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"I'm not a sir"-dearth of women causes Marines to expect male leadership

The War Horse

When I got to the fleet, with my brown hair always tucked back into a tight regulation bun, Marines would often surprise me—by calling me "sir."

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How will Biden's Pentagon handle extreme right-wing media? Defense One The Capitol riot was just the latest tell for propaganda outlets masquerading as newsrooms.

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A cyber opportunity: Priorities for the first national cyber director War On The Rocks Despite the negative headlines surrounding the SolarWinds hack, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will soon inherit an executive branch moving slowly in the right direction on cyber security.

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Hypersonics illustrate supply chain vulnerabilities

National Defense

Hypersonics — the science behind missiles that travel in excess of Mach 5 and can quickly change trajectory mid-flight — illustrate the challenges faced by U.S. companies working on emerging technologies.

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The military stayed out of the insurrection, but it isn't over yet

Foreign Policy

To be sure, the insurrectionists succeeded in a number of things.

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US airstrike on Somalia kills 5 al-Shabaab members UPI

Five people believed to be al-Shabaab members, including one leader, were killed in a joint U.S.-Somali airstrike in the vicinity of Saaxa Weyne, Somalia, Thursday.

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Pentagon

Biden to pick Brett McGurk for top White House Middle East role

Al-Monitor

Picking the former defeat-ISIS envoy to oversee US Middle East policy sends a strong signal to Turkey. Caution-

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Now it can be told: How Neil Sheehan got the Pentagon Papers

New York Times

It was a story he had chosen not to tell — until 2015, when he sat for a four-hour interview, promised that this account would not be published while he was alive.

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Acting Pentagon chief condemns violence, commends law enforcement response to Capitol attack The Hill

Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller on Thursday condemned the violent attacks on the U.S. Capitol more than 24 hours after President Trump's supporters were cleared from the premises. Caution-

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Congress & Politics

Nebraska delegation secures money for nukes, Offutt planes, cyberdefense in big defense bill Omaha World-Herald

People who work at Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base and Omaha's University of Nebraska Medical Center could benefit from Nebraska contributions to the nation's newest defense policy bill, passed last week over a presidential veto. Caution-

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Pelosi, Democrats call for Trump's removal after riot

Defense News

Top Democrats in the House and Senate have joined a growing call for President Donald Trump to be removed from office immediately, accusing the president of fomenting Wednesday's violence at the U.S. Capitol. Caution-

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National Security

Capitol in chaos: what the national security community needs to know

Defense News

Here are the key events Defense News has been tracking.

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Another senior Trump national security aide resigns in the wake of Capitol riot

Defense News

A top national security aid involved in the Trump administration's recent diplomatic breakthroughs in the Middle East and its late-stage push to shift to a more Navy-focused defense policy is leaving his post a day after an insurrectionist mob stormed the U.S. Capitol.

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A top Trump adviser on the Middle East to step down following riot Defense News

Rob Greenway, a top adviser to President Donald Trump on the Middle East, is expected to step down Thursday as part of an exodus at the National Security Council following Wednesday's storming of Capitol Hill by Trump supporters, an official with knowledge of the situation told Defense News.

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Extremists consider Capitol raid a success, UNO counterterrorism expert says Omaha World-Herald

"How they're portraying it on their channels is that this is a success," said Gina Ligon, director of UNO's National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center. "I think you'll see more of this at the state level." Caution-

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Justice Department warns of national security fallout from Capitol Hill insurrection Politico

The mob that rampaged inside the halls of Congress on Wednesday might have taken a lot more than Americans' illusions of invulnerability.

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Capitol rioters planned for weeks in plain sight. The police weren't ready.

Defense One

Insurrectionists made no effort to hide their intentions, but law enforcement protecting Congress was caught flat-footed.

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US Capitol now more vulnerable as a result of Wednesday's mob attack, former DHS official says Defense One

A lack of coordination among authorities was evident and will make securing the seat of legislature harder. Caution-

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Army

'Too early to know' how mandated studies will impact ACFT implementation

Army Times

The new Army Combat Fitness Test officially became the service's test of record in October, but lawmakers have ordered a pause on further implementation pending an independent study to determine how it will impact deployed soldiers, recruiting and retention.

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This Army Ranger-turned-Congressman was last out of the House chamber during the Capitol riots Task & Purpose

It's been over a decade since Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) felt the need to prepare to fight his way out of a situation. Caution-

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Fort Drum soldier, teen connection remains unclear in Cpl. Harris' murder

Watertown Daily Times

A Fort Drum soldier and a 16-year-old boy accused of killing another soldier will face murder and other charges only in New Jersey, even though the alleged kidnapping occurred in the north country.

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Navy

The Navy hospital ship politicians want in LA is stuck in maintenance in Portland

Military.com

Hospitals in Los Angeles are so overloaded with coronavirus patients that ambulance crews have been instructed not to transport people to medical facilities if they're unlikely to survive. But a Navy ship that could offer a reprieve is stuck in an Oregon shipyard.

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'Friends with everybody': petty officer died after Jacksonville traffic accident

Navy Times

A Florida-based Navy petty officer died last month following a traffic accident in Jacksonville.

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Naval Community College kicks off pilot program this month with 600 students USNI News

The United States Naval Community College will begin serving its first class of about 600 students, under a pilot program running from January through June.

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Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander aims to remind midshipmen of their purpose of service Capital Gazette

When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber was little, she wanted to be a missionary. Caution-

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Retired Navy football mascot Bill 33, the goat at center of Army-Navy scandal, dies at 13

Capital Gazette

Bill XXXIII (33), the Naval Academy goat mascot affectionately known as "Blue Eyes" and who played a central role in an Army-Navy prank gone too far nine years ago, has died, the Naval Academy announced Thursday. He would have been 14 years old next week.

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Marine Corps

Investigation of Marine convicted in DC barracks shooting reveals unit history of firearm negligence

Marine Corps Times

At approximately 5 a.m. on New Year's Day 2019, Lance Cpl. Andrew Johnson had just been relieved from his post. Caution-

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New in 2021: Marine deserter faces murder trial in shooting death of mother's boyfriend Marine Corps Times

A Marine veteran who prosecutors allege deserted his North Carolina base to return to his Virginia home and kill his mother's boyfriend then fled police, evading capture for 18-days, now faces a trial in March. Caution-

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This Marine's new jaw was made out of his leg bone in a breakthrough new surgery Task & Purpose

A lucky Marine made military medical history by becoming the first service member to receive a reconstructed jaw made out of one of his leg bones, complete with 3D-printed teeth, all in one surgery. Caution-

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Civilian MARFORRES employee pleads guilty in military transportation bribery case

The Associated Press

A former federal employee has pleaded guilty in New Orleans after prosecutors said he agreed to take \$250,000 in bribes to steer transportation contracts to a Georgia businessman.

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What kind of uniform is that? Marines drill for inauguration in unique style

Stars & Stripes

The Marines preparing for Inauguration Day ceremonies wore black face masks, white gloves — and an unusual combination of a Vietnam-era field jacket in woodland camouflage with their khaki-and-olive green service dress uniforms.

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Air Force

NCO earns commendation for bravery in Camp Taji attack

Stars & Stripes

Senior Master Sgt. Rick Johnson had deployed twice before to combat zones, but he never experienced the panic and confusion he saw in Iraq last March during a fatal rocket attack on Camp Taji.

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The three-star general in charge of strategy for the Air Force issued a grim warning for the United States on Thursday after extremists attacked the Capitol: The nation is now under a greater threat than it was after 9/11. Caution-

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Department of the Air Force cracks down on climate, disciplinary issues

Air Force Magazine

The Department of the Air Force recently rolled out two policy changes aimed at holding commanders more accountable for climate-related deficiencies and disciplinary equity within their units.

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The Air Force is coming for your raunchy patches and coins

Task & Purpose

The Air Force on Tuesday directed commanders to review their official and unofficial unit emblems, morale patches, mottos, nicknames, coins and other forms of unit identity "to ensure an inclusive and professional environment," service officials wrote in a press release.

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The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into why an airman was punished for attempting suicide Task & Purpose

The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into an incident involving an airman who was sent a Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling shortly after attempting suicide.

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National Guard

NY National Guard troops not arriving in DC until 'before early next week'

Army Times

The New York National Guard is sending 1,000 troops to Washington, D.C., at the request of U.S. National Guard officials, said a New York Guard spokesman and Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday evening. Caution-

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Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Thursday he immediately mobilized state police and National Guard members when asked to go to Washington to help protect the U.S. Capitol, but the state was repeatedly denied permission before finally being authorized to send help by a defense official. Caution-

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The National Guard is fencing off the US Capitol complex for at least 30 days Military.com

The U.S. Capitol is getting its own version of a border wall Thursday in response to the infiltration and vandalism of the building Wednesday by supporters of President Donald Trump.

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The vaccine rollout and civil unrest is keeping the National Guard busy after an 'unprecedented' 2020 CNN

The U.S. National Guard was so busy last year with "unprecedented" domestic deployments -- helping with Covid-19, civil unrest and natural disasters -- it referred to 2020 as Year of the Guard. Caution-

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Space Force

Did the Space Force just ruin OTAs for everyone?

Breaking Defense

A contracting slip-up by the Space Force has inspired new scrutiny of a streamlined acquisition process known as Other Transaction Authority (OTA). OTAs have soared in popularity in recent years, but a story by The Washington Post — which said a Space Force contractor "acted fraudulently" and derided OTAs in general as a "loophole" — has given skeptics new ammunition in their fight for restrictions.

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Pay & Benefits

Five more military families sue privatized landlord alleging mold, vermin, lead paint and raw sewage Military Times

Five military families are suing the privatized housing landlords for Randolph Air Force Base for their "deplorable" housing conditions which they say led to medical and financial problems.

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Military Culture & History

Trump rioters keep Army surplus stores alive with outfit selections for Capitol invasions

Military Times

As Congress moved Wednesday to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election and name former Vice President Joe Biden as the next President of the United States, a horde of rioters descended upon the Capitol in the building's first mass breach since the War of 1812.

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Podcasts

Storming the Capitol with Mackenzie Eaglen

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We dive into issues about the U.S. military and, most importantly with the incoming Biden administration, what is likely to occur with defense budgets and how that can affect national security during the next 3-4 years.

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Defense Industry

Space Development Agency confirms SpaceX, L3Harris awards following protest

C4ISRNET

Following a protest by Raytheon Technologies, the Space Development Agency has reevaluated awards it made for eight satellites capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, opting to stick with its original vendors: SpaceX and L3Harris. Caution-

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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Defense research director has a vision to connect with new, innovative companies

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The new director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency wants to create a storefront where companies can go to learn how to sell their products to the Pentagon.

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The Pentagon released a new strategy Jan. 7 to counter increasingly complex small drone threats, one that focuses on establishing a common threat picture, architecture and protocol across the services. Caution-

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Defense Department must determine the threat from quantum computers

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The U.S. Department of Defense must determine the national security threat posed by quantum computing, as part of the new annual defense policy law.

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Hyten outlines future steps to dominate the electromagnetic spectrum

C4ISRNET

In rebuilding the Pentagon's electronic warfare prowess — and executing a recently released strategy to do so — the department's No. 2 officer bestowed a great deal of responsibility upon the services. Caution-

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International

Third Chinese aircraft carrier nears completion amid shipyard expansion

The Diplomat

A major Shanghai shipyard is being significantly expanded amid news that work has begun there on China's fourth aircraft carrier.

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NATO chief calls for revitalization of alliance in 2021

UPI

The coming year will be critical for relations between North America and Europe -- and for Afghanistan peace talks -- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said.

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Defense One

As allies lamented the "disgraceful" scene, adversaries used Wednesday's riot to attack U.S. democracy.

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China's next-gen J-20 stealth fighter jettisons Russian engine in favour of home-grown technology South China Morning Post

China will cease using the Russian engine currently fitted on China's new generation J-20 stealth fighter jet, replacing it with an upgraded home-grown engine.

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The Iraqi Air Force's F-16 fleet is on the brink of collapse despite showy flybys The Drive

A high-profile 23 F-16 flyover may only have served to paper over the cracks in what is an increasingly precarious Iraqi Viper fleet.

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Kim says N Korea to take military capabilities to 'higher level'

Al Jazeera

North Korean leader says to secure a 'peaceful environment' he wants to strengthen the country's defence capabilities. Caution-

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Iraqi judge issues arrest warrant for Donald Trump over Soleimani killing

Al-Monitor

The charge of premeditated murder carries a death sentence under Iraqi law but is not likely to be enforced. Caution-

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Commentary & Analysis

Embrace new ways to buy software or the Pentagon will fall behind C4ISRNET We are reminded almost daily that our national security rests on a foundation of software. Caution-

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Honoring the legacy of Maj. Beau Biden Military Times President Biden is the first president since Dwight Eisenhower to have a child deployed to a combat zone. Caution-

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Anticipating the 2021 Missile Defense Review

RealClear Defense

On the incoming Biden administration's to-do list is a review of missile defense policy and posture.

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"I'm not a sir"-dearth of women causes Marines to expect male leadership

The War Horse

When I got to the fleet, with my brown hair always tucked back into a tight regulation bun, Marines would often surprise me—by calling me "sir."

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A cyber opportunity: Priorities for the first national cyber director

War On The Rocks

Despite the negative headlines surrounding the SolarWinds hack, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will soon inherit an executive branch moving slowly in the right direction on cyber security. Caution-

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The US Navy needs more firepower on the cheap

19FortyFive

Low upfront cost + low operating cost = cheap.

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Hypersonics illustrate supply chain vulnerabilities

National Defense

Hypersonics — the science behind missiles that travel in excess of Mach 5 and can quickly change trajectory mid-flight — illustrate the challenges faced by U.S. companies working on emerging technologies.

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The military stayed out of the insurrection, but it isn't over yet

Foreign Policy

To be sure, the insurrectionists succeeded in a number of things.

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US airstrike on Somalia kills 5 al-Shabaab members

UPI

Five people believed to be al-Shabaab members, including one leader, were killed in a joint U.S.-Somali airstrike in the vicinity of Saaxa Weyne, Somalia, Thursday.

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Pentagon

Biden to pick Brett McGurk for top White House Middle East role

Al-Monitor

Picking the former defeat-ISIS envoy to oversee US Middle East policy sends a strong signal to Turkey.

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Now it can be told: How Neil Sheehan got the Pentagon Papers

New York Times

It was a story he had chosen not to tell — until 2015, when he sat for a four-hour interview, promised that this account would not be published while he was alive.

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Acting Pentagon chief condemns violence, commends law enforcement response to Capitol attack The Hill

Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller on Thursday condemned the violent attacks on the U.S. Capitol more than 24 hours after President Trump's supporters were cleared from the premises.

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Congress & Politics

Nebraska delegation secures money for nukes, Offutt planes, cyberdefense in big defense bill

Omaha World-Herald

People who work at Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base and Omaha's University of Nebraska Medical Center could benefit from Nebraska contributions to the nation's newest defense policy bill, passed last week over a presidential veto. Caution-

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Pelosi, Democrats call for Trump's removal after riot

Defense News

Top Democrats in the House and Senate have joined a growing call for President Donald Trump to be removed from office immediately, accusing the president of fomenting Wednesday's violence at the U.S. Capitol. Caution-

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National Security

Capitol in chaos: what the national security community needs to know

Defense News

Here are the key events Defense News has been tracking.

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Another senior Trump national security aide resigns in the wake of Capitol riot Defense News

A top national security aid involved in the Trump administration's recent diplomatic breakthroughs in the Middle East and its late-stage push to shift to a more Navy-focused defense policy is leaving his post a day after an insurrectionist mob stormed the U.S. Capitol.

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Rob Greenway, a top adviser to President Donald Trump on the Middle East, is expected to step down Thursday as part of an exodus at the National Security Council following Wednesday's storming of Capitol Hill by Trump supporters, an official with knowledge of the situation told Defense News.

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Extremists consider Capitol raid a success, UNO counterterrorism expert says

Omaha World-Herald

"How they're portraying it on their channels is that this is a success," said Gina Ligon, director of UNO's National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center. "I think you'll see more of this at the state level." Caution-

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Justice Department warns of national security fallout from Capitol Hill insurrection Politico

The mob that rampaged inside the halls of Congress on Wednesday might have taken a lot more than Americans' illusions of invulnerability.

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Capitol rioters planned for weeks in plain sight. The police weren't ready.

Defense One

Insurrectionists made no effort to hide their intentions, but law enforcement protecting Congress was caught flat-footed.

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US Capitol now more vulnerable as a result of Wednesday's mob attack, former DHS official says Defense One

A lack of coordination among authorities was evident and will make securing the seat of legislature harder.

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Army

'Too early to know' how mandated studies will impact ACFT implementation

Army Times

The new Army Combat Fitness Test officially became the service's test of record in October, but lawmakers have ordered a pause on further implementation pending an independent study to determine how it will impact deployed soldiers, recruiting and retention.

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This Army Ranger-turned-Congressman was last out of the House chamber during the Capitol riots Task & Purpose

It's been over a decade since Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) felt the need to prepare to fight his way out of a situation. Caution-

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Fort Drum soldier, teen connection remains unclear in Cpl. Harris' murder

Watertown Daily Times

A Fort Drum soldier and a 16-year-old boy accused of killing another soldier will face murder and other charges only in New Jersey, even though the alleged kidnapping occurred in the north country.

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Navy

The Navy hospital ship politicians want in LA is stuck in maintenance in Portland Military.com

Hospitals in Los Angeles are so overloaded with coronavirus patients that ambulance crews have been instructed not to transport people to medical facilities if they're unlikely to survive. But a Navy ship that could offer a reprieve is stuck in an Oregon shipyard.

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A Florida-based Navy petty officer died last month following a traffic accident in Jacksonville.

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Naval Community College kicks off pilot program this month with 600 students

USNI News

The United States Naval Community College will begin serving its first class of about 600 students, under a pilot program running from January through June.

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Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander aims to remind midshipmen of their purpose of service Capital Gazette

When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber was little, she wanted to be a missionary.

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Retired Navy football mascot Bill 33, the goat at center of Army-Navy scandal, dies at 13

Capital Gazette

Bill XXXIII (33), the Naval Academy goat mascot affectionately known as "Blue Eyes" and who played a central role in an Army-Navy prank gone too far nine years ago, has died, the Naval Academy announced Thursday. He would have been 14 years old next week.

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Marine Corps

Investigation of Marine convicted in DC barracks shooting reveals unit history of firearm negligence Marine Corps Times

At approximately 5 a.m. on New Year's Day 2019, Lance Cpl. Andrew Johnson had just been relieved from his post. Caution-

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A Marine veteran who prosecutors allege deserted his North Carolina base to return to his Virginia home and kill his mother's boyfriend then fled police, evading capture for 18-days, now faces a trial in March. Caution-

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This Marine's new jaw was made out of his leg bone in a breakthrough new surgery

Task & Purpose

A lucky Marine made military medical history by becoming the first service member to receive a reconstructed jaw made out of one of his leg bones, complete with 3D-printed teeth, all in one surgery.

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Civilian MARFORRES employee pleads guilty in military transportation bribery case

The Associated Press

A former federal employee has pleaded guilty in New Orleans after prosecutors said he agreed to take \$250,000 in bribes to steer transportation contracts to a Georgia businessman.

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What kind of uniform is that? Marines drill for inauguration in unique style

Stars & Stripes

The Marines preparing for Inauguration Day ceremonies wore black face masks, white gloves — and an unusual combination of a Vietnam-era field jacket in woodland camouflage with their khaki-and-olive green service dress uniforms.

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Air Force

NCO earns commendation for bravery in Camp Taji attack

Stars & Stripes

Senior Master Sgt. Rick Johnson had deployed twice before to combat zones, but he never experienced the panic and confusion he saw in Iraq last March during a fatal rocket attack on Camp Taji.

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'We are in danger of losing our republic' Air Force strategy chief says in wake of Capitol attack Air Force Times

The three-star general in charge of strategy for the Air Force issued a grim warning for the United States on Thursday after extremists attacked the Capitol: The nation is now under a greater threat than it was after 9/11. Caution-

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Department of the Air Force cracks down on climate, disciplinary issues

Air Force Magazine

The Department of the Air Force recently rolled out two policy changes aimed at holding commanders more accountable for climate-related deficiencies and disciplinary equity within their units.

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The Air Force is coming for your raunchy patches and coins

Task & Purpose

The Air Force on Tuesday directed commanders to review their official and unofficial unit emblems, morale patches, mottos, nicknames, coins and other forms of unit identity "to ensure an inclusive and professional environment," service officials wrote in a press release.

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The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into why an airman was punished for attempting suicide

Task & Purpose

The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into an incident involving an airman who was sent a Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling shortly after attempting suicide.

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National Guard

NY National Guard troops not arriving in DC until 'before early next week'

Army Times

The New York National Guard is sending 1,000 troops to Washington, D.C., at the request of U.S. National Guard officials, said a New York Guard spokesman and Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday evening.

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Maryland governor describes delayed permission to send National Guard

The Associated Press

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Thursday he immediately mobilized state police and National Guard members when asked to go to Washington to help protect the U.S. Capitol, but the state was repeatedly denied permission before finally being authorized to send help by a defense official.

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The National Guard is fencing off the US Capitol complex for at least 30 days Military.com

The U.S. Capitol is getting its own version of a border wall Thursday in response to the infiltration and vandalism of the building Wednesday by supporters of President Donald Trump.

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The vaccine rollout and civil unrest is keeping the National Guard busy after an 'unprecedented' 2020 CNN

The U.S. National Guard was so busy last year with "unprecedented" domestic deployments -- helping with Covid-19, civil unrest and natural disasters -- it referred to 2020 as Year of the Guard.

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Space Force

Did the Space Force just ruin OTAs for everyone?

Breaking Defense

A contracting slip-up by the Space Force has inspired new scrutiny of a streamlined acquisition process known as Other Transaction Authority (OTA). OTAs have soared in popularity in recent years, but a story by The Washington Post — which said a Space Force contractor "acted fraudulently" and derided OTAs in general as a "loophole" — has given skeptics new ammunition in their fight for restrictions.

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Pay & Benefits

Five more military families sue privatized landlord alleging mold, vermin, lead paint and raw sewage Military Times

Five military families are suing the privatized housing landlords for Randolph Air Force Base for their "deplorable" housing conditions which they say led to medical and financial problems.

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Military Culture & History

Trump rioters keep Army surplus stores alive with outfit selections for Capitol invasions

Military Times

As Congress moved Wednesday to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election and name former Vice President Joe Biden as the next President of the United States, a horde of rioters descended upon the Capitol in the building's first mass breach since the War of 1812.

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Space Development Agency confirms SpaceX, L3Harris awards following protest

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Third Chinese aircraft carrier nears completion amid shipyard expansion

The Diplomat

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"I'm not a sir"-dearth of women causes Marines to expect male leadership

The War Horse

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A cyber opportunity: Priorities for the first national cyber director

War On The Rocks

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Hypersonics illustrate supply chain vulnerabilities

National Defense

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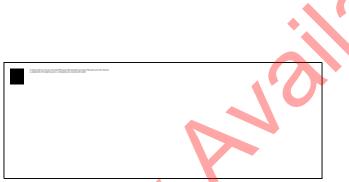
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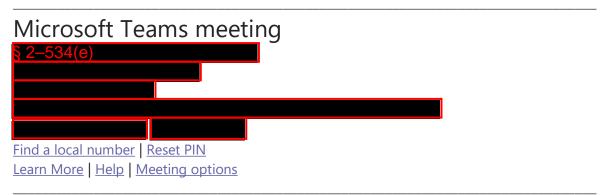
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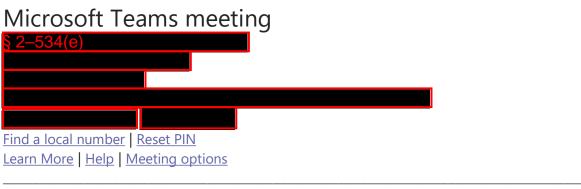
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The Verizon Wireless Team will provide information on the performance of their network in the downtown D.C. Area during the First Amendment Demonstration at the Ellipse and U.S. Capitol Attack on January 6, 2021.



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January 10, 2021

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From: NOC Media Monitoring Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:46 PM

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From: NOC Media MonitoringSent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 3:54 AMSubject: Operational Summary--NOC Media Monitoring--9 January 2021

MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)

24 Hour Summary, January 9, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

- NOC Priority Items with New Information
 - \circ COVID-19 U.S. < #COVID >
 - \circ Southwest Border Operations U.S. Southwest Border < #border >
- Other Significant Events
 - Security Incident U.S. Capitol Washington, DC < #Capitol >
 - Global Terrorism < #terrorism >
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 - Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
 - o CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
 - o Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
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NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.

United States

 As of 12:22 a.m. ET Saturday, the United States has confirmed a total of 21,862,773 coronavirus cases and 368,773 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-

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 The United States reported 280,292 coronavirus cases and 4,279 deaths Thursday, marking the first time the United States has surpassed 4,000 daily coronavirus deaths since the outbreak started ABC News < Caution-

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- The United States has surpassed 300,000 new daily COVID-19 cases for the first time on Friday, according to the COVID Tracking Project (Social Media) Twitter [ABC] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2pesos b&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab 7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452313326%7CUnk nown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwi LCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2Bkgy89CRzGLafCmgzvpILwoST8378Lg7hKkmX% 2FXackA%3D&reserved=0 >
 - There were 310,080 new cases reported nationwide and New Jersey and California both "greatly influenced" the surge in cases, the tracker said (Social Media)
- The coronavirus variant found in the United Kingdom (UK) has now been detected in a total of eight states, with officials announcing new cases of the variant in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Connecticut ABC News < Caution-

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• In a statement released on Friday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said that coronavirus variants can mutate over time, which may lead to false negative results with molecular tests Reuters < Caution-

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- The TaqPath COVID-19 combo kit and Linea COVID-19 assay kit were found to have significantly reduced sensitivity due to certain mutations, including the B.1.1.7 variant, which originated in the UK according to the FDAU.S. Food & Drug Administration < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyygro8g 8&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab 7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452333241%7CUnk nown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwi LCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zNafbSB%2BcB3eNyhvla%2Fgd%2FAbUrmz9Uc6Pm mdTlrZI2Q%3D&reserved=0 >
- White House coronavirus task force announced the possibility of a new U.S. version of a more transmissible coronavirus variant in a report released on January 3 CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5xft8ay&data =04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452333241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=E604I5gDyzpx9FDRfHq59DgBiiR5eMs9u2JNCN9EFxI%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The task force noted that the acceleration in transmission suggests there may be a U.S. variant that has evolved domestically, in addition to the UK variant that has been detected in several states

Arizona(Social Media)

• Arizona reported 9,909 new coronavirus cases and 297 new deaths on Thursday, the highest single-day tally yetTwitter [ABC] < Caution-

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- Arizona currently leads the nation in hospitalization rates and has the highest seven-day average of coronavirus infections per capita of any region in the world, based on Johns Hopkins University data
 - There were 4,920 hospitalizations reported in Arizona on Thursday, the highest number for the fourth consecutive day

California(Social Media)

• In California, San Diego County public health officials reported a record 4,550 new COVID-19 infections Friday along with 33 deaths from the virus as hospitalizations again reached a new recordTwitter [CBS8] < Caution-

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Georgia(Social Media)

- In Georgia, more than 10,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported Friday, a new one-day record in the stateTwitter [cbs46] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2pesosb&data =04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452353150%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=LeI3GK24pRGsXIVs61378RF%2FTaonsa0RL6MPJJ51y8o%3D&reserved=0 >
 - Overall, the state of Georgia has reported 620,247 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began
 - The state has confirmed 10,180 deaths from COVID-19 along with 44,187 hospitalizations and 7,690 ICU admissions in total

Louisiana(Social Media)

- In Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) reported the second highest death count from COVID-19 since the first wave of the pandemic on Friday Twitter [wdsu] < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxu4dglg&data =04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452363106%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=2XHqC%2BglQcapTRE9N5NweD040Va7YEe06j4UKb1yT%2Fw%3D&reserved=0 >
 - According to the LDH, a total of 105 people died from the virus across the state in one day
 - The highest death count reported in the state since the pandemic began was 129 deaths in a day back in April of 2020

Cyprus

• In Cyprus, the country will introduce a new lockdown to quell rising COVID-19 infections from January 10, its health ministry said on Friday, the country's second since the start of the pandemic Reuters < Caution-

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- Retail businesses such as hairdressers, beauty parlors and large department stores will shut until January 31, a senior health official told a news conference
- People will be allowed to leave home just twice a day for specific reasons such as buying groceries or medicines and taking exercise, while a current curfew banning movement from 9 p.m. local time to 5 a.m. daily will remain in force

Germany

- In Germany, the COVID-19 death toll increased by 1,188 in the past 24 hours a new single-day record according to the country's disease control agency, the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxqaoas2&data =04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452373062%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=SToJxrrLgexDOwaK5NLLfWMqrB1yVdXbJJSfw3QVgYM%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The previous record was 1,129 fatalities reported on December 30
 - The RKI said Friday morning that 31,849 new coronavirus cases have been reported in the country in the previous 24 hours, bringing the national total to 1,866,887
 - At least 38,795 people have died due to COVID-19 in Germany so far

United Kingdom

• The Moderna Inc vaccine has become the third vaccine to be approved for use in the UK (Social Media)Twitter [Sky News] < Caution-

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- The UK government has already ordered seven million doses, with a further 10 million expected to follow, but it will likely not become available until March (Social Media)
- The UK recorded its highest daily death toll on Friday since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic as London declared a major incident, warning that its hospitals were at risk of being overwhelmed Reuters < Caution-

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• Britain has the world's fifth-highest official death toll from COVID-19 at nearly 80,000, and the 1,325 deaths reported on Friday surpassed the previous daily record from last April

Worldwide

 As of 12:22 a.m. ET Saturday, there were 88,860,500 coronavirus cases and 1,913,419 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-

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• Pfizer Inc and BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine appeared to work against a key mutation in the highly transmissible new variants of the coronavirus discovered in the UK and South Africa, media reported Friday citing a laboratory study conducted by the U.S. drugmaker (Social Media)Twitter

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• AstraZeneca, Moderna Inc, and CureVac are also testing whether their vaccines work against coronavirus variants (Social Media)

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

• Federal and county authorities shut down two suspected stash houses in south Laredo, Texas, and detained more than 100 migrants who had crossed the border illegally, media reported Thursday Laredo Morning Times < Caution-

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- During the mid-afternoon of Wednesday, U.S. Border Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Webb County Precinct 2 Constable's Office conducted a consensual search of a home on Lane Street
 - Authorities then discovered and detained 44 migrants
- Within a few hours, agents discovered that a second home on San Luis Street was also harboring 70 migrants
- o All 114 migrants were from the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador
- Honduran migrants have organized another caravan scheduled to leave from the country's northern city San Pedro Sula on January 15, bound for the U.S. border, media reported Friday Reuters < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxoqxqea&data =04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452402935%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=IZ8BQxsFLa1DdjLSTjdvnpidQLVPI8Q4TV%2FfUZjjfws%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The United States, its Central American allies, and Mexico will reportedly not allow the group of migrants to travel to the U.S. border, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official said on Friday
 - "Migrant caravan groups will not be allowed to make their way north in violation of the sovereignty, standing public health orders, and immigration laws of the respective nations throughout the region," the official addedWGN Radio 720 (Border Report) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxfxobp p&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab 7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452402935%7CUnk nown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwi LCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=0kDr5SHhty%2B6dKEv9aLteTYSnFdv6a1VA5wI0NO p22c%3D&reserved=0 >

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

• The Senate Homeland Security and Rules committees jointly announced they will hold hearings on the security failures ahead of the security incident at the Capitol on Wednesday CNN < Caution-

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- The House Appropriations and Administration committees say they intend to investigate the riots
 Thirteen individuals have been charged so far in federal court in the District of Columbia related to crimes committed at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C, on Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Friday (Social Media)Twitter [Justice Department] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5wgdtar&dat a=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771 c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452412891%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZ sb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000& sdata=JaA837IIRjHuA3McO9BTqIMHFw69LdV1HwCrfE8ZspA%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The 13 individuals were charged with federal crimes including interstate threats to lawmakers; knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful entry; violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; theft of public money, property, or records; possession of an unregistered firearm; assault on a federal law enforcement officer; and knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions (Social Media)
 - In addition, approximately 40 individuals have been arrested and charged in Superior Court with offenses including, but not limited to, unlawful entry, curfew violations, and firearmsrelated crimes (Social Media)
 - A suspect who was seen sitting at the desk of a senior representative's office during Wednesday's security incident at the U.S. Capitol Building was arrested in Arkansas CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyqskvn 3&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab 7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452412891%7CUnk nown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwi LCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vpM%2F0STOVOIyeDp%2B3eTHXIi4a%2BavZ1SZU mzxHRtefZ8%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The suspected was charged with entering and remaining on restricted grounds, violent entry, and theft of public property
 - Another resident of Alabama was charged in connection with the pipe bomb found on the south side of the Capitol building, 11 Molotov cocktails, and military-style weapons found in his pickup truck
 - A West Virginia state representative on Friday has been charged for entering restricted areas of the Capitol with rioters on Wednesday (Social Media) Twitter [The Associated Press – Reporter] < Caution-

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Global Terrorism

Cameroon(Social Media)

• Thirteen civilians, eight of them children, died Friday when a woman suicide bomber blew herself up in a jihadist attack on Mozogo village in northern Cameroon, a traditional chief and a police officer told mediaTwitter [AFP News Agency] < Caution-

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- The attackers arrived in the middle of the night brandishing machetes, according to the chief
 The panicked villagers tried to run off into the nearby forest, and in the stampede the suicide bomber detonated her device, he said
- Officials attributed the attack to Boko Haram
- A police source said that in addition to the suicide bomber, the other fatality among the attackers was a man who was killed by the local defense forces

Germany

• The German Office of the Prosecutor General arrested three individuals in Germany on suspicion of financing terrorism early Thursday morning local time NDR < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2FCaution-

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 The suspects were arrested in Delmenhorst, Ulm, and Munich and are accused of collecting funds for the al Qaeda-linked group Hay'at Tahrir al Sham in Syria Augsburger Allgemeine < Caution-

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- One suspect is said to part of a network that collects donations from Europe for a Syrian militia
- The accused are suspected of financing terrorism, supporting a terrorist organization abroad, and violating the Foreign Trade Act

Tunisia

• Tunisia has arrested a suspected branch leader of Al-Qaeda in North Africa, along with several others suspected of planning "terrorist" attacks, a judicial spokesman said Friday The North Africa Journal (AFP) < Caution-

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- "Two dangerous wanted individuals, one of whom is an Al-Qaeda leader," were arrested in Tunis, the spokesman told AFP
- Authorities also arrested three others accused of providing material and logistical support for organizing "terrorist" acts, the spokesman added, without providing details of what type of operations were planned
 - All five suspects were Tunisian, he said
- The interior ministry had said in a statement late Thursday that the arrested branch leader had already carried out "missions" abroad in an area where jihadist groups operate, without specifying which country

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MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)

24 Hour Summary, January 10, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

• NOC Priority Items with New Information

- \circ COVID-19 U.S. < #COVID >
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- Other Significant Events
 - Security Incident U.S. Capitol Washington, DC < #Capitol >
 - Cyber Security < #Cyber >
 - Global Terrorism < #terrorism >
- NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report
 - o Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
 - o CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
 - o Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
 - o Global Aviation Cargo Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
 - Suspicious Activity Reporting:
 - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
 - Postal Shipments
 - National Critical Infrastructure
 - Mass Transit
 - Mass Gatherings and Special Events

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.

United States

 As of 1:21 a.m. ET Sunday, the United States has confirmed a total of 22,137,929 coronavirus cases and 372,508 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-

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Cuba

• In Cuba, a senior epidemiologist said on Saturday irresponsible partying over year-end, often with relatives from abroad, fueled a surge in coronavirus infections Reuters < Caution-

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• Authorities in the capital announced new containment measures including suspension of interprovincial transport, cultural activities, and the use of public spaces such as the famous Malecon boulevard during night hours

Iran

- Iranian officials prohibited importing vaccines from the United States or the United Kingdom, in a new policy issued by state officials on Friday local time Reuters < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6jrr3rn&data=04%7C01 %7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f8674509 1dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215368961%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJ QIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Kgj3DVgCl%2B7bcD9a0dTllvyuwrzjS7TGgP3v KOxxQil%3D&reserved=0 >
 - Authorities expanded on the policy and prohibited foreign companies from testing coronavirus vaccines on Iranians, in a statement issued on Saturday
 - o Iran launched human trials of its first domestic coronavirus vaccine candidate late last month

Japan

- Japan reported a record single-day number of new COVID-19 cases for the fourth consecutive day on Friday, just as Tokyo and surrounding prefectures went into a state of emergency CNN < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy65l6r9q&data=04%7C0 1%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f867450 91dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215378920%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLC JQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=F33c35yM6hJN042KLtloea806UxDhZYcF28z 9pC%2B%2B%2FQ%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The country reported 7,851 new infections on Friday, according to the health ministry
 - Thursday had been the first time cases surpassed the 7,000 mark since the beginning of the pandemic

Jordan

- The Jordan Food and Drug Administration announced Saturday that it has authorized the emergency use of the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine against coronavirus Roya News < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy6jao53&data=04%7C0 1%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f867450 91dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215378920%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLC JQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gSH5volkVXz0ZM65EKa96jLtv4prm5Sz2w8R MFicQml%3D&reserved=0 >
 - This will be the second vaccine available for use in Jordan following the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

Mexico

• In Mexico, the country reported a record 16,105 new confirmed coronavirus cases on Saturday, along with 1,135 additional fatalities, according to health ministry data, bringing its total tally to 1,524,036 infections and 133,204 deathsReuters < Caution-

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• The new daily death toll marks the fifth consecutive day that officials have reported more than 1,000 fatalities due to the highly contagious disease caused by the virus

Worldwide

 As of 1:21 a.m. ET Sunday, there were 89,637,684 coronavirus cases and 1,926,626 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-

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NOC 1060-20: Presidential Inauguration – Washington DC

• More than 5,000 troops from six states will join the 1,100 D.C. National Guard members currently working in Washington, D.C., to "assist civilian law enforcement with security operations" through Wednesday, January 20 - the day of the presidential inauguration, according to officials, media reported FridayWUSA < Caution-

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- National Guard troops from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York will deploy to D.C., a military official said WTVR < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyx9rv6vs&data= 04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c663 0b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215398830%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJ WljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vlv4osSsEK upKs9yKkLfMFkOCFaQ%2Barvlfj9E8sbGGE%3D&reserved=0 >
- The Virginia National Guard plans to provide about 2,000 personnel in total to join other state's National Guard soldiers in Washington, D.C. WTKR < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy35cbqzp&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c663 0b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215398830%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJ WljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=I8t8LEXBmv F81WWHGXHuY4SIsxnCLtvjMb2SJ4k8E0g%3D&reserved=0 >
- The National Guardsmen leaving from the 102nd Military Police Battalion HQ in Auburn, New York, are part of a force of 1,000 National Guard soldiers deploying to D.C. to support security operations for the presidential inaugurationWSTM < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy64m77g6&data =04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c66 30b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215408786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8e yJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YN92ifcTC FJdCLs0otVn4rtyVCYv1El4%2FM3hRQDWKiA%3D&reserved=0 >
- From Pennsylvania, approximately 1,000 National Guard members have been activated to support the D.C. National Guard and local civilian authorities through the January 20 presidential inauguration Connect FM (WCED) < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3rxzflg&data=0 4%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630 b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215408786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJ WljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jS7B8nLoyfj 6Q%2FlmxInGmBUKsOzrgVV0dMeb3VUjtqc%3D&reserved=0 >

 Nearly 500 of New Jersey's National Guardsmen have started bussing down to Washington, D.C.NJ.com < Caution-

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U.S. Army and Air National Guard members deploying to Washington, D.C., to help guard the capital and stay through the January 20 inauguration will have access to lethal weapons at their commanders' discretion, Guard commanders said FridayYahoo News (Military.com) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4qh42kr&data=04%7C0 1%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f867450 91dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215418753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLC JQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=blevQO36%2BcqcGdVIHIs1NbxLSpVrMA5A5 glZkpjRZPs%3D&reserved=0 >

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

• A suspect photographed stealing property from the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., during the January 6 security incident was arrested on a federal warrant in Pinellas County, Florida, on Friday (Social Media)Twitter [WFLA - Reporter] < Caution-

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- o An acquaintance of the suspect recognized him in the photo and notified the FBI (Social Media)
 - Before being deleted or taken down, the suspect's social media accounts had posts indicating that he was in Washington, D.C., ahead of the riots (Social Media)
- Three men were charged today in federal court in the District of Columbia in connection with the security incident at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Saturday (Social Media)Twitter [FBI] < Caution-

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- One resident of Arizona was taken into custody and charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds (Social Media)
 - This individual carried a spear, approximately six feet in length, with an American flag tied just below the blade (Social Media)
- The U.S. Department of Justice also announced charges against a resident of Florida and a West Virginia lawmaker who were both arrested yesterday (Social Media)
- A senior leader of the Proud Boys, a right-wing extremist group, was arrested for unlawful entry into the U.S. Capitol Building during the January 6 security incident, the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Friday (Social Media)Twitter [FBI] < Caution-

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- Federal officials took him into custody Thursday after he arrived on a flight to the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Honolulu, Hawaii KITV < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy54uexfx&data= 04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c663 0b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215438657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJ WljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCl6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=TvivxJhB2c M7PRv%2FkRmG68MoQyKGWNLdQruic9enlkA%3D&reserved=0 >
- An Atlanta-area man was arrested and charged with "making interstate threats to Speaker Nancy Pelosi," according to the FBI, media reported Saturday WXIA < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2lpydcq&data=04%7C0 1%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f867450 91dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215438657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLC JQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LR7rq4fkqxhAH2mrco%2BZboMeJDS41DiH7 ayoDaj8JTE%3D&reserved=0 >
 - According to media, the man wrote in two text conversations that took place on January 6 and January 7, respectively, that he was "headed to DC with a [expletive redacted] ton of 5.56 armor piercing ammo [purple devil emoji]" and "thinking about heading over to Pelosi [expletive redacted]'s speech and putting a bullet in her noggin on Live TV [purple devil emoji]" (Social Media) Twitter [Reporter - NBC 4] < Caution-

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- CNN states that FBI agents found three guns after searching through his belongings Wednesday
- Media reported that several social media accounts reportedly connected to the man show numerous posts supporting the riot at the Capitol, conspiracy theories, and "QAnon" claims
- Security will be tightened for members of Congress while they travel following the security incident at the U.S. Capitol and after at least three lawmakers were harassed at airports, media reported Saturday (Social Media)Twitter [MSNBC] < Caution-

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- The Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority and U.S. Air Marshals will increase security for congressional travel to and from Washington, according to a memo obtained by NBC News (Social Media)
- The memo asks members of Congress to consider submitting plans to law enforcement officials to "ensure an increased security posture" at Washington Dulles, Ronald Reagan National, and Baltimore/Washington airports (Social Media)
- Capitol police will be stationed at the airports through the January 20 inauguration (Social Media)

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Cyber Security

• The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) confirmed that the threat actor behind the SolarWinds hack also used password guessing and password spraying attacks to breach

targets, media reported on FridayZDNet < Caution-

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- In their statement made on Wednesday, the agency said, "CISA incident response investigations have identified that initial access in some cases was obtained by password guessing, password spraying, and inappropriately secured administrative credentials accessible via external remote access services"
- Once threat actors gained access to internal networks or cloud infrastructure, they escalated access to gain administrator rights and forged authentication tokens that allowed them to access other local or cloud-hosted resources inside a company's network
- CISA published a second advisory to help victims deal with these "to-cloud" escalations, with guidance on how to search Microsoft-based cloud setups for traces of this group's activity and then remediate servers
 - The company added that the guidance is "irrespective of the initial access vector" that the SolarWinds hackers initially leveraged and should apply even if the initial access vector was the Orion app or a password guessing/spraying attack

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Global Terrorism

Turkey

- Two Islamic State (ISIS) suspects planning a major attack in Turkey were arrested in the capital Ankara, media reported Saturday Anadolu Agency < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4qsw2jl&data =04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215458571%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=bMH%2Fx1FikTGm7zZ%2FUv%2Fd1g1XgwX80Pn1N1eC9okONK8%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The two Syrian nationals were arrested in an operation by teams of the National Intelligence Organization and gendarmerie in the capital's Yenimahalle district, said a security source
 - The suspects worked for ISIS in Syria's Deir Ez-Zour region and were involved in several attacks on civilians, the source said
 - Turkish authorities have determined that the suspects were in contact with ISIS terrorists in Syria, and organizational documents and digital materials were also found at their location, according to the source

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MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)

24 Hour Summary, January 11, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

• NOC Priority Items with New Information

- \circ COVID-19 U.S. < #COVID >
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 - Security Incident U.S. Capitol Washington, DC < #Capitol >
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- NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report
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 - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
 - Postal Shipments
 - National Critical Infrastructure
 - Mass Transit
 - Mass Gatherings and Special Events

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.

