos não podem usar papel higiênico por alegação de segurança. Governo potiguar nega veto ao item. **B3**

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# Xi: Advance ironclad ties with Pakistan

### CPEC 'vivid testament' of all-weather friendship between the two countries

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President Xi Jinping has reaffirmed Beijing's readiness to work with Pakistan in upholding high standards, sustainability and enhancing public well-being and further building the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor into an exemplary project of high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

The president's remarks, delivered at an event in Islamabad on Monday to celebrate the launch of the CPEC a decade ago, showcased the strong commitment from Beijing for the success of the landmark project under the Belt and Road Initiative and offered a boost in confidence to Pakistani society, analysts said.

In a congratulatory message to the event, Xi said that since the launch of the CPEC in 2013, China and Pakistan have adhered to the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits in advancing the project and attained a host of early outcomes.

The CPEC has injected new momentum into Pakistan's economic and social development and laid a solid foundation for regional connectivity and integration, he said.

He said that the CPEC serves as "a vivid testament to the all-weather friendship between China and Pakistan", adding that it has provided important support for building an even closer China-Pakistan community with a shared future in the new era. He stressed the need for both nations to continue to improve overall planning and scale up bilateral cooperation under the CPEC.

Xi said Beijing will always stand in solidarity with Islamabad despite all changes in the international landscape.

He urged both sides to forge ahead in solidarity to carry forward the ironclad friendship, coordinate development and security, and pursue cooperation of higher standards, broader scope and greater depth.

Vice-Premier He Lifeng, the special envoy of President Xi, spoke at Monday's event in Islamabad.

The two nations should work toward the upgrading of the CPEC and build it into a corridor for growth, public well-being, innova-

tion, green development and opening-up, he said.

The CPEC has included a variety of infrastructure projects such as roads, railways and oil and gas pipelines from Pakistan's Gwadar Port to Kashgar in the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. According to statistics provided by the Chinese embassy in Pakistan, the CPEC has brought about a direct investment of \$25.4 billion to Pakistan, created a total of 236,000 jobs, and built 510 kilometers of highway and 886 kilometers in power grids.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif said in his social media account after the event that the "CPEC has emerged as a bedrock of Pakistan's socioeconomic trajectory, helping us end crippling energy shortages, building high-quality infrastructure, and promoting connectivity and integration not only within Pakistan's various regions but also with the neighboring countries". "For us, CPEC is not merely a collection of different projects but a symbol of prosperity and shared development. It is a reflection of our relentless fight against poverty, unemployment and underdevelopment," he said.

He said the first phase of the CPEC was about fixing the "hardware" side of development, and the upcoming second phase will upgrade the "software" of development by focusing on agriculture, science and technology, skills development, innovation, industrialization, economic growth, health and education.

"President Xi's global leadership and vision of shared development is making a huge difference in the betterment of our world, especially the Global South," he said. "Together China and Pakistan will redefine not only the destiny of their people but also of the region."

Zoon Ahmed Khan, a Pakistani researcher at the Belt and Road Strategy Institute of Tsinghua University and a research fellow at the Center for China and Globalization, said the message from Xi clearly demonstrated the commitment from the Chinese side that the "CPEC remains a priority," which also offered a confidence boost to various sectors in Pakistan.

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Rescue workers in a boat paddle down a flooded Beijing street on Tuesday. Days of heavy rain, triggered by Typhoon Doksuri, have caused extensive damage in the capital and its surrounding regions. THOMAS PETER / REUTERS

## President calls for all-out search and rescue efforts

By HOU LIQIANG and ZHANG YUNBI

President Xi Jinping issued an instruction on flood prevention and disaster relief work on Tuesday, ordering all-out search and rescue efforts to save those missing or trapped in floods and geological disasters caused by Typhoon Doksuri.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, also called for efforts to minimize casualties.

Due to Typhoon Doksuri, which caused extreme precipitation in northern China and areas along the Yellow and Huaihe rivers and other places, flooding and geological disasters were triggered and inflicted major casualties in areas such as Beijing and Hebei province.

He asked all areas to make every effort to search for and rescue missing or trapped people, ensure proper treatment of those injured and provide comfort to the families of the victims.

The affected individuals should be properly resettled, and damaged infrastructure such as for transportation, communication and electricity should be repaired as soon as possible in order to restore regular production and daily life, he said.

Xi emphasized that the nation is currently undergoing a critical period in flood control.

The president asked the authorities to reinforce monitoring, fore-



Villagers evacuated from Beijing's Changping district have lunch on Tuesday at temporary accommodations in the city's Shougang Industrial Park. WU XIAOHUI / CHINA DAILY

casting and early warning, enhance inspection duty, focus on critical parts and places for flood control, fully carry out flood control measures with precision, and make every effort to protect lives and property and secure social stability.

