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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Blackouts in Kyiv as grid takes a hammering

Ruthless Russian strikes on power plants force rationing across nation

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KYIV — The cutoffs started Monday and have only increased throughout the week, plunging much of Ukraine's capital into darkness save for a few hours every day. In some parts of the city, even the traffic lights are turned off, and at night entire neighborhoods are draped in black.

The relentless pounding of Ukraine's power plants by Russian drones and missiles is finally being felt. The state electricity distributor, Ukrenergo, said the latest onslaught on the power grid over the weekend meant rationing power throughout the country. It had been the sixth such barrage since March.

"We are catastrophically short of electricity for our needs," Serhii Kovalenko, chief executive of the Ukrainian private electricity distributor, wrote on Facebook on Wednesday.

The power cuts have divided Kyiv into the haves and the have-nots — with even residents at some privileged, high-end addresses suddenly finding themselves in the latter category.

Residents trade tips about what has kept their homes powered while their neighbors went dark: power lines connected to a railway office, for example, or a children's hospital.

Aline Laptiy, 18, a coffee shop worker who lives in a neighborhood outside Kyiv's city center, SEE UKRAINE ON A13

Bannon must begin prison time by July 1

Judge drops hold on four-month sentence for contempt of Congress

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A federal judge on Thursday ordered former Trump political adviser and right-wing podcaster Stephen K. Bannon to report to prison by July 1 to begin serving a four-month prison term for contempt of Congress.

Federal prosecutors had asked the judge to lift a previous hold on Bannon's sentence, arguing that no substantial legal questions remain over his two-count conviction for refusing to provide documents or testimony to a House committee probing the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. A panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rejected Bannon's appeal on all grounds last month, though his legal team has indicated that it plans to take its fight to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

U.S. District Judge Carl J. Nichols agreed with prosecutors after a nearly hour-long hearing. SEE BANNON ON A2



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A nod to fights past, present

Biden draws line from D-Day's heroism to clouds of modern-day authoritarianism

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COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, FRANCE — President Biden joined world leaders in Normandy on Thursday to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, a somber setting where he drew a link between the historic fight to defeat the Nazis and the modern-day battles against authoritarianism and isolationism.

"In their generation, in their hour of trial, the Allied forces of D-Day did their duty," Biden said, standing before dozens of World War II veterans at the Normandy American Cemetery. "Now the question for us is, in our hour of trial, will we do ours?"

While Biden's speech was directed at a global audience — including the more than two dozen heads of state and government who were attending ceremonies in Normandy — it came against the backdrop of a fierce domestic

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TOP: President Biden and first lady Jill Biden, with French President Emmanuel Macron and French first lady Brigitte Macron, in Normandy on Thursday. ABOVE: A woman at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer.

In photos: Veterans of D-Day gather, perhaps for the last time, at site of the invasion. A10

Bomb in strike made in U.S.

EXPERTS IDENTIFY DEVICE'S NOSE CONE

IDF attack killed dozens at U.N. campus in Gaza

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Israeli fighter jets appear to have used a U.S.-made munition in a strike that killed dozens of people inside a U.N. school in the central Gaza Strip on Thursday, according to five weapons experts who examined verified footage from the debris.

The Israel Defense Forces said the aircraft attacked "three classrooms" with precision weapons, targeting a group of militants it said included fighters who participated in the Oct. 7 attacks.

But the facility in the Nuseirat refugee camp was also packed with thousands of civilians displaced by the war, according to the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which aids Palestinian refugees. The morgue at nearby al-Aqsa Martyr's Hospital said late Thursday that 33 people were killed in the strike, revising down an earlier toll, the Associated Press reported. The morgue said nine children, three women and 21 men were killed, according to the AP.

The Gaza Health Ministry, citing the hospital, initially said 40 people had been killed, including 14 children and nine women. It was not immediately clear what caused the discrepancy, the AP reported.

The nose cone of a GBU-39 small-diameter bomb, which is manufactured by Boeing, was visible in footage taken by an eyewitness, Emad Abu Shawish, in the aftermath of the attack. His images were verified by Storyful and independently geolocated by The Washington Post.

"We are confident that our activities were effective in limiting

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ELECTION 2024

For young Black voters, frustration taints choice

In interviews, members of a key 2020 bloc aren't impressed with Biden-Trump rematch

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As tens of thousands of people gathered over the weekend at the Roots Picnic, a popular two-day music festival created and hosted by hip-hop group the Roots, politics was certainly not the focus. But they were not absent, either.

Volunteers for Michelle Obama's nonpartisan When We All Vote registered some festival-goers to vote and underscored to them the importance of turning out for this election. Some fans of rapper Sexyy Red sported hats that read "Make America Sexyy Again." A few men wore kaffiyehs,

a traditional Arab scarf that has become a symbol of support for Palestinians.

The festival, held in Philadelphia and headlined by famed artists such as Lil Wayne and Jill Scott, attracted a largely younger and Black crowd — groups that were key parts of President Biden's winning coalition in 2020 but whose support has softened ahead of this year's election.

Less than four miles away and just days earlier, Biden and Vice President Harris launched "Black Voters for Biden-Harris" in this battleground state, as part of the campaign's effort to energize and mobilize the party's most loyal constituency. Biden framed the

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Shanaya Dungey, left, and Lu Rattigan at the Roots Picnic in Philadelphia on June 2. Dungey says she is undecided for November, but will never back Donald Trump. Rattigan is not planning to vote.

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