United States

• As of 1:22 a.m. ET Monday, the United States has confirmed a total of 22,406,816 coronavirus cases and 374,222 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-

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More than a dozen U.S. states reported a record number of hospitalizations due to coronavirus over the
past week, media reported on SaturdayBusiness Insider < Caution-

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- The majority of the 16 states that saw the record totals were in the U.S. south, and include Alabama, Arkansas, Maryland, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia
- Record hospitalizations were also seen this week in Arizona, California, Delaware, and Maine
- Almost four weeks after the first American was vaccinated against the coronavirus, around six million people have received one of the shots far below the U.S. target of 20 million by the end of 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, media reported Sunday (Social Media)Twitter [CNN International] < Caution-

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• The holidays may have caused delays, some health experts said, and there may be a time lag in reporting vaccinations (Social Media)

Arizona

• Arizona also broke records by surpassing 10,000 deaths and 600,000 known cases on SaturdayKSAZ (AP) < Caution-

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- The Arizona Department of Health Services reported 11,094 additional cases and 98 deaths on Saturday
- The state's cumulative totals are 607,345 cases and 10,036 deaths, and the rolling seven-day averages now stand at 9,426 cases and 131.9 deaths

California

• California recorded 695 coronavirus-related deaths on Saturday, setting a new record for the state's single-day death toll The Hill < Caution-

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- The new fatalities bring the state's coronavirus-related death toll to 29,233, according to data reported by the state
- California also reported 52,636 new coronavirus infections, bringing its cumulative total to 2,621,227 as of Saturday

Minnesota(Social Media)

• The new strain of COVID-19 first detected in the United Kingdom was found in Minnesota on SaturdayTwitter [FOX 9] < Caution-

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Belgium

- As of Sunday, 20,038 people have died in Belgium, according to public health officialsReuters < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2hg4jxa&data=04%7C0 1%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745 091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748698911%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiL CJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8JzmeXjAJUyEbG6iXtwmnSrUERqOoXGl1V %2FZNCpRV5U%3D&reserved=0 >
 - Belgium is the second in the world for deaths in proportion to its overall population, according to Johns Hopkins University on Saturday

Brazil

- In Brazil, the weekly rolling average of deaths per day reached 1,111 cases on Sunday, surpassing 1,000 deaths for the first time since early August, according to a Reuters calculation Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxewocc6&data=04%7C 01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f8674 5091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748708858%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAi LCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gEgisDldgj5u%2BPgAscfqn%2FpVIYzuGtE3 uRhlzcig5jE%3D&reserved=0 >
 - In the week ending August 2, Brazil had registered 1,014 deaths on average per day, while this week it ended at 1,111

China

• In China, the mainland saw its biggest daily increase in COVID-19 cases in more than five months, the country's national health authority said on Monday, as new infections in Hebei province surrounding Beijing continued to riseReuters < Caution-

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 Hebei accounted for 82 of the 85 new local infections reported on January 10, the National Health Commission said in a statement, with Liaoning Province also reporting two new cases and Beijing reporting one new case

Germany

- Germany's vaccination distribution efforts have been slowed by scarce supply, paperwork, a lack of healthcare staff, and an aged and immobile population, media reported Sunday Reuters < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4kr2ok3&data=04%7C0 1%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745 091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748718819%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiL CJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5cp7dU4auuejYhM%2FQSpnM005jCDZXs6 M84kCBdxdVPs%3D&reserved=0 >
- More than 40,000 people have died from symptoms related to coronavirus in Germany so far, according to the German Center for Infection Research CNN < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5t2o4bp&data=04%7C 01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f8674 5091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748728771%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAi LCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eM%2BliFf69VTOHY%2FTc%2FSYIdqLSn% 2BGbeKkWdHaMehFCFk%3D&reserved=0 >
 - Germany added 465 deaths in a span of 24 hours, bringing the country's total coronavirus-related death toll to 40,343

• The country also recorded 16,946 new infections in the same time frame, bringing the total of cases to 1,908,527

Japan

- In Japan, a new coronavirus variant has been detected in four travelers from Brazil's Amazonas state, the country's health ministry said on Sunday Reuters < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3t5hw86&data=04%7C
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 - A ministry official said studies were underway into the efficacy of vaccines against the new variant, which differs from highly-infectious variants first found in Britain and South Africa that have driven a surge in cases

Mexico

• The new variant of the coronavirus first detected in the United Kingdom has been confirmed in northern Mexico, health officials said on Sunday, adding a new layer of concern to an already severe national outbreakReuters < Caution-

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• The confirmation of the especially contagious new variant of the virus marks the first time it has been found in Mexico, home to the pandemic's fourth-highest death toll globally

Worldwide

• As of 1:22 a.m. ET Monday, there were 90,279,510 coronavirus cases and 1,934,786 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

• Guatemalan and Honduran soldiers will be deployed to prevent new U.S.-bound migrant caravans from advancing, military officials said, amid signs that some groups will depart later this month, media reported SaturdayReuters < Caution-

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- In online forums, many Hondurans have indicated they plan to leave next weekend in a new caravan, which has caught the attention of U.S. officials who have called on the region's governments to stop them
- A Guatemalan military spokesman said on Friday that up to 4,000 soldiers would be deployed to stop the migrants from entering en masse
- A Honduran senior military officer said earlier this week that soldiers would also be deployed in his country in a bid to preemptively stop any caravans

- A U.S. District judge in San Francisco blocked the White House's recent set of asylum restrictions in an order issued on Friday, media reported on Saturday KSBY (AP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3kxojek&data=04%7C0 1%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745 091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748748684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiL CJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iqJ71AM%2FYQEPpr2zuRGMtKKh7L48aR6u PH5Tc2qWPO4%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The rules had been set to take effect Monday and would have redefined how people qualify for asylum by broadening the grounds for a judge to deem asylum applications "frivolous," and narrowing the types of persecution and severity of threats for which asylum is granted
 - The San Francisco judge said the administration lacked authority to impose the restrictions
 - The judge said his ruling applies nationwide because limiting its reach "would result in a fragmented and disjointed patchwork of immigration policy"
 - Also Friday, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, ruled against the administration's policy that gave state and local governments the right to refuse to resettle refugees

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NOC 1060-20: Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC

• The Mayor of Washington, D.C., on Sunday called on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to take additional steps to secure the nation's capital ahead of the presidential inauguration The Hill < Caution-

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- In a letter to the DHS, the mayor called for several specific steps to be taken, including an extension of the special security period surrounding the inauguration, the declaration of a predisaster zone, and increased coordination between federal law enforcement agencies to secure federal buildings with the hopes of allowing D.C. police to respond to the city's other needs
- The mayor asked DHS to expand the already-declared special security period from its current duration of January 19 to January 21, to January 11 to January 24
- The mayor also asked the U.S. Department of Justice to direct the FBI to provide daily security briefings from January 11 to January 24 and the U.S. Department of the Interior to cancel any public gathering permits approved for that period and to not issue any new permits

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

• The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced on Sunday federal charges against two men connected to the January 6 security incident at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. (Social Media)Twitter [FBI Washington Field] < Caution-

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- The man was taken into custody in Nashville, Tennessee, on federal charges
- A law enforcement official said authorities recovered several weapons (Social Media)Twitter [The New York Times - Reporter] < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5cvna3 g&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b60876 3b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748778556%7CUnknow n%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCl6Mn0 %3D%7C1000&sdata=MiGTArBGpubDyCYIJStoV5k6LF5e7tFE%2Bz85gYe6jyl%3D&reserved=0 >
- He was charged with one count of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds
- A Texas resident was identified as one of the individuals who unlawfully entered the U.S. Capitol wearing a green helmet, green tactical vest with patches, black and camo jacket, and beige pants holding a white flex cuff, which is used by law enforcement to restrain and/or detain subjects
 - He was arrested in Texas on Sunday and charged with one count of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds (Social Media)
- These cases are being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the Counterterrorism Section of the DOJ's National Security Division, with assistance from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee (Social Media)
- At least 25 domestic terrorism cases have been opened as a result of the security incident at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, a senior U.S. Army official told a lawmaker on Sunday (Social Media)Twitter [NBC Politics] < Caution-

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• A member of the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee said the U.S. Army official told him the Pentagon was aware of "further possible threats posed by would-be terrorists" in the days up to and including the presidential inauguration on January 20Reuters < Caution-

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- "Long guns, Molotov cocktails, explosive devices and zip ties were recovered, which suggests a greater disaster was narrowly averted," the representative said in a summary of his call with the U.S. Army official
- The representative also said he raised concerns about reports that active-duty and reserve military members were involved in the incident at the U.S. Capitol, and the official agreed to take "additional measures" in regards to requests to expedite investigations and courts-martials, as well as to ensure no troops deployed on January 20 were sympathetic to domestic militants

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Cyber Security

• Denver-based short line rail operator and logistics provider OmniTRAX was hit by a recent ransomware attack and data theft that targeted its corporate parent, Broe Group, media reported Saturday FreightWaves < Caution-

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- The attack occurred sometime before December 24, 2020, based on the timing of the ransomware gang's post
 - A sample of the 70 gigabyte-sized leaked files includes internal OmniTRAX documents, including the apparent contents of individual employee work computers
- OmniTRAX operates 21 short line railroads in the United States and one in Canada, and while there was no indication of operational impacts, the short line railroads play an essential role in the North American supply chain by linking shippers with the larger rail networks
- The incident reportedly represents the first publicly known case of a so-called double-exhortation ransomware attack against a U.S. freight rail operator

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China's New Rules Could Hit U.S. Firms and Send a Message to Biden

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Indonesian Jetliner Crashes Into the Sea After Takeoff, Carrying 62

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French city of Marseille gets tougher curfew as new COVID-19 variant discovered

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Spaniards ski through Madrid as snow storm kills four

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Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Christians Celebrated Christmas Amid COVID-19 Spike

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Jordan's coronavirus vaccination programme to start next week - minister

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In the Cold and Rain, India's Farmers Press Their Stand Against Modi

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Much of Pakistan Loses Power in Massive Blackout

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South African coronavirus variant detected in reinfection case in Brazil

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Cuba tightens COVID-19 measures as visitors fuel record contagion

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LAW ENFORCEMENT NEWS

- Off-duty Capitol Police officer dies in apparent suicide Yesterday at 4:43 PM
 The officer, Howard Liebengood, was 51
- Police: Man shoots 7 in series of Chicago-area attacks Yesterday at 11:28 AM

The man killed three people and wounded four others in a series of shootings over roughly four hours

Minn. police kill knife-wielding suspect after pursuit, officials say – Yesterday at 9:24 AM

Cellphone video shows a man running toward officers before three gunshots ring out

Trump supporters, counter-demonstrators clash in San Diego – Yesterday at 9:16 AM

Police tried to keep the groups apart after several skirmishes, while some in the crowd threw rocks and used pepper spray on officers

• 2 Seattle cops who were in DC during siege placed on leave – Yesterday at 8:49 AM

Officials are working to determine exactly what role the officers played

Why has the Zodiac Killer never been caught? – Jan 9, 2021

The killer's cipher was cracked in December after 51 years, sparking a wave of renewed interest

Army head says Nat. Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC – Jan 9, 2021

Defense leaders are reviewing use-of-force restrictions on Guard members in anticipation of more unrest leading up to Biden's inauguration

NY making COVID vaccines available to police, firefighters starting Monday – Jan 9, 2021

Teachers and people over 75 will also be eligible, opening vaccinations to 3.2 million additional New Yorkers

Video shows LEO getting crushed by mob at Capitol – Jan 8, 2021

Footage from Wednesday's riot shows cop being crushed against a door as crowd attempts to push deeper into the building

Beyond 'Run, Hide, Fight': How to get buy-in – Jan 8, 2021

It's important to remember your audience when talking to school staff about safety

LEOs weigh in: Should a bachelor's degree be the minimum education requirement for a cop?
 Jan 8, 2021

Recently, we asked our readers to weigh in on a proposal that would require California cops to have a bachelor's degree

Video shows lead-up to fatal shooting inside US Capitol – Jan 8, 2021

The video shows an unruly crowd was trying to push past officers when a woman was shot

Denver police officer stabbed, seriously injured while making arrest – Jan 8, 2021

Denver officials say the officer is in stable condition

- SC deputy killed in car crash on duty Jan 8, 2021
 Deputy Price, 29, joined the agency in September
- US Capitol flags flown at half-staff for fallen officer Jan 8, 2021

Prosecutors intend to launch a federal murder investigation into Officer Brian Sicknick's death

Capitol siege raises security concerns for Biden inaugural – Jan 8, 2021

The Secret Service said in a statement that it's committed to making sure the inauguration is safe and secure

Calif. PD uses drone to help arrest teen in shooting – Jan 8, 2021

The drone operator helped guide officers on the street to the suspect and the shooting victim

Tennessee Titans to honor officers who responded to Christmas bombing – Jan 8, 2021

The six Nashville officers will attend Tennessee's home game Sunday as 'Honorary 12th Titans'

Captain Don Redmond on Chula Vista PD's groundbreaking drone program – Jan 8, 2021

The agency's Drone as First Responders program deploys at-the-ready drones from the top of buildings to calls for service and critical incidents

Photo of the Week: Ruff view – Jan 8, 2021

A Colorado K-9 team poses among the majestic San Juan Mountains

US Capitol Police officer dies after riot – Jan 8, 2021

Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol

Capitol Police rejected offers of federal help to quell mob – Jan 7, 2021

Gus Papathanasiou, head of the Capitol Police union, said planning failures left officers exposed without backup or equipment against surging crowds

• Capitol police chief resigns amid criticism over response to violence – Jan 7, 2021

Protesters stormed the Capitol building and occupied it for hours

COVID-19: Law enforcement deaths – Jan 7, 2021

Tracking the coronavirus-related deaths of U.S. police officers and other LE personnel

• Capitol police chief defends officers' response to violent protest – Jan 7, 2021

Some lawmakers have vowed to investigate the agency's response to Trump supporters storming the Capitol

Feds expect to arrest more than a dozen involved in Capitol siege – Jan 7, 2021

The FBI is combing social media and cellphone records to determine who was involved in the destructive security breach

La. K-9 shot, wounded; 2 suspects sought – Jan 7, 2021

K-9 Mack is expected to make a full recovery

A letter to the American public: Thank an officer on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
 – Jan 7, 2021

This is a day to show the men and women in blue how much we value them, their service and protection of our communities

Video: Conn. cops struck by stolen patrol car amid pursuit – Jan 7, 2021

Two officers are being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, officials said

Former Atlanta police chief named new Louisville chief – Jan 7, 2021

Erika Shields, who resigned from the Atlanta PD in June, was introduced Wednesday as the new Louisville police chief

Spotlight: Arrest My Vest designed for the odor elimination needs of LEOs – Jan 7, 2021

The Arrest My Vest spray product is designed for the challenges unique to law enforcement; it removes odors without harming body armor or other tactical gear

Michigan State Capitol closes for reported bomb threat – Jan 7, 2021

Michigan's capitol building was closed for two hours Thursday morning before investigators gave the all-clear

LAPD arrests 6 in clash between pro-Trump, anti-Trump groups – Jan 7, 2021

Hundreds gathered in downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday and police declared an unlawful assembly

Law enforcement experts react to chaos at US Capitol – Jan 7, 2021

"They're a town that's used to very large gatherings and protests. I'm surprised that they didn't seem to have a second layer of response ready"

Protesters swarm Statehouses across US; some evacuated – Jan 7, 2021

While chaos reigned in the US Capitol, police evacuated state lawmakers in Georgia, New Mexico, Texas and Utah

Tactics to clear, secure a building under siege that every cop needs to know – Jan 7, 2021 %

Are you prepared to respond if essential buildings such as city hall, courthouses and police stations are overrun by protesters?

COVID-19 vaccine FAQs for cops – Jan 7, 2021

We answer Police1 reader questions about vaccine safety, efficacy and distribution

Trump supporters storm US Capitol in deadly clash with police – Jan 7, 2021

A woman who was killed by police was part of a crowd that was breaking down the doors to a barricaded room. Three other people died from medical emergencies during the protest

FBI agent involved in fatal Conn. shooting – Jan 6, 2021

The agent had been working on a task force with Hartford police. Few details were immediately available

Video: Man uses to drone to deliver doughnuts to cops – Jan 6, 2021

A man tied a box of doughnuts to his drone to make a sweet delivery to the local police department

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Man Arrested for Illegally Entering Office of Speaker of the House

Richard Barnett, 60, of Gravette, Arkansas was arrested today in Bentonville, Arkansas on multiple criminal charges related to his alleged unlawful activities earlier this week at the U.S. Capitol Building where he was photographed with his feet up on a desk in the Speaker of the House of Representatives' office.

Barnett is scheduled to make his initial appearance in federal court on Tuesday. He will ultimately be extradited to Washington, D.C.

"The shocking images of Mr. Barnett with his boots up on a desk in the Speaker of the House's office on Wednesday was repulsive," said Jeffrey A. Rosen, Acting Attorney General of the United States. "Those who are proven to have committed criminal acts during the storming of the Capitol will face justice."

According to court documents, U.S. Capitol Police learned that an individual had entered the restricted office area of the Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and was photographed with his feet propped up on furniture. Those photos were circulated on numerous news media platforms which identified the individual as Barnett. A search of law enforcement databases confirmed that the individual in the news photographs did in fact appear to be Barnett.

"This case is just one in a number that demonstrate the brazen acts that were committed at the Capitol on Wednesday," said Michael Sherwin, Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. "My Office is committed to prosecuting all individuals who participated in these abhorrent acts to the fullest extent of the law."

"The U.S. Capitol is one of the most iconic buildings in our country and a symbol of the Constitution and people we have sworn to protect, and its destruction will not be tolerated," said Steven M. D'Antuono, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office. "This arrest demonstrates to all individuals involved in January 6 incursion into the U.S. Capitol that the FBI will find you and hold you accountable for your crimes, no matter your location. We thank the FBI Little Rock Field Office for their quick assistance in bringing this perpetrator to justice."

Barnett is charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and theft of public money, property, or records. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of one year in prison. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Capitol Police and the FBI's Washington Field Office, with the assistance of the Justice Department's National Security Division and the FBI's Little Rock Field Office.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicole McClain of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is prosecuting the case.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Three Foreign Nationals Charged with Conspiring to Provide Material Support to ISIS

The men were allegedly members of a group of ISIS supporters that carried out terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka on Easter Day in 2019, killing 268 people

The Justice Department announced today that three Sri Lankan citizens have been charged with terrorism offenses, including conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization (ISIS). The men were part of a group of ISIS supporters which called itself "ISIS in Sri Lanka." That group is responsible for the 2019 Easter attacks in the South Asian nation of Sri Lanka, which killed 268 people, including five U.S. citizens, and injured over 500 others, according to a federal criminal complaint unsealed today.

The complaint outlines the defendants' roles in the conspiracy and the events that led to near-simultaneous suicide bombings in the Sri Lankan cities of Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa on April 21, 2019. One of the U.S. citizens killed was a Department of Commerce employee who had traveled to Sri Lanka on official business.

Two days after the attacks, ISIS claimed credit for the terrorist acts, attributing the murders to "Islamic State fighters." In late April 2019, the then-leader of ISIS praised the attackers for what he called a retaliation against "the West" for defeating ISIS the prior month in Baghuz, Syria.

"ISIS's Easter attacks in Sri Lanka killed 268 people, including five Americans, many while they worshiped," said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers. "Today, we charge these defendants with bearing their share of the responsibility for these deaths. According to these charges, the defendants were committed supporters of ISIS, recruited others to ISIS's violent cause, purchased materials for and made IEDs, helped to prepare and trained others who participated in the attacks, and murdered in the name of this deadly foreign terrorist organization. They are in custody in Sri Lanka. We fully support the Sri Lankan investigation and prosecution of these terrorists and will continue to work with the authorities there to pursue our shared goal of holding these defendants accountable for their crimes. At the same time, these charges reflect that the U.S. justice system remains a powerful tool to bring to bear against those who harm our citizens abroad. We will continue to pursue justice for the victims of these heinous attacks and for all American victims of terrorism."

"This case clearly demonstrates that the United States will take decisive action to ensure terrorists face justice when they target Americans anywhere in the world," said Nick Hanna, the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. "The United States remains confident in the Sri Lankan authorities' ability to bring the perpetrators to justice – and this complaint makes clear that we stand ready with these charges in the event the defendants attempt to evade justice."

"The domestic charges announced today for an attack on foreign soil represent the FBI's commitment to deliver justice to traveling American victims and to protect U.S. interests here and abroad," said Kristi K. Johnson, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office. "For decades, and particularly since 9/11, the FBI has deployed agents to various parts of the world to establish an investigative foothold and to liaison with local counterparts

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with a shared goal of combatting terror globally. Our enduring hope is that criminal prosecution – whether domestic or foreign – will bring some peace to the hundreds of victims killed or injured in Sri Lanka as a result of this horrific attack."

The criminal case filed on Dec. 11, 2020, in the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles is the result of a nearly two-year investigation by the FBI, which assisted Sri Lankan authorities in the wake of the suicide bombings that targeted Christian churches and luxury hotels frequented by Westerners. The defendants named in the complaint, along with other suspects linked to the attacks, currently are detained in Sri Lanka, where a criminal investigation is ongoing.

According to the complaint, the three charged defendants and others involved in the conspiracy – including eight terrorists who died in the suicide bombings – conspired to provide, provided, and attempted to provide material support, including services and personnel, to ISIS through various actions, including: (1) creating, maintaining, and serving as members of a group of ISIS supporters in Sri Lanka devoted to ISIS, its ideology, and to planning and encouraging violent attacks to advance ISIS's goals; (2) obtaining explosive materials and IED components; (3) manufacturing and testing IEDs, including the types of IEDs ultimately used in the attack; (4) recruiting other ISIS in Sri Lanka members; (5) using ISIS-created training materials to instruct and train the attackers and their co-conspirators in the use of firearms and explosives; (6) procuring safe houses for the group to prepare for attacks in the name of ISIS, including the Easter Attacks, while avoiding law enforcement detection; (7) following ISIS directives to use specific end-to-end encrypted messaging applications to conceal the criminal conspiracy; (8) murdering two Sri Lankan police offers to obtain the officers' firearms; and (9) shooting a suspected police informant.

The three defendants named in the criminal complaint, all of whom pledged allegiance to ISIS, are:

- Mohamed Naufar, the "second emir" for the group of ISIS supporters that called itself "ISIS in Sri Lanka," who allegedly led the group's propaganda efforts, recruited others to join ISIS, and led a series of multi-day militarytype trainings;
- Mohamed Anwar Mohamed Riskan, who allegedly helped manufacture the IEDs used in the Easter Attacks; and
- Ahamed Milhan Hayathu Moahmed, who allegedly executed a police officer in order to obtain the officer's firearm, shot a suspected informant, and scouted a location for a separate terrorist attack.

All three defendants are charged with conspiring to provide, providing, and attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization. Additionally, Naufar and Milhan are charged with aiding and abetting the receipt of military-type training from ISIS.

The FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Force in Los Angeles, including personnel assigned responsibilities for extraterritorial matters, is leading the investigation. This matter is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Annamartine Salick, George E. Pence IV and Christine M. Ro of the Terrorism and Export Crimes Section, and Trial Attorney Alicia Cook of the National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section. The Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs provided valuable assistance.

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Two Quebec Men Extradited to North Dakota from Canada as Part of 'Operation Denial'

The Department of Justice announced today that Canadian authorities extradited two alleged members of an international fentanyl trafficking organization.

Acting Assistant Attorney General David P. Burns of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Drew H. Wrigley of the District of North Dakota and U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams of the District of Oregon made the announcement.

Jason Joey Berry, aka Daniel Desnoyers, 37, of Montreal, Quebec, and Xuan Cahn Nguyen, aka Jackie, aka Jackie Chan, 41, of Point-Aux-Tremble, Quebec, arrived in North Dakota Wednesday and had their initial court appearance and arraignment before U.S. Magistrate Judge Alice Senechal today. Their case is assigned to Chief U.S. District Judge Peter D. Welte.

Berry was arrested on Oct. 18, 2019, and Nguyen was arrested on Jan. 16, 2020, by Canadian authorities at the request of the United States. Both Berry and Nguyen were ordered surrendered by the Canadian Minister of Justice on Nov. 30, 2020. Berry and Nguyen were extradited in connection with a superseding indictment in the District of North Dakota charging them with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and controlled substance analogues resulting in serious bodily injury and death, and conspiracy to import controlled substances and controlled substance analogues into the United States resulting in serious bodily injury and death. The superseding indictment also charges Nguyen with international money laundering conspiracy.

The extradition comes as part of "Operation Denial," an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)-funded investigation into the international trafficking of fentanyl and other lethal drugs, aided by the national and international coordination led by the multi-agency Special Operations Division near Washington D.C. as part of "Operation Deadly Merchant." The investigation started in North Dakota on Jan. 3, 2015, with the overdose death in Grand Forks, North Dakota, of 18-year-old Bailey Henke.

Berry and Nguyen's alleged co-conspirator Daniel Vivas Ceron of Columbia was previously extradited from Panama to North Dakota in 2017. Vivas Ceron <u>pleaded guilty</u> on July 12, 2019, for his role in operating an international fentanyl trafficking organization from a Canadian prison and is awaiting sentencing.

This case is being investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Portland Oregon Police Bureau – Drugs and Vice Division, Portland HIDTA Interdiction Task Force, Oregon State Police, and the Grand Forks Police Department. The Justice Department's Office of International Affairs provided significant assistance in bringing Berry and Nguyen to the United States and procuring foreign evidence during the investigation.

Trial Attorney Kaitlin Sahni of the Criminal Division's Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher C. Myers of the District of North Dakota, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Edmonds of the District of

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Oregon are prosecuting the cases.

An indictment is merely an allegation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Attachment(s):

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John,

We've been on the PIC's inauguration calls together. I want to be sure you have my contact information. While USPP represents us on security matters, don't hesitate to reach out to me on higher level discussions on the topic. My cell is $\frac{52-534(a)(2)}{2}$. Call anytime.

Jeff

Jeff Reinbold, Superintendent National Mall and Memorial Parks 900 Ohio Drive SW | Washington DC 20024 jeff reinbold@nps.gov| 202.245.4661

For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit <u>coronavirus.dc.gov</u>.



MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

January 10, 2021

The Honorable David L. Bernhardt Secretary U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Bernhardt:

America was saddened last Wednesday by the insurrection on the United States Capitol and the impending threats to our democracy. In light of recent events and imminent threats, I am requesting that any and all Public Gathering Permits in the District of Columbia during the period January 11 through January 24, 2021, be rescinded immediately and that no further permits be issued for this period.

Washington, DC has always proudly hosted Inauguration activities, welcoming hundreds of thousands of persons to the city, supporters and protestors alike. But this is not an ordinary January. We are under two separate states of emergency, one relating to the violence and terrorism associated with disputing the results of the election, and one relating to the pandemic that has claimed the lives of 371,000 Americans.

Protecting visitors requires not only the resources of our law enforcement officials, but requires us to call on the mutual aid of other law enforcement departments from other jurisdictions. The larger the crowds, the more people we need, and those persons, like persons coming for the Inauguration events, may be asymptomatic spreaders of the virus.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director of DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, is my point person on this request and is available to provide you with any additional information. He can be reached at 202-515-6056 or chris.rodriguez@dc.gov. Thank you for your immediate attention and reply.

Sincerel

Cc: Margaret Emerson, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior



MURIEL BOWSER MAYOR

January 9, 2021

The Honorable Chad F. Wolf Acting Secretary United States Department of Homeland Security Washington, DC 20528

Dear Acting Secretary Wolf:

Following the unprecedented terrorist attack on the United States Capitol on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, and the continued threat of related violence in the District of Columbia, we are extremely concerned about the upcoming National Special Security Event (NSSE) led by the United States Secret Service. We believe strongly that the 59th Presidential Inauguration on January 20 will require a very different approach than previous inaugurations given the chaos, injury, and death experienced at the United States Capitol during the insurrection. While I will be reaching out to a broad range of local, regional, and federal partners to enhance cooperation among our bodies, I strongly urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to adjust its approach to the Inauguration in several specific ways.

First, the District of Columbia is requesting the Department extend the National Special Security Event period to run from Monday, January 11 to Sunday, January 24, 2021. This is an increase from the current period of January 19 to January 21, 2021, which will allow for better Federal and District government interagency preparation for the Inauguration, given the new threats from insurgent acts of domestic terrorists. Further, the District strongly recommends that you secure the permission of the Congress of the United States to include the Capitol and its grounds in the NSSE perimeter.

Second, the District of Columbia is submitting a request for a pre-disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act for the Inauguration. This declaration will enhance and expedite direct federal assistance needed to prepare for the Inauguration. My Administration is developing specific requests for direct federal assistance and will work with FEMA to execute those requests upon approval of the declaration.

Third, the District of Columbia urges the Department to coordinate with the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice, the United States Congress, and the United States Supreme Court to establish a security and federal force deployment plan for all federal property, which will ensure the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) ability to focus on its local mission in the District's eight wards. Earlier this week, MPD officers acted heroically rushing to back-up the United States Capitol Police to stop the assault on the United States Capitol. Consistent with established protocols and practices, it is the primary responsibility of the federal government to secure federal property in these situations.

In addition, I ask that the Acting Attorney General at the Department of Justice direct the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide an intelligence and threat briefing on a daily basis during the period of January 11 - 24, 2021, to the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and MPD and all law enforcement entities operating in the District of Columbia.

Further, I am requesting that the Secretary of the Department of Interior cancel any and all Public Gathering Permits in the District of Columbia and deny any applications for Public Gathering Permits during the period of January 11 - 24, 2021. We have made this request repeatedly since June 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this week demonstrated the National Park Service's willingness to approve last minute permits and major adjustments.

The requests outlined herein — if issued swiftly and communicated broadly — are essential to demonstrating our collective resolve in ensuring the Constitutional transition of power and our nation's capital in the days leading up to it. And like with previous inaugurations and NSSEs, the District of Columbia will host a press event for agencies engaged in the NSSE to brief the public on the plan and coordination among our agencies. We look forward to federal participation.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director of HSEMA, is my point person on this request and is available to provide you with any additional information. He can be reached at 202-515-6056 or chris.rodriguez@dc.gov. Thank you for your immediate attention and reply to these requests.

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Good morning,

I know some of you already have or receive these from other sources; Sending for situational awareness of the group.

Steve

Please contact us with concerns, questions or comments.

Respectfully,

SA H. S. Phillips USSS / PID / PDL 202-757-2570 2-534(a)(2) (cell)

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(Special Note): Information regarding First Amendment assemblies is often fluid and subject to change. The below information was obtained through law enforcement and open source venues. Updated information and events acquired since the last report will be designated in Red.