The instruction came as what is left of Typhoon Doksuri continued to dump rain on many parts of northern China on Tuesday, though the rain has been decreasing in its intensity.

Continuous downpours have lashed Beijing since Saturday, leaving at least 11 dead and 13 missing, according to local flood control headquarters.

Six of the deceased are from the mountainous Mentougou and Fangshan districts, the worst-affected areas in Beijing, the headquarters said.

As of 6 am on Tuesday, Beijing recorded average precipitation of 257.9 millimeters. Mentougou and Fangshan received precipitation of about 470 mm and 415 mm, respectively, it said.

The average annual precipitation in the capital, however, is only about 600 mm.

To date, around 127,000 residents across the city have been relocated due to the rainfall, the headquarters said.

The lingering rainfall forced Beijing authorities to put a flood detention reservoir into operation on Monday. It is the first time that the Zhaizang reservoir has been used to detain floodwater since it was constructed for the purpose in 1998.

Torrential rains have also battered

North China's Hebei province since Saturday, leaving nine dead and six missing, local authorities said.

Flood control authorities in Hebei and Tianjin have also resorted to rarely used flood detention areas to cope with the deluge.

On Tuesday, five flood detention areas in the Haihe River basin were put into use, amid the constant and accelerated influx of rainwater into water bodies in the basin, according to the Haihe River Water Conservancy Commission.

The flooding was so severe in Tianjin, where the trunk of the Haihe is located, that local authorities upgraded the emergency response for flood control from Level III to Level I, the highest in the country's four-tier emergency response mechanism, at 1 am on Tuesday.

Hebei has lifted the sluice gates of the Langouwa flood detention area, in a move to relieve flood control pressures in its downstream areas along the Daqing River.

According to the National Meteorological Center, Lincheng county in Hebei received the largest cumulative precipitation of 994.6 mm among all areas affected by the rainfall, which started on Saturday.

The use of Langouwa, which has an area of 228 square kilometers and a capacity to store 323 million cubic meters of water, will help mitigate the impact of flooding in the Xiongan New Area, the Ministry of Water Resources said in a media release on Tuesday.

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## STREET DANCERS SET A HOT PACE

### Performers in Xinjiang take art form to new levels

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When Bahtiyar Yusunan, a young man from Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, attended a friend's wedding last month, he experienced far more than delicious food, phenomenal dancing and nonstop music.

After the traditional ceremony, people started to dance and sing while playing local instruments commonly seen at weddings. However, when a group of young men took to the stage, the party reached a climax. The group formed a circle, with one man flipping from his back onto



his chest, kicking high in the air. The others responded to his dazzling dance moves by applauding and cheering, before taking to the floor themselves.

"I joined the group and more people were quick to follow suit. The wedding was transformed into a street dance party. We danced for hours and everybody was very happy," said Bahtiyar Yusunan, 35.

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## Measures unveiled to boost private economy

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China's top economic regulator, along with several ministries and departments, rolled out on Tuesday a series of 28 detailed measures to tackle prominent problems facing private enterprises. The measures include cutting red tape to facilitate the enterprises' participation in major national science and technology projects.

The move came just two weeks after the country unveiled a general guideline in July to drive its private sector. Industry experts and company executives said the new measures are "pragmatic" and demonstrate the country's strong determination in implementing policies to shore up the private economy.

According to the National Development and Reform Commission, private capital will be encouraged to participate in major national projects that are profitable and mature, and to issue real estate investment trust products for infrastructure projects.

"Green light" investment cases will also be published continuously to drive the sound development of the platform economy, the commission said. "Green light" investment refers to deals involving new technologies and services that can help empower the real economy.

The new measures primarily cover five key aspects — promoting fair market access, offering stronger financial support, boosting legal

guarantees, optimizing services and creating a sound atmosphere for private companies.

Liu Shangxi, president of the Chinese Academy of Fiscal Sciences, said the guideline released in July is of vital importance, but what matters more is how the policies are implemented and turned into real measures in order to offer private entrepreneurs a long-term "reassurance pill".

"The launch of detailed rules and the involvement of different ministries and departments are expected to ... really boost the confidence of private entrepreneurs. The rules will further drive growth of the private economy amid rising economic uncertainties," Liu said.

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## TRUMP INDICTED IN ELECTION CASE

Ex-president faces 4 counts related to Jan. 6 riot and attempts to overturn his 2020 loss

By Sarah D. Wire

WASHINGTON — Former President Trump was indicted Tuesday on four felony counts following a special counsel investigation into efforts to stop the transfer of power after his 2020 election loss and his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. Trump is charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States, conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, a conspiracy against rights, and obstruction of or attempting to obstruct an official proceeding.

