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Trump Finds Closer Targets To Vanquish

From 'Narco-Terrorists' to 'Radicals' on the Left

By DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON — The first time President Trump ordered the U.S. military to attack a small, high-speed motorboat in international waters near Venezuela, he posted the fiery image online and said the deaths of the roughly dozen people on board should be a warning to "narcoterrorists."

Vice President JD Vance chimed in, telling critics who said the attack amounted to an extrajudicial killing that getting rid of "cartel members who poison our fellow citizens is the highest and best use of our military."

To drive home his point, Mr. Trump ordered an attack on a second boat on Monday, and told reporters that there had been a third, as well. He also announced on Monday that he would send National Guard troops to Memphis to crack down on crime, and he said that after the assassination of the prominent right-wing activist Charlie Kirk last week, investigations had begun into "radical left" groups. Some, administration officials say, may be designated "domestic terrorists."

Eight months into Mr. Trump's presidency, Americans and the world are learning a lot about his willingness to use military force, and terrorist designations, as he expands his targeting of perceived enemies, foreign and domestic. It is a notably different approach from that of his first term, when Mr. Trump chafed at being held back, including in one instance when his defense secretary said that he could not shoot missiles into Mexico to attack cartel strongholds.

In this term, cabinet members cheer him on, as they did in the Oval Office on Monday, and describe how the laws of counterterrorism are there to be bent to his will.

Much of this is about creating macho imagery, of course. Not long ago, the Department of Homeland Security, which has been issuing World War I- and World War II-style recruitment posters, sent a social media post that showed Mr. Trump on an armored personnel carrier, man-

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A Royal Welcome for Trump

 $Pomp\ and\ page antry\ demonstrated\ Britain's\ eagerness\ to\ appeal\ to\ President\ Trump.\ Page\ A8.$

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Netanyahu and Israel With 'No More Red Lines'

By ROGER COHEN

JERUSALEM — Before the war in Gaza began almost two years ago, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, was not known as a risk taker. His rhetoric was bold, his deeds less so. Now, however, by sending the Israeli military into Gaza City, he appears to have dispensed with constraints.

In Gaza City Operation, Embracing Isolation

The operation, which he says is necessary to defeat Hamas but is certain to increase Israel's isolation as international anger mounts, has already killed many Palestinians and sent hundreds

Tanks Were Just Tanks,

Until Drones Made Them Change

In just three years of war in Ukraine, tanks have evolved. Pages A6-7.

of thousands into flight southward. It risks the lives of the estimated 20 living Israeli hostages. It renders any cease-fire unimaginable for the moment. It has been questioned even by the military's chief of staff.

To all this, Mr. Netanyahu's response seems to be: Bring it on.

This week, he suggested that Continued on Page A10

Fed Cuts Rate, But the Board Remains Split

Projections Show More Reductions Likely

By COLBY SMITH

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve lowered interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point on Wednesday as officials signaled that two more cuts could follow this year in light of rising risks confronting the labor market.

The decision to lower borrowing costs for the first time since December shifts interest rates to a range of 4 to 4.25 percent. The decision was not unanimously supported, the second straight meeting that featured at least one dissent from a member of the Board of Governors.

Stephen Miran, President Trump's pick to join the Fed who was sworn in just minutes before the start of the central bank's twoday meeting on Tuesday, voted in favor of a half-point reduction.

The decision to cut is a turning point for the central bank, whose officials have been locked in an intense debate about the right time to provide some relief to borrowers when its goals of low, stable inflation and a healthy labor market are in tension. It also comes as Mr. Trump has intensified his pressure campaign against the institution, which has included an attempt to oust a sitting governor.

On Wednesday, Jerome H. Powell, the Fed chair, described the rate decision as a "risk management" move, suggesting that it was about shoring up the economy rather than responding to an economic downturn that has already taken root.

In its policy statement, the Fed acknowledged that its views on the labor market had changed, saying that policymakers now judge that the "downside risks to employment have risen."

Mr. Powell repeated that line throughout the news conference, noting that even though inflation had ticked back up over the summer, he was less concerned about it morphing into a persistent problem and more worried about the labor market, which has started to flash ominous signs.

Job growth has sharply slowed, with monthly gains averaging just 29,000 over the three-month period ended in August. In May, the average stood around 130,000 positions. While consumers are still spending and the unemployment rate remains stable at 4.3 percent, sluggish hiring has raised concerns that the labor market is now much more vulnerable than earlier in the year.

Mr. Powell acknowledged that part of the slowdown in the labor market stemmed from a shrinking pool of workers as a result of Mr. Trump's immigration restrictions, rather than weakening demand for workers. However, he suggested that this dynamic made the labor market more susceptible to a shock and that the Fed did not want to see it weaken further.

Against this backdrop, new projections released on Wednesday showed that most officials expect another half a percentage point

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Times Square Casino Proposal Is Struck Down

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FIRED CHIEF SAYS KENNEDY ASSAILS SCIENCE AT C.D.C.

