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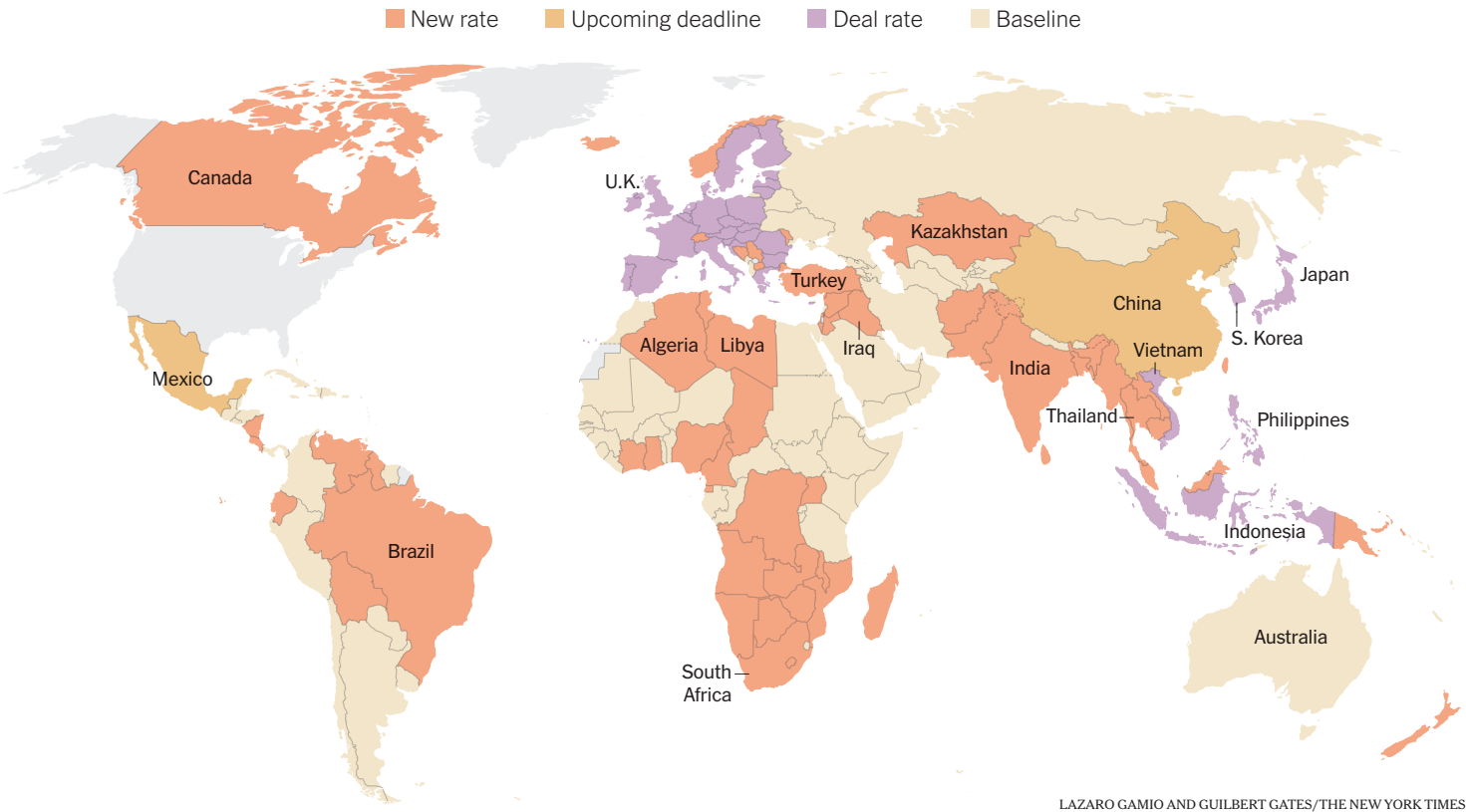
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## Status of Trump’s New Tariffs on Every Country

The president unveiled sweeping levies this week, targeting imports from dozens of countries and escalating a potentially damaging trade war.



## Old Order Gone, Trade by Tariff Is Put to the Test

By ANA SWANSON

WASHINGTON — President Trump’s plan to impose stiff tariffs on dozens of trading partners next week will bring about one of his longtime goals: smashing a global trade system that he believes has robbed America of jobs and money.

The double-digit tariffs that the president has announced on nearly 100 countries represent a momentous change from the trading order that the United States has helped to build up globally since World War II.

