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A memorial on Monday at Bondi Beach, the site of the attack, in Sydney, Australia. The nation already had what advocates considered the "gold standard" on gun control.

Australia to Tighten Gun Laws After Shooting, Leader Pledges

Charges Expected for Suspect Who's in a Coma

This article is by Victoria Kim, Yan Zhuang and Michael Levenson.

SYDNEY, Australia — Prime Minister Anthony Albanese vowed on Monday to toughen Australia's already strict gun laws, after the country's worst mass shooting in three decades killed 15 people and wounded dozens more at a Jewish holiday celebration in Sydney.

"The government is prepared to take whatever action is necessary," he said at a news conference.

Officials have said that the attack on Sunday at Bondi Beach was an act of terrorism carried out by a 24-year-old Australian citizen and his father, an immigrant living in the country legally. The elder man, 50, who came to the country in 1998, had six firearms registered in his name. His country of origin was not immediately clear.

Police officers responding to the massacre shot both suspects, killing the father and wounding the son, officials said. They have not publicly identified either man. The police said on Monday that they expected to bring criminal charges against the younger man.

Australia had what advocates considered the "gold standard" on gun control. The country essentially banned assault rifles and many other semiautomatic weapons, as well as shotguns, after a gunman killed 35 people in the Tasmanian town of Port Arthur in 1996. After the attack at Bondi Beach, the country's leaders said they were prepared to enact additional restrictions.

Potential measures could include a limit on the number of firearms a person can own and a ban on gun licenses for noncitizens of

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Rob Reiner and his wife, Michele, were found stabbed to death in their home in Los Angeles. Obituaries, A20-21.

rebuke from President Trump that even some prominent Republicans criticized as tactless.

Mr. Reiner, 78, was a popular sitcom actor playing Mike Stivic, or Meathead, in "All in the Family" before directing a slate of admired films, including "Misery," "This Is Spinal Tap," "When Harry Met

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Son of the Reiners Is Arrested On Suspicion of Their Murders

By MATT STEVENS and SHAWN HUBLER

LOS ANGELES — A son of the celebrated director Rob Reiner and Michele Singer Reiner has been arrested on suspicion of murder in his parents' stabbing deaths, a crime that stunned Hollywood and saddened the legions of fans of Mr. Reiner's long career in television and film.

The Reiners' bodies were discovered around 4 p.m. on Sunday in their home in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles. The police did not disclose how they had died, but friends and two people who were briefed on the case said they had been stabbed.

The range of film and television stars who shared their grief on Monday, from Kathy Bates to Harry Shearer to James Woods, attested to Mr. Reiner's mastery of both drama and comedy. His decades as a liberal activist also brought tributes from Gov. Gavin Newsom of California and former President Barack Obama — and a

Standoff Over How to Fix a Crumbling Highway

This article is by Winnie Hu, Helmut Rosales and Marco Hernandez.

This triple cantilever was an engineering marvel when it was built from concrete and steel more than 70 years ago.

But the structure was designed for far less traffic than the 130,000 cars and trucks that cross it every day.

It's now exceeded its life span, and decades of increasingly heavy trucks have caused the concrete to weaken.

Hundreds of steel mesh sheets keep crumbling concrete from falling on drivers below.

City officials declared in 2016 that this decrepit cantilever needed to be completely overhauled. It hasn't happened.

The triple cantilever runs along the edge of Brooklyn Heights, a wealthy and politically connected neighborhood. It stands as a symbol of resistance to Robert Moses, the power broker who rammed highways through communities.

When Mr. Moses tried that approach here in the 1940s, Brooklyn Heights residents pushed back, and Mr. Moses rerouted the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway around them.

At the top sits the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, a cherished landmark with skyline views where generations of New Yorkers have come for their first date.

Below, two levels of traffic jut out like drawers pulled from a dresser. The highway is the main artery between Brooklyn and Queens, and it is part of Interstate 278, the only road that connects New York's five boroughs.

The cantilever, which opened in 1954, was designed to be used for 50 years. The risks only go up as it continues to deteriorate year after year, even as its life span has been extended with interim measures.

