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## Blinken presses for changes in IDF tactics

Israel acknowledges it probably shot American, drawing sharp rebuke

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Israel acknowledged Tuesday that its forces had likely shot dead an American citizen near a demonstration last week in the occupied West Bank, leading Secretary of State Antony Blinken to call for “fundamental changes” in the way the Israel Defense Forces operates there, “including changes to their rules of engagement.”

In a statement, the IDF said its initial inquiry found that it was “highly likely” that Aysenur Eygi, 26, had been “unintentionally” hit by fire “which was not aimed at her, but aimed at the key instigator” of what it called a “violent riot” in the West Bank village of Beita, where demonstrators had thrown rocks at security forces.

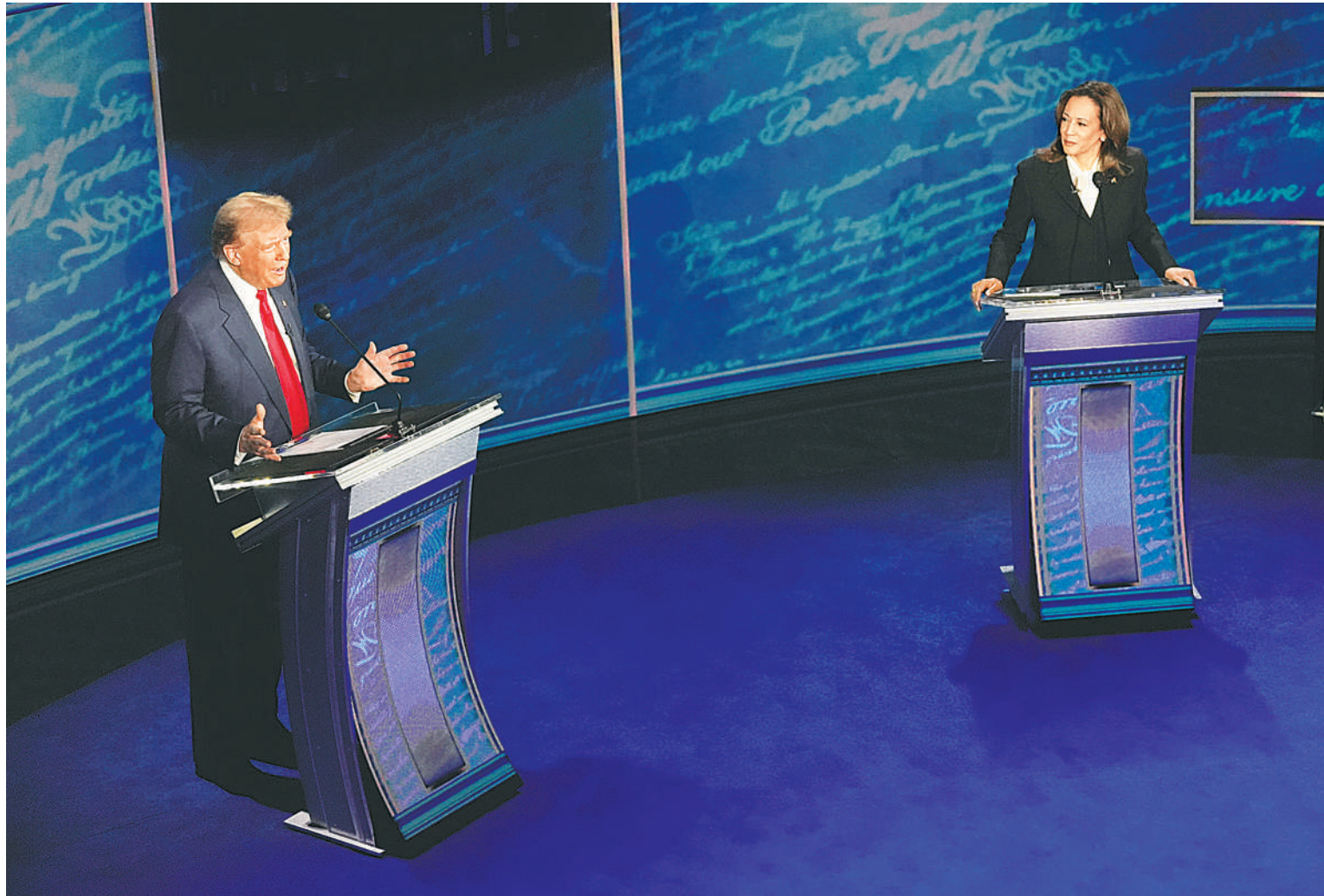
The statement said the military had launched a criminal investigation of the killing.

In one of the sharpest criticisms the Biden administration has made of Israeli military operations in the West Bank, Blinken said: “We’ve long seen reports of the security forces looking the other way when extremist settlers use violence against Palestinians. We’ve seen reports of excessive force by Israeli security forces against Palestinians.” He spoke during a news conference in London with Britain’s new foreign secretary, David Lammy.

“It’s not acceptable,” he said. “It has to change. And we’ll be making that clear to the senior-most members of the Israeli

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# Harris puts Trump on the defense



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Former president Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris onstage Tuesday at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

## Instead of heralding new eras, candidates forced to defend their pasts

BY TYLER PAGER

Vice President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump arrived at Tuesday night’s debate aiming to present themselves as the change agents that polls show Americans are craving.

