

Burst of fall heat sparks fear of wildfire

Triple-digit advisories are issued as the state passes mark of million acres burned in 2024.

By Grace Toohey

An unusually warm autumn heat wave is continuing to push temperatures up across California, heightening fire risks across the state and prompting power shut-offs in the north and additional wildfire evacuations in the south.

Heat advisories, many warning of temperatures in the triple digits this week, have been issued throughout the state, from San Diego through Redding, with most areas expecting highs at least 10 to 20 degrees above average for this time of year, according to the National Weather Service.

While fire season in California typically stretches through October or November, this kind of heat is abnormal for the season, helping dry out landscapes and drop humidity levels, conditions officials expect to more easily and quickly foster wildfire growth.

Pacific Gas & Electric followed through on warnings that it would cut power to residents facing dangerous fire weather, particularly “high winds and dry conditions.”

On Tuesday morning, [See Heat, A7]



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ISRAELI tanks maneuver in a staging area near the Lebanese border Tuesday. The military moved ground forces into southern Lebanon, vowing a “limited” operation, but raising the specter of another occupation.

ISRAEL BLOCKS IRANIAN MISSILE BARRAGE

Tehran’s strike, after archrival invaded Lebanon, aims to avenge Hezbollah.

By Nabih Bulos and Tracy Wilkinson

BEIRUT — Iran fired nearly 200 ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday in retaliation for attacks on the Tehran-backed Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, just hours after Israel invaded Lebanon with ground troops for the first time in nearly two decades.

The sharp escalation brought Israel and Iran closer to direct conflict more than at any time in recent history.

While Lebanese civilians fled their homes to escape Israeli incursions early Tuesday, Israelis hunkered down in bomb shelters across the nation as air raid sirens signaled the Iranian missile barrage.

Israeli officials vowed to retaliate for the Iranian attack. Israel’s U.S.-financed air defense system intercepted many missiles, lighting up the night skies with bursting rockets.

In Washington, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken said Israel, with U.S. assistance, “effectively defeated” the Iranian attack. Initial reports, he said, indicated no casualties or significant damage. One Palestinian man was reported killed in the West Bank city of Jericho, possibly by falling debris from an intercepted rocket.

U.S. officials said they are urging Israel to limit its operations in southern Lebanon, although their ability to influence Israel has waned dramatically.

The Iranian attack “will have consequences,” Israeli army spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said. “We have plans, and we will act.”

Shortly after the missiles were launched, Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said in a statement that it was retaliating for the killing of Palestinian Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, Hezbollah General Secretary Hassan Nasrallah and senior Iranian military official Abbas Nilfroushan. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian warned. “This is only part of our power — do not enter into a conflict with Iran.”

In Tel Aviv, where many of Iran’s missiles appeared [See Mideast, A4]

State sues hospital over abortion access

Catholic facility denied care to woman during emergency, Atty. Gen. Bonta says.

By Mackenzie Mays

California has sued a Humboldt County hospital after a patient said she was denied an emergency abortion this year even as she feared for her life because of miscarriage risks.

Fifteen weeks pregnant with twins, Anna Nusslock rushed to Providence St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka in February, in pain and severely bleeding after her water broke far too soon, according to a lawsuit California Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta filed against the Catholic hospital on Monday. The suit accuses Providence of violating multiple California laws by denying Nusslock abortion care and seeks a court order ensuring that no other patients are denied emergency abortions.

At the hospital, Nusslock said, she was diagnosed with a premature rupture of the amniotic sac — a dangerous complication in which an abortion is a recommended treatment.

Doctors deemed that one of the twins would not survive, and that the other’s chances were extremely low. [See Abortion, A7]



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INTERNATIONAL Longshoremen’s Assn. members chant at Port Newark in Bayonne, N.J., a key facility for goods entering and leaving the northeastern U.S.

Dockworkers’ strike closes East and Gulf coast ports

The union’s first such stoppage in decades could affect trade and the nation’s economy.

By Don Lee

WASHINGTON — The union representing thousands of dockworkers from Maine to Texas launched a strike Tuesday over wages and the use of automation, shutting down seaports with a work stoppage that threatens to cause significant disruption to trade and the nation’s economy. It is the first strike since

1977 for the International Longshoremen’s Assn., whose 47,000 members handle cargo operations at three dozen ports on the East and Gulf coasts that together receive about half of imports to the U.S. And it comes at a delicate time, economically and politically, as the country is emerging from a period of high inflation and is just a month away from a national election.

President Biden, who has championed labor rights during his time in the White House, has said he would not break up the strike. On Tuesday he stood squarely on the side of the union, issuing a statement urging the

United States Maritime Alliance, the group representing mostly foreign shipping lines and other employers at the ports, “to come to the table and present a fair offer to the workers.”

“Ocean carriers have made record profits since the pandemic, and in some cases profits grew in excess of 800% compared to their profits prior to the pandemic,” Biden said, noting that executives and shareholders had benefited. “It’s only fair that workers, who put themselves at risk during the pandemic to keep ports open, see a meaningful increase in their wages as [See Dockworkers, A9]

A ‘historic day’ for Mexico

Claudia Sheinbaum takes office as the country’s first female president. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

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