

NATION & WORLD

DIGEST

Giuliani must turn over items in election lawsuit

Rudy Giuliani must turn over prized possessions to two Georgia election workers who won a \$148 million defamation judgment against him, including his New York City apartment, more than two dozen luxury watches and a 1980 Mercedes once owned by movie star Lauren Bacall, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Giuliani must turn over his Manhattan apartment, estimated at more than \$5 million, as well as his interest in about \$2 million he says Trump's 2020 presidential campaign owes him. U.S. District Judge Lewis Liman in Manhattan said Giuliani does not have to turn over three New York Yankees World Series rings or his Florida condominium for now, noting those are tied up in other litigation.

Ruby Freeman and her daughter Wandrea "Shaye" Moss won the judgment, saying Giuliani pushed Donald Trump's lies about the 2020 election being stolen, leading to death threats against them.

Deadly E. coli outbreak linked to McDonald's

E. coli food poisoning linked to McDonald's Quarter Pounder hamburgers sickened at least 49 people in 10 states, including one person who died and 10 who were hospitalized, federal health officials said Tuesday.

The death was reported in an older person in Colorado, and one child was hospitalized with severe kidney complications, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. Infections were reported between Sept. 27 and Oct. 11 in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Those interviewed in the outbreak reported eating at McDonald's before falling ill and most mentioned eating Quarter Pounder hamburgers, the CDC said. McDonald's officials said initial findings suggest some illnesses are linked to onions from a supplier.

BRIEFLY

THE BORDER: Arrests for illegally crossing the border from Mexico fell 7% in September to 53,858, down from 58,009 in August and the lowest tally since August 2020, when arrests totaled 47,283, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Tuesday.

JAN. 6: Jeffrey Newcomb, 41, of Polk, Ohio, was arrested Tuesday on charges he brought a massive "Trump" sign to the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and joined other rioters in using it as a weapon against police officers during a mob attack, according to an FBI agent's affidavit released Tuesday.

MURDER PLOT: Ruhollah Bazghandi, a brigadier general who served as Iranian Revolutionary Guard counterintelligence department chief, and three other men were charged in a plot to kill Iranian American author Masih Alinejad, who is in exile in New York City, according to a rewritten indictment filed Tuesday.

HELENE: Buncombe County in North Carolina, home to Asheville, overcounted deaths caused by Hurricane Helene by as many as 30, according to a statement Tuesday from its sheriff's office and data from the state. County officials defer to a state tally of 42.

DOCS LEAK: The FBI said Tuesday it is investigating the unauthorized release of classified documents on Israel's preparation for a potential retaliatory attack Oct. 1 on Iran.

STORM: Tropical Storm Oscar disintegrated Tuesday as it headed toward the Bahamas after hitting Cuba as a Category 1 hurricane, killing at least seven people.

— Associated Press

PODCAST: Snap this code, then tap the link to hear our latest daily news podcast "Hot Off the Wire."

MIDDLE EAST

Israel claims to kill chief

Blinken arrives for his 11th visit to the region, presses for cease-fire

SARAH EL DEEB, FARNOUSH AMIRI, AND TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Israel said Tuesday one of its airstrikes outside Beirut this month killed a Hezbollah official widely expected to replace the longtime leader of the militant group who was killed by an Israeli airstrike last month.

There was no immediate confirmation from Hezbollah about the fate of Hashem Safieddine, a powerful cleric who was expected to succeed Hassan Nasrallah, one of the group's founders.

Safieddine was killed in early October in a strike that also killed 25 other Hezbollah leaders, according to Israel, whose airstrikes in southern Lebanon in recent months killed many of Hezbollah's top leaders.

Last week, Israel killed the top leader of Hamas, Yahya Sinwar, during a battle in Gaza.

The Beirut suburb where Safieddine was killed was pummeled by a series of fresh airstrikes on Tuesday, including one that leveled a building it claimed housed Hezbollah facilities.

The collapse sent smoke and debris flying into the air a few hundred yards from where a spokesperson for Hezbollah just briefed journalists about a weekend drone attack that damaged the Israeli prime minister's house.

The strike came 40 minutes after Israel issued an evacuation warning for two buildings in the area that it said were used by Hezbollah.