Sunday, January 10, 2021:

- Women for A Great America 01/04/2021 thru 01/10/2021 (This event has been cancelled by organizer)
 - **Time:** 0700 to 1600 hours daily
 - Location: East Capitol Front
 - **Purpose:** Pray for the Nation
 - **Participants:** (50) listed on the permit application
 - Source: U.S. Capitol Police
- **Operation Clean Sweep** 01/10/2021
 - **Time:** 1300 hAssemble at McPherson Square march route unknown
 - **Purpose:** March through downtown DC to remove all Trump and fascist signs
 - Participants: Unknown
 - Source: <u>https://www.instagram.com/p/CJzsw-Bhtw_/</u>

Sunday, January 10, thru Sunday, January 31, 2021:

- **50 Days of Blessing/Women for a Great America** 11/19/2020 thru 01/31/2021
 - Time: Daily
 - Location: Lafayette Park
 - Purpose: Pray for a Peaceful Election
 - **Participants:** (50) listed on the permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Sunday, January 10, thru March 17, 2021:

- David's Tent USA, Inc 11/18/2020 thru 03/17/2021
 - Time: Daily
 - Location: National Mall
 - **Purpose:** Prayer Vigil
 - **Participants:** (1,000) listed on the permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Monday, January 11, thru Monday, February 15, 2021:

- FlashSideways Studio LLC 1/11/2021 thru 02/15/2021
 - Time: Daily
 - Location: West Potomac Park and JFK Hockey Field (Lincoln Memorial Event)
 - **Purpose:** Statis display of flags

- **Participants:** (250) listed on the permit application
- Source: National Park Service 21-0216

Tuesday, January 12, 2021:

- **Right to Believe** 01/12/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 1000 hours
 - Location: D.C. Superior Court (500 Indiana Avenue NW)
 - Purpose: Protest recent court rulings by D.C. judges
 - **Participants:** (25) listed on permit application
 - Source: MPD-SOD

Thursday, January 14, thru Monday, January 18, 2021:

- Eighty Percent Coalition \$2-534(a)(2) 01/14/2021 01/18/2021 (This permit application has been withdrawn by the organizer)
 - **Time:** 0800 1600 hours
 - o Location: Freedom Plaza, Ellipse, Lincoln Memorial
 - Purpose: First Amendment Rally
 - Participants: Unknown
 - Source: National Park Service

Friday, January 15, thru Sunday, January 24, 2021:

- **DC Action Lab** 1/15/2021 01/24/2021
 - **Time:** Daily
 - Location: Columbus Circle, Freedom Plaza, Farragut Square, McPherson Square, Lincoln Memorial, National Mall, between 3rd and 14th streets, Washington Monument grounds, JFK Hockey Fields, Constitution Gardens, Hains Point, MLK Memorial, Franklin Square, Lafayette Park, White House, and Meridian Hill
 - **Purpose:** Freedom of Speech Demonstration Against the Inauguration
 - **Participants:** (5,000) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Saturday, January 16, 2021:

- **Protest for Animal Rights** 01/09/2021
 - **Time:** 1300 to 1400 hours
 - Location: 3111 M Street, NW
 - **Purpose:** Protest Urban Outfitters
 - **Participants:** (3) committed / (9) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/866622404135702/

Saturday, January 16, and Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **ANSWER Coalition** 1/16/2021 01/21/2021
 - **Time:** Daily
 - **Location:** John Marshall Park, Trump Hotel, Lafayette Park, Navy Memorial, Freedom Plaza, Ellipse, Washington Monument grounds

- **Purpose:** Urgent action to save the environment, end war and prioritize peoples' needs.
- Participants: (Unknown) listed on permit application
- Source: National Park Service

Monday, January 17, 2021:

- Refuse to be Silenced Nationwide 1A and 2A Rally 1/17/2021 (This event is no longer listed on social media)
 - Time: 1200 hours
 - o Location: Washington Monument to the White House
 - **Purpose:** Advocate for 1st and 2nd Amendment Rights
 - **Participants:** (4) committed / (7) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/392128442094798

Sunday, January 17, and Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **2021 KOLAM** 1/17/2021 01/21/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 to 1700 hours
 - o Location: Washington Monument, Freedom Plaza, Lafayette Park, Ellipse
 - **Purpose:** Inauguration KOLAM Art Installation
 - **Participants:** (4) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Monday, January 18, 2021:

- National Action Network 1/18/2021
 - **Time:** 0400 to 1300 hours
 - Location: MLK Memorial
 - **Purpose:** Demo to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
 - **Participants:** (30) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Monday, January 18, and Tuesday, January 19, 2021:

- New Federal State of China 1/18/2021 01/19/2021
 - Time: Daily
 - o Location: Washington Monument, Freedom Plaza, Lafayette Park
 - **Purpose:** Support and Celebrate the Presidential Inauguration
 - **Participants:** (500) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Monday, January 18, and Wednesday, January 20, 2021:

- Let America Hear Us, Roar for Trump 1/18/2021 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** Daily
 - Location: Lafayette Park, Freedom Plaza, Franklin Square, McPherson Square, Farragut Square, John Marshall Park, Rollins Park, and Bolivar Park
 - **Purpose:** Inauguration Day to Support Trump
 - **Participants:** (300) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Monday, January 18, and Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **PIC 2021 Inc.** 1/18/2021 01/21/2021
 - **Time:** Daily
 - Location: MLK Memorial
 - **Purpose:** Part of the Biden-Harris Inauguration Celebration
 - **Participants:** (150) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Tuesday, January 19, 2021:

- Freedom March for Trump 1/19/2021
 - Time: 0800 hours
 - Location: Washington Monument
 - **Purpose:** Freedom march for Trump
 - **Participants:** (24) committed / (75) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/2788307491458381/
- National Prayer Meeting 1/19/2021
 - Time: 1200 hours
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - Purpose: Demonstration to thank God for opportunity of National Renewal
 - **Participants:** (11) committed / (128) interested
 - O Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/141032387459151/

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021:

- §2-534(a)(2)
 - **Time:** TBD
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - Purpose: Oppose the Million Militia March
 - Participants: Unknown
 - Source: https://twitter.com/\$2-534(a)(2) /status/1333844265315803137/photo/1
- 70 Million Man March to Stop the Biden Inauguration $\frac{2-534(a)(2)}{-01/20/2021}$
 - **Time:** 0500 hours
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - Purpose: Million Man March to show support for President Trump
 - Participants: (60) committed / (493) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/1088827574883065/
- **Reform America dba Created Equal** 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 0530 to 1800 hours
 - o Location: Southwest corner of U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 - **Purpose:** First Amendment pro-life display
 - Participants: (20) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

- Backs on Biden \$2-534(a)(2) 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 0800 hours
 - Location: U.S. Capitol Building
 - Purpose: Protest to support Trump and turn their backs on Biden when he takes the podium
 - **Participants:** (1) committed / (6) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/1088827574883065/

• #Disrupt J20 (No Justice, No Pride) – 1/20/2021 (This event is no longer listed on social media)

- Time: 0900 hours
- Location: TBD
- Purpose: First Amendment demonstration
- Participants: (30) committed / (159) interested
- o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/583495772257162/
- Inauguration of President Donald Trump \$2-534(a)(2) 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 hours
 - o Location: U.S. Capitol Building
 - Purpose: Swearing in ceremony for the second term of President Trump
 - **Participants:** (15) committed / (43) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/486289378977035
- President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence Inauguration 32-534(a)(2) 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 hours
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - **Purpose:** Swearing in ceremony for the second term of President Trump
 - **Participants:** (1) committed / (2) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/394490471817342
- Raid Congress \$2-534(a)(2) 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 hours
 - o Location: U.S. Capitol Building
 - Purpose: Protest to take back the U.S. government
 - Participants: (3) committed / (14) interested
 - o Source: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/430633161450235</u>
- Inaguration Day March on DC (Conservative Hype House) 01/20/2021
 - Time: 1000 hours
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - **Purpose:** Inauguration Day March on DC
 - Participants: (7) committed / (15) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/201142451726732/
- Yellow Vest Protest <u>\$2-534(a)(2)</u> 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 1100 hours
 - o Location: U.S. Capitol
 - Purpose: Protest to demand survival (stimulus) checks and Medicare for all
 - Participants: (51) committed / (238) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/470566583919754/

- Trump Appreciation Day <a>2-534
 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 1100 hours
 - Location: U.S. Capitol
 - Purpose: Rally to show support for President Trump
 - **Participants:** (49) committed / (288) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/1559156624283899/
- **MAGADay** 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 1159 hours
 - **Location:** U.S. Capitol
 - Purpose: MAGADay/Oppose Biden Inauguration
 - **Participants:** (0) committed / (1) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/193628438965246/
- Million MAGA March, March for Trump, Stop the Steal (NJ Patriots)-01/20/2021
 - Time: 1200 hours
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - Purpose: Million MAGA March, March for Trump, Stop the Steal
 - Participants: (893) committed / (2,300) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/1741872459317880/
- Yugest Trump Parade of All (45 exclamation points)! 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 1200 to 1500 hours
 - **Location:** Freedom Plaza
 - **Purpose:** Celebration for President Trump
 - Participants: (43) committed / (302) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/367820870968982/
- Black Lives Matter Minnesota/Communities United Against Police Brutality 01/20/2021
 - **Time:** 1200 to 1500 hours
 - Location: Black Lives Matter Plaza, NW
 - Purpose: Inauguration Day Reparations & Police Accountability Day
 - Participants: (34) committed / (170) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/672791106766870/
- Celebrate President Trump's 2021 Inauguration 01/20/2021 (This event is no longer listed on social media)
 - **Time:** 1200 hours
 - Location: TBD
 - Purpose: A celebration of President Trump's 2021 Inauguration
 - **Participants:** (76) committed / (311) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/404933127309475/
- Storm the Inauguration \$2-534(a)(2) 01/20/2021
 - Time: 1300 hours
 - Location: U.S. Capitol
 - Purpose: Storm the inauguration. They can't stop us all

- **Participants:** (1) committed / (0) interested
- Source: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/247592676848091</u>
- Trump Supporter Inaugural §2-534(a)(2)

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- **Time:** 1500 hours
- **Location:** U.S. Capitol
- **Purpose:** Protest to protest the inauguration of Joe Biden
- Participants: (37) committed / (168) interested
- o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/2869405219960826/

Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **2 Million Bikers 2 DC** 01/21/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 to 1200 hours
 - Location: National Mall
 - **Purpose:** Support President Trump
 - **Participants:** (42) committed / (193) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/1702939843105133/
- **Trump's Eviction Watch Party** 01/21/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 hours
 - Location: White House
 - Purpose: Trump's Eviction Watch Party
 - **Participants:** (188) committed / (381) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/362339474872322/
- Black Pact 01/21/2021
 - **Time:** 1000 to 1700 hours
 - Location: Assemble at MLK Jr. Memorial for rally, then march to Lincoln Memorial
 - **Purpose:** Draw awareness to systemic racism and police brutality
 - **Participants:** (5,000) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

Friday, January 22, 2021:

- **Purple Sash Revolution** 01/22/2021
 - **Time:** 1200 to 1400 hours
 - Location: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (200 Independence Avenue SW)
 - **Purpose:** Protest calling for the U.S. Senate not to confirm Xavier Becerra as HHS Secretary
 - **Participants:** (50) listed on permit application
 - Source: MPD-SOD

Saturday, January 23, 2021:

- National March For Black Lives (People Demand Action) 01/23/2021
 - **Time:** 1200 to 1500 hours
 - Location: Lincoln Memorial
 - **Purpose:** March for Black Lives

- Participants: (26) committed / (172) interested
- Source: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/836926233723471/</u>
- March Against the Party of the Coastal Elites \$2-534(a)(2) 01/23/2021
 - **Time:** 1100 to 1600 hours
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - Purpose: First Amendment event to support conservatives and Donald Trump
 - Participants: (10) committed / (89) interested
 - Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/373079780646954
 - Event organizer also has submitted a permit through the National Park Service for 1,000,000 participants for the National Mall, Freedom Plaza, John Marshall Park
- Women for America First 01/23/2021 (This permit application has been withdrawn by organizer)
 - **Time:** 1200 to 1700 hours
 - Location: Freedom Plaza, Lincoln Memorial
 - **Purpose:** First Amendment rally to support President Trump
 - **Participants:** (5,000) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service
- **Protest for Animal Rights** 01/23/2021
 - **Time:** 1300 to 1400 hours
 - Location: 3111 M Street, NW
 - **Purpose:** Protest Urban Outfitters
 - **Participants:** (1) committed / (6) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/866622404135702/

Tuesday, January 26, 2021:

- East Coast Sikh Coordination Committee 01/26/2021
 - **Time:** 1000 to 1600 hours
 - o Location: Embassy of India, located at 2107 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
 - **Purpose:** Black Day of Sikhs and to support farmers
 - **Participants:** (250) listed on permit application
 - Source: MPD-SOD

Thursday, January 28, 2021:

- **Purple Sash Revolution** 01/28/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 to 1300 hours
 - Location: 1225 4th Street, NE
 - o Purpose: Prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood asking God to end abortion in America
 - **Participants:** (50) listed on permit application
 - Source: MPD-SOD
- Students for Life of America 01/28/2021
 - **Time:** 1500 to 2015 hours
 - Location: Ellipse, White House Area

- **Purpose:** Candlelight vigil
- **Participants:** Unknown (none listed on permit application)
- Source: NPS

Thursday, January 28, through Sunday, January 31, 2021:

- **STL Pro-Life Future** 01/23/2021
 - \circ Time: 1/28/2021 1600 hours 1/31/2021 1200 hours
 - Location: TBD
 - Purpose: March for Life 2021 Provide support for the unborn and advocate for pro-life cause
 - **Participants:** (15) committed / (65) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/1804192813046205/

Friday, January 29, 2021:

- March for Life Educational and Defense Fund 01/29/2021
 - **Time:** 0700 hours
 - o Location: Washington Monument and National Mall
 - **Purpose:** March for Life
 - **Participants:** (50,000) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service
- Center for Bio-Ethical Reforms 01/29/2021
 - **Time:** 0700 hours
 - Location: Washington Monument and National Mall
 - **Purpose:** Pro-life display
 - **Participants:** (25) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service
- **Orthodox March for Life** 01/29/2021
 - **Time:** 0830 to 1500 hours
 - Location: Washington, DC
 - Purpose: Orthodox Christians Marching Together at March for Life 2021
 - **Participants:** (71) committed / (387) interested
 - o Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/517683142192909/

• **Purple Sash Revolution** – 01/29/2021

- **Time:** 0900 to 1100 hours
- Location: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (200 Independence Avenue SW)
- **Purpose:** Protest calling for the U.S. Senate not to confirm Xavier Becerra as HHS Secretary
- **Participants:** (50) listed on permit application
- Source: MPD-SOD
- **Reform America dba Created Equal** 01/29/2021
 - **Time:** 0900 hours
 - o Location: Meade Statue (333 Constitution Avenue NW) / John Marshall Park
 - **Purpose:** Pro-life display
 - **Participants:** (25) listed on permit application
 - Source: National Park Service

- **Preborn Children, Inc.** 01/29/2021
 - **Time:** 1100 to 1530 hours
 - Location: 4th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 - Purpose: First Amendment Assembly
 - **Participants:** (3 to 4) listed on permit application
 - Source: MPD-SOD
- March for Life 01/29/2021
 - **Time:** 1100 to 1600 hours
 - Location: National Mall
 - **Purpose:** March for Life 2021
 - Participants: (607) committed / (1,500) interested
 - Source: https://www.facebook.com/events/1002688566830861/

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments:	Varanelli, Mark <mark_varanelli@nps.gov> Saturday, January 9, 2021 5:01 PM \$2-534(a) Fw: Washington Post article Ashli Babbitt's journey to the Capitol, where the Trump and QAnon supporter was fatally shot by police - The Washington Post.pdf</mark_varanelli@nps.gov>
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The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

'The storm is here': Ashli Babbitt's journey from capital 'guardian' to invader

By Peter Jamison, Hannah Natanson, John Woodrow Cox and Alex Horton

Jan. 9, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. EST

The politician she revered above all others had lost an election. She'd struggled with crippling amounts of debt. Her home state of California was locking down again because of a virus she believed was fiction.

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As she walked east along the Mall on Wednesday, wearing a backpack emblazoned with the American flag, Ashli Babbitt was elated.

"It was amazing to get to see the president talk," Babbitt said, beaming in a video she streamed on Facebook early Wednesday afternoon that was later published by <u>TMZ</u>. "We are now walking down the inaugural path to the Capitol building. Three million-plus people."

There was no crowd of three million: just a mob, lawless and maskless, that numbered in the thousands. Babbitt's mission, which she had repeatedly avowed on social media, was to restore American democracy. But she was about to take part in a riot that would go down in history as one of that democracy's most grievous attacks.

After a long but undistinguished military career and years of personal travails, Babbitt — a 35-year-old Air Force veteran from Southern California who once supported Barack Obama — believed she had found a cause that gave her life purpose. Within hours, that cause would bring her life to a violent end.

Hers was the first death reported Jan. 6, when rioters incited by President Trump overran the seat of the U.S. government. In the coming days there would be others. <u>Brian D. Sicknick</u>, a 42-year-old Capitol police officer who died after being injured while trying to push back the mob. Rosanne Boyland, Kevin D. Greeson and Benjamin Phillips, who died of medical emergencies during the chaos.

But it was Babbitt, fatally shot by police as she attempted to leap through the broken window of a door inside the Capitol, whose name would almost instantly become synonymous with the feverish movement that had propelled thousands of Americans to desecrate a pillar of their government.

Her comrades in that movement now call her a martyr and plan to gather at the Washington Monument Saturday to hold a vigil in her name.

Babbitt's journey — illuminated through her extensive social media activity, court and military records, and interviews with some who knew her — was one of paranoid devotion and enthusiasm that only increased as Trump's fortunes waned.

She avidly followed the QAnon conspiracy theory, convinced that Trump was destined to vanquish a cabal of child

abusers and Satan-worshiping Democrats. She believed Wednesday would be "the storm," when QAnon mythology holds that Trump would capture and execute his opponents.

Long before she embraced those ideas, Babbitt was on a rocky path. She was loyal but rebellious, devoted to her country but often unable to get along with those who shared it. A believer in American pluck and free enterprise, she struggled in her attempts to run a small pool-service company outside San Diego.

She served more than a decade in the armed forces but chafed under the military hierarchy. Six of those years were spent in an Air National Guard unit whose mandate is to defend the Washington region and respond to civil unrest. Its nickname: the Capital Guardians.

Like so many others, she believed Jan. 6 would be not a day of infamy, but an end to her troubles.

"Nothing will stop us," she <u>tweeted</u> Jan. 5. "They can try and try and try but the storm is here and it is descending upon DC in less than 24 hours....dark to light!"

It was the last thing she would write.

'Absolutely unafraid'

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She was fed up with her executive officer. It was 2014, and Babbitt — along with much of her Air National Guard unit, then stationed at the Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates — detested him, according to a former staff sergeant in the unit who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he fears backlash online.

But despite her reputation for being outspoken, she kept herself in check. Then one day, the executive officer slipped new papers into a briefing binder shortly before quizzing service members on its contents.

Babbitt asked for permission to speak freely, the former staff sergeant said, and the executive officer granted it — "which was a huge mistake for that captain."

For the next several minutes, she "let him have it," the former staff sergeant said. He and other members of the unit watched, riveted, as Babbitt shouted and gesticulated, warning that the officer — who far outranked her — was sapping morale. Another former airman who served with Babbitt said he also witnessed the interaction.

"She was like a dog with a bone," the former staff sergeant said. "She could never let go of whatever her attention was on, and she was absolutely unafraid of anything."

Babbitt, who grew up in a small town in the foothills of Southern California's Cuyamaca Mountains, left similarly strong impressions on others who crossed her path. She was a fast talker, whipping through sentences "like a chinchilla that had just done a line of cocaine," the staff sergeant said. She escaped punishment for confronting the officer in 2014, according to the airmen who served with her, but it was not the only time that her personality put her at odds with the culture and rules of the military.

She deployed at least seven times, an Air Force journalist <u>wrote in 2014</u>, and relished the opportunity to mentor newer airmen. But discipline issues and insubordination stunted her career, said two former airmen who served with her. She was demoted at least once, they said.

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Babbitt left the military in 2016 as a senior airman - a relatively low rank for someone who spent more than a decade in uniform.

The same year, Babbitt spotted her husband Aaron Babbitt's ex, Celeste Norris, pulling out of a shopping center parking lot in southern Maryland, according to a court petition for a protective order Norris later filed. Babbitt spun her white SUV in a U-turn and began chasing Norris, according to the petition, eventually rear-ending the other woman's car three times and forcing her to stop.

Babbitt then exited her own car "screaming at me and verbally threatening me," wrote Norris, who declined to comment for this report. Norris filed a second protective order petition in early 2017, saying Babbitt had followed her home from work and called her "all hours of day and night."

Some who served with Babbitt kept in touch with her, remembering how fiercely she defended people she cared for. At one point in her life, that meant other service members.

But within a few years of leaving the military, "she had a new cause," one of her fellow airmen said. "And her cause was QAnon."

'Today we save America'

Babbitt would eventually share more than 8,600 tweets, offering a vivid account of her descent into a world of conspiracy theories and delusion, but her first message was addressed to Trump, the man she believed was destined to rescue her country.

"#love," she wrote Oct. 31, 2016, beside his name and above a photo of three signs nailed to a tree: "Make America Great Again," "H FOR PRISON" and "CHRISTIAN DEPLORABLES LIVE HERE."

A week later, on Election Day, she wrote to Trump again: "today we save America from the tyranny, collusion and corruption." When he won, Babbitt cried.

She was an avid viewer of Fox News, praising Tucker Carlson and other far-right media personalities on the network as she derided their liberal targets. A registered Libertarian, she hadn't always despised Democrats, declaring at least three times in recent years that she voted for Obama.

"I think Obama did great things...I think he jacked some s--- up," she wrote in November 2018, "but I think he did do a lot of good...at a time where we needed him."

But the man we needed now and for years to come, she had decided, was Trump, and her devotion only grew as she became more obsessed with baseless online propaganda — all while her professional life collapsed.

On July 1, 2019, a judge issued a \$71,000 judgment against her pool business because she had apparently failed to repay a loan. The day before, Babbitt had suggested starting a GoFundMe to pay for Trump's addition to Mount Rushmore, and the day after, she lodged an angry tirade at U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).

"You are losing it," Babbitt wrote, "seriously."

She promoted far-right lies that Hillary Clinton has kidnapped children and described the left as modern-day enslavers. She appeared to use a QAnon hashtag for the first time early last year, parroting the cryptic jargon promoted

by its most ardent followers.

"The best is yet to come," she wrote Feb. 24.

"What is dark will come to light!" she added a month later.

"We have to #SaveTheChildren," she demanded in one post, using a humanitarian hashtag that conspiracy theorists hijacked to promote their claim that a secretive group of elites run a pedophilia ring.

Her anger appeared to intensify amid the pandemic, which she insisted was a hoax, calling it the "controla virus" and "a F---ING JOKE."

"We are being hoodwinked," she wrote in July. "The sheep need to wake up."

On Dec. 29, eight days before her death, she discovered a tweet from Vice President-elect Kamala D. Harris promising to distribute more vaccines, promote mask-wearing and get students back to school.

"No the f--- you will not!" Babbitt retorted.

In the days leading up to her trip to Washington for the Trump demonstration, however, her online fury receded, replaced with glee and a new sense of mission. She retweeted dozens of figures promoting Trump's demands that his supporters gather to overturn the election, including Trump supporter Jack Posobiec, QAnon activists, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Donald Trump Jr.

"I will be there tomorrow!" she wrote Jan. 4 in response to another supporter heading to the nation's capital. "Gods speed!"

She boarded a plane in San Diego the next morning and sat beside Will Carless, a journalist from USA Today who would later film the moment just before the pro-Trump rioters stormed the Capitol. He called her "gregarious and chatty" and said they talked about a California beach town each of them loved.

The next day, it was overcast and cold in the District. Babbitt dressed in a hooded jacket and put an American flag backpack on her shoulders. She listened to the president tell her and many others that the country could only be taken back with strength, not weakness. Then she marched to the Capitol, surrounded, she said in her final Facebook video, by fellow "patriots."

"She loved her country, and she was doing what she thought was right to support her country, joining up with likeminded people that also love their president and their country," her husband told Fox-5 San Diego.

Not long after 2 p.m., he said, he sent her a message to ask how she was doing. She never wrote back.

A truth affirmed

While her husband was waiting, Babbitt was with the mob that swarmed the lightly staffed barricades surrounding their national legislature. In a scene unlike any in American history, they bashed in the windows of the U.S. Capitol. <u>They fought with the police</u>, screaming and waving Trump campaign flags and Confederate battle flags. They wandered through the halls and chambers of the Capitol as panicked lawmakers sheltered in place or were evacuated. Tear gas canisters were discharged in the Rotunda.

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And a gun was fired.

It is unclear exactly how and when Babbitt entered the Capitol. She undoubtedly understood law enforcement could use deadly force in response to the breach. Airmen in the role Babbitt once occupied in the D.C. Air National Guard's 113th Air Wing receive riot-control training, and her former unit was mobilized to protect the Capitol on Wednesday.

But it has since become clear <u>what happened inside</u>: The raging crowd that bashed in the windows of a barricaded door to the Speaker's Lobby, with a short tanned woman in an American backpack at the front of its ranks. Her attempt to climb through one of those windows, leading the way, despite a Capitol Police officer pointing a handgun in her direction. The abrupt way she toppled backward after a single shot resounded.

And it was clear how she left.

At about 3 p.m., a team of paramedics rushed a gurney to an ambulance parked at the southeast corner of the building. On it was Babbitt, staring listlessly in the direction of the building she had just tried to occupy, the place where her dreams of a revitalizing "storm" were supposed to come true.

Blood ran from her nose and covered half of her face. Her eyes were on the verge of closing. Riot police guarded the ambulance as its doors closed and pulled away. And that night — the night Babbitt died far from her home and family — Congress affirmed as true what she had died denying: Donald Trump would not remain president.

Julie Tate, Jennifer Jenkins, Dan Lamothe, Drew Harwell, Justin Jouvenal, Dalton Bennett, Greg Jaffe and Randy Dotinga contributed to this report.

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USSF Becomes 18th Member of Intel Community

JAN. 8, 2021

Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe today welcomed the U.S. Space Force (USSF) as the 18th member of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC).

During an afternoon ceremony, Ratcliffe and Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. "Jay" Raymond announced the designation of the intelligence element of the U.S. Space Force as a member of the IC.

"This accession reaffirms our commitment to securing outer space as a safe and free domain for America's interests," said Ratcliffe. "American power in space is stronger and more unified than ever before. Today we welcome Space Force to the Intelligence Community and look forward to the power and ingenuity of a space security team unrivaled by any nation."

The Space Force element is the first new organization to join the IC since 2006.

"Today, we took action to elevate space intelligence missions, tradecraft, and collaboration to ensure the success of the Space Force, the Intelligence Community, and ultimately our National Security," said Gen. Raymond. "This is a significant milestone, a clear statement that America is committed to a secure and accessible space domain. Our partnership will ensure the Space Force and the Nation remain always above any threat."

Ratcliffe highlighted how the addition of USSF to the IC marks a historic opportunity to further strategic change across the national security space enterprise.

"Through sharing space-related information and intelligence, the IC and DoD increase integration and coordination of our intelligence activities to achieve best effect and value in executing our missions," said Ratcliffe. "This move not only underscores the importance of space as a priority intelligence and military operational domain for national security, but ensures interoperability, future capability development and operations, and true global awareness for strategic warning."

"Today's change aligns our newest service with the other members of the Defense Intelligence

Enterprise and will help ensure our efforts are coordinated and synchronized across all domains of warfare," said Ezra Cohen, acting Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

With the USSF addition, nine DoD components are members of the Intelligence Community.

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Thirteen Charged in Federal Court Following Riot at the United States Capitol

Approximately 40 charged in Superior Court

Thirteen individuals have been charged so far in federal court in the District of Columbia related to crimes committed at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. In addition to those who have been charged, additional complaints have been submitted and investigations are ongoing.

"The lawless destruction of the U.S. Capitol building was an attack against one of our Nation's greatest institutions," said Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin. "My Office, along with our law enforcement partners at all levels, have been expeditiously working and leveraging every resource to identify, arrest, and begin prosecuting these individuals who took part in the brazen criminal acts at the U.S. Capitol. We are resolute in our commitment to holding accountable anyone responsible for these disgraceful criminal acts, and to anyone who might be considering engaging in or inciting violence in the coming weeks – know this: you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"ATF is committed to the rule of law and the protection of all citizens' Constitutional rights," said Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Deputy Director Regina Lombardo. "We continue to support our law enforcement partners to ensure those who violated the law during the events at the Capitol this week are brought to justice. ATF has dedicated all appropriate resources to complete these investigations as soon as possible."

"Today's charges are just the beginning of the FBI's ongoing efforts to hold those responsible for the criminal acts of violence and destruction that unfolded during the U.S. Capitol building breach on January 6th," said FBI Director Christopher Wray. "To be clear, what took place that day was not First Amendment-protected activity, but rather an affront on our democracy. The FBI, along with our local, state and federal partners, is committed to ensuring that justice is served. We will continue to aggressively investigate each and every individual who chose to ignore the law and instead incite violence, destroy property, and injure others."

"Deputy U.S. Marshals responded to support U.S. Capitol Police after the incursion into the Capitol building. Our deputies helped to clear the building and escorted members of Congress back to the main chamber for official business," said U.S. Marshals Service Director Donald Washington. "US Marshals will now bring to bear our fugitive investigations expertise to ensure that individuals charged in federal warrants are brought to face justice. Respect for the rule of law is a foundational principle for our democracy and the freedoms that it provides. Unlawful acts will not go unpunished."

"The events that happened at and around the United States Capitol were unconscionable, and those responsible will be held accountable for their attempts to thwart Democracy," said Metropolitan Police Department Chief of Police Robert J. Contee III. "While these charges represent a positive step, there is still work to be done. Our collective intentions are to work diligently to identify all of the persons responsible for the insurrection at our U.S. Capitol."

Thirteen individuals have been charged with federal crimes. The defendants and charges are outlined below:

- 1. Cleveland Meredith was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with making interstate threats to Speaker Nancy Pelosi.
- Richard Barnett, of Arkansas, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful entry; violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and theft of public money, property, or records. Barnett allegedly entered a restricted are of the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.
- 3. Lonnie Coffman, of Alabama, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with possession of an unregistered firearm (destructive device) and carrying a pistol without a license. It is alleged that Coffman's vehicle contained 11 explosive devices known as Molotov cocktails and firearms. It is further alleged he was in possession of two firearms. Coffman was arrested and is currently being held. His detention hearing is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2021.
- 4. Mark Leffingwell, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; assault on a federal law enforcement officer; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Leffingwell allegedly entered the Senate side of the Capitol and when stopped by law enforcement, struck an officer in the helmet and chest. Leffingwell is currently being held and has a detention hearing in district court today.
- 5. Christopher Alberts, of Maryland, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with carrying or having readily accessible, on the grounds of the United States Capitol Building, a firearm and ammunition. Specifically a Taurus G2C, 9mm handgun and 9mm caliber ammunition. The defendant appeared in district court and was released. He has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 28, 2021.
- 6. Joshua Pruitt, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority. The defendant appeared in district court and was released. He has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 28, 2021.
- 7. Matthew Council, of Florida, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Council allegedly unlawfully entered the Capitol building, and when stopped by law enforcement, he pushed the officer.
- 8. Cindy Fitchett, of Virginia, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
- 9. Michael Curzio, of Florida, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
- 10. Douglas Sweet, of Florida, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
- 11. Bradley Ruskelas, of Illinois, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
- 12. Terry Brown, of Pennsylvania, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
- 13. Thomas Gallagher was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.

In addition, approximately 40 individuals have been arrested and charged in Superior Court with offenses including, but not limited to, unlawful entry, curfew violations, and firearms-related crimes.

The cases are being prosecuted by the U.S Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and are being investigated jointly by the FBI; U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; United States Marshals Service; U.S. Capitol Police Department; and the Metropolitan Police Department.

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The ATF and FBI continue to urge the public to report suspected use of explosive devices, or violent, destructive acts associated with the recent unrest. Anyone with information can call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), email <u>ATFTips@atf.gov</u> or submit information anonymously via <u>ReportIt.com</u>.

The FBI is looking for individuals who may have incited or promoted violence of any kind. Anyone with digital material or tips can call 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324) or submit images or videos at <u>fbi.gov/USCapitol</u>.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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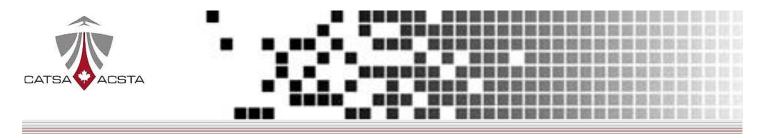
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INCIDENTS OF INTEREST

SPAIN – Man Caught In Madrid Airport Smuggling Cocaine In Wheelchair – 8 January 2021

Man caught in Madrid airport smuggling cocaine into Spain in his wheelchair

The National Police stopped a 55-year-old Spanish man in Madrid's Barajas airport after he landed on a flight from the Dominican Republic on Sunday night, January 3. Police had been carrying out routine surveillance when they noticed the man, who was being helped to the airport's disability area in a wheelchair, appeared nervous and agitated.

His luggage was searched, and among his belongings was a folded-up electric wheelchair with a hidden compartment on both the backrest and seat. According to the higher Headquarters of the National Police, ten packages containing almost 10 kilograms of cocaine were discovered in the wheelchair.

According to police sources, the man had booked an internal flight to Malaga in the hope that his checked luggage wouldn't be subject to scrutiny. The National Police have confirmed that the man has a long criminal history for fraud, irregular immigration and falsifying documents and was immediately remanded in custody.

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• Nothing Significant to Report

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• Nothing Significant to Report

MISCELLAENEOUS

USA – Airlines boost staffing and security after assault on Capitol – 8 January 2021

Major U.S. airlines are increasing staffing and security at airports in and out of the Washington, D.C., area after yesterday's assault on Capitol Building. The violence also prompted an appeal from the nation's biggest flight attendants union.



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Carriers including American Airlines and United Airlines said they were taking measures to avoid potential trouble on the ground and in the air after thousands of supporters of President Donald Trump demanding the presidential election be overturned stormed the Capitol building on Wednesday.

The riot was preceded by at least two in-flight incidents on D.C.-bound flights. One involved Senator Mitt Romney, R.-Utah, who was <u>reportedly</u> heckled by a group of Trump supporters on a flight from Salt Lake City on Tuesday.

Romney, a vocal critic of the plan by some GOP lawmakers to formally object to the election results, was also subjected to a tirade by a woman at Salt Lake International Airport who refused to put on a face mask. A video of the confrontation was posted on Facebook. Another in-flight disruption captured on video occurred on an American flight earlier this week from Texas to Washington, D.C., with passengers screaming at each other after one person projected a <u>"Trump 2020" image</u> onto the aircraft's ceiling.

"The mob mentality behavior that took place on several flights to the D.C. area [Tuesday] was unacceptable and threatened the safety and security of every single person onboard," <u>stated</u> Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants, which represents nearly 50,000 flight attendants at 17 airlines. The AFA called for airlines and transportation authorities to make clear that bad behavior wouldn't be tolerated and that unruly travelers would be barred from boarding planes.

Some airline passengers took part in the violence at the Capitol, creating "further concern about their departure from the D.C. area, Nelson said. "Acts against our democracy, our government, and the freedom we claim as Americans must disqualify these individuals from the freedom of flight."

The Federal Aviation Administration on Thursday warned that disruptive acts on airplanes could violate federal law, noting that violators face possible imprisonment and fines of up to \$35,000. "We echo the sentiments of AFA that our first priority must be the safety and security of our passengers and crew," United stated in an email to CBS MoneyWatch. "Since earlier this week our crews have been moved from downtown D.C. hotels. Additionally, we have increased staffing at Washington-area airports and are in close contact with appropriate law enforcement agencies."

American also said it was working with local law enforcement and its airport authority partners to ensure safety on the ground and in the air. "We also have increased staffing at Washington D.C.-area airports and will not serve alcohol on flights to and from this area as a precautionary measure," a spokesperson stated in an email. Delta Air Lines works with law enforcement agencies and others to "enact methods — both seen and unseen — as part of our unwavering efforts to keep everyone safe at our airports and on our flights," a spokesperson said by email.

"We expect our people and customers to treat one another with dignity and respect," the spokesperson added.

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<u>CISA</u>

CISA updates guidance on SolarWinds hack remediation, calls for upgrades and increased

reporting < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/cisa-updates-guidance-solarwinds-hack-remediationcalls-upgrades-and-increased-reporting > (01/07) Inside Cybersecurity

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has updated guidance on responding to the hack of SolarWinds Orion software management tools on federal networks, including forensic analysis and reporting requirements for agencies still struggling to understand the scope of an attack that affected government as well as private-sector critical infrastructure systems. "Federal agencies without evidence of adversary follow-on activity on their networks that accept the risk of running SolarWinds Orion in their enterprises should rebuild or upgrade, in compliance with hardening steps outlined in the Supplemental Guidance, to at least SolarWinds Orion Platform version 2020.2.1 HF2," according to the update.

CISA: Hackers access to federal networks without SolarWinds < Caution-

https://fcw.com/articles/2021/01/07/cisa-usg-hack-new-vector.aspx > (01/07) FCW

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency says it has evidence that hackers are breaching the federal government's networks by other paths than the recently discovered vulnerabilities in SolarWinds Orion."Specifically, we are investigating incidents in which activity indicating abuse of Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) tokens consistent with this adversary's behavior is present, yet where impacted SolarWinds instances have not been identified," according to updated guidance published Wednesday. "CISA is continuing to work to confirm initial access vectors and identify any changes to the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)."

Capitol Riot Puts Congressional Computer Safety at Risk < Caution-

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-01-08/congressional-computers-left-vulnerable-to-cyberintrusion > (01/07) Bloomberg

In the aftermath of Wednesday's intrusion at the U.S. Capitol, federal authorities are contending with cybersecurity risks created by rioters roaming freely through congressional offices with unsecured computers. While there is no indication

that hacking into computer networks was a goal of the rioters, at least one laptop was reported missing and the potential exists that the intruders gained access to sensitive systems when members of Congress and their staff hastily took cover, according to cybersecurity experts. As a result, both the House and the Senate should devote resources to mitigating any potential vulnerabilities, they said.

CISA Issues Updated Remediation Guidance to Feds for SolarWinds Hack < Caution-

https://www.meritalk.com/articles/cisa-issues-updated-remediation-guidance-to-feds-for-solarwinds-hack/ > (01/07) Meritalk

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released a new round of supplemental guidance on Jan. 6 to the emergency directive that the agency issued on Dec. 13, 2020, providing remediation guidance in response to the Russia-backed hack of more than 18,000 government and private sector systems via SolarWinds Orion products. The guidance update "requires (1) agencies that ran affected versions conduct forensic analysis, (2) agencies that accept the risk of running SolarWinds Orion comply with certain hardening requirements, and (3) reporting by agency from department-level Chief Information Officers (CIOs) by Tuesday, January 19, and Monday, January 25, 2020."

CISA updates guidance on the SolarWinds Orion Compromise < Caution-

https://www.continuitycentral.com/index.php/news/technology/5825-cisa-updates-guidance-on-the-solarwinds-orion-compromise > (01/07)Continuity Central

The US Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has updated its Emergency Directive concerning the SolarWinds Orion Compromise. The Directive provides guidance for Federal agencies but is also relevant for critical infrastructure entities and other private sector organizations. Titled Emergency Directive (ED) 21-01 Supplemental Guidance version 3: Mitigate SolarWinds Orion Code Compromise the guidance supersedes Required Action 4 of ED 21-01 and Supplemental Guidance versions 1 and 2 and confirms that SolarWinds Orion Platform version 2020.2.1 HF2 has been examined by the National Security Agency and has been verified to eliminate the previously identified malicious code. This version also includes updates to fix un-related vulnerabilities, including vulnerabilities that SolarWinds has publicly disclosed.

National Security Council launches task force to investigate Solar Winds cyberattack < Caution-

https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/59941-national-security-council-launches-task-force-to-investigate-solarwinds-cyber-attack/ > (01/07) Homeland Preparedness News

The National Security Council staff has launched a task force to coordinate the investigation and remediation of the recent Solar Winds cyberattack involving federal government networks. The task force — called the Cyber Unified Coordination Group (UCG) — is composed of representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and the National Security Agency (NSA).

COVID-19

How quickly do I need a second COVID-19 vaccine shot? < Caution-https://apnews.com/article/how-fast-secondcoronavirus-vaccine-shot-6ec3e81fe1c9c3a41afdd62decf59496 > (01/07) The Associated Press How quickly do I need a second COVID-19 vaccine shot? The first COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. require two doses a few weeks apart. People should get some degree of protection within two weeks of the first shot, with the second shot bringing about the vaccine's full protection. For the vaccine by Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech, the second shot is supposed to be after three weeks. For Moderna, it's four weeks. But how closely those guidelines should be followed has been a point of difference for the United States and the United Kingdom, which has been rolling out the Pfizer vaccine and one by Astrazeneca that requires two doses given four weeks apart.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

DC protests: How a mob of rioters took the Capitol building by storm < Caution-

https://nypost.com/2021/01/07/dc-protests-how-a-mob-of-rioters-took-the-capitol-by-storm/ > (01/07) New York Post

The fervent protests surrounding the 2020 US election reached an ugly head Wednesday afternoon — but it had been steadily brewing for weeks and its implications could last for years. The prospect of a huge gathering in Washington, D.C., was first revealed by President Trump as far back as Dec. 19, as he continued to deny losing the election to Joe Biden. "Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!" he tweeted of the protest to mark the day Biden's win would be certified. So, after weeks of hype, by 6 a.m. Wednesday thousands had already gathered around the Capitol for what was touted as the "Save America Rally."

Transportation Cybersecurity and Privacy Under Biden < Caution-

https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=c378baa1-b1a6-492b-9f7e-bcd6391ef469 > **(01/07) Lexology** President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris will be inaugurated on Jan. 20, 2021, ushering in a new set of regulatory and legislative priorities during the next four years. Chief among the Biden Administration's priorities will be responding to the coronavirus pandemic, which could involve an infrastructure package to stimulate the economy and that is ripe for the inclusion of cybersecurity-related reforms. However, passing legislation in the 117th Congress – in which Democrats will likely hold slim majorities in the House and Senate – will require bipartisan support.

SOLARWINDS

Federal Judiciary's Systems Likely Breached in SolarWinds Hack < Caution-https://www.wsj.com/articles/federaljudiciarys-systems-likely-breached-in-solarwinds-hack-11610040175 > **(01/07)The Wall Street Journal** WASHINGTON—The electronic filing system used by federal courts has likely been compromised in the massive SolarWinds hack, federal judiciary officials said, extending to another branch of government the impact of a suspected Russian cyber-espionage campaign that has breached more than half a dozen Trump administration agencies. The federal judiciary was working to immediately add new security procedures to protect "highly sensitive confidential documents filed with the courts," according to a statement Wednesday by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

CISA updates guidance on SolarWinds compromise < Caution-https://www.fedscoop.com/solarwinds-guidanceupdate-cisa/ > (01/07) FedScoop

Federal agencies that ran compromised SolarWinds Orion software must conduct a forensic analysis by the end of the month, according to new supplemental guidance from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency released Wednesday. That analysis must look at system memory, host storage, network and third-party environments such as cloud services. Agencies must also hunt for indicators of compromise or "other evidence of threat actor activity" and create or update a CISA incident report accordingly.

CISA: SolarWinds Hackers Got Into Networks by Guessing Passwords < Caution-

https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2021/01/cisa-solarwinds-hackers-got-networks-guessing-networks

passwords/171265/ > (01/07) Nextgov

Perpetrators of a widespread, intelligence-gathering campaign used common hacker techniques to get through passwords in addition to more sophisticated methods, according to an update to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's alert. "CISA incident response investigations have identified that initial access in some cases was obtained by password guessing, password spraying, and inappropriately secured administrative credentials accessible via external remote access services," reads the activity alert updated Wednesday. CISA notes that the activity alert does not in any way supersede its emergency directive and is not formal guidance but the document provides additional context for remediation efforts.

Federal courts are latest apparent victim of SolarWinds hack < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/solarwindshack-us-courts/ > (01/07)CyberScoop The federal judiciary's electronic case management and filing system suffered "an apparent compromise" as part of the SolarWinds breach, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The office is still assessing the impact, but a representative says the organization has stepped up security precautions in the meantime. "The federal Judiciary's foremost concern must be the integrity of and public trust in the operation and administration of its courts," James Duff, secretary of the judiciary's national policy-making body — the Judicial Conference of the United States — said in a Wednesday communication to the courts.

Further Fall-Out from Russian Hacking of SolarWinds < Caution-https://www.natlawreview.com/article/further-fall-out-russian-hacking-solarwinds > (01/07)The National Law Review

U.S. intelligence agencies, including the FBI, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, have confirmed that Russia was behind the SolarWinds hack. It is reported that the FBI is investigating whether Russia hacked into project management software JetBrains' TeamCity DevOps tool to originally plant its malware in SolarWinds Orion, causing a cascade of downstream opportunities for Russia to access numerous governmental agencies' systems, as well as thousands of private company systems

SolarWinds Hackers Compromise Confidential Court Filings < Caution-

https://www.crn.com/news/security/solarwinds-hackers-compromise-confidential-court-filings > (01/07)CRN The Russian hackers behind the SolarWinds attack have apparently compromised the federal courts' electronic case filing system, putting "highly sensitive non-public documents" at great risk. An apparent compromise of the confidentiality of the federal case filing system due to vulnerabilities associated with SolarWinds Orion is currently under investigation, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) disclosed Wednesday. The AO said it's working with the Department of Homeland Security on a security audit relating to Orion vulnerabilities that put sealed filings at great risk of compromise.

U.S. Justice Department also a victim of SolarWinds Orion compromise < Caution-

https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/u-s-justice-department-also-a-victim-of-solarwinds-orioncompromise/440350 > **(01/07)IT World Canada**

The U.S. Department of Justice has joined the list of federal departments that have been victimized by a vulnerability in SolarWinds Orion network management platform. "On Dec. 24, 2020, the Department of Justice's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) learned of previously unknown malicious activity linked to the global SolarWinds incident that has affected multiple federal agencies and technology contractors, among others." the department said in a statement. "This activity involved access to the Department's Microsoft O365 email environment.

