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Campaign seeks more security for Trump

Military transportation, flight restrictions would be unprecedented

BY JOSH DAWSEY AND ISAAC ARNSDORF

Donald Trump's campaign requested military aircraft for Trump to fly in during the final weeks of the campaign, expanded flight restrictions over his residences and rallies, ballistic glass pre-positioned in seven battleground states for the campaign's use and an array of military vehicles to transport Trump, according to emails reviewed by The Washington Post and people familiar with the matter.

The requests are extraordinary and unprecedented — no nominee in recent history has been ferried around in military planes ahead of an election. But the requests came after Trump's campaign advisers received briefings in which the government said Iran is still actively plotting to kill him, according to the emails reviewed by The Post and the people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive discussions. Trump advisers have grown concerned about drones and missiles, according to the people.

In the emails over the past two weeks from campaign manager Susie Wiles to Ronald L. Rowe Jr., the head of the Secret Service, she

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As Israel expands an air campaign that it says targets Hezbollah with precision, the overall death toll is soaring, and raising critical questions



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Lebanon's hard-hit civilians

Zahra Assi sat in her hospital bed last week, wounded in both legs by an Israeli airstrike, struggling with pain but spared by her family, momentarily, from worse: The 7-year-old had not been told that the strike had killed her mother, a brother and four other members of her family, one of her surviving brothers said.

As Israel expands a ferocious air campaign in Lebanon that it says targets Hezbollah with precision, the civilian toll is soaring — reviving critical questions about the consideration Israel gives to noncombatants when it carries out the strikes.

The bombing that injured Zahra targeted a residential building in the southern town of Ain Aldeib, where she was staying with her family

BY KAREEM FAHIM, MOHAMAD EL CHAMAA AND SUZAN HAIDAMOUS IN SIDON, LEBANON

Hasan Shuaib inspects the ruins of his house in the Bekaa Valley after an Israeli strike on Sept. 25. Fifteen people were killed.

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and dozens of other civilians. Multiple Israeli munitions struck the building Sept. 29, causing it to collapse, survivors said.

At least 45 people were killed, making it one of the deadliest single attacks of the war, health officials said. Days before, an Israeli bombing on a building in the Bekaa Valley had killed 15 people, all but one from the same extended family, relatives said.

In response to questions about the strike in Ain Aldeib, about three miles east of Sidon, the Israeli military said it had "eliminated the commander of Hezbollah's Sidon compound along with several other operatives" after "the execution of evacuation procedures." It did not

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HURRICANE MILTON

SBA's disaster funds on fumes

OUT OF CASH IN DAYS AS DEMAND SPIKES

Loans for victims could be pushed past election

BY JACOB BOGAGE

The Small Business Administration, which provides low-interest loans to millions of disaster survivors, is set to run out of funding for hurricane victims within days, SBA Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman told Congress late Thursday, as officials tally the extent of Hurricane Milton's damage on the heels of Helene.

Without urgent action from Congress, the agency could be forced to stop offering new disaster assistance, Guzman wrote in a letter obtained by The Washington Post. The SBA issues loans worth as much as \$100,000 for renters, \$500,000 for homeowners and \$2 million for business owners. The agency has roughly \$50 million left in disaster loan authority, but officials expect to run out in the next several days due to escalating demand.

"At a time when many disaster survivors are looking for help and support, a lack of SBA disaster loans will impact recovery across the nation," Guzman wrote. "Homeowners will be un-

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Some luck and a plan averted a catastrophe

Storm's track shifted, and orders to evacuate were heeded this time

BY SCOTT DANCE, MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE, BRIANNA SACKS AND JASON SAMENOW

Kim and Chris Tynan don't usually evacuate their coastal home in St. Pete Beach, where they run a business offering boat rides to tourists. But this hurricane season changed that. After they rode out Hurricane Helene and watched their waterfront home flood, they were among many Floridians willing to take no such chances on Hurricane Milton.

They returned from the Orlando area Thursday to find one of their boats missing, but their house still standing. And if they face a decision to evacuate again?

"We'll probably leave every time," Kim Tynan said.

In a state where so many scoff at hurricane threats, a combination of dire forecasts, widespread warnings and fresh memories of hurricane destruction prompted

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POWER GRAB

Big Tech's data centers keep coal alive in Omaha

Utility that helped recruit Meta and Google relies on air-polluting plant

BY EVAN HALPER

OMAHA — Residents in the low-income, largely minority neighborhood of North Omaha celebrated when they learned a 1950s-era power plant nearby would finally stop burning coal. The community has some of the region's worst air pollution and high rates of asthma.

But when the 2023 deadline to rid that plant of coal arrived, the power company that owns it balked. Eliminating toxic emissions conflicted with a competing priority: serving massive, power-hungry Meta and Google data centers the utility helped recruit to the region before it secured enough new energy to meet the extra demand.

The fast-growing data centers — which provide computing power for artificial intelligence — are driving explosive growth in the area's energy use. Electricity demand in Omaha has increased so much overall, according to the Omaha Public Power District, that permanently switching off the two coal-burning generators at its North Omaha plant could buckle the area's

electricity system.

"A promise was made, and then they broke it," said Cheryl Weston, who has lived for five decades in North Omaha. "The tech companies bear responsibility for this. The coal plant is still open because they need all this energy to grow."

Coal is now planned to burn in North Omaha through 2026, according to the utility, although Weston and other critics are skeptical it will stop then.

The disputes in Omaha over data centers and power demand are playing out across the United States. Rapid data center growth has also been accompanied by utility plans to prolong the use of coal in Georgia, Utah and Wisconsin. The Nebraska story reveals in detail how the race by giant technology companies to gain the advantage in AI is conflicting with climate goals and potentially harming public health.

The Omaha Public Power District blames the missed closure date for its North Omaha coal-burning units on the slow arrival of clean energy supplies from wind and solar, which have met with heavy opposition in rural areas. It also cites regulatory delays that have slowed a plan to replace coal-burning units with natural gas, pointing to long waits to connect new projects to the regional electrical grid and

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A spectacular light show

Northern lights are visible over Jeffersonville, N.Y., on Thursday. A geomagnetic storm brought the spectacle farther south than usual to the D.C. region's skies. Story, B1

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