

Drone attack's ripple effects

Strike that killed three Americans in Jordan also threatens to upend Biden's efforts to contain Gaza war.

By NABIH BULOS AND TRACY WILKINSON

BEIRUT — A drone strike early Sunday that killed three U.S. service members and wounded dozens more is threatening to upend the Biden administration's delicate effort to prevent the Israel-Hamas war from spiraling into a broader regional conflict or direct confrontation with Iran.

In the more than three months since Hamas killed at least 1,200 Israelis in a surprise attack and Israel responded with a punishing invasion of the Gaza Strip that has left more than 26,000 dead, President Biden has tried to keep hostilities from spreading in the restive region.

Before Sunday, U.S. bases in Syria and Iraq had been the targets of some 160 attacks by Iran-backed militias angry over American support for Israel and Israel's attacks on Gaza. But despite numerous injuries to American troops in those strikes, the administration has avoided strong retaliation or counterattacks, with the notable exception of U.S. airstrikes against Houthis rebels who claimed responsibility for a string of maritime missile attacks in the Gulf of Aden.

Sunday's deadly drone attack along the Jordan-Syria border may alter that approach, forcing Biden to find a way to respond without sparking a nationwide showdown with Iran.

Also complicating the task were reports Monday — first appearing in the Wall Street Journal — that U.S. forces protecting operations in the region may have mistaken the enemy drone for a [See Mideast, A4]



GINA FIELDS has endured phone calls and door knocks from real estate agents and investors trying to buy her Leimert Park home, which she doesn't want to sell. She said some of them claimed to be her neighbor.

A triggering question: Do you want to sell your house?

Some Leimert Park owners are tired of the constant queries

By ANDREW KHOURI

The phone calls came weekly, from people Gwendolyn Jones didn't know, asking for something she doesn't want to give.

Frustrated, the 74-year-old Leimert Park resident stopped answering calls from unknown numbers on her cellphone and late last year canceled her home phone, not wanting another conversation with a stranger asking if she'll sell the house she's lived in since 2008.

In the last decade, investors and home buyers from outside the area have poured into Leimert Park, driving up prices and irritating some residents concerned about the gentrification of the historic Black neighborhood — and their peace of mind.

Jones said it's not just phone calls, but also letters and knocks at the door.

"It's just disturbing," she said.

To some extent, such pitches occur all over Southern California, but Leimert Park residents said the inquiries reached a peak over the last few years as home [See Question, A7]



LEIMERT PARK has long been a bastion of the Black middle class, who have used their homes to build generational wealth.

Disney seeks major resort upgrade

The firm's \$2.5-billion reimagining of its Anaheim theme parks would include hotels, street privatizations.

By SALVADOR HERNANDEZ

For decades, Disneyland has been hampered from expanding its Anaheim resort due to streets, highways and businesses that encircle the self-proclaimed "Happiest Place on Earth."

But Disneyland hopes to get around those limits with a plan to spend up to \$2.5 billion to reimagine the resort with new attractions, hotels and shops within its current 100-acre footprint — a proposal that would require taking over some surrounding city streets.

The plan already has critics who fear it will create more traffic headaches for neighbors and not provide enough tax revenue for the city.

The plan presented to the Anaheim City Council would turn the theme park into an even more "immersive" experience by building new areas that would combine theme park attractions, hotels, restaurants and stores in the same spaces, Rachel Alde, Disney's global development vice president, said during a presentation last week.

Dubbed Disneyland Forward, the plan is not specific about what exactly would be built but asks Anaheim to relax zoning rules and give Disney flexibility to redesign the existing resort, which includes Disneyland, Disney California Adventure Park and the Downtown Disney business district.

"This will allow, for example, theme park attractions alongside or even embedded in hotels and vice versa," Ted White, planning and building director for the city, said during the presentation.

Disneyland's footprint is not expected to expand. But Disney, a powerful and dominant broker in Anaheim politics, is also asking the [See Disneyland, A10]



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PALESTINIANS fleeing Israeli attacks arrive in Rafah, southern Gaza. The U.S. is among countries suspending aid to the largest relief group in the Gaza Strip.

Israel alleges 12 U.N. aid workers in Gaza were involved in Oct. 7 attack

By TIA GOLDENBERG, NAJIB JOBAIN AND JACK JEFFERY

TEL AVIV — An Israeli document obtained Monday spelled out allegations against a dozen United Nations employees who the country says participated in

Hamas' Oct. 7 assault — claiming that seven stormed into Israeli territory, including one who it said participated in a kidnapping and another who helped to steal a soldier's body.

The allegations against staffers with the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees prompted the United States

and several other countries to freeze funds vital for the body, which offers a lifeline for desperate Palestinians in Gaza. The White House indicated that funding could be restored depending on the agency's investigation and subsequent actions.

The U.N. condemned [See U.N., A4]

Vice president brings her abortion rights tour to California

Kamala Harris urges Golden State voters to remain 'vigilant' as Democrats fight for control of the House.

By MACKENZIE MAYS

SAN JOSE — Vice President Kamala Harris brought her abortion rights tour to California on Monday, elevating the issue in a left-leaning state as Democrats nationwide warn that Republicans could enact a federal ban on the procedure if they take control of Congress on election day.

At an event at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose, Harris applauded the state for having some of the nation's strongest abortion access protections but rallied California voters to remain "vigilant" and take the issue seriously in November's congressional races.

"Don't get too comfort-

able," said Harris, who has also traveled to Virginia and Wisconsin to rally for reproductive rights ahead of the election. "Let's understand: None of us can afford to sit back and think, 'Thank God we're in California.'"

The vice president's visit to the liberal Bay Area comes as Democrats hammer the issue in campaigns to flip some of the state's Republican-held districts in order to gain control of the House of Representatives. With several potential toss-up districts, California is considered pivotal to the Democratic Party's goal.

Likely Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has taken credit for and applauded the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade but has stopped short of endorsing a national abortion ban.

Abortion rights advocates do not trust Trump and fear that the continuance

of a Republican-majority House could risk the loss of [See Abortion, A10]

Targeting social media feeds

A proposed state law would bar companies from shuffling posts to maximize engagement by kids. BUSINESS, A6

Rain ahead, but no 'megaflood'

A storm expected this week will bring significant rainfall, strong winds and heavy snow. CALIFORNIA, B1

Common links in Super Bowl

Six quarterbacks have played for both San Francisco and Kansas City, this year's participants. SPORTS, B10

Weather

Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 75/50. B6

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