

"All the News  
That's Fit to Print"

# The New York Times

VOL. CLXXIV . . . No. 60,550

© 2025 The New York Times Company

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

Prices in Canada may be higher

\$4.00

## Democrats See Mayoral Race As Road Map

### Cuomo and Mamdani Show Ways to Fight

By NICHOLAS FANDOS  
and LISA LERER

The clash consuming New York City is one that has become almost routine in Democratic politics. On one side stands a moderate pragmatist who first took public office three decades ago. On the other is a democratic socialist half his age who has leaped past more seasoned rivals and captured the imagination of the left.

The two leading Democratic candidates for mayor, former Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani, have battled over taxing the rich, the war in Gaza and policing the city's subways.

Yet as New Yorkers head to the polls to determine the future of their city, the two men have risen to the top of a crowded field by adopting a strikingly similar posture: that of a brawler eager to take on not only President Trump but also his own party.

Both candidates offer what they say is a path for Democrats out of the political wilderness, albeit in very different directions. It is an unyielding approach that taps into the deep psychological wounds of demoralized Democratic voters, who are seeking a muscular answer to Mr. Trump as he pushes to reduce the power of liberal states like California and New York.

The outcome of the June 24 election — one of Democrats' first major primary fights since Mr. Trump stormed back to power — could very well set a model for ambitious Democratic candidates in the midterm elections next year and beyond.

The dynamic was on colorful display Thursday night in the race's second and final debate. As other leading candidates quibbled

Continued on Page A21

## 4 Men Escape ICE Detention During Unrest

This article is by Luis Ferré-Sadurní, Tracey Tully and Mark Bonamo.

Four men escaped from an immigration detention center in Newark after the dismal conditions inside precipitated an uproar among detainees, leading to a lockdown of the facility and a manhunt for the fugitives.

The unrest stemmed from days of anger about meager and sporadic meals and overcrowding that forced some detainees to sleep on the floor, lawyers and relatives of the detainees said. On Thursday afternoon, detainees smashed windows, doors and security cameras. Four men fled through a weak exterior wall, according to local and federal officials.

The detention center, known as Delaney Hall, has emerged as a contentious centerpiece of President Trump's immigration crackdown since it opened in May, drawing protests and opposition from city officials that led to the arrest of Newark's mayor during a volatile clash with federal agents outside its gates last month. A congresswoman was charged with assault after the melee.

The privately run detention center quickly became filled with hundreds of immigrants picked up across the Northeast, including nearby New York City. It has expanded the government's detention capacity as agents have ramped up the arrests of migrants in homes, courthouses and federal

Continued on Page A13

## MISSILES FLY ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST



MAJID SAEEDI/GETTY IMAGES EUROPE

The damage in Tehran, Iran's capital, on Friday after a wave of coordinated airstrikes from Israel.



LEO CORREA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran retaliated against Israel with missiles and drones later on Friday, including in Tel Aviv, above.

### Barrage From Israel Hits Nuclear Site, but Misses Fuel

By DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON — Israel badly damaged one of Iran's key nuclear sites and killed a startling array of top military and nuclear officials in the attacks that started on Friday morning. But when the sun rose after that devastating assault, it was also clear how much of Iran's nuclear program remained, at least for now.

The Israeli strikes appear to have destroyed an aboveground nuclear fuel production site and electrical supply centers at Iran's largest uranium enrichment center, at Natanz. The killing of some of Iran's top nuclear scientists continues a long-running Israeli campaign targeting the expertise needed to build a bomb. But the first phase of the Israeli attacks did not hit the most likely repository of Iran's near-bomb-grade nuclear fuel — and that may have been deliberate.

That stockpile is stored at a vast complex outside the ancient former capital of Isfahan, according to international inspectors who are charged with measuring and monitoring it. Israel's 100 fighters and swarms of missiles and drones stayed away from Isfahan in their first wave, even though it is one of the largest nuclear sites in the country and, according to Western intelligence services, one of the centers of Iran's secret weapons research programs.