The indictment alleges that Trump sought to discount legitimate votes and subvert the 2020 presidential election results through three criminal conspiracies: obstructing the nation's process of collecting, counting and certifying the results of the presidential election; impeding the Jan. 6, 2021, count and certification of the presidential election results; and denying the right to vote and to have that vote counted.

Trump said last month that he had been notified he was the target of special counsel Jack Smith's probe, which began late last year after televised hearings conducted by a congressional select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. Those proceedings laid out many of the overarching facts outlined Tuesday in the criminal charges against Trump. But the 45-page indictment cast in stark relief the allegations that a former president misled the nation, attacked the underpinnings of democracy and caused violence in an effort to overturn an election and stay in power.

"The attack on our nation's Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was an unprecedented assault on the seat of American democracy," Smith said at a news conference Tuesday. "As described in the indictment, it was fueled by lies. Lies by the defendant targeted at obstructing a bedrock function of the U.S. government, the nation's process of collecting, counting and certifying the results of the presidential election."

Trump has been summoned to appear at 4 p.m. Thursday before Magistrate Judge Moxila A. Upadhyaya at the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse in Washington. [See Trump, A4]



**CORAL RESTORATION** Foundation member Javier Solar brings up threatened species off the Florida Keys for safekeeping.

## Filling a Noah's Ark with coral

Three and a half miles off the Florida Keys, Kylie Smith kicked to the surface of the ocean, then looked back down through her scuba mask to confirm what she had seen in the coral reef 15 feet below.

A colony of baby elkhorn coral was bone white. Another grouping of the animals was dying from rapid tissue loss disease. Smith's team of volunteers had planted the baby coral in the last year and watched it thrive. Now both colonies — which had slowly spread, with tiny nubs reaching toward filtering sunlight — were being damaged as water temperatures spiked.

"It's heartbreaking," the 34-year-old coral ecologist said softly, cupping her hands around her scuba mask as she bobbed in the waves above Alligator Reef.

As ocean temperatures rose to historic levels for July — a buoy in the shallow Florida Bay recently registered 101.1 degrees at the surface — corals are bleaching along

Scientists race to put specimens in gene-bank tanks before they go extinct

Story by Jenny Jarvie | Photographs by Carolyn Cole  
REPORTING FROM ALLIGATOR REEF, OFF THE FLORIDA KEYS



**AT ALLIGATOR REEF**, the coral shows signs of bleaching on July 24 that was not visible a week earlier, divers said.

Florida's fragile 350-mile-long barrier reef. At the bottom of some of the reefs that make up the barrier system, the only one in the contiguous United States, temperatures have reached 93 degrees, more than 6 degrees higher than is average for the time of year. Without major human intervention, some species of the ancient marine animals, vital to thousands of species of sea life and the region's economy, risk extinction.

Up and down the coast, divers are scrambling to monitor corals — some recently planted on the ocean floor, others that have thrived for thousands of years. A network of scientists and coral restoration experts is also racing in a modern-day Noah's Ark-style mission to haul specimens to safety before they perish. Some are afraid to open their eyes when they near the bottom.

Smith, a co-founder of I-CARE, a group that trains and [See Coral, A6]

## Despite strikes, AI roles grow

As actors and writers protest the new tech, studios and streamers are hiring expert staff.

By Brian Contreras and Wendy Lee

Getting paid \$900,000 a year to manage artificial intelligence projects for Netflix would've been an eye-popping sum even before two of Hollywood's major unions went on strike.

But now that the Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA are both picketing outside Netflix's headquarters in protest of low streaming pay and ascendant automation, such a job listing seems acutely emblematic of where the entertainment industry stands — and where it's going.

The "Product Manager — Machine Learning Platform" role, first reported by the Intercept, offers a pay range of \$300,000 to \$900,000 for work focused on setting priorities and managing projects related to the streaming giant's AI software.

And Netflix isn't alone. [See AI, A9]



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

**DATA** confirm that the sea is becoming harder to restrain. Above, Marco Mignot competes Monday at the Wallex U.S. Open of Surfing in Huntington Beach.

## Global warming is making bigger waves off California

By Corinne Purtill

Ocean waves along the California coastline have long symbolized the best the state has to offer: surf-ready swells at Malibu and Rincon; the misty beauty of breakers crashing along the North Coast; the foamy, playful waves welcoming beachgoers from San Diego to Santa Cruz.

But climate change has left no part of the sea unaltered. As melting glaciers and hotter temperatures

force global sea levels ever higher, the height and power of ocean waves are increasing along California's coast — and elsewhere.

Using seismic data stretching back nearly a century, oceanographer Peter Bromirski of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego has found that the height of winter waves has increased by an average of nearly 12 inches since 1970. That makes them 13% taller, on average, than winter waves from 1931 to 1969.

