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THE WEATHER
Today, cloudy, not as warm, a thunderstorm in some areas, high 80. **Tonight**, cloudy, low 63. **Tomorrow**, cloudy, cooler, a few showers, high 71. Weather map is on Page A20.

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The tail of an Air India passenger jet on a school building after it crashed shortly after takeoff on Thursday in Ahmedabad, India.

Trump Signals A Risk of Israel Attacking Iran

By DAVID E. SANGER
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WASHINGTON — President Trump acknowledged on Thursday that there was a significant risk that Israel could soon attack Iran, but he said that “I don’t want them going in” while some progress was still possible on an agreement to shut down Iran’s easiest pathway to building a nuclear weapon.

Mr. Trump said that an attack was likely to destroy the chances for a diplomatic solution. “I think it would blow it,” he said, before arguing the other side of the equation, saying it “might help it actually, but it also could blow it.”

His statement came just hours after the administration announced that Steve Witkoff, Mr. Trump’s special envoy to the Middle East, planned to meet the Iranian foreign minister in Oman on Sunday for another negotiating session.

The somewhat contradictory signals from the White House came amid growing signs that Israel was preparing for a strike of unknown proportions against Iranian sites. Mr. Trump refused to give details of a conversation he held on Monday with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, or to say whether, in that conversation, he had offered any kind of go-ahead to the Israeli leader to proceed with a strike. In recent weeks, Mr. Trump has said that he has urged Mr. Netanyahu to hold off on any military action while negotiations were underway.

Nonetheless, when asked on Thursday if an attack could happen very soon, he said: “I don’t want to say imminent, but it’s something that could very well happen.” Several hours later, in a social media post, he wrote that the administration was “committed to a Diplomatic Resolution of the Iran Nuclear issue.”

Mr. Trump’s statements left American and European intelligence officials searching for any signs that Israel was getting ready, including evidence that it was massing the aircraft and missiles that would be needed for any sustained assault on Iran’s remaining air defenses, its missile stores and its nuclear sites.

But there was also speculation among many officials that Israel and the United States may be engaged in coercive diplomacy. If Mr. Witkoff’s meeting goes ahead,

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As Protests Flare, Mexican Flag Adds to Tension

By SHAWN HUBLER
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LOS ANGELES — As images of protests in Southern California have flooded television and social media in recent days, a key question has emerged: Why are so many protesters carrying Mexican flags at an American political protest?

The sea of red, white and green Mexican flags at anti-deportation protests in Los Angeles has been seized upon by conservatives who argue that the demonstrations are inherently un-American, causing some protesters to consider leaving them at home.

Photos of masked provocateurs waving Mexican flags atop burn-

In Los Angeles, Proud Emblem for Some Is Fodder for G.O.P.

ing Waymo taxis spread instantly across conservative social media over the weekend. Republicans pointed to them as a prime example of why President Trump called in the National Guard and how immigration had gone too far in California.

“Look at all the foreign flags,” Stephen Miller, the deputy White House chief of staff and the architect of Mr. Trump’s domestic agenda, said Sunday on X. “Los

Angeles is occupied territory.”

To many Americans, including those on the left, it might seem a bad strategy to fight deportations of undocumented immigrants by waving the flag of another country.

But protesters said this week that they see the Mexican flag as a symbol of defiance against Mr. Trump’s immigration policies or of solidarity with other Mexican Americans. The flag has become so prevalent in recent decades that it is a part of the Southern California landscape, adorning pickup trucks and flapping from bridges. Few mass gatherings occur in the region without a Mexican flag or two, from weekend soc-

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Lawmaker Forcibly Removed

Senator Alex Padilla interrupted a news conference by the homeland security secretary. Page A11.

Arriving for Court Check-Ins, Ensnared by ICE

By LUIS FERRÉ-SADURNÍ

Inside an immigration courthouse in the heart of Lower Manhattan, federal agents in T-shirts and caps cover their faces with masks as they discreetly attend routine hearings filled with immigrants.

The agents tip off other officers huddled in the court’s staid hallways as undocumented immigrants on their radar leave the hearings. They then move in to arrest their targets, sometimes leading to disorderly scenes as hus-

Overcrowded Cells and Masked Agents

bands are separated from wives, and parents from children.

The scene unfolding in New York City has repeated itself in immigration courthouses across the nation, a window into the Trump administration’s accelerating crackdown amid pressure from the White House to ramp up deportations. In Los Angeles, work-

place raids have inflamed tensions and led to demonstrations. In New York, the courthouse arrests have emerged as a defining flashpoint.

