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NEWS ANALYSIS

## Respite Is Far From a Truce In the Mideast

Wars With Neighbors Have No End in Sight

By PATRICK KINGSLEY

JERUSALEM — After weeks of foreboding, an all-out war between Israel and Hezbollah has been averted, at least for now, as both sides returned on Monday to more contained confrontations along the Israel-Lebanon border.

But any relief has been tempered by renewed anxiety and uncertainty: Despite the apparent postponement of a bigger regional war, Israel’s grinding conflicts with both Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza still have no end in sight.

The trajectories of both wars depend largely on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and Yahya Sinwar of Hamas, who both fear for their own political survival should they agree to a cease-fire in Gaza on terms that they or their supporters deem unfavorable.

In negotiations for a truce in Gaza, Mr. Netanyahu is pushing for a temporary break in hostilities that will theoretically allow Israel to continue to fight Hamas after a few weeks, thus placating his supporters who oppose ending the war before Hamas is completely destroyed. By contrast, Mr. Sinwar wants a permanent cease-fire that, even if it collapses in a few months, will give Hamas a greater chance of rebuilding its arsenal and retaining power in Gaza.

Without a deal in Gaza, Hezbollah has vowed to continue its strikes along the Israel-Lebanon border, where any sudden miscalculation or mistake still risks transforming a relatively restricted fight into a bigger conflict involving Iran, the benefactor of both Hamas and Hezbollah.

Thus far at least, finding a way to satisfy both men has seemed nearly impossible.

For now, both Israel and

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A family leaving home in southern Lebanon on Monday.

## Latinos Cite ‘Pure Intimidation’ From Voter-Fraud Raids in Texas

By EDGAR SANDOVAL

SAN ANTONIO — A Latino civil rights group is asking the Department of Justice to open an investigation into a series of raids conducted on Latino voting activists and political operatives as part of a sprawling voter fraud inquiry by the Texas attorney general, Ken Paxton.

The League of United Latin American Citizens, one of the nation’s oldest Latino civil rights organizations, said that many of those targeted were Democratic leaders and election volunteers, and that some were residents in their 70s and 80s. Gabriel Rosales, the director of the group’s Texas chapter, said officers conducting the raids took cellphones, computers and documents. He called the raids “alarming” and said they



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Sheltering at a Kyiv metro station during a Russian airstrike Monday. Along with the capital, attacks hit the west and the southeast.

## 1 Million Cheat Bus Fare Daily, Foiling M.T.A.

By ANA LEY

Every weekday in New York City, close to one million bus riders — roughly one out of every two passengers — board without paying. The skipped fares are a crucial and growing loss of revenue for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is under severe financial pressure.

New York’s long-running fare evasion problem, among the worst of any major city in the world, has intensified recently; before the pandemic, only about one in five bus riders skipped the fare.

Yet public officials have done relatively little to collect the lost revenue from bus riders. Instead, they have focused almost exclusively on the subway system, where waves of police officers and private security guards have been deployed to enforce payment, even as fare evasion rates on trains are dwarfed by those on buses.

During the first three months of this year, 48 percent of bus riders did not pay, according to the latest available statistics from the transit authority, while 14 percent of subway riders evaded fares. Roughly twice the number of people ride the city’s subways as ride

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## Wounded Troops Find a Home, and Vie for Gold

By RACHEL NOSTRANT

ORLANDO, Fla. — Master Sgt. Ivan Morera isn’t used to being in last place. He’s a Green Beret. A relentless competitor. But at the 2024 Warrior Games, with his prosthetic hand hooked into a rowing machine, he was trailing the pack.

So he focused on increasing the rhythm of each pull: legs, body, arms. Arms, body, legs. When the buzzer sounded, he had passed everyone to win gold. “I do it to show my kids that everything and anything is possible,” said Sergeant Morera, who lost his left arm in a 2013 convoy accident in Afghanistan.

Hundreds of wounded or disabled troops competed alongside him at the U.S. military’s Warrior Games in Orlando, Fla., this sum-

### A Symbol of Changing Perceptions of Who Is Fit to Serve

mer, in events including archery, swimming, seated volleyball and wheelchair rugby.

Since the annual competition was created in 2010, the Games have given the Defense Department a new way to support and rehabilitate a select group of wounded troops, helping them remain in the service and on duty. The event has also become an important symbol of the changing perceptions about who is fit to serve.