What's more, intense storms producing waves greater than 13 feet in height occurred twice as often from 1996 to 2016 as they did from 1949 to 1969, Bromirski found. His study was published Tuesday in the Journal of Geophysical Research-Oceans.

The numbers confirm what many coastal residents have experienced firsthand as they've seen floodwaters lap over boardwalks and cliffs crumble away: The sea is becoming harder to [See Waves, A12]

## Bass OKs LAPD raises, bonuses

Pact would see four base wage increases of 3%, more retention pay, health benefits.

By David Zahniser and Libor Jany

Mayor Karen Bass and the city's negotiators have struck a deal to provide an extensive package of raises and bonuses to about 9,000 officers, part of her larger effort to rebuild the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The four-year contract, which cannot go into effect without a ratification vote from members of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, would boost the

starting pay for new recruits by nearly 13%, while also providing four year-to-year increases of 3% to each officer's base wage, said City Administrative Officer Matt Szabo, the high-level budget official who reports to Bass and the City Council.

The agreement also includes increases in officers' retention pay, to ensure that they stay with the agency over the long term. And it provides a 5% boost in officers' health insurance subsidy, Szabo said Tuesday.

Bass, who heads the city's five-member bargaining committee, said the deal would support her goal of hiring more police, speeding up recruitment and improving retention rates among those who have already been [See Raises, A12]

### Wildfire may alter Mojave forever

Damage from the York fire may be irreversible, experts say, citing climate change. CALIFORNIA, B1

### Planet Earth (Taylor's version)

Cultural and marketing juggernaut Taylor Swift has little precedent in pop music history. CALENDAR, E1

**Weather**  
Sunshine, less humid.  
L.A. Basin: 88/63. B6

### Kombucha ruling supports workers

GT's Living Foods subjected some employees to "abusive" conditions, court says. BUSINESS, A5







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### River lo dio vuelta a tiempo

El 2-1 ante Inter de Porto Alegre, con doblete de Solari, le da confianza para la revancha en Brasil por octavos. P. 38

## Matt Damon, Emily Blunt y el desafío de Oppenheimer

La intimidad del filme según dos de sus protagonistas clave. P. 46

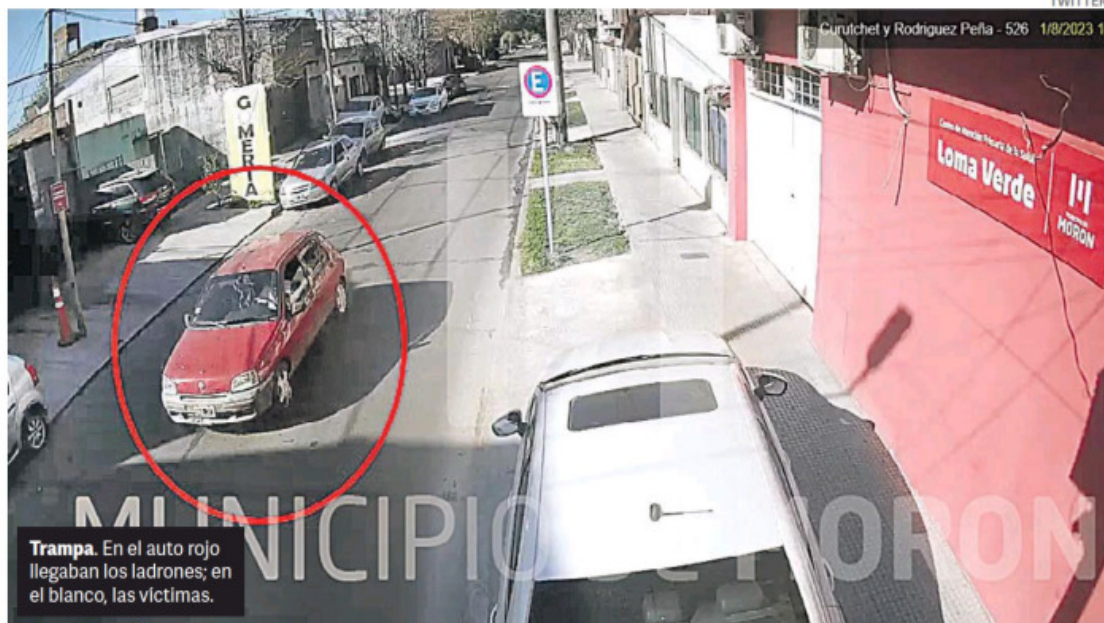
Tema del día • El paralelo saltó \$ 10 en un día y cerró a \$ 560

# Aprietan más el cepo a las importaciones y el blue llega a otro récord

La falta de reservas provoca que el Gobierno le dé un nuevo apretón al cepo. En julio ya no había autorizado el ingreso de autos importados, y en el inicio de agosto, las empresas ven cómo la AFIP les recorta en por lo menos 25% el cupo para importar.