In June, hundreds came and went at one federal building — for asylum hearings, citizenship applications and mandated check-ins with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. Some left in handcuffs.

Immigrants arrested after appearing in courtrooms on higher floors were ferried by agents to

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INDIAN JET BOUND FOR U.K. CRASHES, KILLING OVER 250

Plane Falls on Medical College in India — At Least One Passenger Lives

This article is by **Suhasini Raj, Pragati K.B., Mujib Mashal, Michael Levenson and Jacob Judah.**

An Air India flight bound for London crashed only seconds after takeoff in western India on Thursday, plunging into a local medical college and killing more than 260 people, officials said.

It was India’s worst aviation disaster since 1996.

Video verified by The New York Times shows the plane taking off and then descending slowly over a cluster of buildings as if it were gliding before a large fireball erupts on the horizon. It did not tumble or plunge out of the sky, and was in the air for less than a minute, the video shows.

Air India confirmed that 241 people — all but one person on the plane — were killed, and that one person, a British citizen, had survived.

A video clip circulating on Indian news outlets shows a man with injuries on his face and blood on his white shirt limping toward an ambulance, saying he came from “inside” the plane.

The crash’s sole survivor was later identified by his brother as Viswash Kumar Ramesh.

“He got off the plane and he video-called my dad and said, ‘Our plane crashed — I have no idea how I got outside, or how I survived,’” the brother, Nayan

Ramesh, said in an interview.

Viswash Kumar Ramesh had been traveling on the plane with another brother, Ajay Ramesh. “He was like, ‘I can’t see my brother — I can’t see any other passengers,’” Nayan Ramesh said, quoting his brother on the video call. “I don’t know how I am alive,” Nayan Ramesh said his brother added.

The jet, a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner bound for London Gatwick Airport, was carrying 230 passengers and 12 crew members when it crashed at 1:38 p.m. local time, just about a mile southwest of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, in the city of Ahmedabad.

A senior police official in Ahmedabad said 269 bodies had been brought to the main hospital. The official, Vishakha Dabral, cautioned that the exact toll might change after DNA testing.

Rescue personnel at the crash site, as well as doctors and security officials, said that as many as three dozen people caught in the path of the crashing plane might have been killed.

Officials at the site said the jet appeared to have skidded along the ground, damaging buildings, before it burst into flames. At least five students at B.J. Medical College were killed, according to Mi-

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Trump’s Clash With California Halts E.V. Plan

By LAUREL ROSENHALL
and LISA FRIEDMAN

SACRAMENTO — President Trump signed joint resolutions of Congress on Thursday that block California’s effort to phase out gasoline-powered vehicles, his latest attempt to reduce the power of the nation’s most populous state.

The Republican-led Congress passed the resolutions in May to reverse the Biden administration’s approval of California’s electric vehicle efforts. When signed by the president, joint resolutions revoking federal rules carry the force of law and are not subject to judicial review.

Even so, the move drew an immediate legal challenge from California, as well as an executive order from Gov. Gavin Newsom directing state officials to find another path that would move the state’s drivers toward electric vehicles and encourage companies to make them.

Mr. Trump signed the resolutions while he was battling California on several fronts, most notably in a dispute over immigration enforcement, in which the president has sent National Guard and Marine troops to Southern California in an extraordinary use of military force.

On Thursday, Mr. Trump took aim at California’s longstanding authority under the federal Clean

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Zohran Mamdani hopes to be New York’s first Muslim mayor.

Balancing Act Over His Faith Tests Mamdani

By JEFFERY C. MAYS

After a day partially spent celebrating Eid al-Adha with Muslims across the city, Zohran Mamdani sat inside a West Village church last Friday for a friendly town hall on confronting corporate greed.

Roughly 10 minutes in, a protester loudly disrupted the event. When he was done, a second protester jumped in. Both took offense at Mr. Mamdani’s position on the Israel-Gaza war; his characterization of Israel’s actions as a genocide has become a wedge issue in the Democratic primary for mayor of New York City.

But the protesters complained that Mr. Mamdani had not gone far enough. They said he was too soft on Israel, objecting to his stance that Israel had a right to exist as a nation. Mr. Mamdani, they said, had strayed from his Muslim roots.

The candidate took immediate offense.

“To call into question how I consider myself Muslim,” he said, “is a step too far.”

For Mr. Mamdani, running to be New York City’s first mayor of Muslim faith has involved a delicate balancing act, especially as

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