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One Border Opens, and Another Closes

Turkey allowed migrants to pass through to the European Union, but Greece then moved to suspend its asylum program. Page A13.

A MISSION SHIFT FOR AFGHANISTAN

Troops and Strikes Will Decline, if Pact Holds

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WASHINGTON — Intelligence briefers regularly present President Trump with a classified map of Afghanistan, usually the only report on the war he examines, displaying the strikes carried out in recent days and, critically, the number of Taliban and other militants killed.

During his presidency, enemy body counts have been the lens through which Mr. Trump has viewed the Afghanistan war — an often meaningless metric in dispute since the Vietnam War.

Now, America's de facto war of attrition against the Taliban has, at least theoretically, come to an end. The signing of a deal on Saturday in Doha, Qatar, to start withdrawing United States troops from Afghanistan may not immediately stop the fighting, but it will at least usher in a new era in the 18-year war.

The deal will also begin the process of drawing down the American intelligence presence.

There are many questions about what the role of the remaining military forces and intelligence officers will be, but the rough outline of how the mission is likely to shift has become apparent.

The work that Mr. Trump is most interested in — hunting and killing Qaeda and Islamic State terrorists — will continue for a time, albeit with fewer people to carry out the mission. Raids may eventually have to be launched from other countries, although that is yet to be determined.

Other tasks that have occupied American service members and intelligence professionals, such as the training of Afghan forces and

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TRUST Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. envoy, won over the militants, if not Afghan officials. PAGE A11

Death at Nursing Home as Virus Spreads in U.S.

This article is by **Mike Baker, Sheri Fink, Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs and Jack Healy.**

KIRKLAND, Wash. — As the coronavirus continued its march across the globe on Sunday, there were troubling new signs that it was spreading undetected in some American communities for weeks while the government resisted calls for more widespread testing.

With testing now ramping up, the Seattle suburb of Kirkland has become an epicenter of both illness and fear, much of it focused on a nursing facility where six coronavirus cases have been confirmed and many more residents

In a Suburb of Seattle, a Scramble to Assess Emerging Risks

and employees have complained of illness.

Health authorities in King County, Wash., announced on Sunday evening that one of the six, a resident of the nursing home, had died of the virus at the Evergreen-Health hospital in Kirkland, and that three more were in critical condition. The death was the second on U.S. soil from the virus; the first also occurred at that hospital.

One-quarter of Kirkland's firefighters were in quarantine on Sunday because they had been to the nursing facility. A nearby college spent the day cleansing its campus because students had visited the nursing home. The hospital has asked visitors to stay away.

Beyond Kirkland, the King County authorities announced two additional coronavirus cases earlier in the day that were unrelated to the nursing home; those patients were in critical condition at hospitals in Seattle and Renton. Officials were scrambling to assess the risks emerging in schools, medical centers and the major employers that call the region home.

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China has stepped up its efforts to ensure that citizens leave digital footprints wherever they go.

In China, Color-Coded Data Raises Red Flags

This article is by **Paul Mozur, Raymond Zhong and Aaron Krolik.**

HANGZHOU, China — As China encourages people to return to work despite the coronavirus outbreak, it has begun a bold mass experiment in using data to regulate citizens' lives — by requiring them to use software on their smartphones that dictates whether they should be quarantined or allowed into sub-

Alarm at Surveillance of Personal Health

ways, malls and other public spaces.

But a New York Times analysis of the software's code found that the system does more than decide in real time whether someone poses a contagion risk. It also ap-

pears to share information with the police, setting a template for new forms of automated social control that could persist long after the epidemic subsides.

The Alipay Health Code, as China's official news media has called the system, was first introduced in the eastern city of Hangzhou — a project by the local government with the help of Ant Financial, a sister company of the e-commerce

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Democratic Race Resets As Biden Rides a Victory And Buttigieg Falls Out

Reshuffle May Help Warren and Begin to Consolidate the Moderate Vote

By **SHANE GOLDMACHER and REID J. EPSTEIN**

The Democratic presidential campaign took a dramatic turn on Sunday as a top candidate, former Mayor Pete Buttigieg, quit the race and started clearing the way for moderate voters to coalesce around candidates better positioned to stop Senator Bernie Sanders, the liberal front-runner for the party's nomination.

