high 56. **Tonight,** mostly clear, quite cool, low 42. **Tomorrow,** plenty of

sun, not as cool in the afternoon, high 60. Weather map, Page B11.

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# Swift Rise Puts Trump Loyalist In the Spotlight

## Bluster Masks Lack of Experience, Foes Say

#### By ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

WASHINGTON - As President Donald J. Trump battled public outrage in the summer of 2019 over his effort to enlist Ukraine in digging up dirt on former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., he summoned a small group of top advisers to the Oval Office. Among them was Charles Kupperman, the deputy national security adviser, who was surprised to see a relatively low-level staff member in one of the four chairs arrayed before the president's desk: Kashyap "Kash" Patel.

Mr. Patel, a newcomer to the National Security Council staff from the House Intelligence Committee, had impressed the president as the primary author of the secret "Nunes memo," a key element in the effort of House Republicans to undermine the Justice Department's investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 election. Now Mr. Trump was suggesting an additional role for Mr. Patel.

"He wanted to make Kash a political executioner, to root out and fire individuals on the White House staff who weren't being as loyal as he thought they should be," Mr. Kupperman said in a recent interview.

Alarmed, Mr. Kupperman pushed back, as did Pat Cipollone, the White House counsel, and John Eisenberg, the National Security Council's legal counsel, who were both there that day. All three said that loyalty tests would create legal and morale problems.

Eventually Mr. Trump stood down. But Mr. Kupperman today sees the incident as a warning of Mr. Trump's intention to stock a second administration with people like Mr. Patel: valued more for subservience than expertise, and eager to pursue a vengeful president's whims.

"Trump's people are concerned with having a very weak civil service who are just automatons, loyal to him," he said, referring to Mr. Trump's pledge to reclassify tens of thousands of executive branch employees in a way that would enable the president to fire

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Kashyap "Kash" Patel at an

PHILADELPHIA — When 300

top fund-raisers for Vice Presi-

dent Kamala Harris filed into

Philadelphia's Academy of Fine

Arts on Sunday evening for a 10to-a-table dinner, they got to hear

from Gov. Josh Shapiro of Penn-

sylvania and Jaime Harrison, the

chairman of the Democratic Na-

The message from Ms. Harris's

surrogates to her top donors: Yes,

you've raised a lot of money for us.

The donors, dining on grilled

cod and beef medallions, had good

reason to chortle. Finance leaders

had told them earlier in the

evening that they had raised a

Now, please raise even more.

tional Committee.

With \$1 Billion in Harris Coffers,

It's Not Easy to Appeal for More

By THEODORE SCHLEIFER

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their remarks.

Arizona rally on Sunday.

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Prices in Canada may be higher

# U.S. TELLS ISRAEL TO INCREASE FLOW OF RELIEF TO GAZA MILITARY AID AT RISK

Netanyahu Promises Not to Strike Iran Nuclear or Oil Sites Now

This article is by Michael Crowley, Patrick Kingsley, Ronen Bergman and Michael Levenson.

The United States has warned Israel to increase the flow of humanitarian supplies into the wardevastated Gaza Strip within the next 30 days or risk losing military aid, American officials said

The warning came in a letter signed by the American secretaries of defense and state that was sent on Sunday to Israel's defense minister and its minister of strategic affairs. It was confirmed on Tuesday by a State Department spokesman, Matthew Miller.

Mr. Miller said the amount of aid entering Gaza in September was the lowest it had been at any time since the Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, that set off the Israeli invasion.

"What we have seen over the past few months is that the level of humanitarian assistance has not been sustained," Mr. Miller told reporters in Washington. "In fact, it has fallen by over 50 percent from where it was at its peak."

The warning came as the Israeli government told the Biden administration that it would not strike Iran's nuclear enrichment and oil production sites when it responds to Tehran's recent missile attack on Israel, officials said. That concession may reduce the immediate likelihood of an all-out war between the two adversaries.

The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomacy, said that Israel had agreed to focus its next attack on military targets in Iran. The Biden administration believes that if Israel were to hit oil or uranium enrichment sites, it could set off a dramatic escalation of Middle East hostilities at a time when Israel is already at war with Iran's regional proxies, including Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in

Lebanon. clear and oil sites, it could still hit Iranian missile launchers, storage depots and factories that produce missiles and drones, as well as military bases and government buildings, according to two Israeli officials briefed on the planning process, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss military matters.

While no final decision is believed to have been made, the Israeli retaliation for Iran's missile barrage on Oct. 1 could be large in scale — and possibly prompt Iran to continue the cycle of attacks. And officials said the Israeli pledge to avoid nuclear and oil sites, previously reported by The Washington Post, related only to its next attack against Iran, meaning that it could still hit more contentious targets in the future.

"We listen to the opinions of the United States, but we will make our final decisions based on our

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"I don't want to close the hospital," said Elie Hachem, the director of St. Therese Hospital, near Beirut. "The community needs us."

#### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

# Trump's Ideas For the Border Slim on Detail

#### By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS

WASHINGTON — During a rally in Arizona on Sunday, former President Donald J. Trump left out a crucial detail when promoting his proposal to hire 10,000 new agents to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border.

He did not say where these legions of new agents would come from.

Given its longtime struggles with recruitment, it would take the U.S. Border Patrol years to ramp up hiring to that extent, if it ever could.