They will scrap the low import taxes that the United States agreed to charge on all exports from members of the World Trade Organization in favor of much higher tariffs that vary widely from country to country. That will

### Trump Vows U.S. Will Reap Windfall, but Pitfalls Abound

shift the playing field for many companies and set a new course for trade flows and the global economy in the years to come.

For Mr. Trump, the moves accomplish a campaign promise to use stiff levies to rebalance global trade to try to benefit America. The president and his economic advisers believe that tariffs will reduce the flow of imports into the United States and increase U.S. exports, bolstering the factory sector and creating more prosperity while filling government coffers.

But critics have said that the approach will leave the United States more economically and diplomatically isolated, while drawing other parts of the world closer together. And many economists remain skeptical that tariffs will work in the way Mr. Trump intends, saying that import taxes will spill over into higher prices for consumers, backfire on some manufacturers and slow economic growth.

Data released on Thursday showed inflation picked up in June, the latest sign that tariffs were starting to bleed through to consumer prices. On Friday, the government also reported a significant slowdown in job growth, a sign that the blow of punishing tariffs may finally be landing on the economy.

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## In D.C. Crash, 3 Who Made Fateful Calls

This article is by *Kate Kelly, David A. Fahrenthold and Karoun Demirjian.*

WASHINGTON — At one point during an annual flight evaluation for Capt. Rebecca M. Lobach on Jan. 29, her Army helicopter instructor paused their conversation to emphasize an aviation fundamental.

“The whole point” of emergency procedure checklists, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Andrew Loyd Eaves said as they flew their Black Hawk near Washington, D.C., “is ‘cause we end up killing ourselves because we do something without confirming and verifying.”

His words, later revealed in a recovered cockpit voice recorder, were meant to be instructive. They turned out to be hauntingly predictive.

Less than an hour later, the helicopter crashed headlong into an American Airlines flight carrying 64 people on its way to Ronald Reagan National Airport, killing the two pilots, a fellow soldier who was riding in the back seat of the Black Hawk and everyone aboard the passenger jet.

As the two aircraft exploded into flames, an air traffic controller who had tried to guide the helicopter safely through the airspace soon saw he had failed. All the others’ lives had ended and his had changed forever.

The specific causes of the disaster are still under investigation, but enough has been revealed publicly to say that the events were set in motion by the failures of institutions. The Army’s unreliable technology in the aging helicopter may have given the pilots a misleading sense of their altitude. The Federal Aviation Administration’s short staffing meant that a single controller was doing two

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## TRUMP PUSHES OUT LABOR DATA CHIEF OVER JOBS REPORT

### Calls Weak Numbers ‘Rigged’ as Others Warn on Policies and Precedent

By BEN CASSELMAN and TONY ROMM

President Trump unleashed his fury about weakness in the labor market on Friday, saying without evidence that the data was “rigged” and that he was firing the official responsible for pulling together the numbers each month.

In a long post on social media, Mr. Trump said he had directed his team to fire Erika McEntarfer, the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, who was confirmed by the Senate on a bipartisan basis in 2024.

Emily Liddel, an associate commissioner for the bureau, confirmed late Friday that Dr. McEntarfer had been fired and that William Wiatrowski, the deputy commissioner, would serve as acting commissioner.

The president fired Dr. McEntarfer after the bureau released monthly jobs data showing surprisingly weak hiring in July and large downward revisions to job growth in the previous two months. Economists widely interpreted the report as evidence that Mr. Trump’s policies were beginning

to take a toll on the economy, though the president insisted in a subsequent post that the country was “doing GREAT!”

Lori Chavez-DeRemer, the labor secretary, echoed Mr. Trump’s concerns about Dr. McEntarfer in a post on social media.

“So you know what I did?” Mr. Trump later told reporters, as he claimed the numbers were “phony.” “I fired her, and you know what? I did the right thing.”

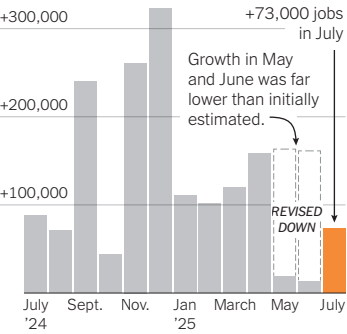
Dr. McEntarfer was appointed to her post by President Joseph R. Biden Jr. in 2023 after a long career at the Census Bureau and other agencies, where she served under presidents of both parties, including Mr. Trump. Among the Republicans who voted to confirm her as commissioner was Vice President JD Vance, who was then an Ohio senator.