Otras empresas sufrieron aún recortes mayores. Se espera que este nuevo endurecimiento tenga impacto en la actividad económica y en el dólar. Después de subir más de 11% el mes pasado, el blue arrancó agosto al alza: ayer tocó un nuevo récord.

Los motivos que explican el aumento son varios: el clima electoral, la falta de reservas en el Central, el deterioro de variables clave de la economía y que el tipo de cambio haya acumulado retrasos respecto a la inflación. P. 3



Trampa. En el auto rojo llegaban los ladrones; en el blanco, las víctimas.

## Compró un auto por Facebook y lo mataron

Domingo Acosta Aquino, de 58 años, llegó con su mujer y su hijo de 29 a bordo de su auto al lugar pactado en Morón. Llevaba los \$ 5 millones para la compra de una camioneta, según lo acordado con el vendedor en la plataforma Marketplace. Era una emboscada: los ladrones lo asesinaron de un tiro, hirieron a su hijo y se escaparon con la plata y el auto de la víctima. P. 36

AGOSTO ARRANCÓ CON RÉCORD

## Veranitos en pleno invierno: cómo sigue el tiempo

Según el Servicio Meteorológico Nacional, este es el comienzo de agosto más cálido en 117 años de datos: ayer la temperatura llegó a 30,1° en la Ciudad. El mes que viene empieza la primavera y se hará sentir el efecto de la

Corriente del Niño, con más calor y lluvias. Las previsiones hablan de una temperatura media superior a la normal en la Capital y buena parte del país. El invierno se despedirá como uno más caluroso de lo normal. P. 30

ESCÁNDALO EN EL SENADO

## Cuatro horas de chicanas y amenazas al secretario del juez Rosatti

En el marco del juicio político que el kirchnerismo le promueve a la Corte, uno de los diputados oficialistas pidió denunciar penalmente a Silvio Robles, y que se lo releve de la reserva de sus funciones. Otro diputado, el chaqueño Pedrini, lo calificó de "oscura presencia", y el ultra K Tailhade, a raíz de algo que Robles no contestó, desafió a pelear a un opositor. P. 15

## Agresión a Bullrich

Recibió insultos y gritos en su visita a San Luis.

LA ESTRATEGIA OFICIALISTA

## Consejos del gurú de Massa a funcionarios para defender al candidato

El catalán Antoni Gutiérrez Rubí reunió a una veintena de funcionarios y dirigentes K para dar instrucciones sobre cómo "vender" y apuntalar a Sergio Massa. Definió al ministro como "un gran piloto de tormenta" que agarró "una papa caliente". P. 7

POLÉMICA CON MALENA GALMARINI

## Cristina se mete en la pelea interna de Tigre

Pidió que Zamora, el actual intendente, vaya en la lista con Kicillof. Zamora, que compite con la mujer de Massa, había sido bajado por éste de su lista. P. 8

Del Editor

Héctor Gambini

Este no es un país normal: Cristina no tiene casa ni auto P. 2

## Trump Charged With Election Schemes

Grand jury alleges former president lied about vote fraud, helped organize fake electors and obstructed Congress's tally of 2020 results

By SADI GURMAN  
AND ARUNA VISWANATHA

WASHINGTON—Donald Trump was indicted Tuesday in an unprecedented criminal case accusing the former president of trying to subvert the will of American voters through his attempts to cling to power after he lost the 2020 election.

The indictment by a federal grand jury in Washington charges Trump with four crimes, including conspiring to defraud the U.S., obstruct-

ing an official proceeding and conspiring against the rights of voters for his actions that culminated in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack by his supporters on the U.S. Capitol. The indictment charges Trump alone, but it describes six co-conspirators, including people identifiable as Rudy Giuliani and several other lawyers who worked with him to contest the 2020 election results.

Many of the details referenced in the case have been previously revealed, including from a House panel that investigated the Jan. 6 attack. But the 45-page document paints a detailed portrait of Trump's alleged efforts to press claims that the election had been marred by fraud, even though he had been told repeatedly they had no merit, and how he leaned on officials in battle-

ground states he had lost, including Arizona, Georgia and Michigan, to support his efforts.

After those initial efforts failed, the indictment alleges, Trump pushed his own Justice Department to falsely claim election fraud, and he pressed Vice President Mike Pence to overturn the results, telling Pence at one point: "You're too honest." He then called his supporters to Washington and

urged them to "fight like hell" just before they marched to the Capitol on Jan. 6.