The Israel Defense Forces issued a news release on Friday saying that in a second wave of attacks, it had hit Isfahan, but not the fuel stockpile. Instead, it focused on laboratories that worked on converting uranium gas back into a metal — one of the last stages of building a weapon. But it said nothing about hitting the area where the fuel itself is stored.

Continued on Page A7

### 'They Started a War,' Ayatollah Says as Iran Fires Back

This article is by Farnaz Fassihi, Aaron Boxerman, Qasim Nauman and Isabel Kershner.

Iran was reeling and firing missiles and drones on Friday after Israel carried out its largest attack ever against Iran, waves of coordinated airstrikes that hit nuclear sites and killed much of the country's military chain of command along with several nuclear scientists.

Israel's assault early Friday morning and Iran's response immediately raised the prospect of a wider conflict engulfing the Middle East, although Iran's military capabilities and its proxy militias have been weakened by 20 months of Israeli attacks.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel described the assault as a last resort to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, which Israel calls an existential threat, and he vowed that the attacks would last "as many days as it takes."

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said in a televised statement on Friday that Iran would act forcefully to punish Israel for the attack. "Life will be dark for them," he said, adding: "They started it. They started a war."

Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, told the United Nations Security Council on Friday that Israel's strikes had killed 78 people and injured 329 others.

In response, Iran fired "fewer than 100" missiles in two waves toward Israel on Friday, most of which were intercepted by Israel's robust air defenses, according to Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin, an Israeli military spokesman. But several buildings were hit, some with shrapnel.

At least 40 people were

Continued on Page A7

### PENTAGON MEMO

## Celebrating Army in Midst of an Identity Crisis

By GREG JAFFE

WASHINGTON — The last time tanks paraded through the streets of Washington, the U.S. Army was at the peak of its confidence and power.

U.S. forces had smashed Saddam Hussein's army in a ground assault that lasted just 100 hours. The Soviet Union was months from collapse.

Three decades later, Army tanks are once again preparing to take to the streets of the capital, this time as part of a procession that President Trump has described as a celebration of the

### Pushed to Forget Old Conflicts, and Facing Fraught New Roles

Army's 250th birthday and raw American firepower. Now, though, the service is working through its most profound identity crisis since its defeat in Vietnam.

There are concerns about the politicization of the force by a president who describes protesters as "animals" and often

seems to be looking for an excuse to mobilize ground troops in response to demonstrations or civil unrest.

There are big questions about whether the Army's aging equipment can survive on future battlefields swarming with cheap precision drones and what role the service will play as the Pentagon shifts its focus to deterring China.

Continued on Page A17

**PROTESTS** "No Kings" marches are expected to draw a contrast to the president's parade. PAGE A17



LANDON EDWARDS FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

A display of boots of fallen service members was canceled at 101st Airborne Division headquarters.

### Where Israel Attacked Iran



Note: Strikes as of 4 p.m. Eastern on Friday.

MARTÍN GONZÁLEZ GÓMEZ, JULIE WALTON SHAVER, PABLO ROBLES AND DANIEL WOOD/THE NEW YORK TIMES

## In Los Angeles, a Referendum On How the U.S. Views Protest

By RICHARD FAUSSET and MIMI DWYER

LOS ANGELES — Alfonso Santoyo was marching through the streets of Los Angeles with a boisterous crowd on Wednesday protesting the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. Mr. Santoyo's presence, and his voice, were his only weapons.

"It's upsetting how they've portrayed the community as criminals," said Mr. Santoyo, a 43-year-old postal worker whose parents came to the U.S. from Mexico as undocumented immigrants but eventually gained legal status. "It's just upsetting to see that. Because we know it's not the case."

Continued on Page A15

INTERNATIONAL A4-10

### Group of 7 Summit Looms

European leaders are hoping to avoid more conflict, with President Trump wary of the European project. PAGE A10

### Waiting for Bodies in India

Families lined up to give DNA samples so officials could match names to victims of Thursday's plane crash. PAGE A9



Continued on Page A13