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Cities See Role For Police Aid, With Caveats

Local Leaders Open to Cooperative Support

By SHAILA DEWAN
and NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS

In summer 2020, President Trump sent federal agents to Kansas City, Mo., as he blamed liberal mayors for a “shocking explosion” of “bloodshed.”

Mayor Quinton Lucas, a Democrat, bristled at the suggestion that local officials were to blame for his city’s spike in crime. And with distrust of law enforcement at a high after the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis that year, he worried about how federal law enforcement officers would conduct themselves on the ground.

Yet over the next few months, Mr. Lucas came to endorse parts of the federal mission, named Operation Legend after a 4-year-old Kansas City boy who had been killed by a wayward bullet as he slept.

Working with the local police, federal agents helped track down people with open felony warrants, recovered illegal guns and charged some suspects with federal crimes that can carry stiffer penalties than those available under state law. Now, as Mr. Trump renews his promise to tackle crime in American cities, Mr. Lucas says he could imagine welcoming the help — if it came with a clear strategy.

“I’d say yes in an instant,” he said, if federal agents were sent to help keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and teenagers, or to trace bullets used in shootings. “I’d go to the White House and have a press conference with them tomorrow.”

In interviews, many mayors and police chiefs around the country said they were put off by Mr. Trump’s recent effort to “take back” Washington by deploying the National Guard, and they expressed concerns about the wisdom and legality of using the military to conduct domestic law enforcement.

But those same leaders said they would welcome more of the aid that federal agents routinely provide at the local level in the fight against crime: tracing guns, conducting surveillance, capturing fugitives and serving on task forces with local agencies to root out terrorism, human trafficking and drug rings.

There might even be a place for the National Guard if commanders are willing to collaborate with local law enforcement, said Chief Harold Medina of the Albuquerque Police Department. In March, Chief Medina sent a message to New Mexico’s governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, requesting such help. He said the city was bedeviled by gun violence, fentanyl and a shortage of police officers.

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MASSACHUSETTS ICE began an immigration crackdown around Boston, sources said. PAGE 20

COST California’s governor says the deployment to Los Angeles has hit \$120 million. PAGE 19



U.S. MARINE CORPS, VIA DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

How SEAL Team 6’s Daring Mission Went Awry in North Korea

Kept Hidden Since 2019, Trump’s Risky Operation to Spy on Kim Turned Deadly

By DAVE PHILLIPPS
and MATTHEW COLE

A group of Navy SEALs emerged from the ink-black ocean on a winter night in early 2019 and crept to a rocky shore in North Korea. They were on a top secret mission so complex and consequential that everything had to go exactly right.

The objective was to plant an electronic device that would let the United States intercept the communications of North Korea’s reclusive leader, Kim Jong-un, amid high-level nuclear talks with President Trump.

The mission had the potential to provide the United States with a stream of valuable intelligence. But it meant putting American commandos on North Korean soil — a move that, if detected, not only could sink negotiations but also could lead to a hostage crisis or an escalating conflict with a nuclear-armed foe. It was so risky that it required the

president’s direct approval.

For the operation, the military chose SEAL Team 6’s Red Squadron — the same unit that killed Osama bin Laden. The SEALs rehearsed for months, aware that every move needed to be perfect. But when they reached what they thought was a deserted shore that night, wearing black wetsuits and night-vision goggles, the mission swiftly unraveled.

A North Korean boat appeared out of the dark. Flashlights from the bow swept over the water. Fearing that they had been spotted, the SEALs opened fire. Within seconds, everyone on the North Korean boat was dead.

The SEALs retreated into the sea without planting the listening device.

The 2019 operation has never been publicly acknowledged, or even hinted at, by the United States or North Korea. The details remain classified and are being reported here for the first time. The Trump administration did not notify key members of Congress who oversee intel-



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A U.S. nuclear-powered submarine similar to this one shown in 2021, top, transported a Navy SEAL team to waters off North Korea. Above, President Trump and North Korea’s leader, Kim Jong-un, in 2018.

ligence operations, before or after the mission. The lack of notification may have violated the law.

The White House declined to comment.

This account is based on interviews with two dozen people, including civilian government officials, members of the first Trump administration and current and former military personnel with knowledge of the mission. All of them spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the mission’s classified status.

Several of those people said they were discussing details about the mission because they were concerned that Special Operations failures are often hidden by government secrecy. If the public and policymakers become aware only of high-profile successes, such as the raid that killed bin Laden in Pakistan, they may underestimate the extreme risks that American forces undertake.

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A U.S. Open Repeat Winner

As Amanda Anisimova walked away, Aryna Sabalenka savored her title. Coverage at nytimes.com.