Brought by special counsel Jack Smith, the indictment opens a second federal criminal case against Trump under the administration led by President Biden, who beat him in the 2020 race for the White House and is now his potential opponent next year, with Trump the Republican front-runner.

Trump is scheduled to appear in federal court in Washington on Thursday.

The statutes carry heavy penalties. Attempting to obstruct an official proceeding, for example, carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. But defendants rarely face such sentences.

In a brief appearance before reporters Tuesday, where he took no questions, Smith called the Capitol attack "an unprecedented assault on the seat of American democracy. As de-

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## China Death Toll Rises in Typhoon's Wake



INUNDATED: At least 20 people died and 19 were missing in Beijing and surrounding areas, such as Miaofengshan, above, on the city's outskirts, after torrential rains from Typhoon Doksuri caused flooding for a fourth day. A8

## Shortage of Nurses Fuels Global Battle

By STUART CONDIE  
AND GABRIELE STEINHAUSER

A global shortage of health-care workers is setting off a bruising worldwide battle for talent, as rich countries raid other nations' medical systems for staff to care for their aging populations.

The competition has helped countries such as the U.S. and Australia replace some nurses who quit in record numbers during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. But it is also leaving hospitals in developing countries and some wealthier nations such as the U.K. worse off, as they lose staff to countries offering bigger paychecks.

Australia has been one of the most aggressive poachers, with

offers of special bonuses and fast-tracked visas. An Australian advertising campaign in the British Isles featured workers with sunshine streaming through windows. The campaign coincided with British nurses going on strike over pay, long hours and other concerns. "You can surf in the early mornings, go fly fishing on weekends, take photography classes, write novels, or sell preserves at the farmers' markets," stated an ad in the British Medical Journal, an industry magazine, for an emergency-medicine registrar job.

The health department in Australia's Tasmania state, which placed the ad, said that like other local authorities it is looking to many countries

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## Parents Obsess Over Camp Photos

Some scrutinize snapshots for any signs of sadness

By TARA WEISS

Summer sleep-away camps regularly post photos of boys and girls during games, meals and assemblies, reassuring parents their children are alive and having fun.

Many moms and dads aren't convinced. They scrutinize every pixel of their child's expression and body language for clues about their emotional state. These parents may want their children to

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## Why America's Gun Laws Are in Chaos

Judges clash over history after Supreme Court upended how to decide Second Amendment cases; 'The whole thing puzzles me'

By JACOB GERSHMAN

The Supreme Court last summer sought to clarify its expansive reading of the Second Amendment. Instead, it set off chaos.

The decision in New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen decreed that gun-control laws of today must have a clear forerunner in weapons regulations around the time of the nation's infancy, regardless of the modern public-safety rationale behind them.

The result: Hundreds of gun cases litigated in recent months have become a free-for-all, with lower courts conflicted or confounded about how and where to draw limits on gun rights.

"There's all this picking and choosing of

historical evidence. "This is too early. This is too late. Too small, too big," Judge Gerard Lynch of the Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said during a recent argument about a new law in New York that prohibits guns in sensitive places like parks, museums and bars. "The whole thing puzzles me."

In that case, the right of licensed handgun owners to carry weapons into bars and theaters could hinge on 19th-century statutes that barred drunks from carrying knives, and outlawed guns and butcher knives in social parties attended by ladies. A case decided last fall held that the federal ban on guns with obliterated serial numbers was unconstitutional because unmarked guns were perfectly legal in the 18th century.

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## Uber's Businesses Turn Profitable For the First Time

By PREETIKA RANA

Uber Technologies posted its first-ever operating profit in the second quarter, a milestone in its long-term efforts to stem losses in its businesses carrying people and delivering food.

The results for the three months through June were driven by solid growth in both of Uber's core businesses, as the number of rides in the U.S. and Canada surpassed prepandemic levels for the first time and demand for delivery stayed strong despite restaurant re-openings.

The quarter was the first since Uber's 2009 founding that it reported its underlying operations were profitable. The easy availability of capital for much of the past decade had Uber and others burning tens of billions of dollars in an attempt to

gain market share.

From 2016 through the first quarter of this year, Uber has collectively reported close to \$30 billion in operating losses, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"For most of our history, profitable wasn't the first thing that came up when you asked someone about Uber," Chief Executive Dara Khosrowshahi said on a Tuesday call with analysts. "In fact, many observers over the years boldly claimed that we would never make any money. But we knew they were wrong," he added.