Facing a significant personnel crisis as they struggle to recruit and retain service members — a

deficit on pace to be worse than any since just after the Vietnam War — some branches have begun to let more troops with disabilities remain on duty. Military recruiters are also accepting more people with asthma, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and other previously disqualifying conditions.

The Warrior Games were designed to give some of those wounded service members a chance to be part of a team and work toward common goals, said David Paschal, assistant deputy chief of staff with the Army’s Training and Doctrine Command, which oversees the branch’s recruiting efforts. “I think those two things are critical to supporting the recovery of our athletes.”

The competition has also become a prime source of athletes

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Crystal Fletcher, competing for the Marines team in this summer’s Warrior Games in Orlando, Fla.

## Telegram Founder’s Anti-Authority Attitude Made Him a Target

By PAUL MOZUR and ADAM SATARIANO

More than a decade ago, when Russia pushed Pavel Durov to shut down the pages of opposition politicians on a Facebook-like site he had created, the tech entrepreneur responded online by posting a cheeky picture of a hoodie-wearing dog with its tongue out.

“Official response to the intelligence services to the request to block groups,” he wrote unapologetically.

Thirteen years later, Mr. Durov’s anti-establishment streak appears to have gotten him into a fresh round of trouble with the authorities. On Saturday, he was arrested in France as part of an investigation into criminal activity on Telegram, the online communications tool he founded in 2013, which had grown into a global platform defined by its hands-off approach to policing how users behaved.

On Monday, President Emmanuel Macron of France referred to

### Arrest Amid Scrutiny Over App’s Content

Mr. Durov’s arrest and said that the country was “deeply committed to freedom of expression” but that “in a state governed by the rule of law, freedoms are upheld within a legal framework, both on social media and in real life.”

Mr. Durov’s arrest was caused a firestorm, turning him into a folk

THE WEATHER

Today, partly sunny, high 86. Tonight, partly cloudy, low 72. Tomorrow, hot, partly cloudy, a heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon, high 91. Weather map is on Page B10.

## RUSSIAN AIR RAID REMINDS UKRAINE OF ENEMY’S MIGHT

### ENERGY GRID DAMAGED

### 200 Missiles and Drones Called ‘One of the Largest’ Strikes

By ANDREW E. KRAMER and MATTHEW MPOKE BIGG

KYIV, Ukraine — Moscow launched more than 200 missiles and drones across a wide swath of Ukraine on Monday, damaging energy facilities and sending residents of Kyiv into basements and subways to seek shelter. President Volodymyr Zelensky condemned the assault as “one of the largest strikes” of the 30-month war.

The strikes occurred against the backdrop of Ukraine’s incursion into southern Russia — the first invasion on Russian soil since World War II. On Monday, Ukraine’s forces continued to try to advance in the region.

The offensive into the Kursk region has shifted the dynamics of the war after months in which Kyiv’s forces were on the defensive in Ukraine’s east. The push has slowed in recent days, but Mr. Zelensky said on Sunday that Ukrainian forces had advanced by one to three kilometers and taken control of two more settlements. It was not possible to verify the claim independently.

At the same time, Russian troops have been attacking relentlessly along the front line inside Ukraine, closing in on a key city, Pokrovsk, and razing towns and villages with artillery barrages and glide bombs.

The drone and missile attacks on Monday, which began around dawn, targeted energy infrastructure in the capital, Kyiv, and in the regions of Lviv and Rivne in the west and Zaporizhzhia in the southeast, the authorities said.

The strikes appeared to be an escalation of a Russian campaign against Ukraine’s power grid and inflicted damage significant enough to cause blackouts in Kyiv and other cities.

“Like most previous Russian strikes, this one is just as vile, targeting critical civilian infrastructure,” Mr. Zelensky said in a post on the Telegram messaging app. “There is a lot of damage in the energy sector,” he said, adding that crews were repairing the damage.

Russia has repeatedly targeted Ukrainian energy infrastructure in attempts to damage the economy and compound civilian misery caused by the war.

Officials said at least four people had been killed and more than 30 others wounded on Monday. An earlier estimate said that eight people had died.

Air-raid sirens have become a grim routine for many in Ukraine, and on Monday people in Kyiv sought shelter in basements and in the city’s subway system, whose stations are deep underground.

The mayor of Kyiv, Vitali Kl-

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