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Zelensky and Allies Press Trump for Security Guarantees



A delegation of European leaders flanked President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine and President Trump at the White House on Monday for talks about a peace deal.

U.S. Weighs Aims of Europeans and Russia

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President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine, backed by an extraordinary delegation of European leaders, defended his nation’s interests at the White House on Monday as President Trump pressed for a quick peace agreement with Russia that would require Ukraine to make significant concessions.

Unlike the last Oval Office meeting between the American and Ukrainian presidents in February, when Mr. Trump and Vice President JD Vance berated Mr. Zelensky on live television, the meeting was outwardly cordial, with Mr. Trump warmly welcoming Mr. Zelensky to the West Wing after the Ukrainian arrived in a dark suit instead of his usual military clothing.

Mr. Zelensky arrived shortly after seven European leaders rushed to the White House to show support for Ukraine, amid concerns that Mr. Trump was more closely aligning with President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia after Mr. Putin flew to Alaska for a meeting with Mr. Trump last week.

The Europeans — including Keir Starmer of Britain, Emmanuel Macron of France, Friedrich Merz of Germany and Giorgia Meloni of Italy — have warned that if Mr. Putin is not stopped in Ukraine, he could ultimately try to take more European territory by force. Several of the Europeans called for a security force to protect Ukraine from future Russian aggression.

“All of us want to finish this war — stop Russia,” Mr. Zelensky said on Monday.

Mr. Trump paused the meeting with the Europeans and Mr. Zelensky on Monday to call Mr. Putin, according to two people familiar with the matter. Yuri Ushakov, Mr. Putin’s foreign policy adviser, said the two men had a “frank and very constructive” 40-

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Mr. Zelensky and the others need to discuss “the possible exchanges of territory,” Mr. Trump said.



The meeting appeared more cordial than Mr. Zelensky’s last visit.

Texas Democrats End Walkout, Clearing Way to Pass New Map

By J. DAVID GOODMAN

AUSTIN, Texas — Democrats in the Texas State Legislature who had left the state to halt an aggressive redistricting effort returned to Texas and ended their two-week walkout on Monday, opening the way for Republicans to pass a redrawn congressional map called for by President Trump.

For the past two weeks, Republican leaders in Texas bristled at the Democrats’ flight and took extraordinary steps to pressure them to return. Gov. Greg Abbott and the state attorney general, Ken Paxton, sued to try to remove the absent Democrats from office. Senator John Cornyn got the F.B.I. involved in locating them. The speaker of the Texas House, Dustin Burrows, issued civil arrest warrants and threatened to impose \$500-a-day fines under House rules.

But in the end, Democrats said they decided to return after their walkout succeeded in preventing a vote on the map in the first special legislative session, a move that drew national attention to Mr. Trump’s push for a rare mid-decade redistricting and helped propel Democratic-run states to begin their own redistricting efforts.

California lawmakers introduced legislation on Monday to redraw that state’s congressional map to be more favorable to Dem-

Standoff Put Spotlight on Redistricting

ocrats as a counter to the changes in Texas — a move championed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat. They are expected to vote on the proposal on Thursday.

The standoff in Texas began on Aug. 3, when dozens of Democratic state representatives boarded a charter plane to Chicago. And it ended in much the same way, with a large group of Democrats flying together back to Austin.

But in an unexpected coda Monday afternoon, one Democrat refused to leave the State House floor in protest over a Republican requirement that all returning Democrats have state police officers with them to make sure they did not flee again.

The Democrats’ charter jet landed on Monday just over an hour before the Texas House was set to convene at noon local time, and about two dozen representatives went directly to the Capitol from the airport.

They were cheered by a crowd of supporters, some waving signs reading “Thank you, Dems,” and others wearing union shirts, who lined the steps near the House chamber.

“We have woken the nation up,”

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Games Show Robots’ Potential, But Your Job Is Safe, for Now

By YAN ZHUANG

There’s a very real concern that robots could eventually make some of our jobs obsolete. But at a robot-only sports competition in China over the weekend, the immediate concern was that they would fall over or crash into each other.

The Humanoid Robot Games, a three-day event in Beijing that ended on Sunday, featured more than 280 teams from universities and private companies in 16 countries. Some robots landed backflips and successfully navigated obstacle courses and rough terrain.



After a lot of flailing, a referee declared a winner in Beijing.

In other cases, the robots’ athletic ability left, well, something to be desired.

During soccer matches, child-size ones tripped over each other, falling down like dominoes. One goalkeeper robot stood placidly as its opponent kicked a ball at its legs several times before finally managing to score.

One robot by China’s Unitree Robotics plowed into a human staff member while sprinting during a track event, knocking him down.

In kickboxing matches, robots

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In Crackdown, D.C.’s Homeless Feel More Pain

By ANUSHKA PATIL and AISHVARYA KAVI

WASHINGTON — For some 15 years, David Brown had made a home in Washington Circle, living in a tent with a handful of others in an encampment. On Friday, that home was destroyed — his tent, clothing and other possessions were tossed into a dumpster by police officers carrying out President Trump’s crackdown on some of the city’s most powerless residents.

Left with a fraction of his things, Mr. Brown and his 6-month-old puppy, Molly, moved a block away and slept outside the Foggy Bottom subway station. Sitting in a wheelchair outside the station on Saturday, he was still baffled at what was happening. “Why is he doing this, for no reason?” he asked Mr. Trump.

The clearing of homeless people off the streets of Washington, part of the president’s marshaling of federal forces on the nation’s capital, has been more scattered than sweeping, and it is unclear how many of the estimated 900 people who sleep on the city’s streets have been affected.

But what emerged over the weekend were more stories like Mr. Brown’s. Many people are on the move, seeing their lives up-

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Haitians Fueled Revival in Ohio, But Must Leave

By MIRIAM JORDAN

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — The aroma of Haitian feast — pork griot, djon djon rice, fried plantains — drifted through the break room of a metal shop in Springfield, Ohio.

It was Wilford Rinvil’s goodbye gift to his co-workers.

For four years, Mr. Rinvil, a Haitian immigrant, had pressed steel into car parts at McGregor Metal. While the work was grueling, it offered a stable income, health insurance, a 401(k). And Mr. Rinvil, who turns 46 this week, thrived there, relieved to be away from his home country, which had descended into lawlessness and gang violence.

“He would do anything in the world for you,” said Lance Beale, the production supervisor.

But Mr. Rinvil’s sense of security began to unravel after President Trump took office and moved to dismantle protections for Haitian immigrants.

He expected the administration to revoke his work permit. And with deportation a real possibility, Mr. Rinvil packed up his hard-won life and moved this month to Canada.

“You leave your home to survive, you do everything right,” he said in an interview four days be-

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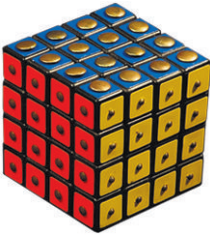
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