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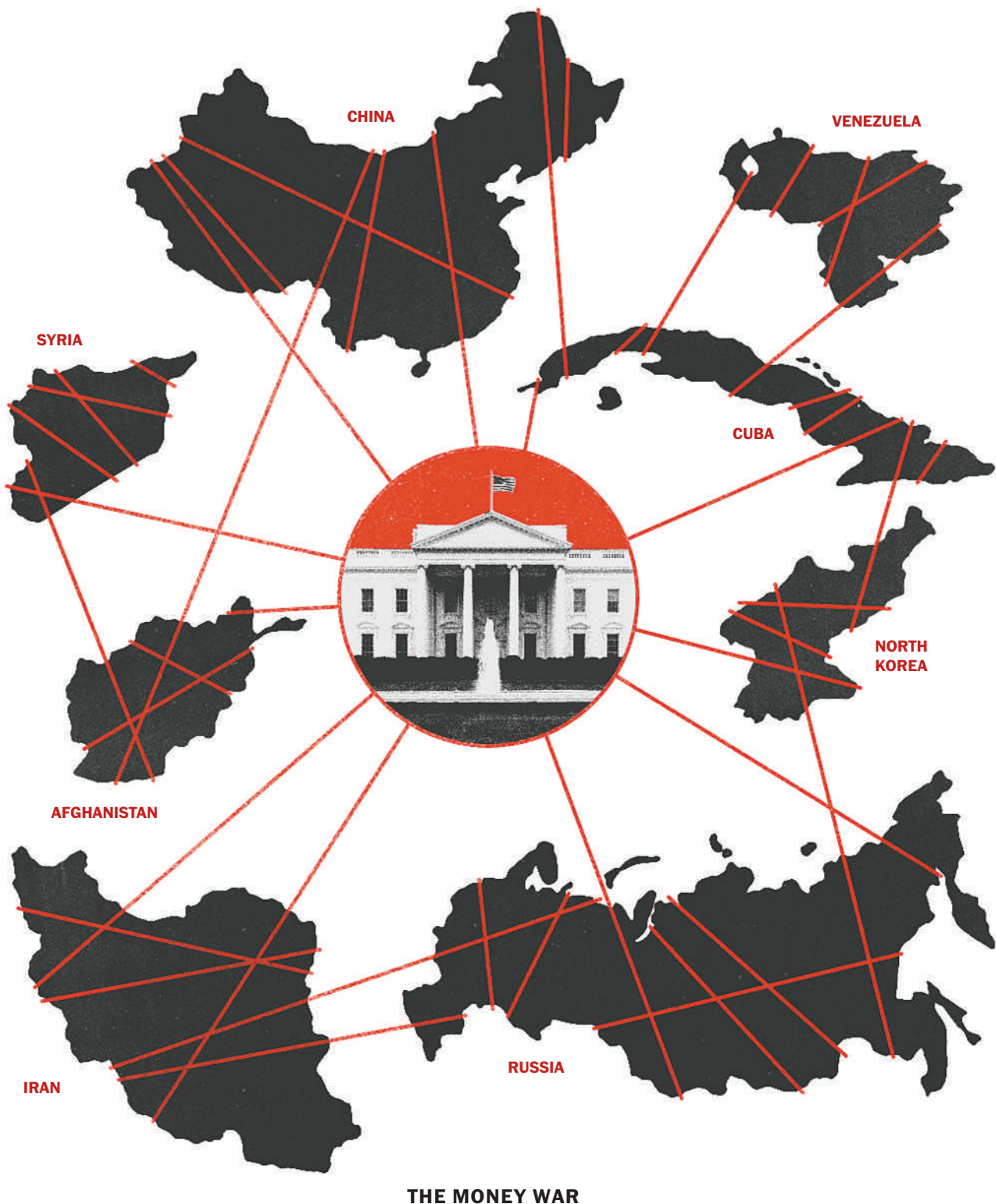
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THE MONEY WAR

HOW SANCTIONS BECAME AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE

A powerful weapon beguiles presidents, sinks economies — and brings dubious value

BY JEFF STEIN AND FEDERICA COCCO

In Cuba, sanctions imposed by the United States more than 60 years ago have failed to dislodge the communist regime — but they’ve made it more difficult to get critical medical supplies to the island.

