



Migrants were moved to the Bluebonnet Detention Facility in Anson, Texas, from detention centers across the country, lawyers said.

## STATE DEPT. FACES PLAN FOR BIG CUTS

### Draft Order Would Shed Africa Operations

By EDWARD WONG

A draft of a Trump administration executive order proposes a drastic restructuring of the State Department that includes eliminating almost all of its Africa operations and shutting down embassies and consulates across the continent, according to American officials and a copy of the document.

The draft also calls for cutting offices at State Department headquarters that address climate change and refugee issues, as well as democracy and human rights concerns.

It was not immediately clear who had compiled the document or what stage of internal debates over a restructuring of the State Department it reflected. It is one of several recent documents proposing changes to the department, and internal administration conversations take place daily on possible actions.

Some of the ideas have been debated among U.S. officials in recent weeks, though it is unclear to what degree they would be adopted or how active the draft is, officials said.

Elements of the draft executive order could change before final White House review or before President Trump signs it, if he decides to do so.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio wrote a short comment on social media after this article was published, calling it "fake news." There are no indications that Mr. Rubio or his top aides have signed off on the document, though they have been working on a reorganization of the State Department.

Neither the State Department nor the White House National Security Council replied to requests for comment early Sunday before this article was published, including a question asking whether Mr. Trump would sign such an executive order.

The purpose of the executive order is to impose "a disciplined reorganization" of the State Department and "streamline mission delivery" while cutting "waste, fraud and abuse," according to a copy of

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## Deportation Warnings, Then Frantic Legal Battle

This article is by Hamed Aleaziz, Alan Feuer and Annie Correal.

WASHINGTON — On Thursday evening, lawyers helping Venezuelan immigrants most at risk of being removed under an 18th-century wartime powers act received an ominous alert: U.S. immigration officials were handing out notices at a detention facility in Texas, informing migrants that they were considered enemies under the law and would be removed from the country.

"I am a law enforcement officer authorized to apprehend, restrain and remove alien enemies," read the notice, a copy of which was filed in federal court by the Ameri-

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can Civil Liberties Union. "Accordingly, under the Alien Enemies Act, you have been determined to be an alien enemy subject to apprehension, restraint and removal from the United States."

The notice said the migrant could make a phone call but did not specify to whom. The single-page notice also did not mention any way to appeal the order.

The Supreme Court ruled this month that migrants must receive advance notice that they are subject to removal under the rarely invoked wartime powers law — and that they must have an opportunity to challenge their removal in court.

News of the notices being handed out at the Bluebonnet Detention Facility in Anson, Texas, warning of impending deportations prompted a flurry of legal actions by the A.C.L.U. on Friday in

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'TROPICAL GULAG' Inside the prison in El Salvador where a Maryland man was held. PAGE A4

## DEFENSE HEAD SAID TO SEND WAR PLAN TO SECOND GROUP

### Hegseth's Family Members and Lawyer Are Linked to an Encrypted Chat

This article is by Greg Jaffe, Eric Schmitt and Maggie Haberman.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth shared detailed information about forthcoming strikes in Yemen on March 15 in a private Signal group chat that included his wife, brother and personal lawyer, according to four people with knowledge of the chat.

Some of those people said that the information Mr. Hegseth shared on the Signal chat included the flight schedules for the F/A-18 Hornets targeting the Houthis in Yemen — essentially the same attack plans that he shared on a separate Signal chat the same day that mistakenly included the editor of The Atlantic.

Mr. Hegseth's wife, Jennifer, a former Fox News producer, is not a Defense Department employee, but she has traveled with him overseas and drawn criticism for accompanying her husband to sensitive meetings with foreign leaders.

Mr. Hegseth's brother Phil and Tim Parlato, who continues to serve as his personal lawyer, both have jobs in the Pentagon, but it is not clear why either would need to know about upcoming military strikes aimed at the Houthis in Yemen.

The previously unreported existence of a second Signal chat in which Mr. Hegseth shared highly sensitive military information is the latest in a series of developments that have put his management and judgment under scrutiny.

Unlike the chat in which The Atlantic was mistakenly included, the newly revealed one was created by Mr. Hegseth. It included his wife and about a dozen other people from his personal and professional inner circle in January, before his confirmation as defense secretary, and was named "Defense | Team Huddle," the people

familiar with the chat said. He used his private phone, rather than his government one, to access the Signal chat.

The continued inclusion following Mr. Hegseth's confirmation of his wife, brother and personal lawyer, none of whom had any apparent reason to be briefed on operational details of a military operation as it was getting underway, is sure to raise further questions about his adherence to security protocols.

The chat revealed by The Atlantic in March was created by President Trump's national security adviser, Mike Waltz, so that the most senior national security officials



Pete Hegseth also sent the plan to the editor of The Atlantic.

across the executive branch, such as the vice president, the director of national intelligence and Mr. Hegseth, could coordinate among themselves and their deputies ahead of the U.S. attacks.

Mr. Waltz took responsibility for inadvertently adding Jeffrey Goldberg, the editor of The Atlantic, to the chat. He called it "Houthi PC small group" to reflect the presence of members of the administration's "principals committee," who come together to discuss

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## Syria's Alawites Recount Horror Of Deadly Days

By CHRISTINA GOLDBAUM

BANIYAS, Syria — The Syrian city was nearly empty in early March, its streets littered with burned cars. Shops were plundered, their windows shattered and locks shot off. Some buildings were little more than blackened walls and ash.

