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The aftermath on Friday of a missile strike in Kyiv. A renewed large-scale aerial attack hit Ukraine overnight into Saturday. Page 8.

## The Striking Split Between Trump and Modi

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WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India was losing patience with President Trump.

Mr. Trump had been saying — repeatedly, publicly, exuberantly — that he had “solved” the military conflict between India and Pakistan, a dispute that dates back more than 75 years and is far deeper and more complicated than Mr. Trump was making it out to be.

During a phone call on June 17,

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Mr. Trump brought it up again, saying how proud he was of ending the military escalation. He mentioned that Pakistan was going to nominate him for the Nobel Peace Prize, an honor for which he had been openly campaigning. The not-so-subtle implication, according to people familiar with the

call, was that Mr. Modi should do the same.

The Indian leader bristled. He told Mr. Trump that U.S. involvement had nothing to do with the recent cease-fire. It had been settled directly between India and Pakistan.

Mr. Trump largely brushed off Mr. Modi’s comments, but the disagreement — and Mr. Modi’s refusal to engage on the Nobel — has played an outsize role in the souring relationship between the two leaders, whose once-close ties go back to Mr. Trump’s first term.

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**Durians’ odor makes them hard to transport, so some people travel to feast on the custardy flesh.**

## For Fanatics, a Fetid Fruit Worth the Indignities

By THOMAS FULLER

LAS VEGAS, P.R. — “I don’t like to use the word ‘smell,’” said Juan Miranda Colón, a self-described fanatic of the world’s most odoriferous fruit. “I prefer to say it has an aroma.”

Mr. Miranda, a farmer in Puerto Rico, was minutes away from feasting on the fruit, durian, and as its stink wafted through the hu-

mid, sticky air of the rainforest around him, he said his tongue tasted sweet with anticipation.

“I consider it the No. 1 fruit on the planet,” he said resolutely as he watched others messily shove gobs of custardy durian flesh into their mouths. “I start eating, eating, eating. I can’t control myself. I wish I had a second stomach.”

It was early August, and Mr. Miranda was taking part in an annual ritual at Panoramic Fruit, a

farm 30 dizzying minutes up a potholed, zigzagging road from the western Puerto Rican city of Mayagüez. A multinational collection of durian fanatics had gathered for the harvest.

An electrician had trekked from Tennessee to get his fix. A doctor had flown in from central California. There was a couple from Florida, and a family from Texas. Desperate would-be buyers from the

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## IRAN’S WEAK LINK: THE BODYGUARDS

### Israel Tracked Phones to Bomb Secret Meeting

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The meeting was so secret that only the attendees, a handful of top Iranian government officials and military commanders, knew the time and location.

It was June 16, the fourth day of Iran’s war with Israel, and Iran’s Supreme National Security Council gathered for an emergency meeting in a bunker 100 feet below a mountain slope in the western part of Tehran. For days, a relentless Israeli bombing campaign had destroyed military, government and nuclear sites around Iran, and had decimated the top echelon of Iran’s military commanders and nuclear scientists.

The officials, who included President Masoud Pezeshkian, the heads of the judiciary and the intelligence ministry and senior military commanders, arrived in separate cars. None of them carried mobile phones, knowing that Israeli intelligence could track them.

Despite all the precautions, Israeli jets dropped six bombs on top of the bunker soon after the meeting began, targeting the two entrance and exit doors. Remarkably, nobody in the bunker was killed. When the leaders later made their way out of the bunker, they found the bodies of a few guards, killed by the blasts.

The attack threw Iran’s intelligence apparatus into a tailspin, and soon enough Iranian officials discovered a devastating security lapse: The Israelis had been led to the meeting by hacking the phones of bodyguards who had accompanied the Iranian leaders to the site and waited outside.

Israel’s tracking of the guards has not been previously reported. It was one part of a larger effort to penetrate the most tightly guarded circles of Iran’s security and intelligence apparatus that has had officials in Tehran chasing

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## How Federal Agent Surge Changed Policing in D.C.

### Review of 1,000 Arrests in First Two Weeks Shows Focus on Low-Level Offenses

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WASHINGTON — Juan Carlos Dela Torre had already experienced one run-in with one of the roving crews of federal law enforcement agents who descended on the nation’s capital this month. Then came another last Friday night.