In Iran, U.S. sanctions that date to the 1970s have not forced out Tehran’s theocratic rulers — but they have pushed the country to forge close alliances with Russia and China.

In Syria, dictator Bashar al-Assad remains in power despite 20 years of U.S. sanctions — but the country is struggling to rebuild from civil war, and more Syrians than ever are expected to need critical humanitarian

assistance this year.

In country after country, sanctions have emerged as the key instrument of U.S. foreign policy.

Today, the United States imposes three times as many sanctions as any other country or international body, targeting a third of all nations with some kind of financial penalty on people, properties or organizations. They have become an almost reflexive weapon in perpetual economic warfare, and their overuse is recognized at the highest levels of government. But American presidents find the tool increasingly irresistible. **SEE SANCTIONS ON A12**

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Harris calls for Gaza cease-fire, hostage release

PUTTING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO GET DEAL

VP, not Biden, takes lead amid shift in Washington

BY TYLER PAGER AND JOHN HUDSON

Vice President Harris implored Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday to accept a cease-fire deal that would pause the fighting in Gaza and release hostages, as U.S. leaders say they are closer than ever to an agreement.

“Let’s get the deal done so we can get a cease-fire to end the war,” she told reporters in brief

remarks after her bilateral meeting with Netanyahu at the White House. “Let’s bring the hostages home, and let’s provide much-needed relief to the Palestinian people.”

Harris’s decision to give her full backing for the deal and explain its general outline appeared designed to add pressure on Israel **SEE NETANYAHU ON A14**

Protest in D.C.: Officials expect vandalism cleanup to take days. **B1**



JULIA NIKHSON/AP

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Vice President Harris before their meeting in D.C. on Thursday.

ELECTION 2024

In Ky. town, ‘Hillbilly’ story rings true, message less so

BY MICHAEL KRANISH

JACKSON, KY. — Deep in a quiet mountain holler called Panbowl Branch, outside a decaying town of 2,000 in one of America’s poorest counties, sits a ramshackle red brick home. The roof is roughly patched with torn tarps, the front porch is heaped with discarded goods and the yard is littered with cars and boats in disrepair.

Three decades ago, this home sheltered a young JD Vance as he fled a tumultuous life in Ohio to spend summers with his grandparents — a period he cited as pivotal to his success in his

speech last week accepting the vice-presidential nomination. Today, the battered house sits amid a community that has suffered deeper decline since Vance described the region’s ruin eight years ago in “Hillbilly Elegy,” his bestseller, which was turned into a 2020 film.

Vance’s experience with a dysfunctional extended Appalachian family here and in Ohio formed the backbone of the book, as he recounted how generations of abuse and violence had shaped

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Stepparenting: Some take issue with Vance’s past comment. **C1**

PARIS OLYMPICS

Venues play up host city’s history, green innovations

BY RICK NOACK

PARIS — From Beijing’s Bird’s Nest stadium to the Olympic Park in London, host cities have typically set the stage for the Olympic Games with ambitious new construction that demonstrates their engineering prowess and permanently transforms their skylines.

There will be little of that when the world tunes in to the Olympics

here this week. The best stage for “Paris 2024,” organizers concluded, was Paris. They hope the city will look and feel like the best version of itself.

In a first for the Summer Olympics

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Trinity Rodman after scoring in the U.S. women’s soccer team’s 3-0 win against Zambia. Story, D1. Viewing guide, A20.



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Senior Sinaloa cartel leaders surrender into U.S. custody

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN AND NICK MIROFF

MEXICO CITY — A longtime senior leader of the Sinaloa cartel, Ismael Zambada Garcia, or “El Mayo,” and a son of famed drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman were taken into custody Thursday by U.S. authorities in Texas, according to senior Mexican and U.S. officials. It was a major blow to the Sinaloa federation, a global drug-trafficking syndicate considered

the No. 1 supplier of fentanyl to the United States.

Zambada and the former drug lord’s son, also named Joaquin Guzman, turned themselves in, according to a former U.S. official with knowledge of the detentions.

The two men are among the U.S. government’s most-wanted drug traffickers, and the State Department had offered \$15 million for information leading to Zambada’s capture.

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A struggle to feed a family In Oklahoma, whose GOP governor rejected federal funds, a single mother of three teenagers budgets to the penny and relies on a food pantry. **A10**

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