Emergency workers turned a looted furniture store into a makeshift morgue. A white pickup truck pulled up, a pair of feet dangling over the back in pink socks with white polka dots. Minutes later, an ambulance arrived with two other bodies, then a blue pickup appeared carrying more.

Nearby, men pleaded with emergency workers to help collect the remains of their killed loved ones.

"There's seven bodies in that building."

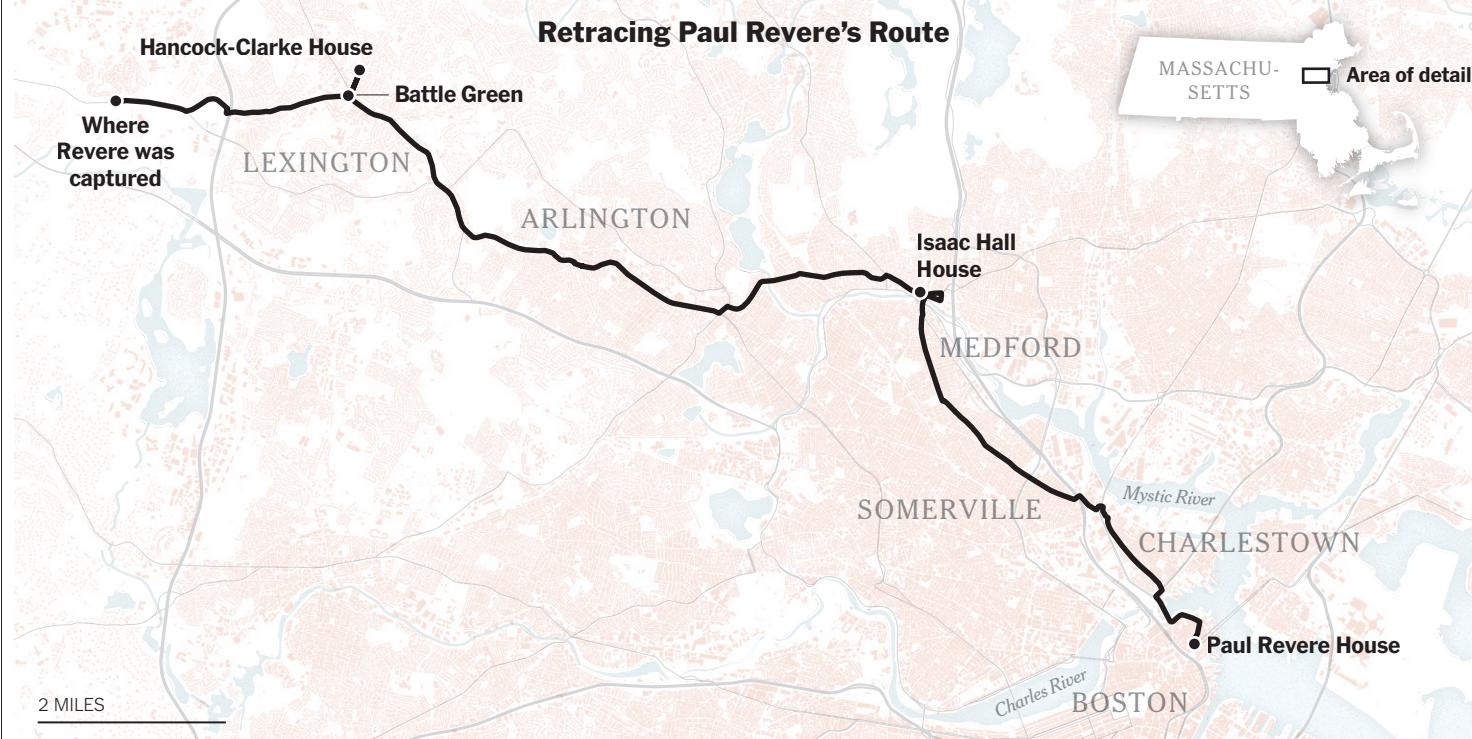
"There's another body on the square."

"There are at least 40 bodies on one road."

The city, Baniyas, was the site of some of the worst violence in Syria last month, when thousands of armed men stormed the country's Mediterranean coast and killed more than 1,600 civilians, mostly from the Alawite religious minority.

Over three days, gunmen went house to house, summarily executing civilians and opening fire in

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Sources: United States Geological Survey; MassGIS | Note: The modern route tracing Revere's ride was recreated from the Paul Revere House driving directions.

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## After 250 Years, a Midnight Ride Inspires Still

By JENNA RUSSELL

Of all the moonlit nights in American history, one in particular has gripped the public imagination. On April 18, 1775, a 40-year-old Boston silversmith named Paul Revere borrowed a horse and sped west to warn his fellow colonists. A looming threat had spurred his urgent errand.

The British were coming.

Exactly 250 years later, Revere's midnight ride still resonates for many along his 16-mile route — a symbol of enduring American values, and a reminder of the heavy costs the country's founders were willing to pay in pursuit of freedom and autonomy.

"It can't be overstated, the risk that he was taking," said Nikki Stewart, director of Old North Illumi-

nated, the nonprofit that oversees historic Old North Church in Boston. "To leave the comfort and safety of his home, his wife and seven children, in the middle of the night — it's a profound level of conviction."

As a flurry of events kicked off this month, marking the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution, we set out to retrace Revere's route in Massachu-

sets, asking people along the way what his ride meant to them — or if they even knew about it.

At rain-swept intersections where protesters gathered, in cozy diners and on pristine town commons, we found people of all backgrounds who still felt a sense of awe about that April night, and who took deep pride in living in the place where America began. Article on Page A13.

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