CYBERSECURITY

People, processes, and tech: 2021's top cybersecurity priorities < Caution-

https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94296-people-processes-and-tech-2021s-top-cybersecurity-priorities > (01/07) Security Magazine

2020 has been tough on every business. Organizations are used to stretching their budgets to fit their security and operational needs, but the pandemic upped the ante by throwing in an immediate shift to remote work that required support. As chaotic as 2020 sometimes felt, 2021 shouldn't be as disruptive as businesses settle into their next normal. For security teams, this means getting back to basics and effectively managing their people, processes, and technology.

Capitol Hill riot exposes Congress's operational and cybersecurity frailties < Caution-

https://www.cyberscoop.com/capitol-hill-unrest-trump-cybersecurity/ > (01/07) CyberScoop

The violent pro-Trump mob that stormed the Capitol on Wednesday exposed not only glaring weaknesses in the legislative body's physical security but also its digital and operational security, according to experts. The intruders were able to roam the halls of Congress and at certain points had unfettered access to some lawmakers' offices and

computers. One rioter left a note in front of a computer in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office saying, "We will not back down." Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., said a laptop was stolen from his office.

New DOD policy reinforces 'foundational' role of cybersecurity in acquisitions < Caution-

https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/new-dod-policy-reinforces-foundational-role-cybersecurityacquisitions > (01/07) Inside Cybersecurity

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ELECTION SECURITY

Cotton calls out Senate Republicans for misleading supporters about election results < Caution-

https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/533127-cotton-calls-out-senate-republicans-for-misleading-supporters-aboutelection > (01/07) The Hill

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) is calling out Republican colleagues including Sens. Josh Hawley (Mo.) and Ted Cruz (Texas) — though not by name — for challenging the results of the 2020 election in a way he says was misleading. "Some senators, for political gain, misled supporters about their ability to challenge the election results — some even sent out fundraising emails while insurrectionists stormed the Capitol. That stops now — Republicans ought to focus on countering the Democrats' radical agenda," Cotton tweeted on Thursday morning.

Zuckerberg says Trump will be blocked from Facebook and Instagram < Caution-

https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2021/01/07/zuckerberg-says-trump-will-be-blocked-from-facebook-and-instagram-1353058 > (01/07)Politico Pro

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's Facebook and Instagram accounts will be locked through at least Inauguration Day, CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced Thursday. "We believe the risks of allowing the President to continue to use our service during this period are simply too great," Zuckerberg wrote in a statement posted to his personal page. "Therefore, we are extending the block we have placed on his Facebook and Instagram accounts indefinitely and for at least the next two weeks until the peaceful transition of power is complete."

SUPPLY CHAIN

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Four Ways to Protect Against Supply Chain Infiltration < Caution-https://securityboulevard.com/2021/01/fourways-to-protect-against-supply-chain-infiltration/ > (01/07) Security Boulevard The far-reaching SolarWinds Orion attack has catapulted supply chain security vulnerabilities into the spotlight – particularly those involving the third-party software applications and hardware components that comprise much of today's enterprise IT environments. The attack, which potentially impacted more than 18,000 organizations to date, stems from a compromise of third-party network management vendor SolarWind's Orion software. A sophisticated threat actor reportedly distributed malicious source code within an Orion software update – leveraging the very means by which organizations protect themselves against potential threats. This allowed the attacker to gain a foothold into victim organizations, steal and abuse legitimate identities and credentials, escalate privileges and move laterally and vertically to access valuable assets – and then maintain persistent access using the Golden SAML technique, never seen before in the wild.

5G SECURITY

Huawei spin-off Honor working with Qualcomm on 5G smartphones, report says < Caution-

https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2021/01/huawei-spin-off-honor-working-with-qualcomm-on-5g-smartphones-report-says-2027413 > **(01/07) Politico Pro**

Honor, the budget smartphone unit sold by Huawei Technologies Co. in November as part of its response to US blacklisting, is working with American chip supplier Qualcomm on 5G devices, according to Chinese media. A former consumer brand run by Huawei, Honor is expected to launch smartphones with Qualcomm 5G chipsets in May or June this year, local media Caixin reported on Wednesday. The agreement with Qualcomm was first reported by the state-backed China Securities Journal on Tuesday, citing a supplier to Honor. It said Honor 5G smartphones based on Qualcomm chipsets were already "in the research and development (R&D) process."

Huawei appeals Swedish court decision over 5G network exclusion < Caution-

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-huawei-appeal/huawei-appeals-swedish-court-decision-over-5g-network-exclusion-idUSKBN29C1C1 > (01/07) Reuters

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - Huawei has appealed against a court decision that allowed Swedish telecoms regulator PTS to resume 5G spectrum auctions when the Chinese telecom equipment maker is excluded from the country's 5G rollout. A Swedish court on Dec. 16 backed an appeal by PTS against a ruling to stop the auctions, but also said Huawei could pursue a legal challenge over its exclusion.

RANSOMWARE

FBI warns of Egregor ransomware extorting businesses worldwide < Caution-

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/fbi-warns-of-egregor-ransomware-extorting-businessesworldwide/ > (01/07) Bleeping Computer

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has sent a security alert warning private sector companies that the Egregor ransomware operation is actively targeting and extorting businesses worldwide. The FBI says in a TLP:WHITE Private Industry Notification (PIN) shared on Wednesday that Egregor claims to have already hit and compromised more than over 150 victims since the agency first observed this malicious activity in September 2020.

Ryuk gang estimated to have made more than \$150 million from ransomware attacks < Caution-

https://www.zdnet.com/article/ryuk-gang-estimated-to-have-made-more-than-150-million-from-ransomwareattacks/ > (01/07) ZDNet

The operators of the Ryuk ransomware are believed to have earned more than \$150 million worth of Bitcoin from ransom payments following intrusions at companies all over the world. In a joint report published today, threat intel company Advanced Intelligence and cybersecurity firm HYAS said they tracked payments to 61 Bitcoin addresses previously attributed and linked to Ryuk ransomware attacks. "Ryuk receives a significant amount of their ransom

payments from a well-known broker that makes payments on behalf of the ransomware victims," the two companies said. "These payments sometimes amount to millions of dollars and typically run in the hundreds of thousands range."

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

911 service interrupted due to Frontier outage, police say < Caution-

https://www.havasunews.com/free_access/911-service-interrupted-due-to-frontier-outage-police-

say/article_aac33ba8-5115-11eb-91f3-1f8c16c1baa8.html > (01/07) Havasunews

Lake Havasu City officials reported that Frontier Communications phone service outage resulted in emergency dispatchers being unable to receive 911 calls Thursday morning. The announcement appeared to coincide with a spike in user complaints that occurred at about 9:15 a.m., according to internet service monitoring tool, Downdetector.com. At that time, Downdetector recorded 60 reported service issues. By 11 p.m., an additional 65 service issues were reported. The website also reported measurable spikes in service issues that took place Dec. 31 through Jan. 2.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution **Physical Security Measures**



COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts are underway, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) encourages organizations involved in the distribution process to assess potential security vulnerabilities and implement corresponding risk mitigation solutions to reduce the probability of disruptions. Although there are currently no credible or imminent threats, the distribution process could potentially be disrupted by anti-vaccination protesters, insiders, criminals or organized crime, or terrorists. As such, organizations involved in the manufacturing, transportation, and distribution of the vaccine should apply cost-effective protective measures to their operations. Vulnerability assessments, planning, and training are key steps to mitigating potential threats and identifying necessary protective measures. This infographic broadly illustrates four stages of vaccination distribution activity, possible physical threats at these stages, and some potential mitigations. For more hands-on assistance, please engage local law enforcement, or contact CISA Central.

DISTRIBUTION STAGES







Clinics, Pharmacies &

Healthcare Facilities

Transporters

Hijacking

rest stops

make unapproved stops

THREAT VECTORS, MITIGATIONS, AND RESOURCES

Active Shooter

Liaise with local police and emergency responders for rapid response to an incident

Establish and practice emergency response plan (ERP)

Maintain strict access control protocols

Implement facility-wide notification system

Pre-position first responder kits

Ensure employees and staff are trained and ready to implement Run, Hide, Fight protocol

- * CISA's Active Shooter Preparedness resources
- * Federal Emergency Management Agency's ERP – Ready.gov

Insider Threat

Limit access to sensitive areas, transportation planning information, and security sites

Establish a multi-disciplinary team to plan for mitigating an insider threat incident

Conduct pre- and post-employment screening

Employ user activity monitoring software on all devices

Maintain comprehensive data back-up on secure remote server

- * CISA's Insider Threat Mitigation resources
- Plus Program * TSA's Surface Transportation **Resources for Industry**
 - Department of Transportation's **Emergency Response Guidebook**

Ensure drivers do not deviate from

designated routes without clearance or

Train drivers how to identify and report

suspicious behavior during transit and at

Notify local law enforcement of time and

Provide visible security personnel for all

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vehicle type for planned shipments

vehicles transporting valuable cargo

Transportation Security

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Maintain alarm systems with panic buttons and remote triggers for staff Train staff to identify and report

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suspicious behavior

Position Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems to actively monitor vaccine storage and other sensitive areas

Maintain strict access controls for vaccine storage and dispensing environments

Notify local law enforcement of the vaccine locations

- * "If You See Something, Say Something®" Recognize the Signs
- Department of Homeland Security's Nationwide Suspicious Activity **Reporting Initiative**

Vehicular Assault

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Ensure that lines and crowds are diverted away from busy roads: if possible, close roads where satellite clinics occupy space

Train staff to recognize indicators of a possible assault, including an individual repeatedly revving the vehicle's engine, practicing heavy-vehicle manual shifting, or verbalizing threats

Lay out a serpentine pathway for queuing vehicles so that drivers cannot accumulate significant speed

Establish clear standoff zones, ensuring a solid passive barrier between workers on foot and vehicle lines

* CISA's Vehicle Ramming Attack Mitigation video

For more information and resources, please visit cisa.gov or email Central@cisa.gov. Call 9-1-1 immediately in the event of an emergency.





Points of Distribution (PODs)

* CISA's Vehicle Ramming action guide

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Improvised Incendiary **Device (IID)**

Develop, update, and exercise Bomb **Threat Management Plans**

Conduct a periodic visual security sweep of the facility

Remove nearby trash receptacles

Notify management, security, or law enforcement immediately of unattended bags or packages

Establish rally points for personnel accountability

- * CISA's Office for Bombing Prevention resources
- * CISA's Fire as a Weapon action guide

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DHS S&T's Master Question List for COVID-19 offers scientifically informed guidance for government decision-makers

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) has aggregated a <u>Master</u> <u>Question List for COVID-19</u>, offering scientifically informed briefs in response to the most common public health questions about what is currently known about COVID-19, and what additional information is still needed. The information is intended for use by those with a non-medical, non-scientific background, but is also rigorously cited by the most current publicly available scientific studies. This resource will be useful to government decision-makers and anyone involved in the operational response to COVID-19.

The first iteration of the DHS S&T Master Question List (MQL) was released to the public on December 21, 2020. A selection of the questions discussed in the current version include:

- Transmissibility How does it spread from one host to another? How easily is it spread?
- Incubation Period How long after infection do symptoms appear? Are people infectious during this time?



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- Clinical Presentation What are the signs and symptoms of an infected person?
- Protective Immunity How long does the immune response provide protection from reinfection?
- Non-pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs) Are public health control measures effective at reducing spread?
- PPE What PPE is effective, and who should be using it?
- Forecasting What forecasting models and methods exist?

This document will be periodically updated with the latest information. Check back for future updates to the <u>DHS S&T's</u> <u>Master Question List for COVID-19 webpage</u>. For the latest public health information on COVID-19, consult the <u>Centers for</u> <u>Disease Control and Prevention</u>.

(Source: DHS S&T)

First Responder's Toolbox on VBIED Preparedness, Recognition and Response

The recent bombing in Nashville, Tennessee on Christmas morning was the result of an explosion reportedly detonated from a recreational vehicle parked in front of an AT&T building in downtown Nashville. Prompt action by local police to evacuate building occupants prior to the explosion prevented fatalities. The high potential for loss of life and property in these types of incidents highlights the importance of first responders' preparedness.

The Joint CT Assessment Team (JCAT) has developed a <u>First</u> <u>Responder's Toolbox on Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive</u> <u>Device (VBIED): Preparedness, Recognition, And Response</u>. This is a comprehensive resource for first responders to increase VBIED awareness to aid in preparedness, recognition, and response. It includes:

- A historical overview of the ten VBIED incidents occurring on United States soil since 2010.
- Specific VBIED tactics, concerns and key safety considerations.
- Lists of pre-incident indicators observable on the vehicle itself, as well as other indicators and behaviors related to the vehicle.
- A 3D model of evacuation distances based on explosive capacity.



Cyber Threats

The U.S. Fire Administration operates the Emergency Management and Response – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC).

For information regarding the EMR-ISAC visit <u>www.usfa.dhs.gov/emr-isac</u> or contact the EMR-ISAC office at: (301) 447-1325 and/or <u>fema-emr-isac@fema.dhs.gov</u>.

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procedures for ongoing duties, facility protection, special events and on-scene response to an incident involving a VBIED.

 An incident planning tool sheet, including charted ranges of evacuation distances by explosive capacity and references for additional information.

First Responder Toolboxes are developed by the Joint CT Assessment Team (JCAT) and hosted by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODIN). You can view the archive of the First Responder Toolboxes at <u>ODIN's First</u> <u>Responder Toolbox page</u>.

(Source: ODIN)

DHS's Blue Campaign recognizes National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11

DHS's Blue Campaign is a national public awareness campaign, designed to educate the public, law enforcement and other industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking, and how to appropriately respond to possible cases. The Blue Campaign works closely with DHS Components and leverages partnerships with the private sector, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), law enforcement, and state and local authorities to prevent human trafficking and protect exploited persons.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is recognized each year on January 11th. On this day, the Blue Campaign asks people to take photos of themselves and others wearing blue and to <u>post</u> these photos on social media using the hashtag #WearBlueDay.

In addition to promoting public awareness and engagement, the Blue Campaign also provides <u>a</u> robust set of resources and educational materials for law enforcement to help them recognize the indicators of human trafficking when they are encountered. These resources help those in law enforcement focus on serving and protecting the most vulnerable populations. In October of 2020, the Blue Campaign offered a <u>pocket-sized card</u> that campus law enforcement and safety officials can carry with them, providing the indicators of human trafficking as it relates to college students and campuses. The Campaign also offers a <u>two-page fact sheet for law enforcement about immigration relief options for victims of human trafficking</u>.

These and many other resources are available at the Blue Campaign's website.

(Source: Blue Campaign)

National 911 Annual Report released

The National 911 Program recently released its 2020 <u>National 911 Annual Report</u>, in collaboration with the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA), covering data gathered in the 2019 calendar year. This report provides current and comprehensive state 911 data, voluntarily submitted by states and territories about their own systems.

The report will be of interest to any personnel working in 911 call centers as well as senior staff in emergency management, law enforcement, fire and EMS who may use this data for analysis of their own 911 capabilities for budgeting and planning purposes. The report's data can help answer key questions, such as:

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- · How many of each type of 911 calls are answered per year?
- How many primary and secondary public safety answering points (PSAPs) does a specific state have?
- Which states provide Emergency Medical Dispatch and follow a specific formal protocol?
- In which states are there minimum training requirements for telecommunicators?
- How far along are states in the procurement process for specific NG911 parts, functions and components?
- What is the progress toward NG911 in each state?

The National 911 Program's State of 911 webinar series will be discussing this report as part of an upcoming webinar on **January 12, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST**. <u>Registration for this</u> <u>webinar</u> is required, however, if you can't participate, webinars in this series are recorded and posted publicly at the <u>State of 911 Webinar Series</u> page.

(Source: <u>911.gov</u>)



Cyber Information and Incident Assistance Links

MS-ISAC SOC@cisecurity.org 1-866-787-4722

IdentityTheft.gov

<u>IC3</u>

Cybercrime Support Network

General Information Links

<u>FTC scam list</u> <u>CISA alerts</u> <u>Law Enforcement Cyber Center</u> <u>TLP Information</u>

Latest CISA guidance and directives on SolarWinds Orion software supply chain compromise

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Agency (CISA) released another <u>Joint Statement</u> on January 5, along with the Federal Bureau Of Investigation (FBI), the Office Of The Director Of National Intelligence (ODNI), and the National Security Agency (NSA). The statement officially acknowledges that the incident is "likely Russian in origin" and likely "an intelligence gathering effort." Approximately 18,000 customers of the Solar Winds' Orion product are impacted, but a much smaller number have been compromised by follow-on activity. CISA is identified as the lead agency for asset response and is focused on sharing information about this incident quickly with government and private sector partners.

The significance of this breach has compelled many government agencies to take immediate mitigation measures. CISA has released a CISA Insight, offering concise guidance to leaders of any organization impacted, entitled <u>What Every</u> <u>Leader Needs to Know About the Ongoing APT Cyber Activity</u>.

Microsoft has also been assisting with this cyber incident. Microsoft has created the <u>Solorigate Research Center</u> for information and resources on the SolarWinds compromise. This information may be useful to IT administrators who are mitigating this cyber incident in their organizations. Microsoft's blog, <u>Using Microsoft 365 Defender to protect against</u> <u>Solorigate</u>, will also be of interest to cybersecurity professionals.

Visit <u>CISA's website</u> for the latest official directives and guidance on this significant and ongoing cyber incident.

Recent swatting attacks target residents with camera and voice-capable smart devices

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) issued <u>this public</u> <u>service announcement</u> to warn users who own smart home devices with cameras and voice capabilities to use complex, unique passwords and enable two-factor authentication to help protect against "swatting" attacks. Swatting is a term used to describe a hoax call made to emergency services, typically reporting an immediate threat to human life, to draw a response from law enforcement and the S.W.A.T. team to a specific location.

Recently, offenders have been using victims' smart devices, including video and audio capable home surveillance devices, to carry out swatting attacks. Smart home device manufacturers recently notified law enforcement that offenders have been using stolen e-mail passwords to access smart devices with cameras and voice capabilities. The offenders then log into the smart device and hijack features, including the live-stream camera and device speakers.

(Source: <u>Security Week</u>)

Ten benefits of running cybersecurity exercises

There may be no better way to ascertain your organization's strengths and weaknesses than by running regular security drills. While most organizations understand the need to build defenses and develop policies to reduce the risk and potential impact of a successful cyberattack, many fail to rigorously test those defenses.

Cybersecurity exercises are simulations of specific cyberattack scenarios that organizations can play through to put their defenses to a real-world test. Organizations can gain valuable insights into what their real-world response capabilities to such an attack would be. Consider these ten opportunities for achieving greater resilience to cyberattacks that can come from practicing these types of exercises as an organization:

- 1. Identify your strengths.
- 2. Improve your response.
- 3. Train people.
- 4. Define costs and timescales.
- 5. Determine external needs.
- 6. Collect metrics.
- 7. Identify your weaknesses.

8. Update your policies.

9. Find non-compliance risks.

10. Increase threat awareness.

(Source: DarkReading)

Declaring war against cyber negligence

The recent significant cyberattack involving federal government networks first disclosed in December 2020 by FireEye highlight how critical it is that American businesses and government agencies alike take a drastically different approach to cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity professionals need to shift their focus from "indicators of compromise" to data protection, which will limit how widespread the impact of these vicious digital attacks can be. It is far easier for cybersecurity manufacturers to deliver services from their own cloud. It may be less expensive for the vendor but relying on a "trusted 3rd party" for your security is a foundational vulnerability that has been proven to be disastrous for the customer. Firewalls, antivirus and network monitoring tools still have their place, but a shift must be taken to provide more independence between the owner of data and its protectors.

(Source: ehackingnews)

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Statement of Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen on the Death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick

Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen issued the following statement:

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and fellow officers of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, who succumbed last night to the injuries he suffered defending the U.S. Capitol, against the violent mob who stormed it on January 6th. The FBI and Metropolitan Police Department will jointly investigate the case and the Department of Justice will spare no resources in investigating and holding accountable those responsible."

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Iranian rials and US\$100 dollar banknote.

What Are Sources Of Iran's Financing Of Terrorist Groups? – OpEd

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By Cyrus Yaqubi

Mohammad Reza Naghdi, deputy coordinator of the IRGC, admitted that Iran has spent billions of dollars in the region over the past 30 years, in an interview with "Studio Negah Yek", of the first channel of Iranian TV.

Of course, the IRGC's budget and its financial aid to its allied forces in the region is not clear, but the main income of the IRGC, in addition to its dedicated official budget by the government, is provided from both domestic and foreign sources. The IRGC is currently involved in all economic and financial affairs in Iran and is the owner or shareholder of the largest commercial and economic sectors of the country, while it is exempt

from paying taxes, and even the government does not supervise the IRGC's financial affairs.

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The IRGC controls several berths in the Persian Gulf ports and exports and imports from these berths without customs control, including oil, so nobody is aware of the IRGC's revenue.

Recently, some Hezbollah and Hamas officials announced huge financial contributions from the IRGC to them. In his speech, Mohammad Reza Naghdi introduced these countries as Iran's strategic depth in the region.

In this interview, he spoke about the readiness of the "regional militias" and stated that they have "done great deeds so far." Of course, he did not comment on these "great deeds", but it is clear the major bombings in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and even Argentina are among them.

Recently, Mahmoud Al-Zahar, a senior Hamas figure, announced that Iran's financial aid was made by Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Quds Force. Hezbollah leader, Hassan Nasrallah, also spoke about Iran's financial aid and the role of Qassem Soleimani in delivering it.

Political groups close to Iran, in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, occasionally refer to "abundant Iranian aid" to justify to their people the IRGC meddling in their countries, but their words become a problem for the mullahs' regime when it reaches the Iranians.

Hassan Nasrallah said recently, to show the importance of Iran, in one of his speeches, "even our food and clothing money is provided by the Islamic Republic"; "As long as the Islamic Republic has money, we have money," he said of the US sanctions on Lebanese banks. This kind of talk has caused the Iranians, the majority of whom live below the poverty line, to take to the streets to address the

Iranian authorities with slogans such as "Leave Lebanon, think about us".

The mullahs, on the other hand, have no explanation to offer Iranian public opinion for such expenditures and so resort to violently suppressing any protest.

Recently, the speeches of a representative of the Hamas government and the Secretary General of the Lebanese Hezbollah on the anniversary of the killing of Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Quds Force, once again caused controversy.

In an interview, Mahmoud Al-Zahar said, "Qassem Soleimani had paid \$22 million to Hamas."

Al-Zahar, the former foreign minister and senior member of the Hamas leadership, told Al-Alam, Iran's state-run Arabic-language network, on Sunday, December 27, 2020, "In 2006, I explained to Qassem Soleimani in Tehran, 'the problem of staff salaries and social services and other assistances", of the people of Gaza, "Haj Qassem immediately responded to our request, handing us \$ 22 million in cash in several suitcases the next day when we left Tehran."

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According to Mohammad Javad Akbarin, a journalist writing in the Islamic Republic of Iran newspaper, Iran had given more than \$ 6 million to Hamas just in the previous seven months before donating those suitcases full of money.

Hezbollah's secretary general, Hassan Nasrallah, also said in a televised interview that Qassem Soleimani "behind the scenes and out of sight" provided significant financial assistance to certain Lebanese people in addition to providing missiles and military equipment.

In an interview with Al-Mayadin, Nasrallah said that, at that time "Iran's financial situation was better than now, and oil prices were higher, and Soleimani gave the owners of 200,000 homes destroyed in the 33-day war with Israel, one-year rent and living expenses to rebuild their houses."

The Chinese Xinhua news agency reported in May 2019 that Iran had distributed \$651,000 to Palestinian families in Gaza during a Quds Day ceremony in Gaza.

According to Abu Eida, the head of the "Committee of Martyrs" in Gaza, the Islamic Republic provided \$2 million to Hamas in November 2018 alone, which he said was "a small amount compared to previous years."

These figures on Qassem Soleimani's "aid" to Hamas and Hezbollah are published, while it is not clear what exactly is his or the IRGC's source for such generosity.

Given that Iran, in addition to paying the salaries of its army and IRGC personnel, has spent a lot of money on industries, such as nuclear, missile and submarine, during these years, spends millions of dollars for the military presence of its forces in Iraq, Syria and Yemen and pays more millions of dollars to its proxy groups in various countries. Iran's military budget does not appear to cover all these costs, and Qassem Soleimani may have used other informal sources of funding.

The Iranian regime, via its Quds Force, over the past forty years also gained influence over the Lebanese who emigrated to Latin America many years ago. This minority is accused of involvement in drug trafficking and money laundering.

The CIA claims that Latin America is one of the most important money laundering centers of the Quds Force and part of the proceeds of drug trafficking are transferred to Hezbollah.

Hezbollah of Lebanon also made news headlines for drug trafficking in Italy in recent times. Italian media reported a couple weeks ago that a shipment of more than \$1 billion worth of amphetamine pills discovered in June 2020 belonged to Lebanese Hezbollah.

The US Treasury Department said in a statement eight years ago that it had obtained evidence that Gholamreza Baghbani, a senior commander in the Quds Force, was allowing Afghan smugglers to send their drugs across Iran to European countries. In return he used them to deliver weapons and ammunition to Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

It seems that the IRGC and its affiliated forces, including the Lebanese Hezbollah, despite their idealistic slogans, do not shy away from anything, and the income from this drug related work probably goes a long way towards the

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Quds Force being able to cover the massive expenses of its interventions in other countries.

Russia Sees U.S. Democracy 'Limping' After Capitol Stormed

By <u>Michael Mainville for AFP</u> Updated: 22 hours ago



Pro-Trump rioters storm the US Capitol BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI / AFP

Russia on Thursday pointed to the storming of the U.S. Capitol building as evidence of America's decline, with officials saying its out-of-date electoral system and deep divisions had left its democracy "limping on both feet".

Under banners reading "Storm of the Capitol" and "Chaos in Washington", Russian state television showed rolling images of mobs of Donald Trump supporters breaking down barricades and swarming the Congress building on Wednesday, as security forces fired tear gas and police drew guns inside.

Congress formally certified Joe Biden as the next president despite the unrest, but many in Moscow said the stunning events had exposed America's democratic failings.

"The electoral system in the United States is archaic, it does not meet modern democratic standards ... and the American media have become an instrument of political struggle," foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told Russian news agencies.

"This is largely the reason for the split in society now observed in the United States."

Moscow has long bristled at U.S. criticism of the state of Russian democracy under President Vladimir Putin, accusing Washington of hypocrisy and condescension.

'Rock bottom'

Often echoing the kind of language used against Russia, officials said on Thursday that the United States was no longer in any position to lecture other countries on freedom and democracy.

"The losing side has more than enough grounds to accuse the winner of falsifications — it is clear that American democracy is limping on both feet," Konstantin Kosachyov, the chair of the Russian upper house's foreign affairs committee, said in a post on Facebook.

"The celebration of democracy has ended. It has, unfortunately, hit rock bottom, and I say this without a hint of gloating.

"America no longer charts the course and so has lost all right to set it. And, even more so, to impose it on others."

The Kremlin has itself been accused of fostering U.S. divisions with a campaign of interference and disinformation, including alleged attempts to disrupt the 2016 election in Trump's favour that prompted an FBI investigation.

With Russians celebrating Orthodox Christmas there was no reaction to the events in Washington from the Kremlin.

https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2021/01/07/russia-sees-us-democracy-limping-after-capitol-stormed-a72551

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But pro-Kremlin lawmakers jumped on the unrest.

"The United States certainly cannot now impose electoral standards on other countries and claim to be the world's 'beacon of democracy'," the foreign affairs chief in the lower house, Leonid Slutsky, told Russian news agencies.

He said Washington was suffering after having promoted "color revolutions" around the world, like anti-Moscow uprisings in Ukraine and Georgia and the recent protests in Belarus.

"The boomerang of the colour revolutions is turning back on the United States," Slutsky said. "All this threatens to turn into a crisis in the American system of power."

'Extremists' jibe

Others appeared to use the events to justify Moscow's domestic policies.

Anton Gorelkin, a lawmaker on the lower house telecommunications committee, praised Twitter and Facebook for suspending Trump's accounts, saying it showed the need to better control social media.

"Social networks must work under strict rules within a legal framework. Because absolute freedom of information is becoming a weapon in the hands of extremists," he said in a post on his Telegram channel.

The United States and other Western countries have repeatedly condemned Russia for moves to tighten controls on social media.

Washington has been a fierce critic of moves by Putin to clamp down on dissent, most recently accusing Russia of "intensifying repression of its civil society" with a new law last month expanding rules against NGOs and media considered foreign agents.

Moscow says the United States cynically uses such claims to pursue its agenda and maintain its global position.

Tensions between the Cold War-era rivals have hit new highs in recent years, with a raft of U.S. sanctions imposed on Russian officials, disputes over arms control treaties and American accusations of major Russian hacking attacks.



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AVIATION

Etihad and Israir Airlines Enters in Pilot Training Partnership 01/08/2021

Etihad Aviation Training (EAT) has signed a contract with Israir Airlines to offer Full-Flight Simulator pilot training for Israir Airlines' Airbus A320 pilots. As part of the agreement, Israir will dry lease EAT's Full-Flight Simulators at the training facility located in Abu Dhabi. The training will be conducted by Israir instructors at the Etihad training facility. Captain Paolo La Cava, Managing Director Etihad Aviation Training, said: "Continuing our commitment to providing highly skilled pilots by offering state-ofthe-art training facilities, EAT is looking forward to working with Israir Airlines and is anticipating further collaboration with the airline to cement this landmark agreement."

Blackstone, Gates Team Up for Signature Aviation Bid as Carlyle Circles 01/08/2021

Blackstone won over Signature Aviation's biggest shareholder Bill Gates for a possible \$4.3 billion bid for the British private jet servicing company, going head-to-head with another potential suitor Carlyle. Blackstone's agreement with Gates' Cascade Investment Llc for its planned offer announced on Friday comes just hours after Signature confirmed an initial takeover approach from Carlyle. Blackstone and Cascade, which already owns a 19% stake in London-based Signature, are in advanced talks with the company about their proposal that involves a cash offer of 3.81 pounds per share. The company said last month it was minded to recommend the Blackstone proposal.

Aviation Bosses Demand End to Quarantine After Introduction of Mandatory Testing 01/08/2021

The aviation industry has called for the government to scrap its quarantine regime following the introduction of a mandatory testing regime. Under the new rules, which kick in next week, all international arrivals, including UK nationals, will be required to present a negative coronavirus test taken up to 72 hours prior to departure. The airline industry welcomed the development, but said that the government should use the new system to get rid of the quarantine regime for good. Heathrow Airport chief exec John Holland-Kaye said: "There needs to be a plan for what's going to come next so that we can start to get aviation back to some level of normality while keeping people safe. What we'd like to see is that testing before you take off becomes the standard as an alternative to quarantine."

MARITIME

Albanian PM in Athens with Maritime Zones on Agenda 01/08/2021

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama will hold informal meetings Friday with his Greek counterpart Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias during a private visit to Athens against the backdrop of the agreement between the two countries for recourse to the International Court of Justice in The Hague for the delimitation of their maritime zones. The issue is also connected with Albania's European aspirations. Rama and Dendias had met during the latter's visit to Tirana, where it was agreed to refer the dispute over maritime zones to The Hague. However, the move requires the two sides to sign a formal statement of intent, which has not yet been done.

<u>GDF, US Coast Guard to Conduct Exercises Offshore Guyana This Weekend</u> 01/08/2021

The Guyana Defense Force (GDF) and the United States of America (USA) Coast Guard are expected to commence their first joint service operation tomorrow to combat illegal fishing activities in local waters. According to a GDF press release, on Saturday, the GDF and US Coast Guard will engage in their first series of activities, stemming from the Shiprider Agreement that was signed last September by the two countries. The agreement allows the US Coast Guard to patrol local waters along with the GDF coast guard to combat illicit activities. The US Coast Guard will be using its Cutter Stone vessel, one of its newest, to conduct the joint service patrol.

United Overseas Group to Acquire United Arab Chemical Carriers 01/07/2021

Investment company United Overseas Group (UOG) is to acquire Dubai-based shipping company United Arab Chemical Carriers (UACC), the two companies said on Thursday. The deal is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close in the first quarter, they said in a statement, without disclosing the value. The sale of UACC, whose shareholders include the sovereign wealth funds of Saudi Arabia and Qatar, was held up in 2017 after a bitter diplomatic rift broke between the Gulf Arab states. A source close to the deal said political differences among UACC's shareholders had not been a recent obstacle to the sale. Instead, shareholders had sought an all cash transaction, declining offers involving share swaps, the source said.

RAIL / TRANSIT

China Cancels Democratic Republic of Congo Loans as It Joins Belt and Road 01/07/2021

China has cancelled the Democratic Republic of Congo's interest-free loans that matured in 2020 and promised to fund infrastructure projects as the Central African

nation joined the Belt and Road Initiative. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing would write off loans to DRC worth an estimated US\$28 million to help the country overcome the impact of Covid-19, and give US\$17 million in other financial support. On Wednesday, DRC became the 45th country to join the belt and road, President Xi Jinping's pet trade and infrastructure development plan, which has funded construction of highways, railways and power plants across Africa.

VEHICLE / ROAD

Hyundai Says in Early Talks with Apple After Electric Vehicle Tie-Up Report 01/08/2021

South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co said it was in early talks with Apple, after local media reported the firms were discussing an electric car and battery tie-up, sending Hyundai shares surging 25%. The report comes weeks after Reuters reported that Apple was moving forward with self-driving car technology and was aiming to produce a passenger vehicle that could include its own breakthrough battery technology as early as 2024. Earlier on Friday, Korea Economic Daily TV said the iPhone maker and Hyundai were in discussions to develop self-driving electric vehicles by 2027 and develop batteries at U.S. factories operated by either Hyundai or its affiliate Kia Motors Corp. Apple and Hyundai are in discussion, but as it is early stage, nothing has been decided.

PIPELINE / HAZMAT

Azerbaijani Gas Reaches Italy Through New Pipeline 01/08/2021

Azerbaijani gas has reached Italy through the Trans Adriatic Gas Pipeline (TAP), Turkish Foreign Ministry said on Friday. "Southern Gas Corridor has become operational," the ministry said on Twitter. "A new chapter has been opened in Turkey's contribution to energy supply security of the rest of Europe," it added. TAP transports natural gas from the Shah Deniz field in the Azerbaijan sector of the Caspian Sea to Europe. The last segment and the European leg of the Southern Gas Corridor, TAP was completed in October 2019 after a construction period of four and half years. The \$40 billion value chain of the Southern Gas Corridor includes the South Caucasus Pipeline, the Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) and TAP.

COMMERCIAL USE OF SPACE

Space Development Agency Contracts to Build Missile-Warning Satellites 01/07/2021

Following a series of contract protests, the Space Development Agency again awarded SpaceX a \$149 million contract and L3Harris a \$193.5 million contract to each build four satellites to detect and track ballistic and hypersonic missiles. The contracts to both companies were originally awarded Oct. 5 but work had to be stopped after competitors Airbus and Raytheon filed protests with the Government Accountability Office challenging the awards. Space Development Agency spokeswoman Jennifer Elzea said in a statement Jan. 7 that work on the eight satellites, known as Tracking Layer Tranche 0, recommenced Dec. 28 when a temporary stop-work order was lifted. The Space Development Agency is planning to launch Tranche 0 satellites in late 2022.

TERRORISM / EXTREMISM

Pakistan Anti-Terror Court Jails Mumbai Attack Mastermind Lakhvi 01/08/2021

A Pakistani court on Friday sentenced Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, the globally designated terrorist leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and mastermind of Mumbai attack, to three prison terms of five years each over terror financing. The sentences, under three sections of Anti-Terrorism Act, will run concurrently. The court on Friday announced its verdict after recording the statements of all witnesses in the case. India accuses Lakhvi of masterminding the 26/11 attacks of November, 2008 in Mumbai that killed 166 people. He was arrested by Pakistan in 2008 but later released on bail. Pakistan claims that India didn't provide concrete evidence to convict Lakhvi.

Bomb Kills 4 Soldiers, One Civilian in Cameroon 01/07/2021

Four soldiers and a civilian were killed Wednesday when an official convoy was hit by makeshift explosives in a restive English-speaking region of Cameroon, the government said. A government spokesman blamed "separatist terrorists" for the killings in the Northwest province, where Anglophone separatists are fighting for independence. The official whose convoy was apparently targeted was unhurt, spokesman Rene Emmanuel Sadi said in a statement. In Anglophone Cameroon, the army and separatist groups have been fighting each other for three years.

<u>CYBER</u>

Hackney Council Stolen Data Published on Dark Web Forum 01/08/2021

Cyber criminals who launched a ransomware attack on Hackney Borough Council in October have published on a dark web forum what they claim to be documents from the council. Operators of Pysa (or Mespinoza) ransomware said they were behind the cyber-attack which disrupted the Council's online services and left many of its systems inoperable four months ago. In a statement on its website, the Council said that only a 'limited set' of data has been released which is easily findable. Some media reports claimed that the data dump appears to contain a large amount of sensitive information, including passport data, staff data, photo IDs, scans of tenancy audit documents for public housing tenants, and information on community safety.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING

Iran's Revolutionary Guards Unveil Underground Missile Base in Gulf 01/08/2021

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards unveiled an underground missile base at an undisclosed Gulf location on Friday, Iranian state media reported, at a time of heightened tension between Tehran and the United States. Last year, the Guards said Iran had built underground "missile cities" along the Gulf coastline, warning of a "nightmare for Iran's enemies." "The base is one of several bases housing the Guards' Navy's strategic missiles," the state media quoted the head of the Guards, Major General Hossein Salami, as saying.

Chinese Embassy Tweet About Uighurs Draws Instant Condemnation 01/08/2021

In a new state media report, the Chinese government is defending its policies against Muslim women in the country's westernmost province, where it's been accused of forced mass sterilization -- a horrific crime it strongly denies. In a tweet Thursday, the Chinese Embassy in the U.S. shared the report, saying that Muslim women in Xinjiang province are "no longer baby-making machines" and that the decrease in population growth throughout the province led to a drop in terrorism. The tweet garnered instead blowback and calls for Twitter to remove it, given the Chinese government's oppressive campaign against Uighurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities.

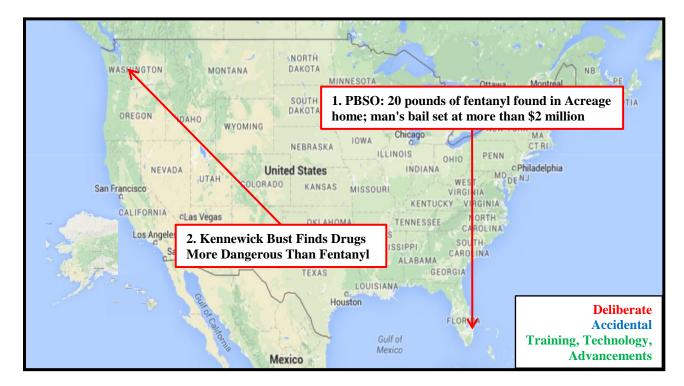
Kim Jong Un Shows Intention to Expand Diplomacy 01/08/2021

North Korea's state-run television says that leader Kim Jong Un has laid out the direction for developing the country's diplomatic relations in a policy speech he gave at the ongoing ruling Workers' Party congress. Korean Central Television reported on Friday that Kim commented on reviewing inter-Korean ties in the speech delivered on Thursday, the third day of the congress. It reported Kim raised the issue of reshaping South Korean relations "as required by the prevailing situation and the changed times." Without providing further details, Korean Central Television reported that Kim "declared the general orientation and the policy stand of our party for comprehensively expanding and developing the external relations."