But from the opening, both candidates were thrown on the defensive, forced to reckon with their records — Harris on the economy and border security,

Trump on immigration and his actions on Jan. 6 — and underscoring the challenge they both face in trying to convince voters they would usher in a new era for the country.

While voters often convey a desire for change, polls showed their appetite for it intensified earlier this year when the presidential race was headed toward a rematch between President Joe Biden and Trump.

Even though Harris rarely

leans into the historic nature of her candidacy — if elected, she would be the first female president and is almost two decades younger than Trump — she has key biographical advantages as she makes her change argument.

“Clearly, I am not Joe Biden, and I am certainly not Donald Trump,” Harris said. “And what I do offer is a new generation of leadership for our country, one who believes in what is possible,

one who brings a sense of optimism about what we can do instead of always disparaging the American people.”

But she faces her own challenges in presenting as a fresh face, carrying the baggage of the Biden administration and trying to avoid the pitfalls that vice presidents have historically faced running as change candidates. On Tuesday, she at times tried to thread the needle

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## U.S. says Iran replenished Russia’s stock of missiles

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM AND SIOBHÁN O’GRADY

LONDON — Iran has sent short-range ballistic missiles to Russia, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Tuesday, and Washington has responded with sanctions for the move, which pulls Tehran further into the Ukraine conflict.

The potent weapons bolster Moscow’s armory at a pivotal moment in its grinding war, as Ukrainian forces hold a small swath of Russia but face setbacks in their defense of Ukraine’s east. With leaders in Kyiv clamoring for expanded U.S. weapons assistance, Blinken said he will visit the capital for consultations on Wednesday.

“We’ve warned Tehran publicly, we’ve warned Tehran privately, that taking this step would be a dangerous escalation,” Blinken said. “Russia has now received shipments of these missiles.”

He added that Russia is likely to use the shipments within weeks. Hours later, the Biden administration, along with the governments of Britain, France and Germany, announced new sanctions on Tehran, including measures against Iran Air — the Islamic republic’s main

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**Drone attack:** Kyiv strikes across Russia, killing one in Moscow. **A13**

## Protests follow release of videos showing D.C. police shooting

This article is by Jenny Gathright, Ellie Silverman, Peter Hermann, Emma Uber and Tom Jackman

Rising tensions in the nation’s capital over the police killing of a man who had worked to stop violence boiled over Monday night following the release of body-camera videos from two officers involved in the fatal shooting, sparking unrest reminiscent of the city’s

protest-filled summer and fall of 2020.

People angry about the shooting took to the streets in protest in the hours after officials published the footage. D.C. police said they made five arrests related to burglaries or attempted burglaries of various businesses overnight, including a Gucci store in downtown’s City Center development and two liquor stores in George-

### Body-camera footage shows close-range shots at violence interrupter

town, and police said they were investigating whether those incidents were connected to the demonstrations.

Anger was already simmering over the death of Justin Robinson, 26, a resident of Southeast Washington who was employed as a violence interrupter with D.C.’s Cure the Streets program. He worked for the National Association for the Advancement of Returning Citizens, which is contracted by the D.C. attorney general’s office to quell conflicts between crews in several D.C.

neighborhoods.

A large vigil was held Friday, at which community members and Robinson’s family decried the sudden shooting, and a protest was planned for Tuesday night outside the Seventh District police station.

“A lot of people was crushed and

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**The aftermath:** Answering questions about the shooting. **B1**



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William Hays, a graduate student at Central Washington University, tests the private well water on Bruce Reed’s property in Cowlitz County, Wash., on Aug. 7.

## High toxin levels are legal in private wells

Millions of Americans get water from wells they own. Should they be required to test and treat it?

BY SILVIA FOSTER-FRAU IN TOUTLE, WASH.

On a Tuesday morning in May 2021, during a brief period when Cathy Cochran’s chemotherapy sessions had paused, her hair was beginning to grow back and the intense pain from the treatments was subsiding, she nervously logged into a Cowlitz County commissioner meeting to testify about what she believed had caused her ovarian cancer and her fears that others were in danger too. “The first thing you want to know when you hear the news is ‘why? Why me?’” she told the commissioners of her April 2019

diagnosis. “But worse than not knowing why, is finding out why and knowing it could have been prevented.”

The previous November, Cochran discovered that the water she had been drinking for nearly a decade contained 638 parts per billion of arsenic, a toxin that can cause cancer and increase the risk of diabetes and heart disease.

The maximum allowable level of arsenic in water for public utilities is 10 parts per billion — or 10 micrograms of arsenic per liter of water — meaning their water had nearly 64 times what would be legal in public drinking

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## IN THE NEWS

**Budget battle** Just weeks ahead of a possible shutdown, GOP defections dealt a blow to House Republicans’ negotiating position in talks to fund the government. **A5**

**Filling the gap** Metro buses will replace some D.C. Circulator routes when the service ends, but the Mall line will not be covered. **B1**

**THE NATION** **SpaceX** is aiming for history with a spacewalk by an all-private crew of astronauts. **A3** **Francine strengthened** to a hurricane and is expected to inundate Louisiana. **A4**

**THE WORLD** **Stray dogs**, long a ubiquitous feature of life in Turkey, are facing a new crackdown. **A11** **Methane emissions** are rising at the fastest rate in recorded history, research has found. **A15**

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**SPORTS** **Mauricio Pochettino**, one of the world’s most respected club coaches, will take the helm of the U.S. men’s national soccer team. **D1**

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