The firing prompted swift criticism from economists, former government officials and others, who said the removal would further erode trust in government statistics and make it more difficult for policymakers, investors and businesses, who rely on having dependable data about the economy to make decisions. In addition to the monthly jobs numbers, the Bureau of Labor Statistics is responsible for producing data on inflation, wages and other aspects of the economy.

William W. Beach, who led the bureau during Mr. Trump’s first term, criticized the move to fire Dr. McEntarfer on Friday.

“It’s unfortunate,” he said. “This could set a precedent where bad

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## U.S. Officials Struggle to Justify Release of a Triple Murderer

This article is by *Hamed Aleaziz, Julie Turkewitz and José Bautista.*

WASHINGTON — By the time the United States was extracting a group of Americans and legal U.S. residents from a prison in Venezuela last month, some State Department officials had come to an uncomfortable realization.

One of the prisoners had been convicted of murdering three people in Spain in 2016. And soon he would be on his way home, having his photo taken alongside those deemed by the United States to have been wrongfully imprisoned in Venezuela.

How were they going to explain that to the American people?

On July 18, the day of the prisoner release, U.S. officials tried to figure out whether and how to acknowledge that Washington was bringing home Dahud Hanid Ortiz, whose case seemed to under-

### Move Is at Odds With Keeping Out Worst of the Worst

cut President Trump’s claims of keeping the worst of the worst out of the United States.

In an internal email exchange that was obtained by The New York Times, State Department officials debated whether to include Mr. Hanid Ortiz in a public statement to be published that afternoon about the people being released, 10 including him.

“We had understood that we don’t want to refer to him as a hostage or wrongfully detained, which is why we said nine,” a press official wrote.

Michael Kozak, the career official

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CÉCILE DIONNE, 1934-2025



BETTMANN, VIA GETTY IMAGES

The Dionne sisters on their first birthday in Ontario, before living in a compound called Quintland.

## Quintuplet Who Denounced Life of Exploitation

By JANE GROSS

Cécile Dionne, who with her siblings found fame as the first quintuplets known to have survived infancy and who, of the five, was the most outspoken about the suffocating effects of celebrity, died on Monday in Montreal. She was 91.

A family spokesman, Carlo Tarini, announced the death, in a hospital, on Thursday night.

The Dionne sisters’ birth and survival in rural Ontario may have been miraculous and a balm to a beleaguered public shuffling through the depths of the Depres-

### Isolated and Treated as a Tourist Attraction

sion, but her life was miserable.

“I resented everyone for the way we were brought up,” she said in an interview on her 50th birthday. “Because of the accident of birth, we were not considered people.”

She and her sisters, only one of whom survives her, weighed a combined 13½ pounds when they were born at home shortly after

dawn on May 28, 1934, to a struggling and already large farm family in Corbeil, about 215 miles north of Toronto.

Within hours, The North Bay Nugget, a local newspaper, wired the news of their arrival around the world, and the Chicago World’s Fair offered their father a contract to display them. The quints became more famous than Shirley Temple, a bigger tourist attraction than Niagara Falls and irresistible prey for the greedy.

But they also became the center of a custody dispute involving

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## Bangladeshis in N.Y.P.D. Grieve for a Colleague

By MAIA COLEMAN

Inside a three-story Bronx mosque, dozens of Police Department officers sat cross-legged on the floor. They were silent during a somber occasion: the funeral of one of their colleagues, who had been killed in his uniform, just days before.

The slain officer, Didarul Islam, was shot on Monday night after a gunman entered a Park Avenue office building and sprayed bullets across the lobby and then a floor upstairs, killing four people.

The killing of Detective Islam,

### Policing Has Long Been Lure for Immigrants

who was awarded a posthumous promotion, has ripped through the Police Department with ferocity. But the death had a particular resonance for the department’s fast-growing community of Bangladeshi American officers. Detective Islam immigrated from Bangladesh about 16 years ago.

In the last decade, the number of Bangladeshi Americans who

have flocked to the Police Department’s ranks has exploded, marking the latest chapter in the long story of immigrant groups who have found a home — and a foothold in America — in the nation’s largest police department.

“Being police officers, it’s a way to help the New Yorkers, to help the community,” Sergeant Ershadur Siddique, president of the Bangladeshi American Police Association, said in an interview.

“It’s to show that we are part of America, we are part of New York City, and being a police officer in

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Demand is rising for beds at a women’s center in Sumy, Ukraine, as domestic violence increases and Russian troops march closer to the city. PAGE A4

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