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Israeli forces in Jenin, the West Bank, inspecting what a Palestinian boy was carrying. The raids have put civilians in the crossfire. RONALDO SCHEMIDT/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE — GETTY IMAGES

Israel Escalates Raids On West Bank Targets As Third Front Grows

Deadly Battles With Militants in 2 Cities

This article is by **Aaron Boxerman, Adam Rasgon, Raja Abdulrahim and Thomas Fuller.**

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of Israeli troops backed by drones and armored vehicles carried out raids in the occupied West Bank, Israeli and Palestinian officials said on Wednesday, a growing third front in conflicts that extend from the Egyptian border with the Gaza Strip to southern Lebanon.

At least 10 Palestinians were killed, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, in what Israeli officials described as an ongoing operation targeting militants and concentrated in Jenin and Tulkarm, two West Bank cities that an Israeli military spokesman, Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani, said have become militant strongholds. The Israeli military said it had killed nine militants.

A Palestinian armed group based in Jenin said it had fired on Israeli forces in two villages on the city’s outskirts, and Palestinian residents in both cities described hearing intermittent gunfire.

The operation followed months of escalating Israeli raids in the occupied territory, where nearly three million Palestinians live under Israeli military rule. More than 600 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since the Oct. 7 Hamas-led assault on Israel, according to the United Nations, in violence involving both the Israeli military and extremist Jewish settlers. Israel has also arrested thousands of Palestinians suspected of involvement in armed groups.

That increasingly deadly campaign has unfolded alongside Israel’s war with Hamas in Gaza, set off by the Oct. 7 attack, and the cross-border strikes traded with Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The raid comes as U.S., Israeli and Iranian officials have said that Tehran is operating a clandestine smuggling route across the Middle East to deliver weapons to Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territory. The goal, as described by three Iranian officials, has been to foment unrest against Israel by flooding the West Bank with as many weapons as it can. The New York Times reported in April.

Israeli ground troops this week have been pushing into Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, and the Gazan health authorities said on Wednesday that Israeli strikes had killed 58 Palestinians in the enclave over the past day.

The military said on Wednesday that it had recovered the body of a soldier kidnapped on Oct. 7. It was not clear from the military’s statement whether the soldier had been taken to Gaza dead or still alive; it said it was withholding his name at the request of his family.

A day earlier, Israeli troops rescued the hostage Farhan al-Qadi, whom they had found alone in a warren of tunnels they were investigating in the enclave. More than 100 hostages remain in Gaza, at least 30 of whom are presumed dead by the Israeli authorities.

The United Nations said on Wednesday that one of its vehicles in Gaza had been targeted by Israeli gunfire. It was “a clearly marked U.N. humanitarian vehicle, part of a convoy that had been fully coordinated” with the Israeli military, said Stéphane Dujarric, the U.N. spokesman. Ten bullets

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Blue States at Unlikely Heart of Fight for House

By **NICHOLAS FANDOS and CATIE EDMONDSON**

NANUET, N.Y. — Campaigning on a rainy recent morning, Mondaire Jones had plenty of reasons to be optimistic about his effort to unseat Representative Mike Lawler, a first-term Republican in the Hudson Valley in New York.

Democrats like Mr. Jones outnumber Republicans here by more than 75,000. The party is newly energized by the nomination of Vice President Kamala Harris. And Mr. Jones, a former congressman, has stockpiled millions of dollars for a campaign centered on reminding voters that

Democrats Struggle for Voters in New York and California

Mr. Lawler backs former President Donald J. Trump and the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

“His support is largely based on an illusion of him,” Mr. Jones said, referring to Mr. Lawler’s reputation as a moderate. “Here in the Hudson Valley, you can expect Democrats to vote for Democrats.”

And yet, with just a little over two months to go, Mr. Jones is struggling to translate those partisan advantages into an actual lead, setting off alarm bells in New York and Washington that the party is once again facing unusually stiff local headwinds with middle-of-the-road voters put off by the state’s leftward lurch.

Democrats have a parallel fight on their hands in what would otherwise be considered the friendly territory of the Antelope Valley in California. There, the Democrat George Whitesides, a former NASA chief of staff and chief executive at Virgin Galactic, is laboring to unseat Representative Mike Garcia, a former military pilot from the northern suburbs of

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Telegram Users At Crux of Case Against C.E.O.