He was standing on the sidewalk smoking a joint, which the officers grabbed as evidence of “consuming marijuana in a public space,” a misdemeanor in the district. The officers took him to a police station, searched him and, they said, found a small amount of the stimulant MDMA. He was sent to jail.

“I’ve never seen this much police presence in my whole life,” said Mr. Dela Torre, 37, a massage therapist who has lived in Washington since 1994. “You guys are worried about some guy smoking a joint on the corner on a Friday night?”

President Trump declared this month that crime in Washington was “out of control” and said he would use the power of the federal government to “rescue our nation’s capital from crime, bloodshed, bedlam and squalor — and worse.”

But a review by The New York Times of about a thousand arrests that were made during the first two weeks of the federal law enforcement surge suggests that the operation has been more of a sprawling dragnet than a targeted crime-fighting operation.

Records show that officers from some of the nation’s most elite federal law enforcement agencies are often conducting traffic stops, performing low-dollar buy-and-bust drug operations or checking to see whether someone is drinking liquor from an open container.

In some ways, the focus on low-level offenses or so-called quality-of-life crimes resembles strategies employed in cities such as New York in the 1990s that sought to drive down crime by controlling visible disorder. In the current operation, however, federal agents appeared to be stopping people for minor infractions as a way to look for more serious drug and gun offenses.

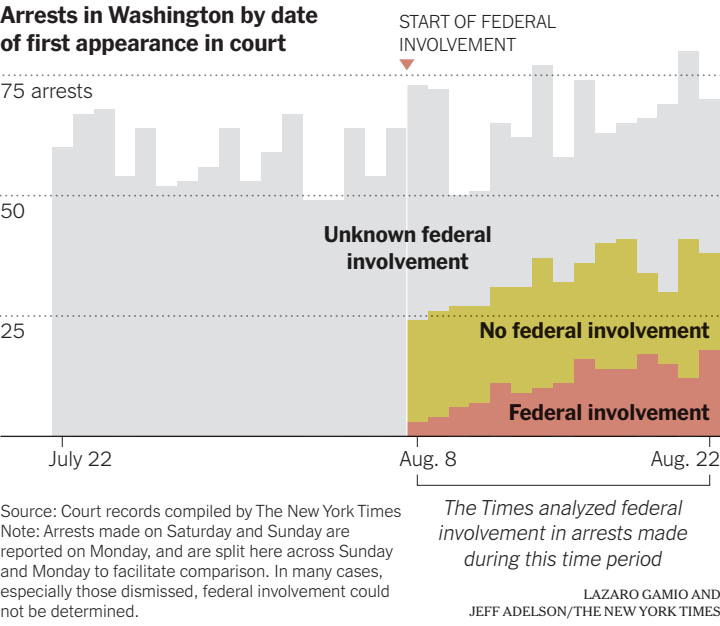
Arrests were up slightly overall, with 995 new criminal defendants booked into the city jail and taken to court between Aug. 8, the day after the surge began, and Aug. 22, compared with 870 in the previous 15-day period.

Prosecutors did not pursue charges in all cases. When they did, gun and drug charges together accounted for more than half of the arrests in which federal agents took part. That includes some charges against people who were licensed to carry weapons in other states but lacked a D.C. permit.

Traffic offenses and other minor violations, like possessing an open container of alcohol on the street, made up another 18 percent of the total.

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## A Boy Just Learning to Cook, And a Girl With Infectious Joy

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MINNEAPOLIS — On Wednesday, 8-year-old Fletcher Merkel went to school full of plans for the future. His mother, Mollie, gave him \$20 to go to Starbucks with his siblings after school. It was going to be the first time he ordered on his own.

He was looking forward to finishing the first Harry Potter book and starting the second one, his parents said Friday. He wanted to learn how to make beef Wellington. He was excited about his father coaching him in flag football. There were Lego structures to build. More grilled cheese sandwiches to make. More frogs, bunnies, worms and turtles to bring into the house and inspect.

All of that was cut short that morning when an assailant armed with a rifle, a shotgun and a handgun fired at Fletcher and other children during Mass at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis, mere days after he had started third grade at the school there.

Fletcher and a 10-year-old student, Harper Moyski, were killed. And at least 15 children between the ages of 6 and 15, along with three adults in their 80s, were injured. The toll is only beginning to be felt by family members, friends, the school and the city.

In a statement given to other news outlets, including KARE-TV of Minneapolis, Harper’s parents described their daughter as someone who was full of happiness and infectious energy.

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