Mr. Buttigieg made his decision after a devastating loss in Saturday's primary in South Carolina, where a fellow moderate, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., won his first victory in the presidential race. The departure of Mr. Buttigieg could lift Mr. Biden's political fortunes heading into the major Super Tuesday primaries, but might also benefit other candidates, particularly Senator Elizabeth Warren and former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, who also hold appeal with swaths of Mr. Buttigieg's supporters.

Even before Mr. Buttigieg's exit, Mr. Biden was moving quickly to capitalize on his victory and recast the Democratic campaign as a two-man contest between himself and Mr. Sanders. Yet there were also signs that Mr. Biden, Ms. Warren and other rivals were fighting for their own survival against Mr. Sanders on Super Tuesday, the single most important election date on the 2020 primary calendar.

In a show of strength, Mr. Sanders announced on Sunday morning that he raised \$46.5 million in February, by far the biggest amount of any candidate so far, giving him a huge financial war chest. Mr. Sanders is using those

funds to dramatically expand his advertising in states that vote deep into March, including Florida, Michigan and Ohio. Mr. Biden is not yet on the airwaves in those states or any other that votes past Tuesday.

The pressure to persevere on Super Tuesday was even more acute for other Democratic candidates as some reckoned with losses in the South Carolina primary on Saturday but were unwilling to quit a race that has been defined by unpredictability.

In a blunt memo on Sunday, Ms. Warren's campaign all but admitted she no longer has a path to the nomination beyond a contested Democratic convention. Mr. Bloomberg appeared in a three-minute nationwide commercial on Sunday night, further pushing the bounds of what his billions could buy after his candidacy was undercut by his debate performances. And Senator Amy Klobuchar strained to make the

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Pete Buttigieg quit the race after a big loss in South Carolina.

In the Suburbs, A Base Anxious About Sanders

By **TRIP GABRIEL**

VIRGINIA BEACH — In the Trump era, the suburbs have been Democrats' surprising superpower.

A revolt by college-educated voters, largely women, in suburbs from Virginia Beach to Oklahoma City, from Houston to Southern California, delivered the House majority to Democrats in 2018. Driven by anxiety over guns, health care and the environment, and recoiling from President Trump's caustic leadership, suburban voters are widely seen as a critical bloc for any Democratic victory in 2020.

But there are some early signs that the rise of Senator Bernie Sanders, by far the most liberal Democratic front-runner since George McGovern in 1972, is causing stress with the party's suburban coalition and especially its core of college-educated white women and older voters, many of whom are politically moderate.

And after Saturday night's big win by Joseph R. Biden Jr. in South Carolina, Mr. Sanders will face an invigorated former vice president as well as other moderates, like former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York, in Tuesday's primaries in Virginia, Texas, and additional states with swaths of suburban voters.

Anne Poague, a retired nurse who lives in Virginia Beach, in a House district that a Democrat wrestled from a Republican incumbent in 2018, said that Mr. Trump's top argument for re-election would be the economy — with

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Climate Denial Infuses Reports At U.S. Agency

By **HIROKO TABUCHI**

An official at the Interior Department embarked on a campaign that has inserted misleading language about climate change — including debunked claims that increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is beneficial — into the agency's scientific reports, according to documents reviewed by The New York Times.

The misleading language appears in at least nine reports, including environmental studies and impact statements on major watersheds in the American West that could be used to justify allocating increasingly scarce water to farmers at the expense of wildlife conservation and fisheries.

The effort was led by Indur M. Goklany, a longtime Interior Department employee who, in 2017 near the start of the Trump administration, was promoted to the office of the deputy secretary with responsibility for reviewing the agency's climate policies. The Interior Department's scientific work is the basis for critical decisions about water and mineral rights affecting millions of Americans and hundreds of millions of acres of land.

The wording, known internally as the “Goks uncertainty language” based on Mr. Goklany's nickname, inaccurately claims that there is a lack of consensus among scientists that the Earth is warming. In Interior Department emails to scientists, Mr. Goklany pushed misleading interpretations of climate science, saying it “may be overestimating the rate

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The Angel Is in the Details

An exhibition in Belgium that features Jan van Eyck's works wins high praise from Jason Farago. Above, Gabriel, part of the Ghent Altarpiece. PAGE C1



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