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storm, low 69. Tomorrow, some sun, high 88. Weather map, Page B6.

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Prices in Canada may be higher



Smoke in southern Lebanon on Sunday from what Israel called a pre-emptive strike against thousands of Hezbollah rockets.

How Jailed Migrant Was Freed And Charged With Rape Again

Marcius, Maria Cramer and Wesley

For 15 months, Daniel Davon-Bonilla sat in the Rikers Island jail complex in New York City, accused of raping a transgender woman in a migrant shelter.

Then, on June 24, Mr. Davon-Bonilla stood before a judge in a Brooklyn court. The victim in the case had refused to testify, and now prosecutors were offering him a deal: He could plead guilty to a felony assault charge and be released that day.

The judge, Donald Leo, warned Mr. Davon-Bonilla, a 24-year-old from Nicaragua, that he could be deported.

"Do you still wish to proceed with your plea of guilty?" asked Justice Leo, according to a tran-

This article is by Chelsia Rose Failure of Cooperation Between ICE and City Is Blamed

script of the hearing. "Of course," he replied.

In fact, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, had informed the city that it intended to deport Mr. Davon-Bonilla when he was charged with rape, the agency said. But neither the city nor the Brooklyn district attorney notified federal officials when he was released that day in

Mr. Davon-Bonilla did not show up for his sentencing on Aug. 9. Two days later, the police say, he

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Harris Is Calling Oakland Home. Berkeley Can Understand Why.

By HEATHER KNIGHT and ALEXANDRA BERZON

High above an arena packed with Democratic delegates in Chicago last week, a video introduced the life story of Kamala Harris to the world.

"Behind me is where it all began," said her childhood friend, Stacey Johnson-Batiste, standing in front of a charming yellow, twostory home where Ms. Harris grew up in a small apartment above a nursery school.

But where was that exactly? The screen simply read "East Bay," as in the eastern section of the San Francisco Bay Area that sprawls over 1,400 square miles and is home to nearly three million people. Ms. Harris called the area just "the bay" in her speech on Thursday night. Other speak-

Trading Liberal Mecca for a City That's Not Quite So ... Rad

ers throughout the week referred to Ms. Harris as hailing from Oakland, the East Bay's largest city.

The word almost never spoken was the name of Ms. Harris's actual hometown: Berkeley, Calif.

That little yellow house sits on Bancroft Way in the university city known, fairly or not, for a hippy-dippy vibe where residents gamely embrace the nickname, "People's Republic of Berkeley." Ms. Harris's old neighborhood is now called Poets Corner for its preponderance of streets named

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Warring Sides Quickly Talk **Containment**

Israel and Hezbollah Claim Victories of Sorts

By ISABEL KERSHNER

JERUSALEM — For weeks, Israelis have waited in trepidation for a major attack by Hezbollah in retaliation for Israel's assassination of a senior commander of the Lebanese group in Beirut last month, amid widespread fears that a cross border escalation could spiral into an all-out regional war.

But much of Israel woke up on Sunday to find that at least for the immediate term, the longdreaded attack appeared to be over almost before it started.

Both Israel and Hezbollah quickly claimed victories of sorts: Israel for its predawn pre-emptive strikes against what the military said were thousands of Hezbollah's rocket launcher barrels in southern Lebanon; and Hezbollah for its subsequent firing of barrages of rockets and drones at northern Israel, which the Israeli military said killed a naval officer.

By breakfast time, the two sides were employing the language of containment.

Hezbollah announced that it had completed the "first stage" of its attack to avenge the assassination of the senior commander, Fuad Shukr, and appeared to be calling it a day, at least for now. Israel's defense minister, Yoav Gallant, said he had spoken with the U.S. secretary of defense, Lloyd J. Austin III, and they had "discussed the importance of avoiding regional escalation," according to a statement from Mr. Gallant's office.

Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, said in a speech on Sunday evening that his group had attacked an Israeli intelligence base, Glilot, just north of Tel Aviv. If the results of the attack on the base turned out to be satisfactory, he said, the militia would rest its case.

If it turned out to be a failure. he added, then Hezbollah reserved the right to respond at a later date.

After the attacks, the Middle East remained on edge, the days anead uncertain.

"There can be stages," cautioned Ehud Yaari, an Israelbased fellow of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a research group. "You can have escalation that is gradual."

Later Sunday morning, the Israeli military said it was continuing to strike Hezbollah launchers in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah is estimated to pos-

sess tens of thousands of rockets Continued on Page A7

ISRAEL EXCHANGES HEAVY AIRSTRIKES WITH HEZBOLLAH

FLARE-UP, THEN A PAUSE

Fears Grow That Conflict With Lebanon Could Spread in Region

This article is by Aaron Boxerman, Isabel Kershner and Euan Ward.

JERUSALEM - Amid fears of an all-out war between Israel and Hezbollah forces in Lebanon, the two sides on Sunday mounted the biggest round of cross-border strikes since the war in Gaza began, with Israel bombing dozens of sites in a pre-emptive attack, and Hezbollah launching hundreds of rockets and drones.

Within hours, both sides appeared to de-escalate, at least temporarily, but signaled that the violence and dangerous tensions could continue. Hezbollah said its operation, vengeance for the Israeli assassination of a senior commander, had "finished for the day" but left open the possibility of further action. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said that "what happened today is not the final word.'