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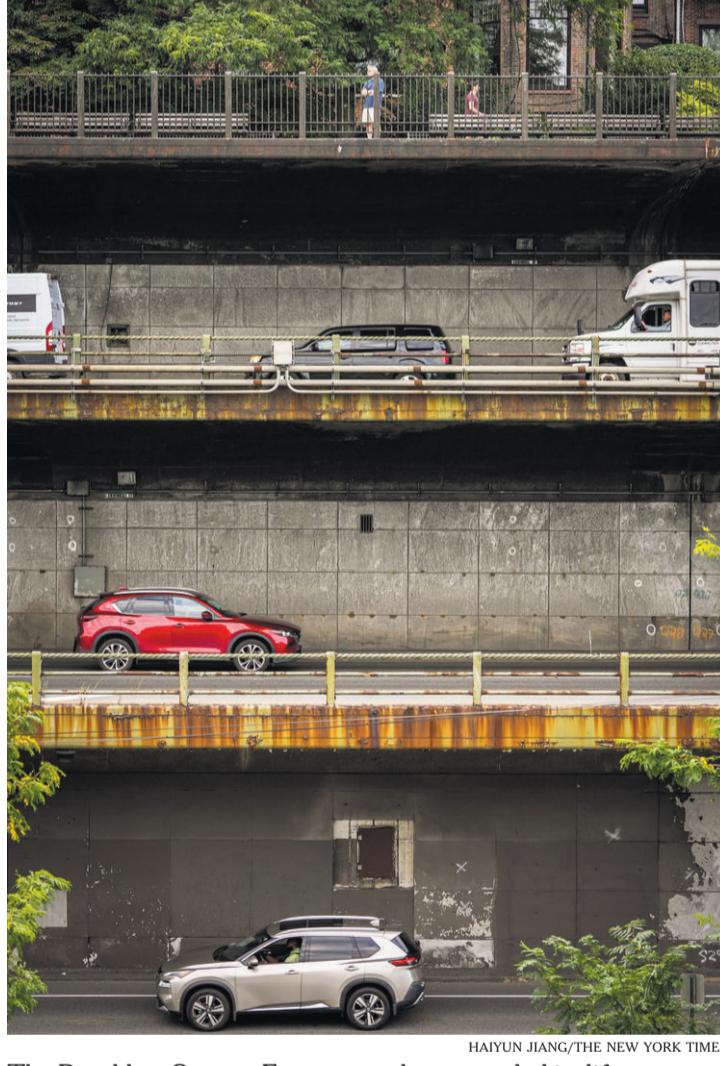
Community Opposition

While city officials and transportation engineers say imminent collapse is not a threat, other catastrophes could still strike, such as concrete falling off and hitting

vehicles.

Since 2018, two New York City mayors — Bill de Blasio and Eric Adams — have announced that they will fix this vital artery. But both administrations were unprepared for the ferocious community opposition to their ideas on how

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The Brooklyn-Queens Expressway has exceeded its life span.

Hong Kong Publisher Who Needed Beijing for Years Is Convicted

By ANDREW HIGGINS and ALEXANDRA STEVENSON

SHANGHAI — In a verdict long foretold by China's Communist Party, a Hong Kong court on Monday convicted Jimmy Lai, a media mogul and rambunctious critic of the rulers in Beijing, finding him guilty of crimes endangering national security.

The conviction, swathed in the formal garb of a nominally independent judicial system left over from British rule, was never in any real doubt. Mr. Lai, 78, has been pilloried for years by China's governing party and its loyalists in Hong Kong as a traitor, a crook and the leader of a subversive "gang of four" who must be severely punished.

Jimmy Lai Could Face Lifetime in Prison

In this case, he was convicted of two counts of conspiring with foreign forces to impose sanctions against Hong Kong and another of publishing seditious material in

the former British colony. He had already been convicted and imprisoned on fraud charges.

When Mr. Lai was arrested five years ago and released briefly on bail, a group of self-declared Chinese "patriots" gathered outside his home in the Kowloon district of the city and waved banners warning ominously that "traitors who

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