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Domestic Open Source News

1. PBSO: 20 pounds of fentanyl found in Acreage home; man's bail set at more than \$2 million.

January 6, 2021 (The Palm Beach Post). Acreage, Florida. What started with a search warrant at a storage unit near Royal Palm Beach led to the arrest of a 38-year-old man for allegedly trafficking drugs he kept at the facility and in his Acreage home, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office [PBSO]. On Monday, agents went to Cubesmart storage on Belvedere Road near State Road 7, where they found thousands of oxycodone pills, a pill press, plastic bags and other drugs, including cocaine, bath salts, ecstasy and 28 pounds of methamphetamines. From there, investigators made their way to his Acreage home on Tangerine Boulevard, where they waited until he returned. After getting a search warrant, they found several other drugs and related items throughout the house. In the kitchen, they found a black pistol, rubber gloves and a respirator mask that investigators say is typically used when working with chemicals, and a detector used to find "bugs," or surveillance equipment. PBSO did not disclose how it came to identify Henry's storage unit for possible drug trafficking other than **a receipt for the unit that investigators found during a "trash pull"** from his home Dec. 29. It's unclear how long they had been monitoring Henry for alleged drug activity.

https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/news/crime/2021/01/06/pbso-20-pounds-fentanyl-found-acreagehome-mans-bail-set-more-than-2-m/6565004002/

2. Kennewick Bust Finds Drugs More Dangerous Than Fentanyl. January 6, 2021 (KFLD News Talk). Kennewick, WA. On December 27th Kennewick Police responded to the Comfort Inn and Suites on Plaza Way, for a report of people using drugs in one of the rooms. 31-year-old Jeremy Barwick was



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one of the suspects, he tried to run but was apprehended. A vehicle linked to him was located and impounded for investigative purposes. Wednesday January 6th Police announced they had confiscated about **1000 suspected carfentanil pills**, along with smaller amounts of other drugs and U.S. currency. https://newstalk870.am/kennewick-bust-finds-drugs-more-dangerous-thanfentanyl/?utm source=tsmclip&utm medium=referral



Foreign Open Source News

3. Enormous 'Made In Lebanon' Drug Shipment Caught In Egypt. January 6, 2021 (The 961). Lebanon was revealed to be the origin of a massive drug shipment, involving 8.22 tons of hashish and more than 8 million captagon tablets, recently busted in Egypt. The drugs were found in a shipment that recently reached Egypt's Port Said, which was only supposed to be a transit point in its path toward Khoms, Libya, the intended final destination. The container was loaded on December 19th, 2020, in a warehouse belonging to the exporting company in Lebanon, before being sent to the Port of Beirut. The official said the drugs were likely manufactured in Syria and smuggled through illegal land routes toward the warehouse of the plastic fabrication company, which in turn packed the narcotic substances into boxes of its own, bearing the signature, "Made in Lebanon." The street value of the busted drugs was estimated by the Egyptian Interior Ministry to be close to \$39 million.

https://www.the961.com/drugs-shipment-from-lebanon-egypt/

4. Take-home Naloxone to save lives. January 6, 2021 (Scottish Government). Take-home Naloxone will be given to people at high risk of accidental overdoses, in a move designed to reduce the number of drug deaths. This will include those who have been resuscitated by the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) following an accidental overdose. SAS crews responded to around 5,000 incidents in which Naloxone, an opiate antidote, was administered in 2019. Providing take-home kits means friends and relatives of those at risk will be able to administer Naloxone themselves while the ambulance is on its



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way, further reducing the chance of a fatality. The kits will be supplied at incidents after 999 has been called for a person experiencing an accidental overdose. Those at risk of witnessing a future opiate overdose, such as family and care groups, will be given a kit and training in how to administer it. https://www.gov.scot/news/take-home-naloxone-to-save-lives/

5. Israeli research reveals: How hackers turn synthetic DNA into poison. January 6, 2021

(Geektime). According to the <u>Ben Gurion University research team's findings</u>, a vulnerability in a U.S. Department of Health's protocol could lead synthetic DNA manufacturers to be exposed to cyber-attacks. The vulnerability made it possible to bypass strict filtering processes and further complicate the security software's ability to identify the harmful DNA sequence. The team, led by Dr. Rami Puzis from the Software and Systems Engineering Department, added that the vulnerability they discovered, comprised of numerous DNA reliability failures, can enable cyber-attacks. A poisonous DNA is injected into a routine shipment. This kind of new threat demonstrates how malicious code can disrupt biological processes. Puzis further adds that from trials performed by his team showed that 16 out of 50 malicious DNA sequences were left undiscovered based on U.S. screening policies: "This attack scenario highlights the need to strengthen the synthetic DNA supply chain with security measures to prevent bio-cyber attacks. In order to tackle these threats, we provide an improved filtering algorithm, which takes into account the availability of genetic editing tools and gene shuffle." <u>https://www.geektime.com/israeli-research-reveals-how-hackers-turn-synthetic-dna-into-poison/</u>

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NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.

United States

 As of 12:22 a.m. EST Friday, the United States has confirmed a total of 21,574,043 coronavirus cases and 365,208 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-

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 The United States reported 268,840 COVID-19 cases and 3,920 deaths Wednesday, according to an NBC News tally, setting a daily record for both cases and deaths since the outbreak startedNBC News < Caution- $\label{eq:https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3f2ahl w&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3 090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103072376%7CUn known%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwi LCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=b2%2BexKB2x0kEh6jzqwBVr7BG6ghcrD3jeNhs%2B9 sHlfg%3D&reserved=0 > \\$

- The average number of daily cases in the United States is now the highest it has been since the beginning of the pandemic, up by 21 percent in the last week, after it surpassed 216,000 for the first time on Wednesday ABC News < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2F yyewae4p&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c9 0e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456 860103072376%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoi V2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QAk1xFmaSRJm AmmaH2ys3OmnrzKgPwGFVhSkQwjufmA%3D&reserved=0 >
- The number of patients currently hospitalized nationwide in the United States is at a record high, according to ABC News' analysis of COVID Tracking Project data, media reported on Thursday
 - In the last three months, the national number of patients currently hospitalized has quadrupled, surging by 322 percent since early October
 - On Wednesday, 12 states hit a record number of current hospitalizations: Arizona, California, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia

California

• California issued a new statewide public health order maximizing the surge capacity for all state hospitalsThe Hill < Caution-

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- This will require all California hospitals to accept patients from hospitals in crisis care
- State health officials also issued new orders this week limiting nonessential surgeriesWTOP (AP) < Caution-

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• California distributed at least 166 refrigerated trailers to be used as temporary morgues by overwhelmed hospitals facing record coronavirus-related deaths, officials said ThursdayYahoo! News (AFP) < Caution-

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- Since many of the refrigerated trailers are not designed as morgues, shelving is being installed to increase their holding capacity by at least double
- National Guard members were dispatched this week to assist the coroner's office in Los Angeles
 - The city will also receive a new temporary morgue in the parking lot next to its coroner facility

 Additionally, since Los Angeles' mortuary system is overwhelmed, the Los Angeles County coroner's office is now beginning to pick up bodies and store them until mortuaries can handle themABC News < Caution-

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- o Before the pandemic, Los Angeles' crypt could hold around 500 bodies
 - The state expanded that capacity months ago to handle between 1000 to 1200 bodies
- California reported another 36,385 cases and 583 deaths on Wednesday

Florida

- Hard Rock Stadium in Miami is opening as Florida's first state-operated drive-thru vaccination site for front-line health care workers and people ages 65 and olderABC News < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy373exw9&dat a=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771 c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103092374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C10 00&sdata=ZPwBvdfl9%2Fru2kDqkVOizJChhPPInbpCtBLwMMnrE%2BU%3D&reserved=0 >
 - First doses were administered in a "soft launch" on Wednesday, a senior government official said
 The site will fully open on Friday
 - "Once fully operational, the site will offer 1,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine per day free of charge," the governor's office said

Massachusetts

• Massachusetts is escalating all hospitals to Tier 4 status, the "highest level of concern," which indicates active, and ongoing constraints warranting Department of Health intervention, the governor's office announced Thursday ABC News < Caution-

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- The number of people in hospitals has jumped by 145 percent and intensive care unit admissions leapt by 111 percent over the last six weeks, the governor's office said
 - The state is also extending restrictions around gatherings and businesses through January 24

Brazil

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• Brazil's COVID-19 death toll passed 200,000 on Thursday, the health ministry said, as daily new cases accelerated to a record of 87,843Reuters < Caution-

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- o Brazil registered 1,524 additional deaths over the past 24 hours, according to health ministry data
- Since the outbreak began, nearly eight million people have been infected and 200,498 have died

Canada

• The Quebec provincial government is imposing an overnight curfew and extending the closure of nonessential businesses for a month in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19CBC < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3r5ztsm&data =04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103112354%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=HOi77bf59kHO27Z5ltwgS3xbHxkskACQ%2BlvexeCfUhE%3D&reserved=0 >

- A senior government official said the stricter measures will begin Saturday
- Many of them will be in place for four weeks, until February 8

China

• China reported the biggest rise in daily COVID-19 cases in more than five months on ThursdayReuters < Caution-

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- Hebei province, which entered a "wartime mode" on Tuesday, accounted for 51 of the 52 local cases reported by the National Health Commission on Thursday
 - Rail, air, and highway connections to the city of Shijiazhuang in Hebei province have been suspended, control measures tightened for urban communities and villages in the region, and classes have been suspended KBJR (AP) < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2F yxnbdunw&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c9 0e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456 860103122351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoi V2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VGFb00NOs9gQD TaFMSuJ2EjD6hXmHHE1aB8BwP8Spd4%3D&reserved=0 >
- The total new COVID-19 cases for all of mainland China stood at 63, marking the biggest rise in daily cases since 127 cases were reported on July 30
 - The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in mainland China since the outbreak now stands at 87,278 cases, while the death toll remained at 4,634
- Authorities in Guangdong province late on Wednesday reported a patient infected with a more transmissible variant of the coronavirus discovered in South Africa

Colombia

• Colombia reported a record 17,576 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of confirmed infections in the country to 1,737,347, the country's health ministry announced Thursday CNN < Caution-

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- The death toll is now at 45,067
- The announcement came as Colombia's two largest cities, Bogota and Medellin, both issued total lockdown measures for the next four days due to a resurgence of the pandemic

Japan

• A Japanese official on Thursday declared a state of emergency for Tokyo and three adjacent prefectures to combat a rise in coronavirus infectionsReuters < Caution-

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• The state of emergency will take effect on Friday and run through February 7

Lebanon

- Lebanon reported its highest daily number of new coronavirus cases since the outbreak began, with the country's health ministry reporting 4,774 new infections in the past 24 hoursAl Arabiya < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3gc4eh2&data =04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103132342%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=41PjYLscPiHzypRMcBaqpdTpFqDIJS7jKgEwCkuWMY4%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The total number of confirmed cases in the country is now 204,699
 - Lebanon also reported 16 new coronavirus deaths Thursday, bringing the number of total coronavirus deaths to 1,553

Spain

Spain became the fourth Western European country to pass two million cumulative COVID-19 cases, health ministry data showed on ThursdayReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6ab8n37&data =04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103142336%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=%2FPb%2BusvqwyOxnrjyh4kXKiah59s6gZe%2BXGLa7lBALj0%3D&reserved=0 >

- The country's health ministry reported 42,360 cases since Tuesday, bringing the total to 2,024,904
 - The death toll rose by 245 to 51,675
- Authorities in the northern region of Castile and Leon announced they would close shopping center and gyms, and extend a ban on non-essential travel across regional borders until May

Worldwide

• As of 12:22 a.m. EST Friday, there were 88,042,762 coronavirus cases and 1,898,530 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University

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NOC 0378-20: Civil Disturbances – U.S.

• At least one person was detained after an unlawful assembly was declared at the Tigard Police Department (TPD) in Oregon on Thursday night local time (Social Media) Twitter [Tigard Police] < Caution-

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• The TPD also declared a riot, urging anyone in the area to leave (Social Media)Twitter [Tigard Police] < Caution-

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 Subsequently, TPD detained one person in the area of the police department (Social Media)Twitter [Tigard Police] < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy393g4 8p&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a 3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103152331%7CU nknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiL CJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=F7Z0MzeresUc9vw8ou2giUEUHfqD9fB71CQzaSeQ698% 3D&reserved=0 >

- United Airlines and American Airlines said they had boosted staffing at Washington, D.C.-area airports and were working with law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of travelers and crew following unrest in the U.S. capital on Wednesday, media reported on Thursday Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5ufv2op&data =04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c 6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103162326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs b3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000 &sdata=qkCOLUIpXGTTgH3qpfJ4juvNLqC%2F%2FtvpPNnGUerakhU%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The moves follow reports of unruly passengers on flights into the D.C. area
 - Delta Air Lines also said it was working with law enforcement agencies to keep people safe at airports and on flights
 - The increased staffing by American Airlines, which is not serving alcohol on flights to and from the D.C. area, is a "precautionary measure," a spokesman said

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NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

• A U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) officer died Thursday night following injuries suffered during the security incident in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, according to a press release from the department (Social Media) Twitter [ABC] < Caution-

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- The death is the fifth connected to the security incident (Social Media)
- Washington, D.C., police said they arrested 69 people from at least 20 states and the District from Wednesday afternoon through early Thursday, most on curfew and unlawful entry chargesThe Washington Post < Caution-

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- That brings to at least 79 the number of people arrested by D.C. police since Tuesday afternoon
- More than 50 USCP and Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department personnel sustained injuries, with several USCP officers hospitalized with serious injuries, according to a USCP statement (Social Media) Twitter [NBCNews] < Caution-

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- More than 18 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and the National Guard provided assistance (Social Media)
- The statement confirmed that two pipe bombs found were determined to be hazardous and capable of causing "great harm to public safety" (Social Media)

- The devices were disabled and turned over to the FBI for further investigation and analysis (Social Media)
- Dozens of charges are expected in D.C.'s local and federal courts, including as many as 15 federal cases against people who are believed to be involved in the more serious alleged crimes, federal law enforcement officials said Thursday CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxgtyzv 5&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3 090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103172319%7CUn known%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwi LCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=s9F6UsPAYtiZSL90SUlaBINxIvfXsxPcULqXxN4Q5Lk %3D&reserved=0 >
- The U.S. Department of Defense has formally activated roughly 6,200 members of the National Guard from six northeastern states to help support the U.S. Capitol Police and other law enforcement in Washington, D.C., in the wake of the deadly riot Wednesday WPTA (AP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxk4japm&dat a=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771 c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103182316%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbG Zsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C10 00&sdata=kZ8W2HfHeAgilxeOE6HeOKJMFwhXgGw%2BUv0EcUpPVNw%3D&reserved=0 >
 - Orders activating the National Guard from Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland for up to 30 days were signed
 - The D.C. National Guard will be placed on a 30-day mobilization, two defense officials told mediaWRC < Caution-

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

• U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) agents apprehended 13 undocumented migrants concealed in the cargo area of a U-Haul truck at the Falfurrias Border Patrol Checkpoint in Texas, media reported Wednesday KVEO < Caution-

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- During a secondary inspection following the immigration inspection of the driver, agents discovered multiple people hidden inside furniture and household appliances within the cargo area
- The driver and subjects were taken into USBP custody
- USBP agents discovered 126 individuals inside a refrigerated trailer during a human smuggling attempt at the Interstate 35 (I-35) checkpoint in Laredo, Texas, media reported Thursday Laredo Morning Times < Caution-

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- A commercial refrigerated tractor-trailer arrived early Wednesday at the checkpoint, and a K-9 unit then allegedly alerted to the vehicle during an inspection
- A search of the refrigerated trailer led to the discovery of 126 people
 - All were migrants from the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Ecuador who had crossed the border illegally
 - The driver, a U.S. citizen, was arrested pending further investigation by Homeland Security Investigations special agents, and USBP seized the 18-wheeler

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Other Significant Events

Cyber Security

• The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said in a statement on Wednesday that three percent of its Office 365 email systems were potentially accessed by the hackers who broke into the software company SolarWindsReuters < Caution-

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- The statement went on to say that the DOJ had no indication any classified systems were impacted
- A spokesperson declined to say how many mailboxes were breached
- The statement said DOJ's Office of the Chief Information Officer discovered the breach on the day before Christmas
 - Cybersecurity experts have said a full recovery from the breaches could take months or even longer
- The U.S. federal judiciary reported this week that it had suffered an "apparent compromise" as part of the recently discovered Russian hack of SolarWinds, media reported Thursday (Social Media) Twitter [thehill] < Caution-

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- In a statement published to the U.S. Courts' website on Wednesday, the judiciary noted that its Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system had suffered "an apparent compromise" that threatened confidentiality due to vulnerabilities linked to the hack of SolarWinds (Social Media)
 - Although many of the documents are public by nature, some are sealed including for reasons of national security (Social Media) Twitter [Reuters] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2F y6qtejv7&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90 e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C6374568 60103212296%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2l uMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=D19%2BVqd%2B%2Ba ZmvnPuFwCMdUlRw57x1IK8cXqZD4Lc6%2Bc%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The statement noted that the judiciary is working with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to carry out a full security audit and noted that steps were being taken to ensure the CM/ECF system was not further compromised (Social Media)

Global Terrorism

United States

• The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday arrested an alleged Islamic State (ISIS) supporter, described as "mentally unstable and attracted to a violent Islamic ideology," for allegedly threatening agents who were already investigating himPittsburgh Tribune-Review < Caution-

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- Court paperwork says investigators found evidence of the 27-year-old individual's "longstanding extremist ideology, attraction to violence and animosity toward law enforcement," in a review of an iCloud account and several recorded video and audio clips from the individual
 - Investigators say he consumed ISIS propaganda on his computer and openly praises and encourages ISIS overtaking European and U.S. cities
 - According to an affidavit filed in the U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, on or about December 27, 2020, the individual posted threats directed at individual FBI agents who were investigating him, as well as the FBI generallyWTAE < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2F y4qxvhh5&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c9 0e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456 860103222290%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoi V2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HvmbbAeFiBopC ozf3lQi8dlQGS5m2TDcoPK4xQELHyI%3D&reserved=0 >
- The individual is being charged with interstate threatening communications, influencing a federal officer by threat, and destruction of records in a federal investigation

Democratic Republic of the Congo (Social Media)

- At least 22 civilians were killed in a rebel attack on a village in the North Kivu province, according to local officials Wednesday Twitter [AJENews] < Cautionhttps://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxlbxtbs&data =04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771 c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103222290%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZ sb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000& sdata=cWGBJy3A0JQZv61kt52983%2BPrtKPsZZUxxakWf%2BmrQ4%3D&reserved=0 >
 - The violence in Mwenda village was perpetrated by the Ugandan rebel group Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an official of the Beni territory told media
 - "ADF rebels attacked the village of Mwenda on Monday about 19:00 GMT, killing 22 civilians with machetes," the official said, adding the death toll is provisional
 - A local official said a dozen other villagers were also kidnapped by the attackers in order to transport stolen goods to other localities

Indonesia

Indonesian police detained 20 suspected Jamaah Ansharut Daulah militants, linked to ISIS, in South Sulawesi province's capital of Makassar, media reported Wednesday MENAFN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyugwwsp&dat a=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771 c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103222290%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbG Zsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C10 00&sdata=UMsKTP2demU4TzETBDch0UnPVYk8%2B%2BIV7rDuJWSGW7E%3D&reserved=0 >

- A provincial police official said on Wednesday that two suspects were killed by police as they resisted capture
- He further said that another suspect was wounded during the operation

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GENERAL SECURITY, POLICY

1. Iran Begins Enriching Uranium to 20% Purity

Return to pre-nuclear-deal enrichment levels cuts time it would take Tehran to produce nuclear-weaponsgrade fuel

By Aresu Eqbali and Jared Malsin, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 4, 2021 12:56 pm ET https://www.wsj.com/articles/iran-begins-enriching-uranium-to-20-purity-11609760613

TEHRAN—Iran said Monday it has resumed enriching uranium to 20% purity, exceeding limits set in a 2015 nuclear deal and slashing the time it would take for Tehran to produce the grade of fuel needed for a nuclear weapon. The nuclear activity, which returns Iran to an enrichment level it last reached before entering the international accord, dials up pressure on Washington and crosses a red line set by European countries that remained committed to the agreement after the Trump administration withdrew from it in 2018. The move threatens to complicate President-elect Joe Biden's plan to rejoin the deal that placed limits on Tehran's nuclear program, but which floundered after the U.S. left it and reimposed crippling economic sanctions on Tehran. Mr. Biden has said the U.S. would rejoin the deal as long as Iran complies with its terms...

USS Nimitz to Stay in Middle East to Counter Iran Threat on Anniversary

Acting secretary of defense's move marks change of heart after he had initially ordered carrier home to Washington state

By Gordon Lubold & Nancy A. Youssef, Wall Street Journal, Jan. 3, 2021 10:40 pm ET, Print Jan. 4, 2021 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18990

WASHINGTON—The Pentagon's acting chief abruptly reversed course, sending an aircraft carrier to the Middle East to counter threats posed by Iran, days after directing it to leave the region over the advice of top military advisers. Acting Secretary of Defense Chris Miller said in a statement Sunday evening that he had directed the USS Nimitz to the Middle East, three days after ordering that it be sent home. The move was a remarkable change of heart for Mr. Miller, who had previously ordered the carrier be sent home against advice by top commanders that the carrier needed to remain near the Middle East because it represented an important show of force at a time when the threat posed by Iran was high, officials said...

In Reversal, Pentagon Announces Aircraft Carrier Nimitz Will Remain in Middle East

The acting defense secretary abruptly reversed his previous order to redeploy the Nimitz, which he had done over the objections of his top military advisers.

By Eric Schmitt, New York Times, Print, Updated Jan. 4, 2021, 4:34 a.m. ET

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/03/world/middleeast/trump-iran-carrier-nimitz.html

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said on Sunday that it had ordered the aircraft carrier Nimitz to remain in the Middle East because of Iranian threats against President Trump and other American officials, just three days after sending the warship home as a signal to de-escalate rising tensions with Tehran... United States intelligence agencies have assessed for months that Iran is seeking to target senior American military officers and civilian leaders to avenge the death of Maj. Gen. Qassim Suleimani, the commander of Iran's elite Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, in an American drone strike one year ago...

In Abrupt Reversal of Iran Strategy, Pentagon Orders Aircraft Carrier Home

After weeks of escalation and threatening language, the Defense Department is sending mixed messages as the anniversary of the death of an Iranian general nears. By Eric Schmitt, New York Times, Print, Jan. 2, 2021, Page A1 https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/01/us/politics/iran-trump.html

Bracing for a possible Iranian-linked attack, U.S. officials warn 'the threat streams are very real' By Dan Lamothe, Washington Post, Dec. 30, 2020 at 11:03 a.m. EST

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2020/12/30/us-iran-military-tensions/ The U.S. military is bracing for a possible attack on American personnel and interests in Iraq, U.S. defense officials said, days before the first anniversary of an American drone strike that killed an Iranian general in Baghdad. The officials spoke as two B-52 bombers carried out a round-trip, 30-hour mission from Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota to the Middle East ending on Wednesday, in an effort to show American presence and military might in the region to deter Iran. The Air Force conducted similar missions twice before in the last 45 days...

2. Chinese Researcher Sentenced for Making False Statements to Federal Agents

Defendant stole vials of biological research from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and attempted to take them aboard a flight to China

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/19002

BOSTON – A Chinese national was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for making false statements in connection with his theft of 19 vials of biological research. Zaosong Zheng, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to time served (approximately 87 days), three years of supervised release and ordered removed from the United States. In December 2020, Zheng pleaded guilty to one count of making false, fictitious or fraudulent statements. Zheng was arrested on Dec. 10, 2019, at Boston's Logan International Airport and charged by criminal complaint. In August 2018, Zheng entered the United States on a J-1 visa and conducted cancer-cell research at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston from Sept. 4, 2018 to Dec. 9, 2019. On Dec. 9, 2019, Zheng stole vials of biological research, hid the vials in his luggage, and attempted to take them out of the United States aboard a flight destined for China. Federal officers at Logan Airport discovered the vials hidden in a sock inside one of Zheng's bags, and not properly packaged. When asked by federal officers whether he was traveling with any biological items or research, Zheng lied and answered "no." Zheng later admitted he had stolen the vials from a lab at Beth Israel. Zheng stated that he intended to bring the vials to China to use them to conduct research in his own laboratory and publish the results under his own name...

3. Capitol police chief defends response to 'criminal' rioters

By Matthew Daly, Associated Press, Jan 7, 2020

https://apnews.com/article/capitol-police-investigation-2f7d5b7e9089379cc27befa419fbfeac

WASHINGTON (AP) — Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund on Thursday defended his department's response to the violent breach at the Capitol, saying officers "acted valiantly when faced with thousands of individuals involved in violent riotous actions" as they stormed the building. Rioters "actively attacked" Capitol police and other law enforcement officers Wednesday with metal pipes, discharged chemical irritants, and took up other weapons against our officers," Sund said in a statement. The attack on the Capitol was "unlike any I have ever experienced in my 30 years in law enforcement here in Washington, D.C.," said Sund, a former city police officer. "Make no mistake: these mass riots were not First Amendment activities; they were criminal riotous behavior. The actions of the USCP officers were heroic given the situation they faced." Sund's statement came after lawmakers from both parties vowed an investigation into how law enforcement handled Wednesday's violent breach at the Capitol, questioning whether a lack of preparedness allowed a mob to occupy and vandalize the building...

Capitol Police Weren't Prepared for Rioters, Authorities Say

National Guard, FBI and others sent to the scene after the U.S. Capitol was breached By Aruna Viswanatha and Sadie Gurman, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 7, 2021 12:23 am ET https://www.wsj.com/articles/capitol-police-werent-prepared-for-rioters-authorities-say-11609978798 WASHINGTON—Federal authorities had planned to deal with protests this week with a relatively small, minimally visible presence, according to law-enforcement officials, hoping to avoid inflaming tensions as a show of force had done during unrest last year in Portland, Ore., and other cities. That approach seemed to have backfired on Wednesday, when thousands of pro-Trump rioters surrounded the U.S. Capitol and some easily breached the barricades and stormed the building, with one woman fatally shot by Capitol Police, according to law-enforcement officials, and three others dead in what the city's police chief described as "medical emergencies." Some rioters fired what he called "chemical irritants" at officers who were guarding the complex to gain access to the building...

4. More than a week later, FBI avoids terror label for bombing

By Kimberlee Kruesi and Eric Tucker, Associated Press, Jan. 6, 2021 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18996

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The FBI investigation into whether the Nashville bombing was a terrorist act has sparked criticism about a possible racial double standard and drawn questions from downtown business owners whose insurance coverage could be affected by the bureau's assessment. More than a week after an explosion that struck at the heart of a major American city, the FBI has resisted labeling it an act of terrorism, an indication that evidence gathered so far does not conclusively establish that the bomber was motivated by political ideology — a key factor in any formal declaration of terrorism. The bureau is still examining evidence and has not announced any conclusions, but investigators are known to be reviewing whether Anthony Warner believed in conspiracy theories involving aliens and 5G cellphone technology. Warner died in the Christmas Day explosion of a recreational vehicle that also wounded three other people. "When we assess an event for domestic terrorism nexus, it has to be tied to an ideology. It's the use of force or violence in the furtherance of a political or social ideology or event. We haven't tied that yet," Doug Korneski, the FBI agent in charge of the agency's Memphis office, told reporters last week at a news conference...

Nashville bomber's girlfriend told police in 2019 he was making explosives in his RV, documents show

By Derek Hawkins, Washington Post, Dec. 30, 2020 at 2:21 p.m. EST

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2020/12/30/nashville-bomber-girlfriend/ Local and federal law enforcement agents were told more than a year ago that the tech worker who detonated a bomb in downtown Nashville on Christmas morning was making explosives in his recreational vehicle, but said they were unable to investigate further after he failed to respond to multiple

knocks on his door, according to police documents... The visit was first reported by the Tennessean. https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18992 ...

'He was not on our radar': authorities search for motive in Nashville blast

By Nathan Layne, Mark Hosenball, Reuters, Dec. 28, 2020 11:00 AM, updated https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN2921GD

(Reuters) -Federal, state and local law enforcement officers on Monday were searching for the motive behind a bombing that rocked Nashville on Christmas morning, with no concrete clues yet emerging as to why the 63-year-old suspect carried out his suicide mission... Nashville Mayor John Cooper has said that local officials felt there had to be some connection between the bombing, which occurred near an AT&T Inc. transmission building on the city's bustling Second Avenue, and the company. At the briefing on Monday, Rausch said Warner's father had worked for AT&T but that it was unclear if that was in any way connected...

FBI Memphis Special Agent in Charge Announces Identity of Remains Discovered in Nashville Explosion Site; Multi-Agency Investigation Continues

FBI Memphis, Special Agent Jason Pack (865) 544-0751, December 27, 2020 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18979

5. Federal charges filed against alleged ISIS supporter in Pittsburgh

WTAE, Updated: 2:17 PM EST Jan 7, 2021 https://www.wtae.com/article/federal-charges-filed-against-alleged-isis-supporter-in-pittsburgh/35152127 PITTSBURGH —Federal charges have been filed against an alleged ISIS supporter in Pittsburgh for surveilling and intimidating a local FBI agent and his wife. Court paperwork says investigators found evidence of 27-year-old Khaled Miah's "longstanding extremist ideology, attraction to violence and animosity toward law enforcement," in a review of an iCloud account and several recorded video and audio clips from Miah. Investigators say he consumed ISIS propaganda on his computer and openly praises the terrorist organization and encourages ISIS overtaking European and US cities. According to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, on or about December 27, 2020, Miah posted threats directed at individual FBI agents who were investigating him, as well as the FBI generally...

6. Citing complexities, judge delays Islamic State support case

By Andrew Selsky, Associated Press, Jan 6, 2021

https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/19000

IPT NOTE: Court documents posted at <u>https://www.investigativeproject.org/case/1127/us-v-mothafar</u> SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday granted the lawyer for a man charged with helping the Islamic State group maintain an online presence almost a year to prepare for a complicated trial involving classified information. Hawazen Sameer Mothafar, whose trial had been scheduled to begin Tuesday in Portland, allegedly produced and disseminated Islamic State propaganda and recruiting material through social media platforms. Working from a Portland suburb, Mothafar also distributed online articles that described how to kill and maim with a knife and that encouraged attacks, the indictment says. Mothafar has pleaded not guilty to charges of providing material support to a designated terrorist organization and conspiring to provide that support...

7. Judge upholds conviction for subway bomber Akayed Ullah

By Rebecca Rosenberg, New York Post, January 4, 2021 | 3:48pm | Updated https://nypost.com/2021/01/04/judge-upholds-conviction-for-subway-bomber-akayed-ullah/

IPT NOTE: Court documents posted at https://www.investigativeproject.org/case/821/us-v-ullah

A federal judge upheld a Manhattan jury's conviction of a Bangladeshi immigrant for blowing up a pipe bomb in a crowded subway tunnel in Times Square, according to a decision released Monday. Lawyers for Akayed Ullah, 30, had challenged the 2018 guilty verdict on several grounds — including claiming that their client had not acted on behalf of ISIS when he detonated the crude explosive that injured only himself. But Circuit Judge Richard Sullivan, who presided over the Manhattan federal trial before he was promoted to the appeals court, knocked down the assertion. "The record evidence...amply establishes that Defendant acted at ISIS's direction by heeding the call of the organization's propaganda and recruiting materials," Sullivan wrote of the bungled Dec. 11, 2017, terrorist attack in a pedestrian tunnel during the morning rush hour. "Perhaps most importantly, Defendant told police that he carried out the attack 'for the Islamic State."...

8. Internal NYPD memo warns of cops being targets of IED, vehicle attacks

By Joe Marino and Tamar Lapin, New York Post Metro, Exclusive, Dec. 25, 2020 | 11:21pm | Updated https://nypost.com/2020/12/25/internal-nypd-memo-warns-of-cops-being-targets-of-ied-vehicle-attacks/ The NYPD has been on the alert for weeks for possible attacks similar to Friday's deliberate RV explosion in Nashville, The Post has learned. An internal NYPD memo issued earlier this month warned that law enforcement were the "priority targets" for terror attacks involving homemade bombs and vehicle arson. The Dec. 14 memo, obtained by The Post, said violent extremists and "malicious criminal actors" might go after cops to exacerbate tensions, "exploit civil unrest" and incite further violence. The document referenced Al-Qaeda propaganda released on Nov. 26 that urged radical jihadists to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic to attack "priority targets." Those targets included retired officers, business leaders, intelligence personnel and "soldiers and police of every brand."...

9. This Canadian is charged with a terrorism hoax. Two experts got to know him. Only one still believes him

By Douglas Quan, Vancouver Bureau, Toronto Star, Sat., Dec. 26, 2020, Updated <u>https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18984</u>

Amarnath Amarasingam and Mubin Shaikh are both regarded as experts in radicalization. Both say they have spent extensive amounts of time getting to know and giving advice to Shehroze Chaudhry, a 26-year-old Burlington, Ont. man now facing a rare terrorism-hoax charge and recently labelled a "fabulist"

by the New York Times over his claims that he committed atrocities on behalf of the Islamic State in Syria. For his part, Shaikh, a Seneca College professor and former counterterrorism operative for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, says he now believes Chaudhry never stepped foot in Syria and got caught up in his own "fantasy." Yet Amarasingam, a Queen's University professor, isn't so quick to dismiss Chaudhry's claims, noting he's seen signs of "remorse" and "survivor's guilt" in the young man. "There are specifics to his story that he may be making up or exaggerating, but, yes, I'm still inclined to believe he went to Syria until I see some evidence to the contrary," he told the Star...

HEALTH, CYBER, TRAVEL, ENERGY & COMMUNICATION SECURITY

10. Russian Hacker Sentenced To 12 Years In Prison For Involvement In Massive Network Intrusions At U.S. Financial Institutions, Brokerage Firms, A Major News Publication, And Other Companies

U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Thursday, January 7, 2021 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18999

Audrey Strauss, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that ANDREI TYURIN, a/k/a "Andrei Tiurin," was sentenced in Manhattan federal court to 144 months in prison for computer intrusion, wire fraud, bank fraud, and illegal online gambling offenses in connection with his involvement in a massive computer hacking campaign targeting U.S. financial institutions, brokerage firms, financial news publishers, and other American companies. TYURIN is charged with committing these crimes with Gery Shalon, a/k/a "Garri Shalelashvili," a/k/a "Gabriel," a/k/a "Gabi," a/k/a "Phillipe Mousset," a/k/a "Christopher Engeham," Joshua Samuel Aaron, a/k/a "Mike Shields," and Ziv Orenstein, a/k/a "Aviv Stein," a/k/a "John Avery," in furtherance of securities market manipulation, illegal online gambling, and payment processing fraud schemes perpetrated by Shalon, Aaron, Orenstein, and their co-conspirators. TYURIN previously pled guilty to these charges, and was sentenced today before U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain... According to the allegations contained in the Indictments to which TYURIN pled guilty, other filings in this case, and statements made during court proceedings, including TYURIN's guilty plea hearing:...

11. SolarWinds Hack Breached Justice Department System

Cyberattack potentially accessed 3% of the agency's Microsoft Office email accounts By Dustin Volz & Robert McMillan, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 6, 2021 5:00 pm ET, Print Jan. 7, 2021

https://www.wsj.com/articles/solarwinds-hack-breached-justice-department-systems-11609958761 *IPT NOTE*: The DOJ press release is posted at <u>https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-statement-solarwinds-update</u>

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Justice Department has become the latest federal agency to say it was breached by hackers in the Russia-linked cyberattack that has ripped through government agencies and an unknown number of corporate networks. About 3% of the Justice Department's Microsoft Office email accounts were potentially accessed in the attack, the department said Wednesday. The Justice Department's chief information officer learned of the previously unknown malicious activity on Dec. 24 and has "eliminated the identified method by which the actor was accessing" Microsoft Office email accounts, Marc Raimondi, a Justice Department spokesman, said in a written statement. There is no indication classified systems were affected, Mr. Raimondi said, as the department classified the breach as a major incident requiring notification to other agencies and Congress. Even unclassified email accounts, though, can contain sensitive information about investigations and potentially national security related issues, said Chris Painter, a former senior official at the Justice and State departments who worked on cybersecurity issues. "A lot of DOJ work happens on unclassified systems."...

SolarWinds fallout: DOJ says hackers accessed its Microsoft O365 email server

The US Department of Justice is one of the rare SolarWinds victims where hackers escalated the hack to a second phase and moved to access internal email inboxes, the agency said today. By Catalin Cimpanu for Zero Day | January 6, 2021 -- 19:41 GMT (11:41 PST) | Topic: Security https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18997 The US Department of Justice confirmed today that the hackers behind the SolarWinds supply chain attack targeted its IT systems, where they escalated access from the trojanized SolarWinds Orion app to move across its internal network and access the email accounts of some of its employees... The DOJ said it has now blocked the attacker's point of entry. The DOJ now joins a long list of companies and government agencies that publicly admitted to having been impacted in the SolarWinds hack. Previous victims include the likes of:...

U.S. intelligence agencies say Russia likely behind hacking of government agencies

By Joseph Menn, Reuters, Jan 5, 2021 3:42 pm, updated

https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN29A2HG

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) -The office of the U.S. Director of National Intelligence on Tuesday said Russia was "likely" behind a string of hacks identified last month that gained access to several federal agencies. The office, along with the FBI, the National Security Agency, and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency inside the Department of Homeland Security, in a joint statement, said the hackers' goal appeared to be collecting intelligence, rather than any destructive acts. They said they had so far identified "fewer than 10" agencies that were hacked. The agencies said that the actor, "likely Russian in origin, was responsible for most or all of the recently discovered, ongoing cyber compromises of both government and non-governmental networks." The investigation is continuing, they said, and could turn up additional government victims...

12. Treasury Warns Banks of Covid-19 Vaccine Fraud

The department's enforcement unit alerted financial institutions to possible ransomware attacks targeting vaccine distribution networks

By Jack Hagel, Wall Street Journal, Risk & Compliance Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 5:23 pm ET <u>https://www.wsj.com/articles/treasury-warns-banks-of-covid-19-vaccine-fraud-11609194183</u> *IPT NOTE:* The cited FinCEN notice may be downloaded at

https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18987

The Treasury Department alerted financial institutions to fraud related to Covid-19 vaccines, warning of ransomware attacks that target vaccine delivery operations and supply chains. The Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network cautioned on Monday of an array of vaccine-related crimes, including the sale of unapproved, counterfeit or illegally marketed vaccines. In addition, fraudsters have offered to provide individuals with a vaccine sooner than provided under authorized distribution plans, FinCEN said. Cybercriminals, meanwhile, have targeted vaccine researchers with ransomware, the Treasury unit said. It warned financial institutions as well as their customers to be on the lookout for phishing schemes seeking to snare victims with misinformation about vaccines...

13. Nashville Bombing Exposes Weak Point for Business Communications

The attack underscores the need for companies to diversify and secure their networks By David Uberti and Steven Rosenbush, Wall Street Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 5:33 pm ET https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18985

The Christmas Day bombing in Nashville hit a weak point in telecommunications infrastructure, disrupting phone and internet service for days and underscoring a key risk for increasingly digitized businesses. A recreational vehicle exploded in front of an AT&T Inc. switching station, knocking out a central node that directs data from users and businesses across telecom systems. The incident, information technology experts and executives say, highlights how a terrorist attack, natural disaster or cyber incident can do widespread economic damage should it hit such a location... Telecom networks in particular cities or regions converge at these so-called central offices. While AT&T said Monday that it restored most service in Nashville, the incident illustrates how a problem at one of these physical locations can send ripple effects across an entire region's digital infrastructure. Law-enforcement officials have considered whether the AT&T facility was targeted in the attack...

14. Texas Man Sentenced to 2¹/₂ **Years in Prison for Scheming to Create Fake Airline Employee IDs** to Fraudulently Obtain Free Flights

U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18998 LOS ANGELES – A former Mesa Airlines employee was sentenced today to 30 months in federal prison for conspiring to fraudulently obtain nearly 2,000 free flights for himself and others on Spirit Airlines and to manufacture counterfeit Mesa employee identification badges. Hubbard Bell, 32, of Houston, Texas, was sentenced by United States District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald, who also ordered him to pay \$150,000 in restitution to the victim, Spirit Airlines. Bell, this case's lead defendant, pleaded guilty in September 2020 to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud... After Mesa Airlines terminated Bell's employment, from February 2016 to November 2017, he conspired with others to sell the stolen and unauthorized information of Mesa employees – including their names, dates of hire, and employee identification numbers – that were needed to book free flights on Spirit Airlines through Spirit's web portal for themselves and others...

15. Fiery oil train crash was near where two arrested, accused of attempted terrorist attack on tracks: feds investigate, By The Associated Press, Updated Dec 24, 2020; Posted Dec 24, 2020 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18980

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Federal and local authorities were investigating a fiery oil car train derailment north of Seattle near where two people were arrested last month and accused of attempting a terrorist attack on train tracks to disrupt plans for a natural gas pipeline. Seven train cars carrying crude oil derailed and five caught fire Tuesday, sending a large plume of black smoke into the sky close to the Canadian border. There were no injuries in the derailment about 100 miles north of Seattle. Officials were asked about recent attempts to sabotage oil trains, but they said the investigation was just beginning... Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board along with the FBI and other federal, state and local agencies were on the scene. Last month federal authorities in Seattle charged two people with a terrorist attack on train tracks, saying they placed "shunts" on Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks. Shunts consist of a wire strung across the tracks, mimicking the electrical signal of a train. The devices can cause trains to automatically brake and can disable railroad crossing guards...

Train cars carrying crude oil derail, burn north of Seattle

By Lisa Baumann, Associated Press, December 22, 2020

https://apnews.com/article/fires-seattle-washington-43685aea52ce692013fd12bb71fb0c09

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Seven train cars carrying crude oil derailed Tuesday and five caught fire, sending a large black plume of smoke into the sky north of Seattle close to the Canadian border, authorities said... Home to five oil refineries, Washington state sees millions of gallons of crude oil move by rail through the state each week, coming from North Dakota and Alberta, Canada, according to the state Department of Ecology...