By **AURELIEN BREEDEN and ADAM SATARIANO**

PARIS — Pavel Durov, the Russian-born entrepreneur who founded the online communications tool Telegram, was charged on Wednesday in France with a wide range of crimes for failing to prevent illicit activity on the app, and barred from leaving the country.

His indictment was a rare move by legal authorities to hold a top technology executive personally liable for the behavior of users on a major messaging platform, escalating the debate over the role of tech companies in online speech, privacy and security and the limits of their responsibility.

Mr. Durov, 39, was detained by the French authorities on Saturday after a flight from Azerbaijan. He was charged on Wednesday with complicity in managing an online platform to enable illegal transactions by an organized group, which could lead to a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

He was also charged with complicity in crimes such as enabling the distribution of child sexual abuse material, drug trafficking and fraud, and refusing to cooperate with law enforcement.

Laure Beccuau, the Paris prosecutor, said in a statement that Mr. Durov had been ordered to pay bail of 5 million euros, or about \$5.5 million. He was released from custody but must check in at a police station twice a week.

Telegram has played a role in multiple criminal cases in France tied to child sexual abuse, drug trafficking and online hate crimes, but has shown a “near-total absence” of response to requests for cooperation from law enforcement, Ms. Beccuau said.

Prosecutors around France, as well as legal authorities in Belgium and other European countries, “have shared the same observation,” she said, leading organized-crime prosecutors to open an investigation in February on the “potential criminal liability of executives at this messaging platform.”

Mr. Durov’s case has intensified a long-simmering debate about free speech on the internet and the responsibility of tech companies.

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An Encore in Paris
France’s torchbearers at the opening ceremony of the Paralympics on Wednesday. Page B7. FRANCK FIEF/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE — GETTY IMAGES

Grievances Push Many Germans to the Extremes

By **STEVEN ERLANGER**

NOHRA, Germany — Anna Wenske, 69, worked for decades at the national theater of East Germany, where she was born and still lives. “After the reunification, everything went kaput,” she said. She lost her job and her savings; it took her years of part-time work to reach a kind of equilibrium.

Now she resents what she considers the easy path offered to refugees while Germans suffer.

“Too many people exist on this planet and everyone wants to come to us,” she said in a sunny Weimar, “and we tell everyone welcome and we have nothing left for ourselves.” When it comes to Ukraine, she said, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia lied when he said he would not invade, “but I don’t trust the United States any more than Russia.”

When her state, Thuringia, holds elections on Sunday, she says she will probably support the Alternative for Germany party. The radical right ethnonationalist party, known as the AfD, plays with Nazi-era language and its state branch has been classified by domestic intelligence as right-wing extremist.

But she is also tempted by a newer party, the Sahara Wagenknecht Alliance, or BSW.

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Betty Halbreich’s years as an unhappy shopaholic left her with a knowing attitude about the place of clothes in a woman’s life. CHRISTIAN HANSEN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Personal Shopper to the Elite, With a Caveat: No Mistresses

By **ALEX TRAUB**

Betty Halbreich, considered by genuine and aspiring grandes dames to be fashion’s leading personal shopper, who made the search for the right clothing a higher kind of quest — one for dignity, standards and self-knowledge — died on Saturday in Manhattan. She was 96.

Her death, in a hospital, was from cancer, her daughter, Kathy Halbreich, said.

Ms. Halbreich was revered by those in the know and anonymous to everyone else. It took expertise, and perhaps a bit of gumption, even just to find her. One would enter the imposing white marble building that the Bergdorf Good-

man department store has occupied since the Jazz Age; stride past the crystal chandeliers of the lobby; navigate to a narrow, nondescript hallway on the third floor; and proceed to the end of it.

There lay Betty Halbreich’s Solutions. It was a little cream-colored office with a stunning view of the Plaza Hotel and the Pulitzer Fountain but also possessing some characteristics of a diner. A board pasted with photographs of regulars included a picture of Lena Dunham; a plastic box on the desk containing an odd trinket, a gun made of chocolate, was a gift from Chris Rivers.

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