TESTIFYING TO SENATE

Paints Picture of a Health Secretary Bound Up in His Ideology

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG and MEGAN MINEIRO

WASHINGTON — The former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told a Senate panel on Wednesday that Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. called C.D.C. employees "corrupt" and accused them of "killing children" during a tense private meeting with her the week before she was fired.

In a sometimes contentious hearing before the Senate health committee, Dr. Susan Monarez told senators she was fired "for holding the line on scientific integrity." She said she refused Mr. Kennedy's demands to fire top C.D.C. scientists and to sign off on vaccine recommendations issued by his handpicked advisory panel without seeing the data or science underlying them.

Dr. Monarez painted a picture of the health secretary as a man wedded to his own ideology and uninterested in government scientists. She said Mr. Kennedy tried to prevent her from talking to career C.D.C. experts or communicating with senators, and insisted that decisions be routed through political appointees.

"If you're willing to sign off on decisions that are not made with the best available data and evidence, it does put at risk our children," Dr. Monarez said. "It puts at risk others who need these vaccines, and it takes us into a very



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Dr. Susan Monarez described a
tense meeting before her firing.

dangerous place in public health."
Wednesday's hearing exposed tumult at the nation's public health agency, which has long been a target of Mr. Kennedy. At a recent Senate hearing, he defended his shake-up of the agency, saying: "We are the sickest country in the world. That's why we have to fire people at C.D.C. They did not do their job. This was their job to keep us healthy."

Ahead of the hearing on Wednesday, a spokesman for Mr. Kennedy, Andrew Nixon, disputed Dr. Monarez's account as laid out in her prepared remarks. He said Continued on Page A15

VACCINES Insurers said they'd

still cover most shots. PAGE A15

Hollywood Adored Him. But It Wasn't Mutual.

By BROOKS BARNES and NICOLE SPERLING

LOS ANGELES — Robert Redford was not subtle about his distaste for Hollywood.

He loathed awards season, the annual spree of self-congratulation and glittery excess that starts in August and culminates with the Academy Awards in March. His face would frost over if you asked what he thought about the mind-

Redford Revered, Even With His Critiques

less sequels and remakes churned out by the film industry. He lived in the mountains of Utah, where he died on Tuesday, eschewing the air-kiss culture of fashionable Los Angeles neighborhoods.

"He didn't want to be where

elite breeds eliteness," said John Cooper, who for 32 years worked at Mr. Redford's Sundance Film Festival, most recently as director

The feelings were not mutual.
Hollywood tends to have very little tolerance for criticism, whether it is from people outside the industry or at the center of it. But it would be difficult to find anyone in Hollywood who re-

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By MATTHEW HAAGThe bright lights of Broadway

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will not include a casino marquee.
A proposed casino in Times
Square that had faced intense opposition, including from Broadway groups and theaters, will not
move forward after a key vote on
Wednesday struck it down.

The \$5.4 billion plan for a resort in the heart of Midtown Manhattan had the backing of high-watt-

Big-Time Backers Lose to Local Opposition

age supporters, including the gambling giant Caesars Entertainment, one of New York City's biggest commercial developers, and Roc Nation, the rapper Jay-Z's entertainment and sports company.

But the proposal could not overcome a surge of resistance from local residents and, in particular, theater owners and producers who said a casino would have threatened the local entertainment industry and harmed the neighborhood's character.

The casino, Caesars Palace Times Square, was among eight gambling facilities jockeying for one of three new casino licenses in

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As the economy in Cuba falters, some ballet dancers, like Carolina Rodríguez, above, have gone elsewhere. PAGE CI

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The playwright Richard Nelson returns to the Public Theater with a play that was staged last winter in Kyiv. PAGE C1

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Path to Arrest in Kirk Killing

The man accused of shooting Charlie Kirk left a trail of evidence and had no way to outrun his parents' recognition, court documents showed.

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The University of California system's leaders met behind closed doors to deal with how to respond to the Trump administration's demands.

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Police Shot in Pennsylvania

At least three officers were killed and two others seriously injured in York County, Pa., following a "domestic-related" investigation. PAGE A21

INTERNATIONAL A4-11 A Government in Ashes

Arson attacks during protests in Nepal destroyed buildings, court files and even records of international agree-

Claiming Charlie Kirk

ments and state investments.

Once marginalized, Europe's right has latched on to the assassinated American as one of their own.

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Quarterback Merry-Go-Round

Finding a franchise field general remains job No. 1 in the N.F.L., so why do teams keep messing it up?

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During the latest New York Fashion Week, some of the best looks could be found off the catwalks.

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Not-So-Fashionable Breakup

The split of the Net-a-Porter founder
Natalie Massenet and Erik Torstensson
is a particularly messy one. PAGE DI

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For years, few in this cohort experienced long spells of unemployment.

That's starting to change.

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Non-Spanish Show for Latinos Jorge Ramos, the longtime anchor for

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