When the Famous Need Seats, The Ball’s Landing in Her Court

By DAVID WALDSTEIN

Amanda Wight stood ready outside the President’s Gate entrance to the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens late last month, tracking the exact GPS location of her inbound celebrities. She knew when their car was 10 minutes away and then five minutes away. When it arrived on the grounds, she edged into position.

The car stopped, and the actress Olivia Munn and the comedian John Mulaney stepped out of the back seat. Ms. Wight smiled, chatted briefly with the couple, and then ushered them over to a blue carpet where half a dozen photographers snapped pictures.

She slipped colored bands on the celebrities’ wrists before leading them through the exclusive entrance and up to their seats in the stadium.

Once the couple was seated, she had to rush back to greet another actress, Bridget Moynahan. Another day, she schmoozed with Sami Khedira, the German former soccer star, before escorting him through the press line, all while holding a printed list of the other notable people expected to arrive later.

“There’s a ton to keep track of,” Ms. Wight said, flicking through a spreadsheet on her phone that highlighted all the boldface names expected to visit each day: Timothée Chalamet, Queen Latifah, Shonda Rhimes, Anna Wintour.

For a couple of weeks every year, the U.S. Open is one of the world’s top celebrity destinations, where a steady stream of A-listers get to see the best tennis players

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The Doctors Are Real. The Quack Cures Are A.I.

This article is by **Steven Lee Myers**, **Alice Callahan** and **Teddy Rosenthal**.

Dr. Robert H. Lustig is an endocrinologist, a professor emeritus of pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco, and an author of best-selling books on obesity.

He is absolutely not — despite what you might see and hear on Facebook — hawking “liquid pearls” with dubious claims about

weight loss. “No injections, no surgery, just results,” he appears to say in one post.

Instead, someone has used artificial intelligence to make a video that imitates him and his voice — all without his knowledge, let alone consent.

The posts are part of a global surge of frauds hijacking the online personas of prominent medical professionals to sell unproven health products or simply to swindle gullible customers, according to the doctors, government offi-

cials and researchers who have tracked the problem.

While health care has long attracted quackery, A.I. tools developed by Big Tech are enabling the people behind these impersonations to reach millions online — and to profit from them. The result is seeding disinformation, undermining trust in the profession and potentially endangering patients.

Even if the products are not dangerous, selling useless supplements can raise false hopes

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Reeling From War, Iranians Fear for Their Future

By DECLAN WALSH

TEHRAN — The professor had a faint air of mystery about him.

A bodyguard trailed behind as the academic came and went from his apartment on a tree-lined street in central Tehran, neighbors said. A taciturn man with a tight gray beard; nobody was quite sure why he needed protection. Everyone knew better than to ask.

Little of that concerned Amirali

Khorami, the teenager who lived next door. Obsessed with video games and soccer, Amirali, 14, dreamed of becoming a professional goalkeeper, his family said. He hardly noticed the elderly neighbor who sometimes exchanged pleasantries with his father on the street.

Then, on June 13, in the early hours of the 12-day war between Israel and Iran that later drew in the United States, their fates were inextricably joined. An Israeli bomb crashed into the home of the

professor, Dr. Ahmadreza Zolfaghari, who, it turned out, was one of Iran’s leading nuclear scientists.

Not only did the blast kill the scientist and his family, it also tore into surrounding buildings, smashing through wall after wall until it reached the cramped bed-

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HOMELESS AND HUNGRY Many displaced Palestinians fear it will be permanent. PAGE 8

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A First Sister in Argentina

Karina Milei has become a lightning rod for corruption accusations even as the loyalty of her brother, President Javier Milei, remains unwavering. PAGE 9

No Food Delivery in High Heat

New rules in Italy limit the hours of outdoor workers on very hot days. For those affected, it’s complicated. PAGE 4

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Hardscrabble Campaign Pitch

A new crop of Democrats is relating to voters by talking about how hard life is for working people like them. PAGE 21



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After making millions on Wall Street, a man joined the New York Fire Department as a rookie paramedic. Now, 13 years later, he’s a rescue medic. PAGE 1

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A trumpeter who serenades neighbors from his rooftop at sunset has captivated them for a decade. PAGE 4

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Charlie Sheen Is Ready to Talk

In a new memoir and documentary, the actor recounts a life of family, films, television and shocking excess. PAGE 10



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Armani’s Innovations

The fashion designer changed the look of executives and celebrities alike, relaxing the cut of a suit and adding glamour to minimalism. PAGE 6

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Afterlife of a Crypto Overlord

Ross Ulbricht, the creator of the dark web marketplace Silk Road, was serving a life prison term. Now pardoned, he is on a speaking tour that resembles a political campaign. PAGE 4

Patagonia Tries to Fix Farming

The outdoor apparel retailer is bringing climate consciousness to the food industry with a wheat alternative that’s better for the planet. PAGE 1