The operating performance helped lift Uber to a net profit in the quarter. Uber has posted a quarterly net profit four

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## What's News

### Business & Finance

- ◆ **Uber's results** were highlighted by its first-ever operating profit, a milestone in the firm's long-term efforts to stem losses in its businesses carrying people and delivering food. Revenue rose 14% but slightly missed analyst estimates. **A1**
- ◆ **Fitch downgraded** the U.S. government's credit rating weeks after Biden and congressional Republicans came to the brink of a historic default, warning about the growing debt burden and political dysfunction in Washington. **A2**
- ◆ **Starbucks reported** record sales from its cold espresso and other elaborate coffee drinks, but said employee wage increases and investments in its cafes dragged down profit. **B1**
- ◆ **The S&P 500 and Nasdaq** fell, retreating 0.3% and 0.4%, respectively, while the Dow industrials gained 0.2%. **B13**

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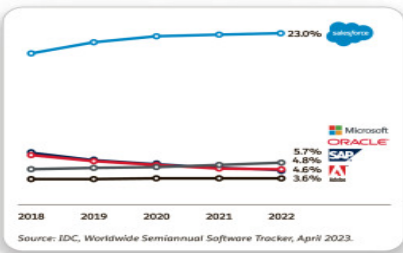
### World-Wide

- ◆ **Trump was indicted** in an unprecedented criminal case accusing the former president of trying to subvert the will of American voters through his attempts to cling to power after he lost the 2020 election. **A1, A4-5**
- ◆ **Ukrainian drones struck** Moscow for a second time this week, while unmanned boats attacked Russian ships in the Black Sea, Russian authorities said. **A6**
- ◆ **China ousted** the commander of its missile force, a move that analysts said was intended to ensure loyalty to President Xi in that arm of the country's military. **A8**

- ◆ **A congressional committee** is investigating BlackRock and MSCI for facilitating American investment in Chinese companies the U.S. government has accused of bolstering China's military and violating human rights. **A3**
- ◆ **European governments** began evacuating their citizens from Niger after last week's coup there triggered a standoff between Moscow's allies in the region and states that have worked more closely with the U.S. and other Western powers. **A7**
- ◆ **Myanmar's Suu Kyi**, who was ousted from power in a military coup in 2021 and convicted in a series of cases brought against her by the junta, was pardoned for some of those offenses. **A9**
- ◆ **Died: Sheila Oliver**, 71, trailblazing lieutenant governor of New Jersey. **A3**

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Court date in D.C. set for Thursday in his third indictment since March

'Despite having lost, the Defendant was determined to remain in power'

Counts include obstruction and conspiracy in three criminal schemes

## Trump charged in Jan. 6 case

### GOP rivals tone down support as allegations grow

BY MICHAEL SCHERER

Many Republicans, including Donald Trump's 2024 rivals for the White House, reacted with fury in the spring when the former president was indicted by a New York prosecutor. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis called the move "un-American." Republican chairwoman Ronna McDaniel described it as a "blatant abuse of power" that "endangers us all." Former vice president Mike Pence called it "an outrage."

But those same people initially offered more tempered reactions on Tuesday, when Trump faced his second major indictment by a federal prosecutor, this time for his role in efforts to disrupt the transfer of power after the 2020 election.

DeSantis's first response railed against the "weaponization of the federal government" but withheld judgment on the indictment itself, which the governor said he had not read.

McDaniel did not release a statement.

And Pence, who testified before the grand jury that issued the latest indictment, said minutes after the announcement at a virtual town hall for Principles First, a bipartisan group made up largely of Republicans who have condemned Trump's actions after the 2020 election. Pence was praised by the moderator for "standing in the breach" on Jan. 6, 2021, and "doing what the Constitution requires."

"The former president is entitled to the presumption of innocence but with this indictment, his candidacy means more talk about January 6th and more distortions," Pence said in a statement Tuesday.

The shifts reflect both the differing substance of Trump's legal troubles and the growing combativeness of the Republican primary

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JARIN BOTSFOUR/THE WASHINGTON POST

Former president Donald Trump in June. Tuesday's grand jury indictment accuses him of knowingly making false claims about widespread fraud in the 2020 presidential election in an effort to stay in office. Trump has denied any wrongdoing.

### President's 'lies' led to Capitol riot, counsel says

This article is by Declin Barrett, Spencer S. Hsu, Perry Stein, Josh Dawsey and Jacqueline Alemany

A grand jury indicted former president Donald Trump on Tuesday for a raft of alleged crimes in his brazen efforts to overturn Joe Biden's election victory — the latest legal and political aftershock stemming from the riot at the U.S. Capitol two and a half years ago.

The four-count, 45-page indictment accuses Trump, who is again running for president, of conspiring to defraud the United States, conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding, attempting to obstruct an official proceeding and conspiring against people's civil right to have their vote counted. The maximum potential sentence on the most serious charge is 20 years in prison.

"The attack on our nation's Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, was an unprecedented assault on the seat of American democracy," special counsel Jack Smith told reporters after the indictment was filed. "It was fueled by lies, lies by the defendant."