The Hezbollah news conference nearby was cut short, and an Associated Press photographer captured an image of a missile heading toward the building moments before it was destroyed. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Hezbollah's chief spokesman, Mohammed Afif, said the group was behind the Saturday drone attack on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's home in the coastal town of Caesarea. Israel has said neither the prime minister nor his

wife were home at the time of the attack.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders Tuesday as part of his 11th visit to the region since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war. Blinken is trying to revive efforts to secure a cease-fire in Gaza.

Blinken stressed the need for Israel to do more to help increase the flow of humanitarian aid to Palestinians, and said Israel should "capitalize" on last week's killing of Sinwar as an opportunity to end the war in Gaza and secure the release of hostages there.

Netanyahu's office called his meeting with Blinken, which lasted more than two hours, "friendly and productive."

RUSSIA



ALEXANDER KRYAZHEV, BRICS-RUSSIA2024.RU

From left, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend an informal dinner Tuesday on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit at Kazan City Hall in Kazan, Russia.

Putin hosts leaders at summit

China, India attend as Kremlin pushes back against Western clout

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KAZAN, Russia — China's Xi Jinping, India's Narendra Modi and other world leaders arrived Tuesday in the Russian city of Kazan for a summit of the BRICS bloc of developing economies that the Kremlin hopes to turn into a rallying point for defying Western influence in global affairs.

For Russian President Vladimir Putin, the three-day meeting also offers a powerful way to demonstrate the failure of U.S.-led efforts to isolate Russia over its actions in Ukraine.

Kremlin foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov called it "the largest foreign policy event ever held" by Russia, with 36 countries attending and more than 20 of them represented by heads of state.

The alliance that initially included Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa has expanded rapidly to embrace Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. Turkey, Azerbaijan and Malaysia have formally applied to become members, and a few others have expressed interest in joining.

Observers see the BRICS summit as part of the Kremlin's efforts to showcase support from the Global South amid spiraling tensions with the West while expanding economic and financial ties.

Proposed projects include the creation of a new payment system that would offer an alternative to the global bank messaging network SWIFT and allow Moscow to dodge Western sanctions and trade with partners.

Putin, who will hold about 20 bilateral meetings on the sidelines, conferred with Xi, Modi and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa on Tuesday ahead of the summit's opening.

Xi and Putin announced a "no-limits" partnership weeks before Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022.

They already met twice this year, in Beijing in May and at a Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Kazakhstan in July.

Welcoming Xi, Putin described the relations between Moscow and Beijing as "one of the main stabilizing factors on the world arena." He vowed to "expand coordination on all multilateral forums for the sake of global stability and a fair world order."

Russia's cooperation with India has also flourished. New Delhi considers Moscow a time-tested partner since Cold War times despite Russia's close ties with India's main rival, China.

IMF: Global fight against inflation is 'almost won'

Increases forecast to approach 2% next year for wealthy countries

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The global war against inflation is largely won — and at surprisingly little cost to economic growth, the International Monetary Fund declared Tuesday.

In its latest assessment of the global economy, the IMF predicted worldwide inflation will cool from 6.7% last year to 5.8% this year and to 4.3% in 2025. It estimates inflation will fall even faster in the world's wealthy countries, from 4.6% last year to 2.6% this year and 2% — the target range for most major central banks — in 2025.

The slowdown in inflation, after years of crushing price increases in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, led the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank to cut interest rates this year after they aggressively raised them to try to tame inflation.

"The battle against inflation is almost won," Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, the IMF's chief economist, said Tuesday. "In most countries, inflation is hovering close to central bank targets."

The IMF, a 190-nation lending organization, works to promote economic growth and financial stability and reduce global poverty.

Russia, Iran could stir trouble after US election

Intelligence officials worry about bad actors after the vote

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Russia and Iran could try to encourage violent protests in the U.S. after next month's election, senior intelligence officials warned Tuesday, citing two recent examples of foreign intelligence agencies seeking to sow discord ahead of the vote.

The officials, with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, said both countries could support violent protests either by covertly organizing events themselves or by encouraging participation in those planned

by domestic groups. The aim, the officials said, would be to increase division, cast doubt on election results and complicate the transfer of presidential power.

In January, Russian military intelligence tried to recruit an American to organize protests in the U.S., according to a declassified national intelligence memo released publicly Tuesday.

Also Tuesday, a senior US intelligence official said groups in Russia created and helped spread viral disinformation targeting Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Walz. The content, which includes baseless accusations about the Minnesota governor's time as a teacher, contains several indications that it was manipulated, said the official.