FINANCING, SANCTIONS, DESIGNATIONS, FRAUD, CHARITIES, MONEY LAUNDERING, CIVIL LITIGATION

16. Treasury Sanctions Key Actors in Iran's Steel Sector

US Department of the Treasury Press Release, January 5, 2021 https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1226

IPT NOTE: Sec'y Pompeo's remarks posted at <u>https://www.state.gov/sanctioning-companies-supporting-irans-metal-industry/</u>

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated a China-based supplier of graphite electrodes, a key element in steel production, as well as twelve Iranian producers of steel and other metals products, and three foreign-based sales agents of a major Iranian metals and mining holding company. The Iranian metals sector is an important revenue source for the Iranian regime, generating wealth for its corrupt leaders and financing a range of nefarious activities, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, support for foreign terrorist groups, and a variety of human rights abuses, at home and abroad...

17. NYSE Reverses Course Again, Will Delist Three Chinese Telecom Stocks

Exchange cites guidance from the Treasury Department that says the companies' American depositary receipts are covered by a Trump executive order

By Alexander Osipovich, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 6, 2021 10:30 am ET https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18993

The New York Stock Exchange will move forward with delisting three Chinese telecommunications companies targeted by an executive order from President Trump, reversing course yet again after the NYSE said earlier this week that it wouldn't delist them. The NYSE said Wednesday that trading of the U.S.-listed shares of China Mobile Ltd. CHL -1.94%, China Telecom Corp. CHA -3.18% and China Unicom (Hong Kong) Ltd. CHU -2.28% would be suspended at 4 a.m. ET on Monday. Mr. Trump's order seeks to ban trading in securities of companies that the administration says have links to the Chinese military. The NYSE said its latest action came after it received "new specific guidance" from the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control on Tuesday, which listed the three companies' American depositary receipts as being covered by Mr. Trump's order. The NYSE's statement also noted that the companies could appeal the delisting decision to the exchange...

18. Treasury Designates Venezuelan Officials Involved in Unjust Trial of the "Citgo 6"

US Department of the Treasury Press Release, December 30, 2020 https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1225

IPT NOTE: Sec'y Pompeo's remarks posted at <u>https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18989</u> Washington – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated Venezuelan judge Lorena Carolina Cornielles Ruiz and Venezuelan prosecutor Ramon Antonio Torres Espinoza, the Venezuelan government officials who presided over and prosecuted the November 2020 trial and sentencing of six U.S. persons in Venezuela. The six U.S. persons, known as the "Citgo 6," are Citgo executives who were unjustly imprisoned in Venezuela in November 2017 after being lured to Caracas under false pretenses. The trials of each of the executives were based on politically motivated charges and marred by a lack of fair trial guarantees. Media and human rights groups denounced the treatment of the executives and were denied access to the trials...

19. U.S. Government Collects \$7 Million in Iranian Assets for Victims of Terrorism Fund

Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs, Tuesday, January 5, 2021

https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-government-collects-7-million-iranian-assets-victims-terrorism-fund *IPT NOTE:* The Complaint for Forfeiture is posted at <u>https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-</u> release/file/1350731/download

The Justice Department announced the United States has collected \$7 million of Iranian funds that will be allocated to provide compensation to American victims of international state-sponsored terrorism. The funds are the United States' share of a civil forfeiture investigation that is part of the government's pursuit of a complex international conspiracy which spanned the globe. The conspiracy's purpose was to violate the United States imposed international economic sanctions regime on Iran and included several Iranian nationals and others, who fraudulently transferred approximately \$1 billion worth of Iranian-owned funds to accounts around the world... Beginning in 2011 and continuing up to 2014, the conspirators, including three Iranian nationals and, allegedly, one U.S. citizen, defrauded South Korean banks by submitting false documents purporting to show that Iranian companies were doing legitimate business with Korean companies. Based on these false documents, the conspirators succeeded in unlawfully transferring approximately \$1 billion worth of Iranian-owned funds out of South Korea and into the world's financial markets...

20. French Bank to Pay \$8.6 Million to Settle Syria Sanctions Case

Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises operated U.S. dollar accounts on behalf of sanctioned Syrian financial institutions, the U.S. Treasury Department said

By Dylan Tokar, Wall Street Journal, Jan. 4, 2021 5:34 pm ET

https://www.wsj.com/articles/french-bank-to-pay-8-6-million-to-settle-syria-sanctions-case-11609799680

The U.S. Treasury Department imposed an \$8.6 million fine on a French bank that officials said processed payments for blacklisted Syrian financial institutions. Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises SA, a Paris-based bank that facilitates trade finance between Europe and the Middle East, Africa and Asia, agreed to pay the fine to settle its potential civil liability for apparent violations of U.S. sanctions against Syria, the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control said Monday. The majority of UBAF's violations occurred in late 2011 following an executive order that significantly expanded U.S. sanctions against Syria, and pertained to the processing of internal transfers on behalf of Syrian entities that were followed by corresponding funds transfers through a U.S. bank, OFAC said. UBAF ultimately processed 127 transactions, totaling \$2.08 billion, in apparent violation of the executive order, according to OFAC...

21. Money Laundering Watchdog Turns Focus to Digital Tools, Extremism

Marcus Pleyer, the president of the Financial Action Task Force, says certain money laundering patterns have increased during the pandemic

By Dylan Tokar, Wall Street Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 12:08 pm ET https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18988

The coronavirus halted a wide range of economic activities, but it hasn't stopped criminals from using the global financial system to commit fraud and engage in other types of illicit behavior. Yet the pandemic has forced some countries to divert resources away from fighting money laundering and made it harder for compliance officers in the private sector to detect it, according to the Financial Action Task Force. The organization, which sets international standards and assesses countries' anti-money-laundering and counterterrorism-financing policies, has been closely monitoring the impact of the pandemic on its global network, says Marcus Pleyer, FATF's president. Mr. Pleyer began a two-year term as FATF's head in July, about two months after the organization released its first report on the AML and CTF risks posed by the pandemic. In an interview with Risk & Compliance Journal, Mr. Pleyer discussed FATF's priorities under his presidency. Edited excerpts follow...

BORDER SECURITY, IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS

22. Bangladeshi National Sentenced for Conspiracy to Bring Aliens to the United States

Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs, Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021

https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/bangladeshi-national-sentenced-conspiracy-bring-aliens-united-states A Bangladeshi national formerly residing in Monterrey, Mexico, was sentenced to 46 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for his role in a scheme to smuggle aliens from Mexico into the United States. According to the plea agreement, Moktar Hossain admitted that from March 2017 to August 2018, he conspired to bring, and did bring, Bangladeshi nationals to the United States at the Texas border in exchange for payment. Hossain operated out of Monterrey, Mexico, where he maintained a hotel that housed aliens on their way to the United States. Hossain paid drivers to transport the aliens to the U.S. border, and gave the aliens instructions on how to cross the Rio Grande river...

EUROPE

23. Murderer who killed three people in Reading park befriended notorious hate preacher in prison

Khairi Saadallah stabbed James Furlong, David Wails and Joseph Ritchie-Bennett as they sat with friends in Forbury Gardens in June

By Martin Evans, Crime Correspondent, The Daily Telegraph (London), 5 Jan. 2021 • 2:16pm https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18994

The Libyan man who stabbed three people to death in a Reading park last June, in what prosecutors claim was a terrorist attack, was befriended by the notorious hate preacher Omar Brooks while in prison, it has emerged. Khairi Saadallah, who was granted asylum in Britain despite committing a string of criminal offences, became close to Brooks when they were both being held at HMP Bullingdon in 2017. The 26-year-old was described as being "ruthlessly efficient" when he went on the rampage in Forbury Gardens in Reading on the evening of June 20 last year, stabbing to death James Furlong, 36, David Wails, 49, and Joseph Ritchie-Bennett, 39. He also stabbed Stephen Young, Patrick Edwards and Nishit Nisudan, causing them significant injuries. Saadallah has admitted murdering three people and attempting to kill three more in the attack, but has denied he was motivated by a religious ideology...

24. North Macedonia Arrests Eight Men Suspected Of Creating Terrorist Organization

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Dec. 29, 2020 06:37 GMT

https://www.rferl.org/a/north-macedonia-islamic-state-terrorism/31024152.html

Eight men have been arrested in North Macedonia on suspicion of planning terrorist attacks, police said on December 28. Authorities suspect the men have links with the Islamic State terrorist group, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The men were arrested late on December 27 in Skopje and the town of Kumanovo following an investigation lasting several months, the statement said. One of the suspects had a previous conviction of participation in the Islamic State group. The eight have been charged with creating a terrorist organization based on the ideology of Islamic State "for committing murders and destroying public buildings" and with the aim of creating fear or insecurity among the public...

MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA

25. South Korea Pushes Iran to Release Seized Oil Tanker

Vessel was impounded by Tehran amid talks with Seoul over \$7 billion in blocked funds By Benoit Faucon and Andrew Jeong, Wall Street Journal, Jan. 7, 2021 10:16 am ET https://www.wsj.com/articles/south-korea-pushes-iran-to-release-seized-oil-tanker-11610032576 South Korea is mounting a diplomatic effort to free an oil tanker seized by Iran amid a dispute over frozen bank funds, the latest flare-up of tensions between Tehran and a U.S. ally. A South Korean delegation arrived in Tehran on Thursday, three days after the 9,797-ton oil tanker Hankuk Chemi and its 20 crew members were detained. The delegation is expected to lay the groundwork for a visit to Iran on Sunday by the country's vice foreign minister, according to the South Korean Foreign Ministry. The tanker seizure coincides with rising international tensions between Iran and U.S. allies over the nation's potential links to commercial shipping disruptions, progress toward a possible nuclear weapon and alleged cyberattacks. Tehran said the ship flouted environmental regulations, but Seoul disputes the claim. The tanker's most recent inspection during a 2019 port visit in China showed no environmental violations and just minor safety breaches, according to the European Union's shipping database, Equasis...

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said talks aren't likely to begin before the South Korean vice foreign minister arrives, and called the detainment a technical issue that's "being processed within its professional and judicial framework."...

26. 100 Civilians Are Reported Dead After Attacks in Niger

Gunmen were described as having singled out men and boys in two villages in a region under siege by militants.

By Omar Hama Saley and Ruth Maclean, New York Times, Print, Jan. 4, 2021 <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/03/world/africa/niger-attack.html</u>

NIAMEY, Niger — A hundred civilians were killed in attacks by suspected militants in the West African nation of Niger on Saturday, according to government officials. Armed men shot men and boys in what was said to be a revenge attack on the villages of Tchoma Bangou and Zaroumadareye. The villages are in the southwestern region of Tillabéri, where civilians have increasingly come under attack in the past two years... The attack, which came just a week after Niger's presidential election, is one of the country's deadliest ever. Prime Minister Brigi Rafini, in remarks broadcast Sunday on national television from a visit to the area of the assaults, put the death toll at 100 but did not say who was responsible, Reuters reported... Since rebels and armed Islamists took control of cities in neighboring Mali in 2012, the terrorist threat has spread across the Sahel, a strip of land south of the Sahara...

27. Three French Soldiers Killed in Mali During Counterterrorism Mission

Deaths bring France's military fatalities to at least 47 during operations against regional militant groups since 2013

By Noemie Bisserbe, Wall Street Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 4:09 pm ET https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18986

PARIS—Three French soldiers were killed in Mali on Monday when their vehicle hit a bomb during operations under France's counterterrorism mission in the West African nation, the French government said. France has more than 5,000 soldiers deployed in an area spanning thousands of miles from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to Chad in the east. Over the past seven years, the forces have fought branches of Islamic State, al Qaeda and other militant groups, which roam the region's isolated villages and threaten government forces in Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso and elsewhere. The soldiers killed Monday were conducting operations around Hombori, a small town in Mali's central Mopti province, as part of the French military's Operation Barkhane campaign against Islamist militants across the Sahel region of Africa, authorities said. They identified the soldiers as Tanerii Mauri, Dorian Issakhanian and Quentin Pauchet....

28. Hezbollah says it has doubled its arsenal of guided missiles

The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah says his group now has twice as many precision-guided missiles as it had a year ago

The Associated Press, Dec. 28, 2020, 2:38 AM https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18981

BEIRUT -- The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah said Sunday his group now has twice as many precisionguided missiles as it had a year ago, saying Israel's efforts to prevent it from acquiring them have failed. Hassan Nasrallah, in an end-of-year interview with the Beirut-based Al-Mayadeen TV, said his group has the capability to strike anywhere in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Nasrallah said that when Israel threatened through a U.S. official to target a Hezbollah facility in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa region, his group warned it would retaliate for any such attack. Israel has in recent months expressed concern that Hezbollah is trying to establish production facilities to make precision-guided missiles...

ASIA / PACIFIC

29. Pakistan Seeks to Continue Detention of Man Convicted of Murdering Wall Street Journal Reporter Daniel Pearl

Move follows judges' removal of temporary detention order that has kept Omar Sheikh in jail since his death sentence was set aside in April

By Saeed Shah, Wall Street Journal, Updated Dec. 25, 2020 3:50 am ET, Print Dec. 26, 2020 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18982

ISLAMABAD—The Pakistani authorities were seeking new legal means to continue to detain the man convicted in 2002 as the mastermind of the kidnapping and killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, officials said, after a court Thursday ordered the man's release. The court in the southern city of Karachi ruled that Omar Sheikh be freed from a temporary detention order that had kept him in jail since the same court overturned his conviction in April. The court also directed Thursday that he can't be detained again without its permission, the judgment said. After Thursday's court ruling, it was unclear if Mr. Sheikh, a British national, would actually be set free. The Pakistani authorities have been legally fighting the release since the Karachi court in April set aside the death sentence handed down to Mr. Sheikh for terrorism, kidnapping for ransom, and murder, downgrading it to the lesser crime of kidnapping. As kidnapping carries a maximum of seven years in jail, and Mr. Sheikh had already been locked up for 18 years at that point, he was eligible for release...

30. Indonesia to release radical cleric linked to Bali bombings

By Agustinus Beo Da Costa, Reuters, Jan. 7, 2020 12:05 pm, updated https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/19001

JAKARTA (Reuters) - Indonesia is set to release Islamic cleric Abu Bakar Bashir from jail on Friday, the man who was the suspected mastermind of the 2002 Bali bombings and is among the most notorious extremists in the world's biggest Muslim majority country. The frail-looking Bashir, 82, who is regarded as the spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiah (JI), a jihadist network with ties to al Qaeda, was jailed in 2011 for 15 years for his links to a militant training camp in Aceh province. After receiving periodic reductions in his jail term, Indonesia's law and human rights ministry has said he has now completed his sentence. Although linked to the Bali attacks that killed 202 people and a 2003 attack on the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta, Bashir was never convicted for them and denied those ties. Zulkarnaen, a man believed to be one of the seniormost members of JI and involved in making the bombs for the attacks, was arrested last month...

Indonesian terror chief reveals JI secrets

Cindy Wockner and Komang Erviani, Australian Associated Press, Dec. 27 2020 - 7:00AM <u>https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7068665/indonesian-terror-chief-reveals-ji-secrets/?cs=14264</u> After 18 years on the run, an Indonesian terrorist leader who orchestrated the Bali bombings has revealed new secrets after his arrest. Charity boxes in food stalls and mini-marts have been helping to fund radical causes and police believe there could be up to 6000 active members of Jemaah Islamiah in Indonesia. JI is the al-Qaeda-linked group which planned and orchestrated the devastating 2002 Bali nightclub bombings which killed 202 people, as well as a string of other bombings in Indonesia. Indonesian police have revealed that more than 20,000 charity boxes, placed in food stalls, have been used to fund the shady terror group's operations. The boxes have been used to collect cash in 12 regions of Indonesia, across Java and Sumatra, and the food stall owners had no idea the money was going to a terror group. The arrest in November of Aris Sumarsono, known as Zulkarnaen, has thrown a new spotlight on JI and its contemporary incarnation...

31. Indonesia Disbands Radical Islamic Group Over Charges of Violence

The government dissolved the Islamic Defenders Front over charges that its members committed terrorism. Its leader is already under arrest.

By Richard C. Paddock and Dera Menra Sijabat, New York Times, Dec. 30, 2020, 5:43 a.m. ET https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/30/world/asia/indonesia-islamic-defenders-front-banned.html BANGKOK — The hard-line Islamic Defenders Front was outlawed by the Indonesian government on Wednesday and ordered to cease all activities less than two months after its fiery leader, Rizieq Shihab, returned from self-imposed exile and pledged to lead a "moral revolution." In a statement signed by top officials and the national police chief, the government said that members of the group had engaged in terrorist and criminal acts and that activities organized by the group had disturbed public order. Mr. Rizieq, 55, a cleric who claims to be descended from the Prophet Muhammad, is accused of violating coronavirus protocols by holding gatherings of thousands of people. He surrendered to the police earlier this month and faces up to six years in prison. Days before his arrest, six of his bodyguards were shot and killed by the police in what the authorities said was self-defense. Mr. Rizieq remains in jail. The order dissolving the group said that its government registration had lapsed last year and that it was no longer a recognized organization. It is now banned from conducting activities and using its logo, a triangular symbol with a star at the center and its name in Indonesian and Arabic lettering...

COMMENT / ANALYSIS

32. Iran Isn't Afraid of B-52s and Aircraft Carriers

The U.S. should redeploy its big guns to counter the conventional threat from Russia and China. By Kathryn Wheelbarger and Dustin Walker, Wall Street Journal Commentary, Dec. 21, 2020 6:29 pm ET <u>https://www.wsj.com/articles/iran-isnt-afraid-of-b-52s-and-aircraft-carriers-11608593380</u> Ms. Wheelbarger served as acting assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, 2017 and 2018-20. Mr. Walker is a former professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee and adviser to Sen. John McCain.

33. China's takedown of Hong Kong is part of a strategy of world domination

After China violated an international treaty on Hong Kong, the world shouldn't trust it to honor any other treaty.

By Claudia Rosett, Dallas Morning News Opinion, 1:30 AM on Dec 27, 2020 CST <u>https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18983</u>

Claudia Rosett is a foreign policy fellow with the Independent Women's Forum and an adjunct fellow with the Hudson Institute. She wrote this column for The Dallas Morning News.

34. Why the Nashville explosion is confounding terrorism experts

The Nashville explosion on Christmas Day did not follow any of the patterns of typical terrorism. Max Abrahms and Joseph Mroszczyk, Opinion contributors, USA Today, Dec 30, 2020 https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18995

Max Abrahms is a professor of public policy at Northeastern University. Joseph Mroszczyk is a contractor in the Wargaming Department at the Naval War College.

35. How Israel is Adapting to the Growing Threat of Terror Armies

by Yaakov Lappin, Special to IPT News, Jan. 5, 2021

https://www.investigativeproject.org/8690/how-israel-is-adapting-to-the-growing-threat

Yaakov Lappin is a military and strategic affairs correspondent. He also conducts research and analysis for defense think tanks, and is the military correspondent for JNS. His book, The Virtual Caliphate, explores the online jihadist presence.

36. Al-Arian Renews Calls for Israel's Destruction at Turkish Conference

by Abha Shankar, IPT News, Dec. 28, 2020

https://www.investigativeproject.org/8680/al-arian-renews-calls-for-israel-destruction

37. Rising in the East: The Evolution of the Islamic State in the Philippines

by Amira Jadoon, Nakissa Jahanbani, Charmaine Willis

Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, United States Military Academy, Dec. 30, 2020 <u>https://ctc.usma.edu/rising-in-the-east-the-evolution-of-the-islamic-state-in-the-philippines/</u> and <u>https://ctc.usma.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Rising-in-the-East-Report-2.pdf</u>

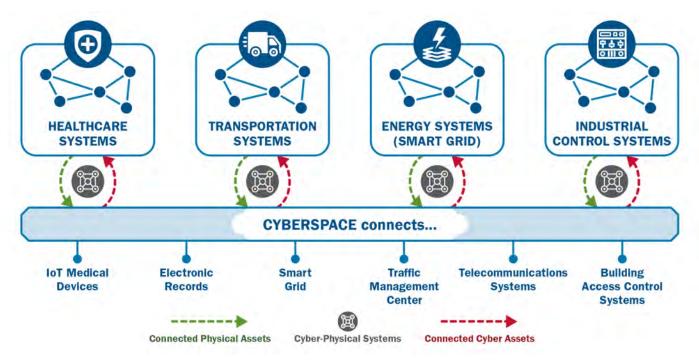
Dr. Amira Jadoon is an assistant professor at the Combating Terrorism Center and the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. She specializes in international security, economic statecraft, political violence, and terrorism. Dr. Nakissa Jahanbani is an instructor and researcher at the Combating Terrorism Center, where she focuses on the evolution of Iran's relationship with its proxies in Syria and Iraq. Charmaine Willis specializes in contentious politics with a focus on East Asia.



CYBERSECURITY AND PHYSICAL SECURITY CONVERGENCE



Today's threats are a result of hybrid attacks targeting both physical and cyber assets. The adoption and integration of Internet of Things (IoT) and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) devices have led to an increasingly interconnected mesh of cyber-physical systems (CPS), which expands the attack surface and blurs the once clear functions of cybersecurity and physical security. Meanwhile, efforts to build cyber resilience and accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies can also introduce or exacerbate security risks in this evolving threat landscape.



A successful cyber or physical attack on connected industrial control systems (ICS) and networks can disrupt operations or even deny critical services to society. For example:

- A security gap in access controls, such as unauthorized access to facilities or system permissions, can allow an individual to use a universal serial bus (USB) device or other removable hardware to introduce a virus or malware into a network.
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems can be virtually overridden, causing a rise in temperature that renders network servers inoperable.
- A cyber-attack on telecommunications can impair communication with law enforcement and emergency services, resulting in delayed response times.
- An unmanned aircraft system (UAS) can compromise sensitive information by gaining access to an unsecured network using wireless hacking technology.
- A cyber-attack exploiting healthcare vulnerabilities can compromise sensitive data or cause a connected medical device to malfunction, resulting in injury or loss of life.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGE: SILOED SECURITY FUNCTIONS

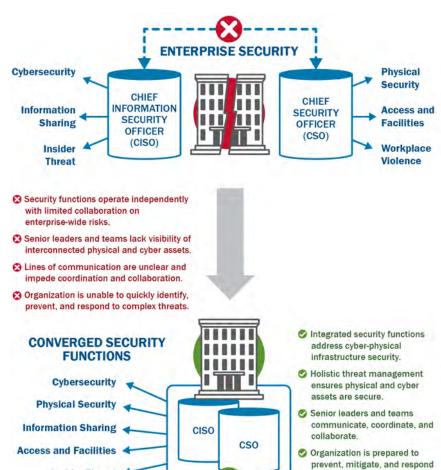
Together, cyber and physical assets represent a significant amount of risk to physical security and cybersecurityeach can be targeted, separately or simultaneously, to result in compromised systems and/or infrastructure. Yet physical security and cybersecurity divisions are often still treated as separate entities. When security leaders operate in these siloes, they lack a holistic view of security threats targeting their enterprise. As a result, attacks are more likely to occur and can lead to impacts such as exposure of sensitive or proprietary information, economic damage, loss of life, and disruption of National Critical Functions (NCFs).1

ORGANIZATIONAL SOLUTION: CONVERGED SECURITY FUNCTIONS

Convergence is formal collaboration between previously disjointed security

functions. Organizations with converged cybersecurity and physical security functions are more resilient and better prepared to identify, prevent, mitigate, and respond to threats. Convergence also encourages information sharing and developing unified security policies across security divisions.

BENEFITS OF CONVERGENCE



An integrated threat management strategy reflects in-depth understanding of the cascading impacts to interconnected cyber-physical infrastructure. As rapidly evolving technology increasingly links physical and cyber assets—spanning sectors from energy and transportation to agriculture and healthcare—the benefits of converged security functions outweigh the challenges of organizational change efforts and enable a flexible, sustainable strategy anchored by shared security practices and goals:

Insider Threat

Workplace Violence



¹ For further information and resources on National Critical Functions: <u>cisa.gov/national-critical-functions</u>

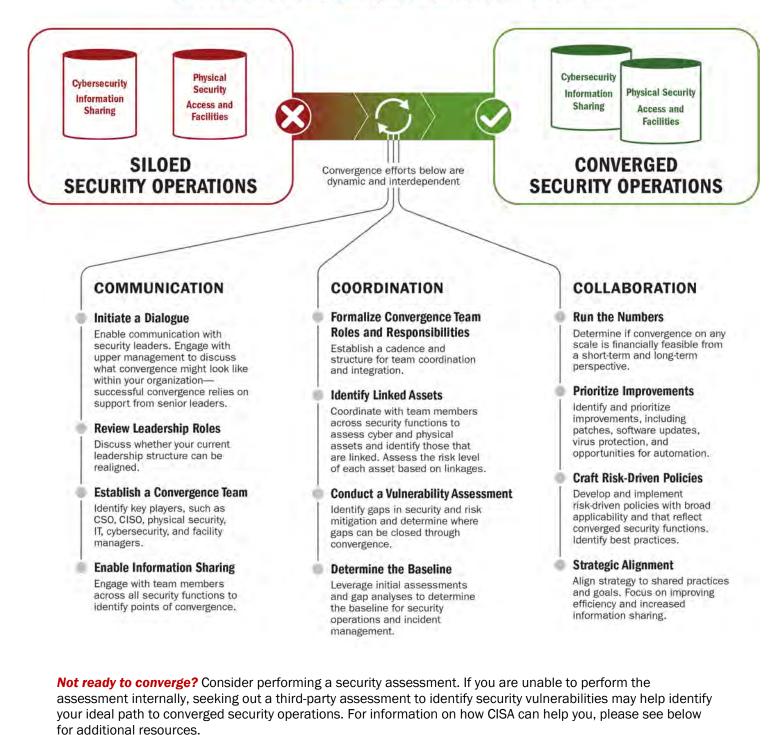
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GETTING STARTED

A culture of inclusivity is vital to successfully converging security functions and fostering communication, coordination, and collaboration. Organizations of all sizes can pursue convergence by developing an approach that is tailored to the organization's unique structure, priorities, and capability level. The guide below provides a flexible framework for developing a holistic security strategy that aligns security functions with organizational priorities and business objectives.

A FRAMEWORK FOR ALIGNING SECURITY FUNCTIONS



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CONVERGENCE CASE STUDIES

Large Foreign Shipping Company, June 2017 – An indiscriminate state-sponsored cyber-attack unleashed a virus or "worm" that halted operations across hospitals, power companies, airports, banks, and government agencies and crippled the global shipping industry for more than a week. The virus was able to penetrate the network of the world's largest container shipping company through a single computer operating outdated accounting software. Although not the primary target, the company's global systems were quickly paralyzed, corrupting proprietary data and hampering communications. Maritime shipping ground to a halt as the outage isolated 76 ports and 800 vessels carrying millions of tons of cargo. The company's own financial losses exceeded \$300 million and the ripple effects on global supply chains included impacts to the U.S. national security supply of vaccines. With total estimated costs in damages exceeding \$10 billion, this incident is regarded as one of the most devastating cyber-attacks in recent history.

Large U.S. Energy Company, January 2019 – The company observed an evolving threat landscape and a lack of formal collaboration between physical security and cybersecurity functions, hindering the development of a comprehensive threat management strategy. These siloed operations led to significant financial consequences when an internal probe revealed 127 security violations that ultimately cost the company millions, all stemming from non-compliant security practices and lack of collaboration across organizational units. In response, the company increased oversight; restructured roles; hosted discussion panels on best practices for security and compliance; added resources to manage and implement compliance and security efforts; and updated/enhanced systems to track access and vulnerabilities. As a result, the company saw an improvement in information sharing and collaboration, as well as rapid identification and mitigation of threats.

U.S. Power Grid Operator, March 2019 – One of the first attacks on the U.S. power system occurred when hackers exploited a firmware vulnerability and caused a grid operator's firewalls to continuously reboot, leading to a brief communications outage. The attack led the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to issue a series of recommendations, including: applying best practices for vulnerability and patch management; minimizing Internet-facing devices; using virtual private networks (VPNs) and access control lists (ACLs); layering defenses; segmenting and monitoring networks; identifying exploitable vulnerabilities; and employing redundant solutions.

IoT Devices Impacted by Ripple20 Vulnerabilities, June 2020 – A group of 19 vulnerabilities known as Ripple20 impacted millions of connected devices, including smart home devices, power grid equipment, healthcare systems, industrial gear, transportation systems, mobile/satellite communications equipment, and commercial aircraft devices. These high-risk vulnerabilities in critical IoT devices across numerous sectors could lead to compromised data and device malfunctions. In response, some vendors released their own recommendations to mitigate potential risks. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued an alert on potential weaknesses that malicious actors could exploit and provided recommended mitigation approaches, including performing an impact analysis and risk assessment; minimizing network exposure for control system devices and systems; and ensuring access points are updated to the latest software version. Security researchers have identified additional impacted vendors and devices since Ripple20 was initially discovered.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Foreign Terrorist Groups Direct Operatives to Attack US

Foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) maintain the ability to train operatives to plot external operations in the United States while supporters and affiliates focus on regional conflicts. Since 2019, three FTOs have instructed and supported a foreign national to engage in preoperational planning to conduct an attack in the United States, resulting in one attacker killing three US sailors and wounding eight others before responding officers killed him.

On December 15, the US Department of Justice charged Cholo Abdi Abdullah, a 30-year-old Kenyan national, with six counts of terrorism-related offenses for plotting to hijack an aircraft and conduct a 9/11-style attack in the United States. Senior leaders of al-Shabaab, a Salafi-jihadist group that supports al-Qa'ida in East Africa, directed Abdullah to obtain pilot training in 2016 in the Philippines and to test flaws in airport security. The group coined the operation, "Jerusalem will never be Judaized," referring to US support for Israel and its embassy moving from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May 2018. Abdullah was first arrested



Al-Shabaab supporter Cholo Abdi Abdullah was arrested in the Philippines in 2019.

in the Philippines in July 2019 on local charges and remained in that country's custody until he was transferred to US law enforcement on December 15, 2020.

- In February, al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) released a video claiming responsibility for the attack at a Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, in December 2019. Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani, an officer in the Saudi Air Force participating in a military training program at the base, killed three sailors and wounded eight others after legally purchasing a firearm. Law enforcement revealed in May that Alshamrani was radicalized as far back as 2015, directly associating with several AQAP operatives to plan an attack.
- In July 2019, Alexei Saab, a 42-year-old New Jersey resident, was arrested for his support of Hizballah. While living in the United States, Saab served as a Hizballah operative conducting surveillance of multiple targets in major cities to help the group plot potential future attacks. Prior to entering the United States in 2000 and becoming a naturalized citizen in 2008, Saab joined Hizballah in 1996 in Lebanon, where he observed and reported on the movements of Israeli troops.

Additional Resources

<u>Al-Qa'ida Committed to Attacking the United States</u> <u>Al-Qa'ida's Online Magazine Vilifies US Values</u>

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Capitol police chief resigns amid criticism over response to violence

Protesters stormed the Capitol building and occupied it for hours

Yesterday at 6:52 PM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The head of the U.S. Capitol Police will resign effective Jan. 16 following the breach of the Capitol by a pro-Trump mob.

Chief Steven Sund said Thursday that police had planned for a free speech demonstration and did not expect the violent attack. He said it was unlike anything he'd experienced in his 30 years in law enforcement.



Violent protesters, loyal to President Donald Trump, storm the Capitol, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

He resigned Thursday after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called on him to step down. His resignation was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to speak publicly.

The breach halted the effort by Congress to certify President-elect Joe Biden's victory. Protesters stormed the building and occupied for hours. The lawmakers eventually returned and finished their work.



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Capitol Police rejected offers of federal help to quell mob



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- Trump supporters storm US Capitol in deadly clash with police
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US Capitol Police officer dies after riot

Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol

Duty Death: Brian D. Sicknick - [District of Columbia]

End of Service: 01/07/2021

Today at 12:49 AM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Capitol Police says an officer who was injured after responding to riots at the Capitol has died.

Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol, the statement said.

Supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the Capitol on Wednesday as Congress was tallying the Electoral College votes to confirm Democrat Joe Biden won the election. Sicknick returned to his division office and collapsed, the report said. He was taken to a hospital and later died.

The death will be investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch, the USCP, and federal law enforcement. Sicknick joined the Capitol police in 2008.

Democratic leaders of the House Appropriations Committee said the "tragic loss" of a Capitol police officer "should remind all of us of the bravery of the law enforcement officers who protected us, our colleagues, Congressional staff, the press corps and other essential workers" during the hourslong takeover of the Capitol by pro-Trump protesters.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT NEWS

US Capitol Police officer dies after riot – Today at 12:49 AM

Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol

• Capitol Police rejected offers of federal help to quell mob – Yesterday at 7:03 PM

Gus Papathanasiou, head of the Capitol Police union, said planning failures left officers exposed without backup or equipment against surging crowds

Capitol police chief resigns amid criticism over response to violence – Yesterday at 6:52 PM

Protesters stormed the Capitol building and occupied it for hours

COVID-19: Law enforcement deaths – Yesterday at 4:58 PM

Tracking the coronavirus-related deaths of U.S. police officers and other LE personnel

• Capitol police chief defends officers' response to violent protest – Yesterday at 3:16 PM

Some lawmakers have vowed to investigate the agency's response to Trump supporters storming the Capitol

• Feds expect to arrest more than a dozen involved in Capitol siege – Yesterday at 2:52 PM

The FBI is combing social media and cellphone records to determine who was involved in the destructive security breach

La. K-9 shot, wounded; 2 suspects sought – Yesterday at 2:45 PM

K-9 Mack is expected to make a full recovery

A letter to the American public: Thank an officer on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
 – Yesterday at 2:09 PM

This is a day to show the men and women in blue how much we value them, their service and protection of our communities

• Video: Conn. cops struck by stolen patrol car amid pursuit – Yesterday at 11:26 AM

Two officers are being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, officials said

Former Atlanta police chief named new Louisville chief – Yesterday at 11:17 AM

Erika Shields, who resigned from the Atlanta PD in June, was introduced Wednesday as the new Louisville police chief

Spotlight: Arrest My Vest designed for the odor elimination needs of LEOs – Yesterday at 10:44 AM

The Arrest My Vest spray product is designed for the challenges unique to law enforcement; it removes odors without harming body armor or other tactical gear

Michigan State Capitol closes for reported bomb threat – Yesterday at 10:18 AM

Michigan's capitol building was closed for two hours Thursday morning before investigators gave the all-clear

LAPD arrests 6 in clash between pro-Trump, anti-Trump groups – Yesterday at 10:05 AM

Hundreds gathered in downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday and police declared an unlawful assembly

Law enforcement experts react to chaos at US Capitol – Yesterday at 9:56 AM

"They're a town that's used to very large gatherings and protests. I'm surprised that they didn't seem to have a second layer of response ready"

Protesters swarm Statehouses across US; some evacuated – Yesterday at 8:43 AM

While chaos reigned in the US Capitol, police evacuated state lawmakers in Georgia, New Mexico, Texas and Utah

Tactics to clear, secure a building under siege that every cop needs to know – Yesterday at 7:49 AM
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Are you prepared to respond if essential buildings such as city hall, courthouses and police stations are overrun by protesters?

COVID-19 vaccine FAQs for cops – Yesterday at 1:25 AM

We answer Police1 reader questions about vaccine safety, efficacy and distribution

Trump supporters storm US Capitol in deadly clash with police – Yesterday at 12:50 AM

A woman who was killed by police was part of a crowd that was breaking down the doors to a barricaded room. Three other people died from medical emergencies during the protest

FBI agent involved in fatal Conn. shooting – Jan 6, 2021

The agent had been working on a task force with Hartford police. Few details were immediately available

Video: Man uses to drone to deliver doughnuts to cops – Jan 6, 2021

A man tied a box of doughnuts to his drone to make a sweet delivery to the local police department

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Bangladeshi National Sentenced for Conspiracy to Bring Aliens to the United States

A Bangladeshi national formerly residing in Monterrey, Mexico, was sentenced to 46 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for his role in a scheme to smuggle aliens from Mexico into the United States.

According to the plea agreement, Moktar Hossain admitted that from March 2017 to August 2018, he conspired to bring, and did bring, Bangladeshi nationals to the United States at the Texas border in exchange for payment. Hossain operated out of Monterrey, Mexico, where he maintained a hotel that housed aliens on their way to the United States. Hossain paid drivers to transport the aliens to the U.S. border, and gave the aliens instructions on how to cross the Rio Grande river.

"The defendant was a key player in an organized smuggling network that operated for profit and preyed on Bangladeshi nationals who wanted to enter the United States illegally," said Acting Assistant Attorney General David P. Burns of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. "This sentence serves as a clear deterrent to participants of such transnational criminal organizations who seek to undermine the security of our borders by illegally facilitating the travel of foreigners into the United States for a financial gain."

"Border security and national security are one in the same," said U.S. Attorney Ryan K. Patrick for the Southern District of Texas. "We must know who is coming into the country, and we cannot allow unfiltered access. My office continues to work with all our partners executing this mission."

"The investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of Hossain is a result of HSI's expertise in transnational investigations and unique ability to coordinate investigative efforts across international boundaries with foreign counterparts," said Special Agent in Charge Shane Folden of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) San Antonio. "HSI will continue to work with our law enforcement partners both domestic and international to aggressively dismantle criminal travel networks that pose a threat to U.S. national security."

This case was investigated by HSI Laredo, with assistance from the HSI Human Smuggling Unit, HSI Monterrey, HSI Houston, HSI Calexico, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Border Patrol, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The investigation was conducted under the Extraterritorial Criminal Travel Strike Force (ECT) program, a joint partnership between the Justice Department's Criminal Division and HSI. The ECT program focuses on human smuggling networks that may present particular national security or public safety risks, or present grave humanitarian concerns. ECT has dedicated investigative, intelligence and prosecutorial resources. ECT coordinates and receives assistance from other U.S. government agencies and foreign law enforcement authorities.

This case was prosecuted by Trial Attorneys James Hepburn and Erin Cox of the Criminal Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section with assistance from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas.

Topic(s): Human Smuggling

Component(s):

<u>Criminal Division</u> <u>Criminal - Human Rights and Special Prosecution Section</u> <u>USAO - Texas, Southern</u>

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Justice Department Announces Civil Investigation into Chemical Restraint Use at Two Nevada Juvenile Facilities

The Justice Department announced today that it has opened an investigation into the use of pepper spray at two juvenile correctional facilities run by the Nevada Juvenile Justice Services Agency: the Nevada Youth Training Center and the Summit View Youth Center. The investigation will examine whether staff at the two facilities use pepper spray in a manner that violates youth's rights under the Constitution.

The department has not reached any conclusions regarding the allegations in this matter. The investigation will be conducted under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. Both statutes give the department the authority to investigate systemic violations of the constitutional rights of young people in juvenile detention and correctional facilities. The department's work has led to important reforms to protect the rights of young people housed in those facilities.

The Civil Rights Division's Special Litigation Section is conducting this investigation. Individuals with relevant information are encouraged to contact the department via phone at 1-833-591-0426 or by email at <u>Community.NVJuveniles@usdoj.gov</u>.

Additional information about the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department is available on its website at <u>www.justice.gov/crt</u>.

Topic(s): Civil Rights

Component(s): Civil Rights Division Civil Rights - Criminal Section

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Pittsburgh Man Charged with Threatening Communications and Impeding FBI Investigation

PITTSBURGH – Khaled Miah, 27, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and former student at the University of Pittsburgh, has been charged by federal criminal complaint with one count of making interstate threatening communications, one count of influencing, impeding or retaliating against a Federal law enforcement officer, and one count of destruction of records in a federal investigation, United States Attorney Scott Brady announced today. Miah was arrested on Wednesday and made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court via video teleconference. A preliminary and detention hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, January 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., before Chief Magistrate Judge Cynthia Eddy.

"Khaled Miah's use of multiple Twitter accounts to threaten and harass federal law enforcement officers and their family members and to obstruct a federal investigation are clear violations of federal law," said U.S. Attorney Brady. "We will not hesitate to pursue and prosecute individuals who cross the line from interest to intimidation."

"This arrest is the culmination of a year-long investigation which included threatening federal law enforcement officers," said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent in Charge Michael Christman. "Threatening online statements, whether directed to a federal officer or any other person, is not harmless activity. It is serious criminal activity with consequences. Threats against law enforcement officers are particularly egregious in that it interferes with our ability to protect the communities we are charged with serving. We should all understand that the First Amendment is not a license to threaten others with harm and that the FBI and our law enforcement partners will relentlessly pursue those who pose a threat to the community."

According to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, on or about December 27, 2020, Miah posted threats directed at individual FBI agents who were investigating him, as well as the FBI generally. In December 2020, FBI personnel identified a publicly visible Twitter account created by Miah. From the date of its creation to on or about January 1, 2021, Miah used this Twitter account to threaten, intimidate and harass FBI Pittsburgh Agents and the FBI. In addition, after posting the threatening statements, and with full knowledge of the FBI investigation into his conduct, Miah subsequently deleted those posts which impeded, obstructed, and influenced the FBI investigation.