Smith also praised the law enforcement officers who defended the Capitol, saying that they "did not just defend a building or the people sheltering in it. They put their lives on the line to defend who we are as a country and as a people."

The charges represent the third indictment of the former president filed since March — setting the stage for one of the stranger presidential contests in history, in which a major-party front-runner may have to alternate between campaign stops and courtrooms over the next year and a half.

A federal grand jury in Miami

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Mich. probe: Two Republicans are charged in voting machine case. A9

### The Conspiracy

6. From on or about November 14, 2020, through on or about January 20, 2021, in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, the Defendant,

DONALD J. TRUMP,

did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with co-conspirators, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to defraud the United States by using dishonesty, fraud, and deceit to impair, obstruct, and defeat the lawful federal government function by which the results of the presidential election are collected, counted, and certified by the federal government.

### UNINDICTED CO-CONSPIRATORS



Rudy Giuliani

John Eastman



Sidney Powell

Jeffrey Clark

## Law for KKK prosecutions comes into play

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER AND SPENCER S. HSU

A carload of White men who attacked an interracial couple with rocks and bricks.

A member of the Ku Klux Klan who built a cross, wrapped it in sheets soaked in gas and oil and instructed two others to set it ablaze in front of the home of a family of Mexican and Puerto Rican descent.

A social media influencer who spread misinformation aimed at preventing people from voting.

And now, a former president of the United States.

When Donald Trump was indicted Tuesday and accused of trying to subvert the results of the 2020 presidential election, he found himself in the unenviable company of defendants charged under a criminal statute dating to the Reconstruction era.

The statute, Section 241 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code, was originally adopted as part of the Enforcement Act of 1870. It was the first in a series of measures known as the Ku Klux Klan Acts

designed to protect rights guaranteed by the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments, collectively called the Reconstruction Amendments. Section 241 makes it a crime to "conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person" exercising a right protected by the Constitution or federal law.

The 45-page indictment secured by special counsel Jack Smith accuses Trump of a "conspiracy against the right to vote and to have one's vote counted,"

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## Details depict roles of six allies in 2020 plot

This article is by Holly Bailey, Rachel Weiner, Amy B. Wang and Isaac Arnsdorf

In criminally charging former president Donald Trump for his efforts to reverse his 2020 election loss, federal prosecutors allege that Trump enlisted six co-conspirators to "assist him in his criminal efforts to overturn the legitimate results of the 2020 presidential election and retain power."

The co-conspirators were not

charged Tuesday and are not named in the indictment, but five of them can be identified using the detailed descriptions provided by prosecutors. Here's what we know about them:

### 1. Rudy Giuliani

The indictment describes "co-conspirator 1" as an attorney "who was willing to spread knowingly false claims and pursue strategies" that Trump's 2020 re-election campaign would not pursue. Giuliani served as Trump's personal attorney and was central

to efforts by the Trump team to overturn Joe Biden's 2020 election victory.

A former federal prosecutor and elected New York mayor — was regarded as a national hero in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Giuliani spearheaded bogus legal challenges in key battleground states, including Michigan and Georgia, promoting unsupported claims of vast election fraud. He continued to do so even as many state and federal officials — including William P. Barr,

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## U.S. halts security cooperation with Niger as Europeans start evacuating

BY KAREN DEYOUNG, DAN LAMOTHE AND MICHAEL BRINKBAUM

The United States has suspended security cooperation with military forces in Niger following an effort to oust the elected president there, a Pentagon spokesman said Tuesday, a new acknowledgment of the seriousness of conditions on the ground as the Biden adminis-

Moves reflect gravity of situation despite Biden's hesitancy to call it a coup

tration grapples with how to respond to last week's apparent coup.

Brig. Gen. Patrick Ryder told

reporters that partnered activities, including U.S. training of Nigerien soldiers, has been "suspended in light of the situation." A second defense official, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity citing the matter's sensitivity, said the suspension had begun shortly after President Mohamed Bazoum was detained by his own presidential guard. The administration has been

hesitant to label events in Niger a coup — a designation that under U.S. law would require the cessation of both security and economic assistance — because of the country's key role as a Western ally in counterterrorism operations in Africa's Sahel region, where the Islamic State, al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups are active, and its status as one of the few remaining democracies in a re-

gion riven by military overthrows.

After investing deeply in its relationship with Bazoum, who took office in 2021 in the first democratic transfer of power since Niger's independence from France in 1960, the administration had viewed Niger as a hopeful democratic outpost in the region. Now policymakers say they face choices in which a misstep could make the situation worse, even as

they hold out hope that it's not too late to restore the democratically elected leader to power.

"We think it's credible to see if we can put things back on track," a senior State Department official said. "We don't think [Bazoum's ouster] is fully successful and we

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