For weeks, Israelis have waited in trepidation for a major attack promised by Hezbollah in retalia-



A Hezbollah drone was intercepted on Sunday by Israel.

tion for the airstrike last month in a suburb of Beirut that killed one of its leaders, Fuad Shukr. Iran, which backs both Hezbollah and Hamas, has also promised retribution for the killing of Ismail Haniyeh, the Hamas political leader, on a visit to Tenran, nours after Mr. Shukr was killed, though it appears to have put that plan on

After the Hamas-led attacks on Oct. 7 that triggered the war in the Gaza Strip, Hezbollah began firing frequently on Israel, prompting widespread Israeli bombardment. Repeated strikes, counterstrikes and threats have forced more than 160,000 people to evacuate on both sides of the border,

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From War's Carnage Springs a Renaissance of Ukrainian Poetry

By CONSTANT MÉHEUT and DARIA MITIUK

KYIV, Ukraine - For several days in March 2022, the battalion of Yaryna Chornohuz, a Ukrainian poet and combat medic, faced fierce attacks from a column of Russian tanks in southeastern Ukraine. Outgunned, the soldiers repelled the first two assaults, but suffered many casualties.

As Ms. Chornohuz bandaged the head of a wounded platoon commander, she said a third attack broke through, forcing the Ukrainian troops to retreat quickly, leaving behind the commander and other badly injured soldiers.

"Lots of good guys were killed," said Ms. Chornohuz, 29. "We didn't have the time to say goodbye to any of them."

After she reached safety in a village away from the combat zone, she poured her emotions into a poem, typing out verses on her

Every time you want to be wrong

About the brightness of those eyes

The eyes of those who decided one day To die in battle Are always brighter than

others

A year later, Ms. Chornohuz sent the poem and others written on the battlefield to a publisher,



An open-mic poetry reading for beginners last month at a bookstore in Kyiv, Ukraine's capital.

JOURNALISTS' HOTEL IS HIT

A safety adviser for Reuters was missing and two journalists were wounded in the strike. Page A8.

who released them as a collection in 2023. The book received acclaim, and this year, it won a Shevchenko National Prize, Ukraine's highest arts and culture

award.

Ms. Chornohuz's story is emblematic of a poetry boom that has swept Ukraine during the war with Russia. Over the last two years, poets have emerged as some of the nation's most popular voices, their verse capturing the raw emotions of the conflict and resonating deeply with a warweary population.

Sales of poetry books have soared, according to bookshop owners. Ye, a large Ukrainian bookstore chain, reported selling 2.5 times more contemporary poetry books in the first year of the war than in 2021. To meet the surge in demand, major Ukrainian publishing houses like Vivat and Nash Format said they had

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Mpox-Plagued Congo Requested Vaccine Years Ago. It Still Waits.

By STEPHANIE NOLEN

available in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the epicenter of a global health emergency declared last week, even though the country first asked for the shots two years ago and the manufacturers say they have supplies.

"The most important thing we need right now are the vaccines," said Dr. Samuel-Roger Kamba, health minister of Congo.

So where are the shots? They are trapped in a byzantine drug regulatory process at the World Health Organization.

Three years after the last worldwide mpox outbreak, the W.H.O. still has not officially approved the vaccines — although the United States and Europe have — nor has

There are no vaccines for mpox it issued an emergency use license that would speed access.

> One of these two approvals is necessary for UNICEF and Gavi, the organization that helps facilitate immunizations in developing nations, to buy and distribute mpox vaccines in low-income countries like Congo.

While high-income nations rely on their own drug regulators, such as the Food and Drug Administration in the United States, many low- and middle-income countries depend on the W.H.O. to judge what vaccines and treatments are safe and effective, a process called prequalification

But the organization is painfully risk-averse, concerned with a Continued on Page A6



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As heat waves become more frequent and intense, the lack of precise data is leading to needless fatalities. PAGE A9

A Billionaire's Lofty Aspiration

Jared Isaacman will lead three other private astronauts on a mission that will include a risky spacewalk. PAGE A11

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A new Taiwanese television drama series, "Zero Day," fictionalizes an increasingly plausible scenario on the island: a Chinese invasion.

Voice of a Changing France

Amine Kessaci, 20, has become a champion of citizens from immigrant backgrounds clamoring to be heard. PAGE A4

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Hettie Jones found her voice as a writer after her husband left her and became Amiri Baraka. She was 90.



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A Fringe Festival Rookie Nadia Quinn, a comic actress from New

York, looked to make a splash at the arts event held in Scotland.

An Exploration of Identity

A show by the artist Rashid Johnson will fill Frank Lloyd Wright's rotunda at the Guggenheim Museum in 2025. PAGE C2

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As Kroger seeks to acquire Albertsons, federal regulators argue that the biggest supermarket combination in history will hurt not only consumers, but workers as well.

The Party of Workers?

Populist lawmakers like Josh Hawley and Marco Rubio are part of a new generation of Republicans that is learning to love labor. But it's not clear if labor will love them back.

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Breakthroughs on the Court

How Serena and Venus Williams

opened a path for a generation of Black players, transforming what was a predominantly white sport.