Specifically, as referenced in the criminal complaint, among other statements, Miah posted the following statement on Twitter: "Currently eating pasta and watching videos of the secind plane hit the south tower."

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Based upon their lengthy investigation of Miah, the FBI assessed that by referring to watching "videos of the second plane hit the south tower," Miah was referring to the coordinated Al-Qaeda terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, at which time two commercial airplanes were hijacked and crashed into the North and South towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. As a result, the North and South towers ultimately burned and collapsed causing the deaths of more than 2900 people. Miah went on to state that "the deed will be done, at a time which is most opportunistic for me, chosen by myself."

Miah additionally commented on December 29, 2020, that the "zero hour" was approaching and posted the geographic location of FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. According to the criminal complaint affidavit, Miah also traveled to Washington, D.C., and was surveilled on at least 11 occasions in the immediate vicinity of the FBI headquarters building in Pittsburgh between November 1, 2020, and January 3, 2021.

The criminal complaint affidavit also details that, after seizing and searching Miah's electronic devices pursuant to a federal search warrant, FBI's forensic analysis revealed that Miah apparently idealized the Boston Marathon Bombers, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, and visited several landmarks in Massachusetts associated with the bombings, including where each of the two bombings took place, where the Tsarnaev brothers participated in a violent shootout with local police, and the gym where Tamerlan Tsarnaev previously trained in mixed martial arts.

Members of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force who were directly involved in this investigation include: FBI, University of Pittsburgh Police Department, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, Allegheny County Police Department, Allegheny County Port Authority Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Allegheny County Probation, and the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jessica Lieber Smolar and Soo C. Song of the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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Predicted Heart Age Among Cancer Survivors — United States, 2013–2017

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Approximately 15.5 million cancer survivors were alive in the United States in 2016 with expected growth to 26.1 million by 2040 (1). Cancer survivors are living longer because of advances in early detection and treatment, but face psychosocial, cognitive, financial, and physical challenges (1,2). Physical challenges include cardiovascular complications, partly because cancer and cardiovascular disease (CVD) share some cumulative risk factors including tobacco use, physical inactivity, obesity, poor diet, hypertension, diabetes, and dyslipidemia (3). In addition, many cancer treatments damage the heart, and some cancer types increase risk for developing CVD (4). The recognition and management of heart disease in cancer survivors has given rise to the discipline of cardio-oncology, which focuses on the cardiovascular health of this population (5). CVD risk has been previously estimated using prediction models, and studies suggest that physician-patient communication using predicted heart age rather than predicted 10-year risk has led to a more accurate perception of excess heart age, encouraged actions to adopt a healthy lifestyle, and improved modifiable CVD risk factors (6, 7). Using the nonlaboratory-based Framingham Risk Score (FRS) to estimate 10-year risk for developing CVD, predicted heart age is estimated from the 10-year risk of CVD (predicted by age, sex, diabetes status, smoking status, systolic blood pressure, hypertension treatment status, and body mass index); it is the age of an otherwise healthy person with the same predicted risk, with all other risk factors included in the prediction model at the normal level (systolic blood pressure of 125 mmHg, no hypertension treatment, body mass index of 22.5, nonsmoker, and nondiabetic) (6). Using data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), this study estimates predicted heart age, excess heart age (difference between predicted heart age and actual age), and racial/ ethnic and sociodemographic disparities in predicted heart age among U.S. adult cancer survivors and noncancer participants aged 30-74 years using previously published methods (7). A total of 22,759 men and 46,294 women were cancer survivors with a mean age of 48.7 and 48.3 years, respectively. The predicted heart age and excess heart age among cancer survivors were 57.2 and 8.5 years, respectively, for men and 54.8 and 6.5 years, respectively, for women, and varied by age, race/ ethnicity, education and income. The use of predicted heart age by physicians to encourage cancer survivors to improve modifiable risk factors and make heart healthy choices, such as tobacco cessation, regular physical activity, and a healthy diet to maintain a healthy weight, can engage survivors in informed cancer care planning after diagnosis.

Data were drawn from the BRFSS 2013, 2015, and 2017 survey cycles because CVD-specific modules are conducted in odd-numbered years. CDC pooled results for those years to produce stable estimates. The median combined response rate

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention across states for each year was 45.9%, 47.2%, and 45.9%. The eligible sample included nonpregnant adults aged 30–74 years, who had no self-reported history of CVD, including coronary heart disease, myocardial infarction, and stroke. Among 1,362,270 BRFSS participants, the following were excluded: 337,836 participants outside the age range, 3,927 who were pregnant, 103,658 with self-reported CVD, and 70,453 with missing covariates for blood pressure prediction. Among the remaining 846,396 participants for the analysis, 69,053 (8.2%) were cancer survivors. Cancer survivors were defined as having answered "yes" to the question "(Ever told) you had any other type of cancer?" (i.e., excluding skin cancer) by a doctor, nurse, or health professional. Exclusions based on cancer type, which can be found in the cancer survivorship module (https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/questionnaires/pdfques/2017_BRFSS_Pub_Ques_508_tagged.pdf), were not made because the survey included that module for only 2017 and did not survey all states.

To account for the complex sampling design, CDC calculated estimates using weights and strata in SAS (version 9.4; SAS Institute) or SAS-callable SUDAAN (version 11.0; RTI International). Systolic blood pressure was calculated using a previously published method (8) with National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2011–2012, 2013–2014, and 2015–2016 cycles. Predicted heart age was capped with an upper limit of 100 years (6).

Age-adjusted weighted means, prevalences, and 95% confidence intervals were calculated for actual age, predicted heart age, and excess heart age. Prevalence of excess heart age of \geq 5 years was calculated by age group, race/ethnicity, educational attainment, and annual household income stratified by sex and cancer-survivor status. Adjusted differences in predicted heart age for cancer-survivor versus noncancer status and racial/ethnic differences in predicted heart age for cancer survivors were calculated using multivariate linear regression. A t-test across all age groups was used to ascertain differences within categories, and pairwise t-tests were used for education, income, and race/ethnicity.

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The difference in predicted heart age between Hispanic and non-Hispanic White cancer survivors was small and not statistically significant for most subgroups, as opposed to a much larger and mostly statistically significant difference between Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black survivors. In addition, disparities were larger among female cancer survivors than among male cancer survivors. The adjusted difference in excess heart age between non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White female cancer survivors increased with age, education level, and income (Table 3). Disparities between non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White persons were greater for women (7.4 years) than for men (4.3 years). The largest differences in excess heart age between non-Hispanic

TABLE 1. Age-adjusted and weighted mean actual age, predicted heart age, and excess heart age; and prevalence of excess heart age ≥5 years, by sex, age, race/ethnicity, education level, and annual household income among cancer survivors aged 30–74 years — Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2013, 2015, and 2017

			Age, yrs (95% CI)		Prevalence of average excess
Characteristic	No. of persons	Actual age	Predicted heart age	Average excess heart age	heart age ≥5 yrs % (95% Cl)
Men					
Cancer status					
Cancer	22,759	48.7 (48.5–48.8)	57.2 (56.8–57.6)	8.5 (8.2–8.9)	52.4 (50.2–54.6)
No cancer	345,173	47.8 (47.8–47.8)	55.7 (55.7–55.8)	7.9 (7.9–8.0)	49.4 (49.1–49.7)
Age group, yrs					
30–39	632	35.0 (34.6-35.4)	37.9 (37.0-38.8)	2.9 (2.2–3.6)	27.4 (22.4–33.2)
40-49	1,289	44.9 (44.6-45.1)	52.5 (51.6-53.4)	7.6 (6.7–8.5)	51.6 (46.8–56.3)
50–59	4,400	55.1 (55.0–55.3)	66.6 (66.0–67.2)	11.5 (10.9–12.0)	66.1 (63.5–68.7)
60–74	16,438	67.2 (67.1–67.3)	82.1 (81.7-82.5)	14.9 (14.6–15.3)	75.3 (74.0–76.6)
Race/Ethnicity					
White, non-Hispanic	19,440	48.7 (48.5–48.8)	56.7 (56.3-57.2)	8.1 (7.7–8.5)	50.2 (47.8–52.7)
Black, non-Hispanic	1,553	48.7 (48.3–49.1)	60.9 (59.6–62.3)	12.3 (11.1–13.4)	70.4 (61.6–77.9)
Hispanic	700	48.6 (48.2–49.0)	56.9 (55.5–58.3)	8.3 (7.0–9.5)	51.2 (44.3–58.1)
Other	1,066	48.7 (48.2–49.2)	58.1 (56.8–59.5)	9.5 (8.1–10.8)	57.6 (49.1–65.7)
Education					
Less than HS	1,226	48.7 (47.9–49.4)	61.1 (59.1–63.0)	12.4 (10.9–14.0)	68.5 (58.2–77.2)
HS	5,657	48.6 (48.4–48.9)	58.7 (58.0–59.4)	10.1 (9.4–10.7)	60.9 (56.5–65.1)
More than HS	15,876	48.7 (48.5–48.9)	55.8 (55.4–56.3)	7.1 (6.7–7.5)	45.7 (43.2–48.3)
Annual household inc	,		55.6 (55.1 56.5)	,(0.,,,,,,)	
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<35,000 ≥35,000	5,922 14,355	48.6 (48.3–48.9)	60.2 (59.3–61.1)	11.6 (10.8–12.3) 7.1 (6.7–7.5)	65.7 (61.0-70.0)
	14,300	48.7 (48.5–48.9)	55.8 (55.4–56.3)	7.1 (0.7–7.3)	46.2 (43.7–48.7)
Women					
Cancer status					
Cancer	46,294	48.3 (48.2–48.4)	54.8 (54.5–55.0)	6.5 (6.2–6.7)	43.6 (42.3–44.9)
No cancer	430,699	47.9 (47.9–47.9)	53.2 (53.1–53.2)	5.3 (5.2–5.3)	37.1 (36.8–37.4)
Age group, yrs					
30–39	2,522	34.5 (34.3–34.7)	36.0 (35.5-36.4)	1.5 (1.1–1.9)	24.0 (21.4–26.7)
40-49	4,726	44.8 (44.7–45.0)	49.4 (48.9–49.9)	4.6 (4.1–5.0)	40.4 (37.4–43.4)
50–59	11,408	54.6 (54.5–54.7)	63.5 (62.9–64.0)	8.9 (8.3-9.4)	51.4 (49.4–53.3)
60–74	27,638	66.8 (66.6–66.9)	80.7 (80.4-81.1)	14 (13.6–14.3)	68.5 (67.3–69.8)
Race/Ethnicity					
White, non-Hispanic	39,085	48.4 (48.3–48.4)	54.2 (53.9–54.4)	5.8 (5.6–6.1)	42.2 (40.9-43.5)
Black, non-Hispanic	2,977	48.5 (48.2–48.8)	60.6 (59.7–61.5)	12.1 (11.3–12.9)	62.6 (57.9–67.2)
Hispanic	1,786	48.0 (47.7–48.3)	54.7 (53.8–55.7)	6.8 (5.8–7.7)	39.4 (34.5–44.5)
Other	2,446	48.2 (47.9–48.5)	54.8 (53.5-56.1)	6.6 (5.4–7.8)	44.0 (38.7–49.5)
Highest education att	ained				
Less than HS	2,879	48.1 (47.9–48.4)	59.4 (58.6–60.2)	11.3 (10.5–12)	58.9 (54.6–63.1)
HS	12,163	48.2 (48.0–48.4)	56.2 (55.8–56.7)	8.0 (7.6–8.4)	50.1 (47.6–52.7)
More than HS	31,252	48.4 (48.3–48.5)	53.3 (53.0–53.6)	4.9 (4.6–5.2)	37.9 (36.4–39.3)
Annual household inc	,				
<35,000	16,219	48.2 (48.1–48.3)	58.0 (57.6–58.4)	9.8 (9.4–10.2)	56.1 (54.0–58.3)
≥35,000	23,609	48.4 (48.3–48.5)	52.5 (52.2–52.9)	4.1 (3.8–4.4)	34.2 (32.7–35.8)
≥55,000	23,009	40.4 (40.3-40.3)	52.5 (52.2-52.9)	4.1 (5.0-4.4)	34.2 (32.7-33.0)

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval; HS = high school.

TABLE 2. Adjusted difference in excess heart age and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) comparing cancer versus noncancer group by sex, age, race/ethnicity, education level, and annual household income for adults aged 30–74 years—Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2013, 2015, and 2017

	Difference* in excess	heart age, yrs (95% Cl)
Characteristic	Men	Women
Total [†]	0.7 (0.4 to 1.0)	0.6 (0.3 to 0.8)
Age group, yrs [§]		
30–39	-0.3 (-1.0 to 0.4)	1.5 (1.1 to 1.9)
40–49	1.6 (0.8 to 2.5)	1.3 (0.8 to 1.8)
50–59	0.8 (0.3 to 1.4)	0.6 (0.1 to 1.2)
60–74	0.6 (0.2 to 0.9)	0.1 (-0.3 to 0.4)
P-value [¶]	0.16	<0.001
Highest education attair	red** ^{,††}	
Less than HS	1.6 (0.4 to 2.7)	1.4 (0.5 to 2.3)
HS	0.8 (0.3 to 1.3)	0.4 (-0.1 to 0.8)
More than HS	0.5 (0.2 to 0.8)	0.5 (0.2 to 0.8)
Annual household incon	ne (\$) ^{§§}	
<35,000	1.5 (0.9 to 2)	1.1 (0.7 to 1.5)
≥35,000	0.4 (0.1 to 0.7)	0.3 (-0.1 to 0.6)
P-value ^{¶¶}	<0.001	0.001
Race/Ethnicity*** ^{,†††}		
White, non-Hispanic	0.4 (0.1 to 0.7)	0.2 (0.0 to 0.4)
Black, non-Hispanic	1.8 (0.9 to 2.7)	2.3 (1.3 to 3.3)
Hispanic	0.9 (-0.5 to 2.2)	1.2 (0.1 to 2.3)
Other, non-Hispanic	2.1 (0.6 to 3.6)	1.9 (0.4 to 3.4)

Abbreviation: HS = high school.

* Difference was calculated as excess heart age among noncancer participants subtracted from excess heart age among cancer survivors.

⁺ Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income.

- [§] Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of age-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by age group.
- [¶] P-value based on t-tests across the age group.
- ** Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of education-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by education group.
- ⁺⁺ Based on pairwise t-tests, the following comparisons were significantly different: less than high school versus high school (p = 0.25 for men; p = 0.04 for women); less than high school versus more than high school (p = 0.07 for men; p = 0.06 for women).
- ^{§§} Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of annual household income-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by household income level.
- ^{¶¶} P-value based on pairwise t-tests.
- *** Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of race/ethnicity-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by race/ethnicity.
- ⁺⁺⁺ Based on pairwise t-tests, statistical significance was established as p<0.05. The p-values for each comparison were as follows: White, non-Hispanic versus Black, non-Hispanic (p = 0 for men; p = <0.001 for women); White, non-Hispanic versus Hispanic (p = 0.53 for men; p = 0.08 for women); White, non-Hispanic versus other (p = 0.03 for men and p = 0.02 for women); Black, non-Hispanic versus other (p = 0.24 for men; p = 0.14 for women); Black, non-Hispanic versus other (p = 0.76 for men; p = 0.70 for women); Hispanic versus other: (p = 0.23 for men; p = 0.43 for women).

Black and non-Hispanic White women were among those aged 50–59 years (9.2 years) and 60–74 years (8.8 years). Excess heart age differences for each education level were greater for non-Hispanic Black women, with the largest difference occurring for the highest education level (more than high school). Among non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White women

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Cancer and cardiovascular disease (CVD) share long-term risk factors. Physician-patient communication using heart age has been effective in motivating patients to improve modifiable CVD risk factors.

What is added by this report?

The predicted heart age and excess heart age among cancer survivors were 57.2 and 8.5 years, respectively, for men and 54.8 and 6.5 years, respectively, for women, and varied by age, race/ ethnicity, education, and income. The prevalence of excess heart age \geq 5 years was higher among men, cancer survivors with lower income and lower educational attainment, and non-Hispanic Black cancer survivors, particularly women.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Health care providers should counsel cancer survivors about ways to reduce modifiable shared risk factors such as tobacco use, physical inactivity, poor diet, hypertension, and obesity that contribute to excess heart age.

with annual household income >\$35,000, the difference in excess heart age was 2.4 years higher than that among those with lesser income. Overall, excess heart age is similar among Hispanic and non-Hispanic White cancer survivors, and higher for non-Hispanic Black survivors (Table 3).

Discussion

In this study, both excess heart age and prevalence of excess heart age ≥ 5 years were higher among cancer survivors than among noncancer participants. Consistent with previous findings, the prevalence of excess heart age was larger among men than among women; however, racial disparities among women were larger than those among men (7).

This study also confirms previous findings that few adults meet ideal cardiovascular health metrics, such as not smoking, having normal body mass index, being physically active, eating a healthy diet, and having normal levels of total cholesterol and blood pressure, resulting in excess heart age ≥ 5 years (9). As cancer survivors live longer, more attention can be focused on modifiable risk factors that affect both cancer and CVD (1,2,5). In this study, the prevalence of excess heart age ≥ 5 years was higher among the following groups: men, cancer survivors with lower income and lower educational attainment, and non-Hispanic Black cancer survivors, particularly women. The findings indicate that wellness plans for all cancer survivors, and particularly the most affected groups, should include a focus on cardiovascular risk.

The findings in this report are subject to at least six limitations. First, BRFSS data are self-reported and thus are subject to recall and social desirability biases (10), which might underestimate predicted heart age in all persons. Second, the

TABLE 3. Adjusted difference in excess heart age and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) comparing different race/ethnicity groups, by sex, age, education level, and annual household income for cancer survivors aged 30-74 years—Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2013, 2015, and 2017.

	Difference in excess heart age, yrs (95% CI)						
	Men			Women			
Characteristic	Black, non-Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic versus Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic versus Hispanic	
Total*	4.3 (3.4 to 5.2)	-0.7 (-2.1 to 0.6)	5.0 (3.4 to 6.6)	7.4 (6.5 to 8.4)	-0.7 (-1.8 to 0.4)	8.2 (6.7 to 9.6)	
Age group, yrs	t						
30–39	2.5 (-0.3 to 5.2)	-0.7 (-2.9 to 1.5)	3.1 (-0.2 to 6.5)	0.7 (-0.9 to 2.2)	-3.5 (-4.6 to 2.5)	4.2 (2.5 to 5.9)	
40–49	2.6 (0.4 to 4.8)	-1.7 (-4.4 to 1)	4.3 (1.1 to 7.5)	4.0 (2.2 to 5.7)	-2.3 (-4.1 to 0.4)	6.2 (3.8 to 8.7)	
50–59	3.8 (2.0 to 5.7)	-0.4 (-2.7 to 1.9)	4.3 (1.5 to 7.0)	9.2 (7.0 to 11.5)	-0.1 (-2.7 to 2.4)	9.4 (6.0 to 12.7)	
60–74	4.8 (3.6 to 6.0)	-0.7 (-3.0 to 1.6)	5.5 (2.9 to 8.0)	8.8 (7.6 to 10.0)	0.8 (-1.3 to 3.0)	8.0 (5.5 to 10.4)	
P-value [§]	0.09	0.81	0.31	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	
Highest educa	tion attained ^{¶,**}						
Less than HS	2.4 (-0.2 to 5.0)	-3.1 (-6.3 to 0.1)	5.5 (1.9 to 9.1)	4.6 (2.1 to 7.1)	-2.6 (-4.8 to 0.3)	7.2 (4.1 to 10.3)	
HS	4.2 (2.5 to 5.8)	-1.4 (-3.8 to 1)	5.6 (2.7 to 8.4)	6.3 (4.7 to 7.9)	-1.5 (-3.2 to 0.1)	7.8 (5.6 to 10.0)	
More than HS	4.9 (3.6 to 6.1)	1.0 (-0.8 to 2.9)	3.9 (1.7 to 6.1)	8.6 (7.3 to 10.0)	0.8 (-0.8 to 2.4)	7.8 (5.8 to 9.9)	
Annual house	old income (\$) ^{††}						
<35,000	4.1 (2.7 to 5.5)	-0.5 (-2.7 to 1.8)	4.6 (2.1 to 7.1)	6.2 (4.6 to 7.8)	-1.6 (-3 to 0.2)	7.8 (5.8 to 9.8)	
≥35,000	4.7 (3.5 to 5.9)	-0.8 (-2.7 to 1.1)	5.5 (3.3 to 7.7)	8.6 (7.3 to 9.9)	0.3 (-1.6 to 2.3)	8.3 (6.0 to 10.5)	
P-value	0.55	0.81	0.59	0.02	0.11	0.76	

Abbreviation: HS = high school.

Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income.

⁺ Adjusted for age, education, annual household income, with an interaction term of age-by-race/ethnicity to estimate racial difference in excess heart age by age group. § P-value based on t-tests across the age group.

¹ Adjusted for age, education, annual household income, with an interaction term of education-by-race/ethnicity to estimate racial difference in excess heart age by education groups.

** Based on pairwise t-tests, statistical significance was established as p<0.05. The p-values for each comparison were as follows: less than high school versus high school (p = 0.26 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.40 for Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.98 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus Hispanic men; p = 0.26 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.46 for Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.74 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus Hispanic women); less than high school versus more than high school (p = 0.09 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.03 for Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.44 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus Hispanic men; p = 0.01 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.02 for Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.73 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus Hispanic women).

⁺⁺ Adjusted for age, education, annual household income, with an interaction term of annual household income-by-race/ethnicity to estimate racial difference in excess heart age by household income level.

predicted heart age calculation used model-estimated systolic blood pressure rather than measured systolic blood pressure, which might introduce bias in predicted heart age estimates (7). Third, the nonlaboratory-based FRS used in the study might overestimate predicted heart age compared with the laboratorybased FRS (7). Fourth, several lifestyle choices such as sodium consumption, physical activity, and diet are not included in the FRS heart age calculation (7). Physical activity and diet are specifically linked to both heart disease and cancer, and their exclusion is likely to cause underestimates of predicted heart age in cancer survivors. Fifth, specific risks for some cancer survivors such as cardiotoxic treatment are not considered in the model and are likely to result in further underestimates. Finally, the definition of cancer in this study was nonspecific and could result in misclassification of some study participants.

Adult cancer survivors aged 30–74 years had higher predicted heart age than did noncancer participants, and the degree of excess heart age varied by racial/ethnic and sociodemographic groups. Cancer survivors are living longer and are more likely to experience long-term side effects from therapy that require

treatment from multiple types of physicians (5). The management of cardiovascular complications and involvement of cardiologists in the integrated approach of cardio-oncology is becoming more important given the steady increase in cancer survival, and the literature suggests the use of a low threshold for referral to a cardio-oncologist or cardiologist (4,5). The use of predicted heart age by physicians to encourage cancer survivors to improve modifiable risk factors and make heart-healthy choices, such as tobacco cessation, regular physical activity, and a healthy diet to maintain a healthy weight, can engage survivors in informed cancer care planning after diagnosis. In addition, physicians can consider additional components and complications of cancer survivorship, such as mental, social, and financial issues, when formulating a survivorship plan. Cancer survivors might experience numerous macro-level challenges and barriers, which can be included in future analyses to determine potential effect on heart age. By determining and communicating predicted heart age of cancer survivors at a personal level, cancer care teams can provide education to prevent long-term cardiovascular complications and improve quality of life and heart outcomes for cancer survivors.

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Time from Start of Quarantine to SARS-CoV-2 Positive Test Among Quarantined College and University Athletes — 17 States, June–October 2020

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To safely resume sports, college and university athletic programs and regional athletic conferences created plans to mitigate transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Mitigation measures included physical distancing, universal masking, and maximizing outdoor activity during training; routine testing; 10-day isolation of persons with COVID-19; and 14-day quarantine of athletes identified as close contacts* of persons with confirmed COVID-19. Regional athletic conferences created testing and quarantine policies based on National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) guidance (1); testing policies varied by conference, school, and sport. To improve compliance with quarantine and reduce the personal and economic burden of quarantine adherence, the quarantine period has been reduced in several countries from 14 days to as few as 5 days with testing (2) or 10 days without testing (3). Data on quarantined athletes participating in NCAA sports were used to characterize COVID-19 exposures and assess the amount of time between quarantine start and first positive SARS-CoV-2 test result. Despite the potential risk for transmission from frequent, close contact associated with athletic activities (4), more athletes reported exposure to COVID-19 at social gatherings (40.7%) and from roommates (31.7%) than they did from exposures associated with athletic activities (12.7%). Among 1,830 quarantined athletes, 458 (25%) received positive reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test results during the 14-day guarantine, with a mean of 3.8 days from quarantine start (range = 0-14 days) until the positive test result. Among athletes who had not received a positive test result by quarantine day 5, the probability of having a positive test result decreased from 27% after day 5 to <5% after day 10. These findings support new guidance from CDC (5) in which different options are provided to shorten quarantine for persons such as collegiate athletes, especially if doing so will increase compliance, balancing the reduced duration of quarantine against a small but nonzero risk for postquarantine transmission. Improved adherence to mitigation measures (e.g., universal masking, physical distancing, and hand hygiene) at all times could further reduce exposures to SARS-CoV-2 and disruptions to athletic activities because of infections and quarantine (1,6).

CDC partnered with representatives of the NCAA conferences to analyze retrospective data collected by participating colleges and universities. A request for participation was sent to all NCAA members regardless of whether athletics programs had resumed. Colleges and universities were provided with a data dictionary to standardize data collection (Supplementary Table, https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/99431). Deidentified, individual-level retrospective testing and exposure data from quarantined, SARS-CoV-2-exposed collegiate athletes across the United States were provided to CDC for analysis. Information on the types of exposure was collected by athletic staff members or public health professionals and categorized as sports settings (e.g., game, practice, team workouts, scrimmage, shared equipment, or team travel), roommate, social gatherings (e.g., party, shared car, or friends), unspecified or other (e.g., class, meetings, work, or travel unrelated to sports). Data cleaning and analyses were conducted in duplicate using SAS (version 9.4; SAS Institute) and R (version 3.6.3; The R Foundation). This activity was reviewed by CDC and was conducted consistent with applicable federal law and CDC policy.[†]

For this analysis, athletes were excluded if they 1) had not received testing using RT-PCR during their 14-day quarantine period; 2) had received a positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result before starting quarantine; 3) were still under quarantine and had not had positive test results at the time of data submission (October 27-November 17); or 4) were missing data on quarantine start date, test date, test type (i.e., antigen or RT-PCR), or RT-PCR test result (positive, negative, or indeterminate). For all athletes who received a positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result during quarantine, timeto-event analyses were conducted by separately calculating the interval from the exposure date or the quarantine start date to the positive specimen collection date. Quarantined athlete data were excluded from time-to-event analyses if the exposure date or the quarantine start date was missing or if the athlete had positive test results >14 days after commencing quarantine. Kaplan-Meier survival analysis estimated the probability and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) of athletes receiving a first positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result after days 5, 7, and 10 of quarantine.

^{*} Close contact is defined as being <6 feet apart for >15 minutes with an infected person.

[†]45 C.F.R. part 46, 21 C.F.R. part 56; 42 U.S.C. Sect. 241(d); 5 U.S.C. Sect. 552a; 44 U.S.C. Sect. 3501 et seq.

Twenty-four colleges and universities contributed data on 2,257 guarantined athletes, irrespective of test result; data from 427 athletes were excluded based on the described exclusion criteria. Among the remaining 1,830 quarantined athletes, the most common sports played were football (46.2%, 846), track and field or cross-country (10.4%, 190), and soccer (6.6%, 121) (Table). The most commonly reported exposures were at social gatherings (40.7%, 745) or from roommates (31.7%, 580); overall, 232 (12.7%) quarantined athletes reported exposure associated with athletic activities. Athletes received a total of 3,345 RT-PCR tests (mean = 1.8 per athlete, range = 1-14) while in quarantine. A total of 458 (25.0%) quarantined athletes ever received a positive test result, including 137 (29.9%) who never reported symptoms. Among 386 quarantined athletes who became symptomatic, 321 (83.2%) ever received a positive test result.

Three colleges and universities contributed data only on quarantined athletes who received positive test results during quarantine (193); after exclusion of 31 who did not meet inclusion criteria, 162 athletes remained. Therefore, a total of 620 athletes with positive SARS-CoV-2 test results during quarantine were included in a time-to-event analysis. Among 436 (73.4%) of these athletes with available exposure date, quarantine commenced a mean of 1.1 days after reported exposure (range = 0-11 days). Among these athletes, 302 (48.7%) reported symptoms before collection of the specimen that returned positive; the mean interval from symptom onset to positive specimen collection date was 1.1 days (range = 0-12 days). Among the 620 athletes with positive test results, the positive test results occurred by day 2 of quarantine for 303 (48.9%) (Figure 1) and by day 5 for 453 (73.1%) with a mean of 3.8 days from guarantine start (range 0–14 days) until the positive test (Supplementary Figure, https://stacks. cdc.gov/view/cdc/99765). Among all SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR tests administered, the positivity rate decreased over the quarantine period (Figure 2). The median interval between the start of quarantine and collection of a positive specimen was 2 days (range = 0-14 days). Among those whose test results remained negative at day 5, the estimated probability of having a positive test result was 26.9% (95% CI = 23.7-30.7) after day 5, 14.2% (95% CI = 11.7–17.2) after day 7, and 4.7% (95% CI = 3.3-6.7) after day 10. Among the 29 athletes who received positive test results during days 11–14, 26 (89.7%) had not been tested previously during their quarantine period.

Discussion

A positive SARS-CoV-2 test result was received by one quarter of quarantined athletes during June–October 2020. Once an athlete entered quarantine, the probability of a positive test result among those who had no previous positive test result

TABLE. Sports played, symptoms, and exposure type among
quarantined college and university athletes with COVID-19 exposure —
17 states, June–October 2020

Sport, symptom, and	RT-PCR test results, no. (%)				
type of exposure	Total	Positive	Negative		
Total athletes*	1,830 (100.0)	458 (100.0)	1,372 (100.0)		
Sport played					
Football	846 (46.2)	249 (54.4)	597 (43.5)		
Track and field/Cross country	190 (10.4)	23 (5.0)	167 (12.2)		
Soccer	121 (6.6)	24 (5.2)	97 (7.1)		
Basketball	116 (6.3)	23 (5.0)	93 (6.8)		
Volleyball	107 (5.9)	25 (5.5)	82 (6.0)		
Swimming and diving	78 (4.3)	31 (6.8)	47 (3.4)		
Baseball	72 (3.9)	8 (1.8)	64 (4.7)		
Wrestling	60 (3.3)	18 (3.9)	42 (3.1)		
Golf	46 (2.5)	7 (1.5)	39 (2.8)		
Gymnastics	44 (2.4)	7 (1.5)	37 (2.7)		
Softball	37 (2.0)	5 (1.1)	32 (2.3)		
Lacrosse	26 (1.4)	13 (2.8)	13 (1.0)		
Tennis	21 (1.2)	10 (2.2)	11 (0.8)		
Rowing	19 (1.0)	5 (1.1)	14 (1.0)		
Multiple sports [†]	6 (0.3)	1 (0.2)	5 (0.4)		
Other [§]	41 (2.2)	9 (2.0)	32 (2.3)		
Symptoms consistent with CC	VID-19 [¶]				
No	1,444 (78.9)	137 (29.9)	1,307 (95.3)		
Yes	386 (21.1)	321 (70.1)	65 (4.7)		
Type of exposure					
Sports setting	232 (12.7)	54 (11.8)	178 (13.0)		
Roommates	580 (31.7)	134 (29.3)	446 (32.5)		
Social gatherings	745 (40.7)	195 (42.6)	550 (40.1)		
Multiple exposure types**	64 (3.5)	16 (3.5)	48 (3.5)		
Other ^{††}	61 (3.3)	20 (4.4)	41 (3.0)		
Unspecified exposure	148 (8.1)	39 (8.5)	109 (7.9)		

Abbreviations: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019; RT-PCR = reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction.

* Three colleges or universities provided data sets that only included athletes who had positive test results during quarantine. The athletes in these data sets (193) were not included in this analysis.

⁺ Six athletes indicated playing multiple sports; one of these athletes had a positive test result and participated in football and gymnastics; the others did not have positive test results and participated in football and wrestling (two), wrestling and track (one), golf and wrestling (one), and football and volleyball (one).

⁵ Sports with fewer than 10 athletes each (beach volleyball, cheer, dance, equestrian, rifle, skiing, and water polo) were included in the "other" category.

¹ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; cough or other respiratory symptoms; headache; chills; muscle aches; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; new loss of taste or smell; nausea, vomiting or diarrhea; pain, redness, swelling or rash on toes or fingers; new rash or other skin symptoms, temperature of ≥100.4°F (38°C).

** Sixty-four athletes reported more than one type of exposure.

⁺⁺ Class, meetings, shared airplane, travel not related to sports, unsanctioned workouts, or work.

decreased from 27% after day 5 to <5% after day 10. New shortened quarantine options (after day 10 without testing or after day 7 with negative test result) were based on decreasing transmission risk over the duration of quarantine (*5*). Findings from this investigation support shortened quarantine options for collegiate athletes, given the low proportion of athletes who had positive test results after day 10.

Multiple, concurrent mitigation measures can effectively lower the risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission (7). The majority

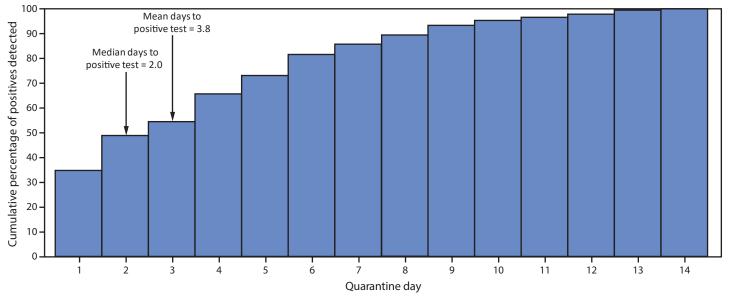
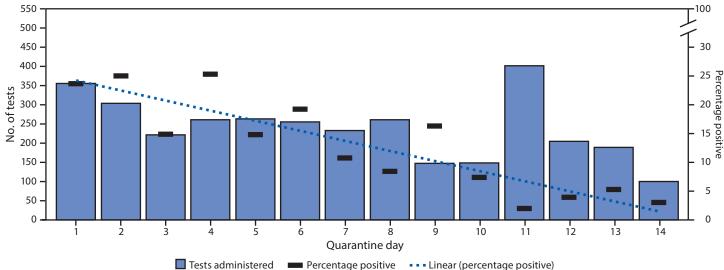


FIGURE 1. Cumulative percentage of SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction positive test results among quarantined collegiate athletes who ever had a positive result, by day since start of quarantine — 17 states, June–October 2020

FIGURE 2. Number of SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction tests performed and percentage positive* among quarantined collegiate athletes, by quarantine day — 17 states, June–October 2020



* With line of best fit for percentage positive over time.

of exposures among these athletes occurred at social gatherings and from roommates, indicating that the implementation of targeted mitigation measures helped minimize exposures associated with athletic activities. These findings underscore the need for adherence to mitigation measures (e.g., universal masking, physical distancing, and hand hygiene) at all times to reduce the risk for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (1,6). In this cohort of collegiate athletes, fewer than one half who ultimately had a positive test result had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 before collection of the positive specimen. This finding is consistent with recent reports of asymptomatic screening programs in general university campus populations, where 51% of students with positive test results were asymptomatic (8). In this study, 86% of quarantined athletes who ever had positive test results did so by day 7, which is consistent with a reported median incubation period of 4.3–6.4 days (9,10).

The findings in this report are subject to at least five limitations. First, almost all athletes who had a positive specimen collected after quarantine day 10 had not been tested previously during quarantine. It is possible that those athletes might have had positive test results before day 10. Second, time-to-event analyses used quarantine start date rather than exposure date because more data were missing on exposure date than on quarantine start date; also, using exposure date was subject to validation errors. Therefore, using the quarantine start date rather than exposure date likely resulted in conservative estimates of the probability of receiving positive test results in quarantine. Third, adherence with quarantine was not assessed, and quarantined athletes possibly had additional exposures leading to infection during the 14-day quarantine. This might explain positive specimens collected after day 10 and could have overestimated the probability of a positive test result after day 10. Fourth, the data relied on self-reported exposure type. Although data were validated by case investigation and contact tracing efforts, 8.1% of athletes reported unspecified exposures, and 3.5% reported multiple exposures. Finally, this study was undertaken in a population of young, healthy athletes undergoing frequent testing. The findings might not be generalizable to other settings and populations.

Data from this report support CDC's guidance on quarantine options shorter than 14 days, with the caveat that a small residual increased risk for transmission remains with a shortened quarantine period. Persons released from quarantine before 14 days should continue daily symptom monitoring, avoid close contact and wear masks when around others. Adherence to quarantine is a known challenge (5) and reducing the duration of quarantine might improve adherence at a population level. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced through a multipronged application of evidence-based mitigation strategies (7), including within large congregate and crowded settings found at colleges and universities. Adherence to mitigation measures during athletic and nonathletic activities is important to protect collegiate athletes from SARS-CoV-2, lessen disruptions in play because of guarantine and isolation protocols, and reduce transmission to others in the community.

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Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Quarantine after SARS-CoV-2 exposure is critical to preventing transmission. A 14-day quarantine can prevent further transmission but might be challenging to maintain.

What is added by this report?

Among collegiate athletes exposed to COVID-19, one quarter had positive test results during quarantine. Among athletes who had not received a positive test result by day 5, the probability of testing positive decreased from 27% after day 5 to <5% after day 10.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Among young, healthy athletes, the probability of receiving positive test results after day 10 of quarantine is low. A shorter quarantine after COVID-19 exposure could increase adherence but still poses a small residual risk for transmission.

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Assessment of Day-7 Postexposure Testing of Asymptomatic Contacts of COVID-19 Patients to Evaluate Early Release from Quarantine — Vermont, May–November 2020

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On May 8, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) issued a Health Update* recommending shortening the duration of quarantine for persons exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Exposed persons who were in quarantine could be tested by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) on or after quarantine day 7. Those who had remained asymptomatic throughout quarantine and who received a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result on or after day 7 could end quarantine. This policy was based on a report suggesting that symptom onset occurs within this time frame in approximately three quarters of COVID-19 cases (1) and on consultation of the Vermont Health Commissioner with the U.S. Surgeon General. VDH implemented this policy to minimize restrictions on state residents, recognizing that some reduction could occur in the prevention benefit of quarantine to contain the spread of SARS-CoV-2. State-run SARS-CoV-2 testing sites were made available to increase access to no-cost testing and facilitate implementation of this policy. During August 1–December 1, among persons seeking testing at a VDH SARS-CoV-2 testing site, 36% stated that their reason for seeking testing was to end quarantine early (VDH, unpublished data, December 7, 2020), indicating that persons were aware of and following the policy and using the testing services provided. To assess the effectiveness of this policy, VDH analyzed testing data for contacts of persons with a COVID-19 diagnosis. During May 8-November 16, VDH identified 8,798 exposed contacts of COVID-19 patients; 3,983 (45%) had sought testing within 14 days of their exposure, with day 0 defined as the date of last exposure noted in the case investigation record. Among these persons, 2,200 (55%) who received testing on days 7-10 were included in this analysis; 977 (44.9%) of these contacts had a specimen collected for testing on day 7. Among these, 34 (3%) had test results that were positive, 940 (96%) had results that were negative, and three (<1%) had results that were indeterminate (Table). Among the 34 contacts who received a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result on day 7 after exposure, 12 (35%) were asymptomatic. The remaining 22 contacts with positive test results were symptomatic at the time of testing; approximately one half had developed symptoms on days 4-7

TABLE. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing results among
persons tested for SARS-CoV-2 during quarantine,* by quarantine
day — Vermont, May 8, 2020–November 16, 2020

	No. (%) of test result	
PCR test result	Quarantine day 7	Quarantine day 8–10
All contacts tested days 7–10	977 (100)	1,223 (100)
Positive	34 (3)	53 (4)
Negative	940 (96)	1,159 (95)
Indeterminate	3 (<1)	11 (1)
Contacts who retested after negative or indeterminate results [†]	154 (15.7)	108 (8.8)
Positive [§]	0 (—)	0 (—)
Negative [§]	152 (99)	107 (99)
Indeterminate§	2 (1)	1 (1)

* The quarantine period begins with the date of last exposure to a person with a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2.

⁺ Percentage of all persons tested.

§ Percentage of persons retested.

after exposure. Among the 940 contacts who received negative test results on specimens collected on day 7 after exposure, 154 (16%) had a subsequent test within the next 7 days (i.e., days 8–14); among these, 152 (99%) had tests that remained negative, and two (1%) had results that were indeterminate.