But that was just one of several aggressive moves he said would be coming to protect the border if he is elected. He pledged mass deportations, but it s unclear whether he could harness the resources to round up millions of immigrants. He proposed funneling some of the military's budget toward border security, though he did not say how he would get the courts to sign off on that.

Mr. Trump's plans as outlined on Sunday were the latest reminder that when it comes to the former president's vision for border security, hyperbolic rhetoric, rather than substantive solutions, often wins out.

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staggering \$1 billion for Ms. Har-

ris's campaign since she replaced

\$100 million in September for the

campaign's major donor program,

according to two people briefed on

unintended consequences. For

starters, so much money has been

raised that donors are occasion-

ally reluctant to give more, ac-

cording to several fund-raisers

and finance professionals serving

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All of this success has had some

# Lebanon's Hospitals Buckle Amid an Onslaught

#### By EUAN WARD

BEIRUT, Lebanon — It was 12:54 a.m., and Elie Hachem had not slept in days when the chief nurse at his Beirut hospital called him in a panic.

The Israeli military had announced that it would begin striking "Hezbollah facilities" in the area, and had ordered the hospital to evacuate. Dozens of staff members and patients were still inside, among them premature babies hooked up to incubators, Mr. Hachem said.

"We only had 20 minutes," he said, describing the events this month at St. Therese Hospital, where he is the director, on the outskirts of Beirut. "Maybe less." The airstrike landed just 80

# 'Indiscriminate' Strikes Overwhelm Health System, U.N. Says

yards from the hospital and caused heavy damage, collapsing ceilings and flooding parts of the health facility, though no one was harmed, Mr. Hachem said.

The next day, fearing their luck would run out, Mr. Hachem ordered the Christian hospital shut down. "The staff are traumatized,"

St. Therese is near Dahiya, a densely packed civilian area adjoining Beirut where Hezbollah holds sway and which has been pounded by Israeli airstrikes. It is

one of at least nine hospitals in Lebanon that are now shuttered or only partly functional, according to the World Health Organiza-The United Nations said some

hospitals had shut down after they were damaged in attacks. Others have been abandoned after staff fled, fearing for their safety. The ones that remain operational say they are quickly running out of beds as patients evacuated from other facilities are brought in. Last month, Israel mounted a

major offensive in Lebanon, targeting the leaders of Hezbollah, the Shiite militant and political group, and destroying much of its arsenal. The bombing has forced nearly one million people to leave

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## Feeling Let Down in Nevada

Fallout from the pandemic has fostered mistrust in the government from Latino voters. Page A18.

#### President Biden as the Democrat-She Thought of Harming Her Baby. Doctors Kept Them Together. The next day, campaign officials told donors in a closed-door briefing that they had raised well over

## By CHLOE W. SHAKIN

LONDON - The blood dripping from the bathroom faucet was the first sign that something was wrong. A few days later, Alexandra Hardie saw cockroaches scuttle from beneath the bed. Soon, she noticed spiders crawling up the wall.

One day in May 2016, four months after giving birth to her

first child, Ms. Hardie began shouting that the devil was in the room. She became so agitated that she smashed a bottle of red wine on the floor of her Edinburgh apartment. Her husband, James, called 999, Britain's emergency number. He pinned his wife, who was threatening to harm herself, to the floor to prevent her from grabbing a kitchen knife.

A few hours later, Mr. Hardie

# Postpartum Treatment Under Watchful Eye

was driving his wife and infant daughter to a specialized psychiatric ward, where Ms. Hardie would remain for nearly six months as a team of psychiatrists, nurses, therapists and social

workers treated her for postpartum psychosis, a psychiatric disorder that can cause hallucinations and delusional thoughts, often centered on a woman's child. This rare condition is thought to be caused by a combination of genetics, sleep deprivation and biological changes after childbirth.

But the center, a type of facility known as a mother-and-baby unit, Continued on Page A8



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"Panda diplomacy" between Washington and Beijing is on display again for the first time in nearly a year. PAGE A6

## Tomb Reveals 'Stunning' Find

A recent excavation has unearthed human skeletons and other items in Jordan under Petra's stone.

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## NASA Launches an Explorer

The Europa Clipper lifted off Monday on a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket, embarking on a nearly six-year journey to Jupiter. PAGE A13

## Trump Sidesteps Putin Query

But the former president says it would be a "good thing" for him to have stayed in touch with Russia's leader. PAGE A14

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# Their Passion and Pain

The Liberty have lost the W.N.B.A. finals five times. But their fans can't help believing, again, this year. PAGE B7



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ancient cup back to Italy after investigators found it too had been looted. PAGE C1

#### An Enduring Force in Jazz The saxophonist and composer Tim

Berne says he detests pretense. That's why he enjoys playing in bars. PAGE C1

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#### Anger Over a Stabbing After the killing of a Japanese boy in

China, some Chinese are taking public action, even at personal risk, to counter what they view as the government's xenophobic prejudice.

## **Setback for Fraud Victims**

Not having much insight into what may happen next in the case of a fraud orchestrated by Robert Allen Stanford, many of the victims sold the rights to any future payout.

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# A Fiery Variation

There's no hot wing like a Korean American Atlanta hot wing, though this interpretation of the classic dish has largely faded away over time. PAGE D4

