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Rubio Views Venezuela as Cuba's Crutch

A pro-Maduro rally in Caracas. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has long sought to cripple or topple the Havana government. Page 12.

SHOOTING ATTACK AT BROWN KILLS 2

Campus on Lockdown as Police Seek Suspect

This article is by Hannah Ziegler, Rylee Kirk and Mitch Smith.

A gunman dressed in black shot 10 people, killing two of them, on the campus of Brown University in Providence, R.I., on Saturday afternoon, local officials said. Hours after the attack, no one was in custody, and the university and surrounding neighborhoods were on lockdown.

The eight injured people were in critical but stable condition, officials said at an evening news conference. It was unclear how many of the victims were students.

"The unthinkable has happened," Gov. Dan McKee of Rhode Island said at the news conference.

The shootings took place in an engineering building on campus around 4 p.m. Talib Reddick, the president of Brown's Undergraduate Council of Students, said that the building was a popular study spot and probably was full of students on Saturday given that they are in the middle of final exams.

Rodney Chatman, Brown's police chief, described the shooting investigation as "a very fluid situation." University officials twice sent out incorrect alerts to students and faculty members, saying at one point that a suspect had been taken into custody before reversing that, then reporting around 5:30 p.m. that more shots had been fired near campus. They later backtracked and said that report was also incorrect.

President Trump, apparently relying on those reports, at first said the shooter was in custody

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Trump Vows to Strike at ISIS After 3 Deaths

This article is by Abdi Latif Dahir, Christina Goldbaum, John Ismay and Eric Schmitt.

DAMASCUS, Syria — President Trump vowed on Saturday to retaliate against the Islamic State after an attack in central Syria killed two U.S. Army soldiers and a civilian U.S. interpreter, the first American casualties in the country since the fall of the dictator Bashar al-Assad last year.

"This was an ISIS attack against the U.S., and Syria, in a very dangerous part of Syria," Mr. Trump wrote on Truth Social. "There will be very serious retaliation."

The soldiers were supporting counterterrorism operations

Two U.S. Soldiers and an Interpreter Are Killed in Syria

against the Islamic State group in Palmyra, a city in central Syria, when they came under fire from a lone gunman, according to American officials. Syrian security forces subsequently killed the gunman, American and Syrian officials said.

Three American military personnel and two members of Syrian security forces were also wounded in the attack, according to American officials and Syrian

state media. In the aftermath, American helicopters were deployed to evacuate the wounded to the al-Tanf U.S. base in southeastern Syria, Syrian state media said.

Though the United States deployment in the Middle East is a fraction of what it once was, the assault was a stark reminder of the danger in the region and the quandary of whether to keep American forces there.

It also highlighted the challenges for the nascent Syrian government, led by President Ahmad al-Sharaa, as it steers a deeply fractured country emerging from nearly 14 years of civil war.

Since his rebel coalition toppled

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