In addition to the 977 persons who received testing on day 7 after exposure, 1,223 (55.1% of all contacts tested on days 7-10 postexposure) had a specimen collected for SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing on day 8, 9, or 10. Among those persons, 53 (4%) had test results that were positive, 1,159 (95%) had results that were negative, and 11 (1%) had results that were indeterminate. Among the 53 contacts who received a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR result on specimens collected days 8-10 after exposure, 12 (23%) were asymptomatic (mean time since symptom onset = 6 days). Among the 1,170 contacts who received a negative or indeterminate test result on specimens collected on days 8-10 after exposure, 108 (9%) had a subsequent specimen tested; 107 (99%) remained negative, and one (1%) had a result that was indeterminate. Therefore, among all 2,200 contacts tested on days 7-10 after exposure, 87 (4%) persons had a positive test result, 24 (28%) of whom were asymptomatic.

The findings in this report are subject to at least three limitations. First, this analysis was conducted on a convenience sample that included only positive test results received

^{*} https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/HAN-COVID-19-ChangetoQuarantine.pdf.

electronically or by fax and negative test results received electronically. Negative test results that were received by fax were not entered into the surveillance system and so are not included in this analysis. Second, the limited demographic data on contacts of patients could hamper the matching of a contact with a laboratory result; thus, the number of contacts tested might be underreported. Although persons who were retested remained negative (1% indeterminate), they represented only 16% of the total number of persons who discontinued quarantine. Finally, asymptomatic status during quarantine until the time of testing for persons testing negative could not be verified.

These results indicate that among the persons in quarantine who tested negative at day 7 after exposure, none who were retested between day 8 and 14 were positive. Allowing asymptomatic persons to shorten quarantine with a negative test at day 7 or later has not been demonstrated to result in transmission of SARS-CoV-2, indicating that the policy has been effective. These results also indicate that 3.9% of contacts tested on days 7–10 after exposure were infected with SARS-CoV-2. In addition to reducing the duration of quarantine for exposed contacts, Vermont's policy might have provided additional benefits to the state's pandemic response by identifying some asymptomatic patients earlier in the course of their illness through enhancing statewide surveillance testing of an exposed group. This assessment supports Vermont's policy as being effective and offers data to support recommendations to shorten quarantine with testing such as those provided in CDC's updated quarantine guidance.[†]

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Opening of Large Institutions of Higher Education and County-Level COVID-19 Incidence — United States, July 6–September 17, 2020

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During early August 2020, county-level incidence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) generally decreased across the United States, compared with incidence earlier in the summer (1); however, among young adults aged 18-22 years, incidence increased (2). Increases in incidence among adults aged ≥ 60 years, who might be more susceptible to severe COVID-19-related illness, have followed increases in younger adults (aged 20–39 years) by an average of 8.7 days (3). Institutions of higher education (colleges and universities) have been identified as settings where incidence among young adults increased during August (4,5). Understanding the extent to which these settings have affected county-level COVID-19 incidence can inform ongoing college and university operations and future planning. To evaluate the effect of large colleges or universities and school instructional format* (remote or in-person) on COVID-19 incidence, start dates and instructional formats for the fall 2020 semester were identified for all not-for-profit large U.S. colleges and universities (≥20,000 total enrolled students). Among counties with large colleges and universities (university counties) included in the analysis, remote-instruction university counties (22) experienced a 17.9% decline in mean COVID-19 incidence during the 21 days before through 21 days after the start of classes (from 17.9 to 14.7 cases per 100,000), and in-person instruction university counties (79) experienced a 56.2% increase in COVID-19 incidence, from 15.3 to 23.9 cases per 100,000. Counties without large colleges and universities (nonuniversity counties) (3,009) experienced a 5.9% decline in COVID-19 incidence, from 15.3 to 14.4 cases per 100,000. Similar findings were observed for percentage of positive test results and hotspot status (i.e., increasing among in-person-instruction

university counties). In-person instruction at colleges and universities was associated with increased county-level COVID-19 incidence and percentage test positivity. Implementation of increased mitigation efforts at colleges and universities could minimize on-campus COVID-19 transmission.

The National Center for Educational Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (6) was used to identify not-for-profit baccalaureate degree-granting colleges and universities enrolling $\geq 20,000$ full-time and part-time students. Colleges and universities that enrolled <20,000 students or were considered for-profit were excluded. Fall class start dates and instructional formats on the first day of scheduled classes were abstracted from college and university websites during early September 2020. Counties with large colleges and universities were assigned the start date and instructional format of the school. If a county contained multiple large colleges or universities with different start dates, the earliest start date and corresponding instructional format was assigned. If a county contained multiple large schools with the same start date but different instructional formats, then in-person instruction was assigned. Among 133 counties with large colleges and universities (university counties),[†] the 101 (76%) in which classes started from July 27 to August 28 were included in the analysis (i.e., 32 were excluded because they included institutions that started on or after August 29 and had insufficient data for the 21 days after the start of classes at the time of analysis). County-level mean estimates of COVID-19 incidence,§ testing rates, percentage test positivity,[¶] and hotspot status** were compared for university counties with remote-instruction, in-person-instruction, and nonuniversity counties during the 21 days before and after the start of classes.

^{*} Instructional format was assigned based on the advertised method of instruction for the first day of fall 2020 classes. "Remote" format was defined as an instructional format that appeared to minimize in-person classwork on campus. This definition did allow in-person instruction for a very select number of students, including those in laboratory courses, studio courses, or courses for small groups of students with specific instructional needs. In contrast, the "inperson" format was defined for all other colleges and universities that were not considered remote, which included any instructional format that did not appear to minimize in-person classwork on campus. "Hybrid" instructional formats that had reduced, but reoccurring, in-class experiences for many college and university courses (i.e., beyond laboratory and studio courses) were considered "in-person" for this study. The assignment of instructional format was based on the advertised method of instruction and was not based on the college or university policy toward on-campus housing; therefore colleges and universities with remote instruction could have allowed students to stay in on-campus housing.

[†] A total of 149 large colleges and universities were identified across 133 counties. [§] Incidence was calculated using COVID-19 case counts from state and county health department websites compiled by USAFacts (https://usafacts.org/).

⁹ County-level testing rates and rates of percentage positivity represent viral COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic and screening test (RT-PCR) results and exclude antibody and antigen tests. COVID-19 Electronic Laboratory Reporting state health department-reported data are used to describe county-level RT-PCR result totals when information is available on patients' county of residence or health care providers' practice location. HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to the federal government from public health laboratories, hospital laboratories, and commercial laboratories) are used otherwise. Total RT-PCR tests reflect the number of tests performed, not the number of positive tests divided by the total number of tests performed and for which results were available.

For all analyses, mean county population size, full-time student enrollment size, urban-rural classifications (large central metro, large fringe metro, medium metro, small metro, micropolitan, and noncore), and COVID-19 outcomes are reported and stratified by county university status and instructional format. The COVID-19 outcomes included incidence and testing rates per 100,000 population, test positivity by SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing, and the percentage of counties identified as hotspots for ≥ 1 day during the observation periods. COVID-19 outcomes were reported as means for the 21 days before and after the class start date. Absolute differences (i.e., percentage point differences) are described for percentage-based measures (test positivity and hotspot detection) and relative changes described for rate-based measures (testing rate and incidence). Seven-day moving averages for testing rates, percentage test positivity, and incidence are presented as trends over the observation period (day -21 to day +21). In an unmatched analysis, remoteinstruction and in-person instruction university counties were compared with nonuniversity counties. Nonuniversity counties were assigned the median start date of university counties. In the matched analysis, in-person-instruction university counties were matched with nonuniversity counties based on geographic proximity and population size. This analysis of 68 matched pairs was conducted to account for differences in population size, urbanicity, and geographic location between university and nonuniversity counties.^{††} Nonuniversity counties in the matched sample were assigned the start date of their matched university-county counterpart. In the matched analysis, a regression-based difference-in-difference approach^{§§} was used to quantify the impact of in-person instruction on COVID-19 incidence, with and without adjustment for transient student populations, ¶¶ and percentage test positivity. A sensitivity analysis was conducted to explore whether students' early return to campus might affect observed changes using day -7as the demarcation between before and after periods. Statistical significance was set at $\alpha = 0.05$. Analyses were conducted using R statistical software (version 4.0.2; The R Foundation).

Among 101 university counties (3.2% of all U.S. counties, accounting for 29.4% of the U.S. population), instructional format was remote for 22 (22%) and in-person for 79 (78%). University counties had higher mean population size and were more urban than were nonuniversity counties (Table). Before the start of school, COVID-19 testing rates at the county-level were already higher in university counties than in nonuniversity counties (Figure). Comparing the time from the start of classes through day 21 with the 21 days before classes began, mean daily testing increased 4.2% and 14.1% among remote instruction and in-person instruction university counties, respectively, and decreased 1.0% among nonuniversity counties. Mean test positivity decreased among remote-instruction university counties (absolute change = -1.8%) and nonuniversity counties (-0.6%) but increased among in-person instruction university counties (1.1%). Incidence decreased in nonuniversity counties (-5.9%) and remote-instruction counties (-17.9%), whereas, incidence increased in in-person (56.2%) university counties. The percentage of counties identified at least once as a hotspot

^{**} Hotspot, or rapid riser, counties met all four of the following criteria, relative to the date assessed: 1) >100 new COVID-19 cases in the most recent 7 days; 2) an increase in the most recent 7-day COVID-19 incidence over the preceding 7-day incidence; 3) a decrease of no more than 60% or an increase in the most recent 3-day COVID-19 incidence over the preceding 3-day incidence; and 4) a ratio of 7-day incidence to 30-day incidence exceeding 0.31. In addition, hotspots must have met at least one of the following criteria: 1) >60% change in the most recent 3-day COVID-19 incidence or 2) >60% change in the most recent 3-day covID-19 incidence or 2) >60% change in the most recent 3-day incidence. CDC and other federal agencies that are monitoring trends in COVID-19 are collaborating to refine approaches to define and monitor hotspots. As a result, terminology or definitions used in future reports might differ from those used in this report.

^{††} Matches for each in-person university county were identified by listing all candidate (county) matches without large colleges or universities that had a similar population size (± 30%) and that were located within 500 miles (805 km) of each university county. From these candidate matches, the final match was selected based on closest proximity such that no nonuniversity county was matched more than once. After matching, the average distance between counties in matched in-person university county and nonuniversity county pairs was 114 miles (183 km) with a maximum distance of 471 miles (758 km). Eleven in-person university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there were no candidate matches meeting population size and proximity specifications. All remote university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there were an insufficient number of nonuniversity county matches.

Difference-in-difference is a statistical technique that compares the changes in outcomes over time between two groups: those who are part of a control group and those who are part of a treatment or an intervention group. In this analysis, the intervention group was considered to be the counties with colleges and universities that had in-person instruction and the control group was considered to be nonuniversity counties. Difference-in-difference estimates used a regression model with the following specification: $Y_{ct} = \alpha + \beta_1 \cdot In$ $Person_{ct} + \beta_2 \cdot After_{ct} + \delta_{IP} \cdot After_{ct} \cdot In \ person_{ct} + \theta_c + \theta_s + \theta_{week} + \theta_{weekday} + \theta$ ϵ_{ct} , where Y_{ct} is the outcome of interest (i.e., either COVID-19 incidence or percentage test positivity) for each county c and each unit of time t (days); In Person_{ct} is an indicator equal to 1 if the county has a college or university that started classes in an in-person format; After_{ct} is an indicator equal to 1 for all the days after the county's assigned start date (i.e., an indicator equal to 1 for days 0 to 21, where day 0 is the start date); θ_c and θ_s are county- and statelevel fixed effects; θ_{week} and $\theta_{weekday}$ are fixed effects for each calendar week and each weekday; and ε_{ct} is the unobserved error term. The coefficient of interest is δ_{ID} which captures the difference in outcome before and after the start date among in-person university counties, minus the difference in outcome before and after the assigned start date in nonuniversity counties. Standard errors were clustered at the county level. A placebo test was conducted where the college or university start date used day -21 as the demarcation of before and after periods, and no violation of the parallel trends assumption was found.

⁵⁵ Because transient student populations might not be included in the population denominator for county incidence estimates, incidence is assessed two ways in the difference-in-difference models: first using county population reported by the U.S. census, then adjusting for student influx by adding full-time student enrollment to each college or university's county population for the period after classes start. The full-time student population was used for this adjustment instead of the total student population, which includes full-time and part-time students.

TABLE. COVID-19 testing, percentage positivity, incidence, and county hotspot status among counties with and without colleges and universities,*
by instructional format on the first day of the fall 2020 semester — United States, 2020

	Unmatched analysis			Matched analysis [†]		
	University counties [§]			University counties		
Characteristic	Remote instruction	In-person instruction	Nonuniversity counties	In-person instruction	Nonuniversity counties	
Total no. of counties	22	79	3,009	68	68	
Mean county population	1,694,739	748,544	69,574	467,187	413,460	
Total no. of large colleges/universities	31	84	_	71	_	
Mean college/university full-time enrollment in county§	37,769	27,451	—	27,084	_	
Mean percentage full-time college/university enrollment of total county population	7.7	11.7	—	13.3	—	
Percentage of counties in each urban-rural category [¶]						
Large central metro	59	27	1	16	9	
Large fringe metro	9	13	12	13	32	
Medium metro	18	28	11	32	28	
Small metro	5	25	11	29	18	
Micropolitan	9	8	21	9	9	
Noncore	0	0	44	0	4	
County COVID-19 testing rate per 100,000 population**						
Mean daily rate from day -21 to day -1^{++}	308	255	209	256	216	
Mean daily rate from day 0 to day 21	321	291	207	304	204	
Relative change, %§§	4.2	14.1	-1.0	18.8	-5.6	
County COVID-19 RT-PCR test percentage positivity**						
Mean from day –21 to day –1	8.1	7.8	8.7	7.5	8.6	
Mean from day 0 to day 21	6.4	8.9	8.0	9.1	7.9	
Absolute change, % ^{§§}	-1.8	1.1	-0.6	1.6	-0.8	
County COVID-19 incidence ^{¶¶}						
Mean incidence from day –21 to day –1	17.9	15.3	15.3	14.3	16.9	
Mean incidence from day 0 to day 21	14.7	23.9	14.4	25.5	13.6	
Relative change, % ^{§§}	-17.9	56.2	-5.9	78.3	-19.5	
County COVID-19 hotspot activity ***						
Percentage detected as a hotspot from day –21 to day –1	9.1	8.9	4.4	8.8	13.2	
Percentage detected as a hotspot from day 0 to day 21	18.2	39.2	5.9	42.6	14.7	
Absolute change, % ^{§§}	9.1	30.4	1.5	33.8	1.5	

Abbreviations: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019; RT-PCR = reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction.

* 133 counties had institutions of higher education (large colleges or universities). Some counties (n = 32; 24%) opened on or after August 29 and were excluded from analysis. University counties are defined as counties with a large college or university. Nonuniversity counties are defined as counties without a large college or university.
 [†] University counties matched to geographically proximate comparison counties with similar population size. Matches for each university county were identified by first listing all candidate (county) matches without large colleges and universities (nonuniversity counties) that had a similar population size (± 30%) and that were located within 500 miles (805 km) of each university county. From these candidate matches the final match was selected based on closest proximity. After matching, the average distance between counties in matched university county and nonuniversity county pairs was 114 miles (183 km) with a maximum distance of 471 miles (758 km).

[§] Colleges and universities were included in the analysis if they had ≥20,000 total enrolled students, which included full-time and part-time students. The full-time student enrollments from these included institutions were combined across each university county. The number of full-time student enrollments in the university counties ranged from 11,774 to 192,173.

¹ Urban-rural classifications are from the National Center for Health Statistics' six-level urban-rural classification scheme for U.S. counties (https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/urban_rural.htm).

** Testing rates and percentage positivity for reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction tests were obtained from COVID-19 electronic laboratory reporting data submitted by state health departments and from data submitted directly by public health, commercial, and reference laboratories.

⁺⁺ Day -21, -1, and 21 are relative to day 0, which indicates the start date of instruction at colleges and universities for the fall 2020 semester. The nonuniversity counties were assigned the median start date in the unmatched analysis and were assigned the start date of their matched university country counterpart in the matched analysis.

§§ Absolute differences are described for percentage-based measures (i.e., test positivity and hotspot detection) and relative changes described for rate-based measures (i.e., testing rate and incidence).

¹¹ Incidence (cases per 100,000) was calculated using daily reported COVID-19 case-counts from state and county health department websites compiled by USAFacts (https://usafacts.org/).

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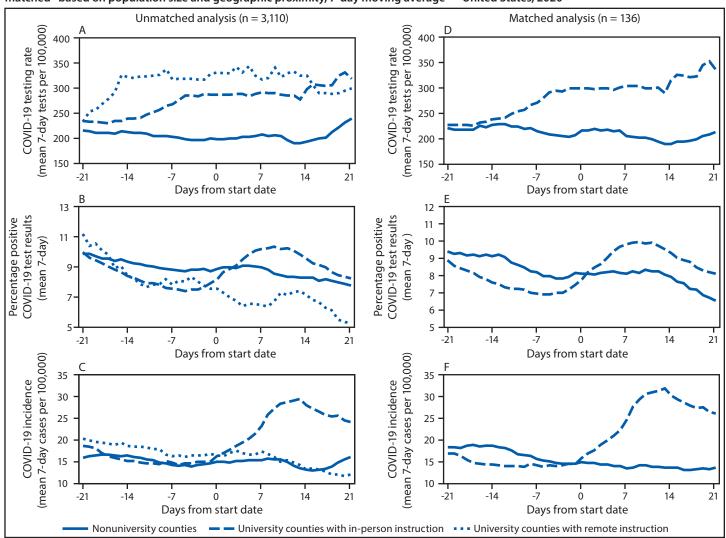


FIGURE. Trends* in COVID-19 testing rates (A, D), percentage test positivity (B, E), and incidence (C, F) for unmatched U.S. counties[†] and counties matched[§] based on population size and geographic proximity, 7-day moving average — United States, 2020

Abbreviation: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019.

* Trends are presented relative to the start date for fall 2020 classes for counties with large colleges and universities (university counties) and the assigned start date for nonuniversity counties.

⁺ University counties with remote (n = 22) and in-person (n = 79) instruction versus nonuniversity (n = 3,009) counties.

[§] University counties with in-person instruction versus nonuniversity counties (68 matched pairs). Matches for each in-person university county were identified by listing all candidate (county) matches without large colleges or universities that had a similar population size (± 30%) and that were located within 500 miles (805 km) of each university county. From these candidate matches, the final match was selected based on closest proximity such that no nonuniversity county was matched more than once. After matching, the average distance between counties in matched in-person university county and nonuniversity county pairs was 114 miles (183 km) with a maximum distance of 471 miles (758 km). Eleven in-person university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there were no candidate matches meeting population size and proximity specifications. All remote university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there was an insufficient number of nonuniversity county matches.

increased for all three groups, with the highest percentage observed in in-person instruction university counties (30.4% absolute increase), followed by remote-instruction university counties (9.1%) and nonuniversity counties (1.5%).

COVID-19 outcomes were similar in the matched analysis. Compared with nonuniversity counties, in-person instruction university counties experienced a higher relative change in testing rates (18.8% versus –5.6%), a higher absolute change in test positivity (1.6% versus –0.8%), a higher relative change in incidence (78.3% versus -19.5%) (Table) (Figure), and a higher absolute change in the percentage identified as hotspots (33.8% versus 1.5%). Based on the difference-in-difference analysis, university counties with in-person instruction were associated with an increase of 14.4 cases per 100,000 (p<0.05) and an increase of 2.4 percent test positivity (p<0.05) relative to nonuniversity counties with in-person instruction. When adjusting incidence for the influx of full-time students, inperson instruction university counties were associated with an

increase of 10.6 cases per 100,000 (p<0.05) (Supplementary Table, https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/99533). These results did not change meaningfully in the sensitivity analysis.

Discussion

County-level COVID-19 incidence decreased in much of the United States in late summer 2020. Comparing the 21 days before and after instruction start dates, university counties with in-person instruction experienced a 56% increase in incidence and 30% increase in hotspot occurrence as well as increases in COVID-19-related testing and test percentage positivity. Results from the unmatched analysis were consistent with those from the matched analysis. If percentage positivity had been stable or declining across the observation period, then efforts on the part of many colleges and universities to conduct or require testing before students' return to campus and their ongoing surveillance efforts might explain an increase in case counts, as a result of increased case discovery. However, the concurrent increases in percentage positivity and in incidence in these counties suggest that higher levels of transmission, in addition to increased case discovery, occurred in these communities (2).

The findings in this report are subject to at least six limitations. First, data abstraction for schools' instructional formats was conducted in early September and focused on identifying the format used on the first day of classes; some misclassification of instructional format might have occurred because of changes during the first few weeks of instruction. Second, this study did not adjust for mitigation strategies (e.g., mask and social distancing requirements and limits on large crowds and athletic events) implemented at local or state levels or at colleges and universities, which could have affected the association between the institution's opening and county-level incidence. Similarly, whether cases in university counties were college- or university-related (i.e., through contact in classrooms, dormitories, cafeterias, or off-campus activities) or related to community transmission could not be discerned. Third, these results might not be generalizable to counties with smaller colleges and universities. Fourth, U.S. Census 2019 population estimates were used to calculate rates, which do not include all college and university enrollments. County-level rate calculations could be inflated for university counties, especially those for which the enrollment numbers are relatively large compared with the county's population size. Fifth, the longer-term implications for county incidence (i.e., beyond 21 days) were not assessed. Finally, the university counties in the unmatched analysis have larger populations and likely additional characteristics that are different from those of nonuniversity counties. This limitation prompted the decision to conduct the matched analysis, which focused on counties

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Increasing COVID-19 incidence was observed among young adults in August 2020, and outbreaks have been reported at institutions of higher education (colleges and universities).

What is added by this report?

U.S. counties with large colleges or universities with remote instruction (n = 22) experienced a 17.9% decrease in incidence and university counties with in-person instruction (n = 79) experienced a 56% increase in incidence, comparing the 21-day periods before and after classes started. Counties without large colleges or universities (n = 3,009) experienced a 6% decrease in incidence during similar time frames.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Additional implementation of effective mitigation activities at colleges and universities with in-person instruction could minimize on-campus COVID-19 transmission and reduce county-level incidence.

with more similar population levels and geographic proximity. However, broader generalizations based on the matched analysis might not be warranted because 11 university counties with in-person instruction were excluded from the matched analysis because no appropriate matches were available.

COVID-19 incidence, hotspot occurrence, COVID-19related testing, and test positivity increased in university counties with in-person instruction. Efforts to prevent and mitigate COVID-19 transmission are critical for U.S. colleges and universities. Congregate living settings at colleges and universities were linked to transmissions (7). Testing students for COVID-19 when they return to campus and throughout the semester might be an effective strategy to rapidly identify and isolate new cases to interrupt and reduce further transmissions (8). Colleges and universities should work to achieve greater adherence to the recommended use of masks, hand hygiene, social distancing, and COVID-19 surveillance among students (9), including those who are exposed, symptomatic, and asymptomatic. The increase in testing rates likely reflects local efforts already underway to improve COVID-19 surveillance and response. Increasing testing capacity and engaging in other COVID-19 mitigation strategies might be especially important for colleges and universities in areas where transmission from students into the broader community could exacerbate existing disparities, including access to and utilization of health care, as well as the disproportionate morbidity and mortality of COVID-19 among populations with prevalent underlying conditions associated with more severe outcomes following infection. Some university counties might have one or more concerning factors, such as higher levels of older adult populations, high rates of obesity and cardiovascular disease,

or strained health care resources. These counties might need to consider the implications of in-person instruction on spread of COVID-19 among a student population that might have interactions with persons at higher risk in the community. College and university administrators should work with local decision-makers and public health officials to strengthen community mitigation, in addition to continuing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 on college and university campuses.

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Participation in Fraternity and Sorority Activities and the Spread of COVID-19 Among Residential University Communities — Arkansas, August 21– September 5, 2020

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Preventing transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), in colleges and universities requires mitigation strategies that address on- and off-campus congregate living settings as well as extracurricular activities and other social gatherings (1-4). At the start of the academic year, sorority and fraternity organizations host a series of recruitment activities known as rush week; rush week culminates with bid day, when selections are announced. At university A in Arkansas, sorority rush week (for women) was held during August 17-22, 2020, and consisted of on- and offcampus social gatherings, including an outdoor bid day event on August 22. Fraternity rush week (for men) occurred during August 27–31, with bid day scheduled for September 5. During August 22–September 5, university A–associated COVID-19 cases were reported to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). A total of 965 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases associated with university A were identified, with symptom onset occurring during August 20-September 5, 2020; 31% of the patients with these cases reported involvement in any fraternity or sorority activity. Network analysis identified 54 gatherings among all linkages of cases to places of residence and cases to events, 49 (91%) were linked by participation in fraternity and sorority activities accounting for 42 (72%) links among gatherings. On September 4, university A banned gatherings of ≥ 10 persons, and fraternity bid day was held virtually. The rapid increase in COVID-19 cases was likely facilitated by on- and off-campus congregate living settings and activities, and health departments should work together with student organizations and university leadership to ensure compliance with mitigation measures.

University A began the academic year on August 24, offering in-class and virtual instruction for approximately 20,000 students; a majority of students used virtual instruction. Before and during the start of the academic year, students might have participated in on- and off-campus fraternity or sorority activities. Cases were identified by the university during an ADH-sponsored testing event (September 1–3) or linked to the university by ADH. Case data were reported to ADH by clinic staff members at university A and stored in an electronic database (REDCap, version 8.8.0; Vanderbilt University). Using a standardized questionnaire, ADH nurses interviewed persons with university-associated COVID-19 to ascertain demographic characteristics, date of symptom onset, university status, class attendance type (in-class or virtual), place of residence, and involvement in community- and school-related activities during the 14 days preceding illness onset. Illness onset was defined as the earliest date of reported symptoms for symptomatic cases* or as date of specimen collection for asymptomatic cases (ADH followed up with cases that had testing and diagnosis before symptom onset to identify date of symptom onset). Initial case reviews by ADH identified patients who reported recent participation in sorority or fraternity activities; subsequent infections were observed among cohabitants of these persons.

A network analysis was performed to assess the relationship between participation in university fraternity or sorority activities and the spread of COVID-19 among residential communities at university A. MicrobeTrace, a network analysis and visualization tool developed by CDC,[†] was used to visualize and describe the full network of persons with COVID-19 and identify potential transmission-related gatherings (network analysis terminology would refer to these as "communities"), defined as one or more gatherings in which multiple cases are identified and epidemiologically linked. COVID-19 patients were included in the network if they lived on campus, participated in fraternity or sorority activities, or lived in the same off-campus dwelling as a person who participated in these activities. Case-to-residence and case-to-event networks were constructed to map residential university A transmissionrelated gatherings. These networks were used to infer gatherings by algorithmically partitioning the network into the most densely linked cases (nodes) (5,6). In this network analysis method, the algorithm randomly assigns nodes a "community" identifier, and community connectivity is measured. For each person in the network, community identifiers are swapped with their neighbors and then remeasured. Only changes in community affiliation that improve connectivity are preserved, reversing any swaps that do not improve connectivity. This activity was reviewed by CDC and was conducted consistent with applicable federal law and CDC policy.§

^{*} ADH followed up with cases that had testing and diagnosis before symptom onset to identify the actual date of symptom onset.

[†]https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.22.216275v1.

^{§ 45} C.E.R. part 46.102(1)(2), 21 C.F.R. part 56; 42 U.S.C. Sect. 241(d); 5 U.S.C. Sect. 552a; 44 U.S.C. Sect. 3501 et seq.

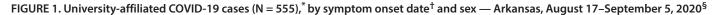
During August 22-September 5, a total of 965 universityassociated COVID-19 cases with illness onset on or after August 20 were identified, including 699 (72%) confirmed cases (with positive reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction test results) and 266 (28%) probable cases (with positive results for SARS-CoV-2 antigen test, performed at the university clinic). A 3-day, ADH-sponsored testing event, held during September 1–3 in response to an increase in universityassociated cases detected by ADH, resulted in a 22% test positivity rate and identified 324 cases; overall, 34% of cases were identified through this testing event. Among the 965 confirmed and probable cases with illness onset dates during August 20-September 5, 673 (70%) occurred in women and 936 (97%) were in persons aged 18–24 years (Table). Five cases (<1%) in persons identified as faculty or staff members were reported. The number of cases with reported illness onset on a given day increased and peaked on August 31 (Figure 1). Forty-eight (5%) persons with COVID-19 had received in-class instruction, 292 (31%) participated in fraternity or sorority activities, and 149 (15%) lived in a fraternity or sorority house.

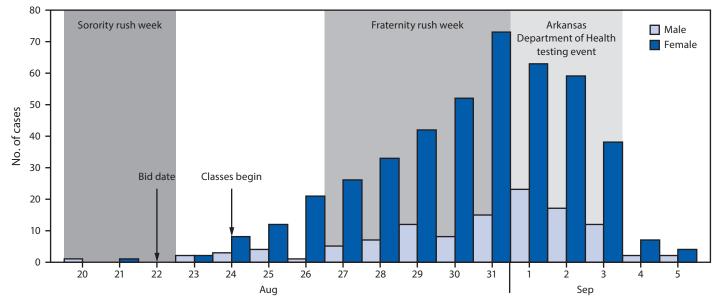
The network analysis linked 565 (59%) cases to 56 residences (16 dormitories, 20 apartments and houses, and 20 fraternity or sorority houses) and to their case-to-event associations (Figure 2). The full network consisted of one large, linked cluster of 471 (83%) cases (86% in women and 14% in men) and eight smaller, unlinked gatherings of 94 total cases (49%)

TABLE. Characteristics of COVID-19 cases associated with university A — Arkansas, August 20–September 5, 2020

Characteristic	No. (%) of cases		
Total	965 (100)		
Sex			
Women	673 (70)		
Men	234 (24)		
Unknown	58 (6)		
University status			
Student	761 (79)		
Faculty/Staff member	5 (0.5)		
Other/Unknown	199 (21)		
Age group, yrs			
0–17	7 (1)		
18–24	936 (97)		
25–44	18 (2)		
45–64	2 (0.2)		
≥65	0 (—)		
Unknown	2 (0.2)		
Fraternity/Sorority activity participation			
Any	292 (31)		
None	497 (52)		
Unknown	176 (18)		
Class attendance type			
In-class instruction only	48 (5)		
Virtual instruction only	453 (47)		
Mixed (in-class and virtual)	228 (24)		
Unknown	236 (24)		
Housing type			
On-campus (dormitory)	199 (21)		
Off-campus apartment/house	499 (52)		
Off-campus fraternity/sorority	149 (15)		
Unknown	118 (12)		

Abbreviation: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019.





Date of symptom onset

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* Ten cases with onset before sorority rush week, which occurred at a frequency of ≤1 per day, are not included.

[†] The case report date is used as the symptom onset date for asymptomatic cases.

[§] Bid date refers to date when recruitment decisions were announced.

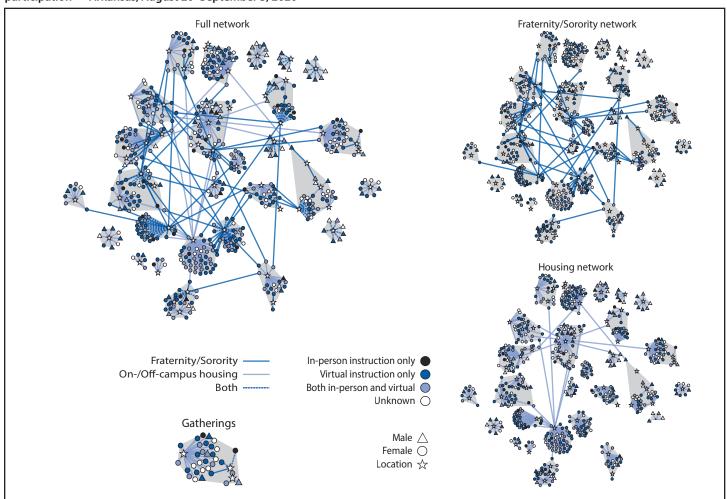


FIGURE 2. Network diagram of 565 university-affiliated COVID-19 cases connected to the patient's place of residence or fraternity or sorority participation — Arkansas, August 20–September 5, 2020

Abbreviation: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019.

in women and 51% in men; cluster size range = 4-12 cases). Fifty-four gatherings were detected, including 27 (50%) with at least five cases. Among persons in 44 (81%) gatherings, at least one member regularly attended in-person classes, and at least one member of each of the 49 gatherings (91%) reported participation in fraternity or sorority activities or events. Gatherings included an average of 20.3 cases (median = 21; range = 5-44). Among 58 links between gatherings, 42 (72%) were associated with fraternity or sorority activities, 11 (19%) with on-campus dormitories, and five (9%) with off-campus apartments and houses.

Discussion

Within 2 weeks of the start of the 2020–21 academic year, COVID-19 cases rapidly increased among persons associated with university A. Transmission was likely facilitated by onand off-campus congregate living settings and activities, with a majority of the gatherings (91%) and links between them (72%) associated with fraternities or sororities. Most patients reported virtual instruction only, which indicates transmission likely occurred primarily outside the classroom; this finding is supported by the very small proportion of cases among faculty and staff members (0.5%). Women constitute 54% of university A's 2020 student body but accounted for 70% of university A's COVID-19 cases. Among linked gatherings, women accounted for 86% of cases, a finding that could reflect involvement in gender-specific activities, including sorority rush week, which held an in-person outdoor bid day event and occurred before fraternity rush week, which was both held later and virtually.

Understanding networks can provide insights into COVID-19 transmission dynamics and inform effective mitigation strategies. In the absence of detailed person-to-person transmission data from contact tracing, network analysis using

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Preventing COVID-19 in colleges and universities requires mitigation strategies addressing on- and off-campus congregate living settings, extracurricular activities, and social gatherings.

What is added by this report?

At the start of the 2020–21 academic year, COVID-19 cases increased rapidly at an Arkansas university. Network analysis indicated that 91% of gatherings were associated with fraternity or sorority activities. Recruitment events held virtually were associated with fewer cases than those held in-person.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Given the potential for rapid SARS-CoV-2 transmission in on- and off-campus settings and activities, colleges and universities should work with local health departments and student organizations to ensure compliance with mitigation guidelines.

available data on place of residence and involvement in onand off-campus activities was used to describe university A's transmission network, potential gatherings where transmission might have taken place, and links between nodes. The network visualization tool depicted algorithm-detected gatherings to identify links indicating likely recent contact. Visualized in real-time, information from such links and networks could support implementation of targeted mitigation activities, such as isolation of cases and quarantining of contacts.

The findings in this report are subject to at least four limitations. First, incomplete case investigations resulted in missing or unknown data and exclusion from the network analysis. Second, housing and event attendance might not approximate transmission histories. Third, many cases were identified during mass testing events, and event advertisement and location could have resulted in a biased sample. Finally, data were not collected from uninfected persons or on adherence to mitigation strategies, such as social distancing, mask use, and hand hygiene.

Because of the potential for rapid transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in on- and off-campus university settings, student organizations could help ensure compliance with CDC-recommended COVID-19 mitigation measures, such as limiting the size of social gatherings, adhering to social distancing recommendations, requiring mask use, improving hand hygiene, and increasing testing. Encouraging more virtual activities, including those related to fraternity and sorority rush week, might help minimize the risk for transmission on university and college campuses. To ensure compliance with mitigation measures, health departments should work together with student organizations and university leaders.

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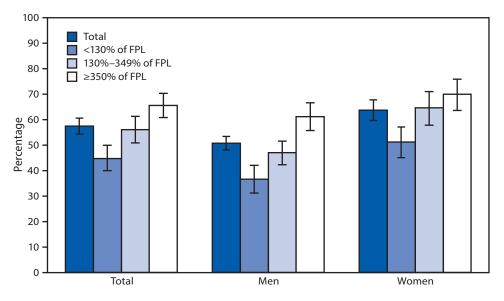
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Abbreviation: FPL = federal poverty level.

* Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

⁺ Dietary supplements are products taken by mouth that contain one or more dietary ingredients (vitamins, minerals, herbs or other botanicals, amino acids, and other substances) or their constituents and are labeled as such on the front panel.

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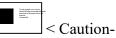
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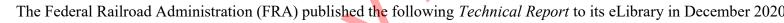
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21P8009: *Promoting Wellness and Resiliency in Correctional Staff*

Date and Time : February 2nd / 11am PT / 12pm MT /1pm CT / 2pm ET for one hour

<u>Webinar Summary</u>: Do you want to see what some of the latest data and promising practices are revealing about staff wellness for corrections officers and staff? Would you like to learn how to apply a holistic approach to your workplace along the continuum of preventive to reactive responses? Correctional staff face significant stress and challenges in maintaining wellness and resiliency in the workplace. There is emerging evidence that effective strategies and programs exist; however, they often occur in a piecemeal or sporadic fashion. This webinar provides academic insight into the current research on officer wellness and references emerging areas of innovative practices. It includes practitioner expertise on valuable resources and support for correctional officers and staff. We will move from preventive to reactive strategies and build on new approaches to increase resiliency. Participants will learn what research and practice tell us about the short and long-term effects that working in corrections can have and how to promote staff wellness and manage trauma in response to what they experience.

Learning Objectives : During this one-hour interactive webinar, participants will 1) develop an understanding of the current research on correctional staff wellness and resiliency, 2) learn how to apply a holistic approach to their workplace, and 3) gain knowledge on promising real-world practices that can assist and promote both wellness and resiliency.

Speakers

Dr. Hayden Smith is an Associate Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina. His principal focus of study is the intersection of the criminal justice and public health systems. Core areas include self-injurious and suicidal behaviors in incarcerated populations, physical and mental health needs in correctional settings, jail diversion, reentry initiatives, and correctional staff well-being and safety. Dr. Smith has expertise in program evaluation and policy analysis and has worked with numerous correctional and health systems.

Ms. Karin Ho is the Director for Victim Services with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. She has more than 30 years of victim advocacy experience and over 25 years in corrections. Recognizing how correctional staff were affected by traumatic events, she implemented the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Peer Team and Post Critical Incident Seminars for employees with ongoing trauma-related issues. As part of the CISM Team, Karin is the handler for a specially trained trauma dog who responds to correctional staff throughout the state.

The presenters have engaged in several academic-practitioner partnerships that address correctional officer and staff well-being.

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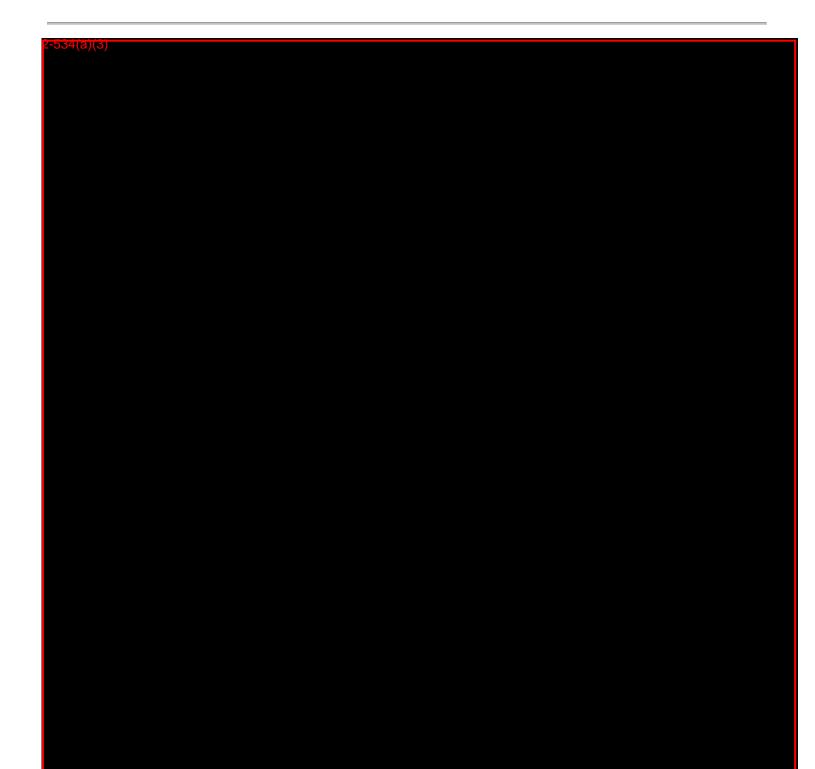
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A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging Surgical Care Affiliates LLC and its related entity (collectively SCA), which own and operate outpatient medical care centers across the country, for agreeing with competitors not to solicit senior-level employees, the Department of Justice announced today. These are the Antitrust Division's first charges in this ongoing investigation into employee allocation agreements.

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