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## U.S. Scrambles To Find Truce In the Mideast

### Lack of Progress Puts Heat on Democrats

By MICHAEL CROWLEY and EDWARD WONG

TEL AVIV — It is not where the Biden administration wants to be less than two weeks before the U.S. presidential election: Israeli strikes with American-made bombs continue to wipe out Palestinian families in Gaza. The war in Lebanon is expanding. And Israel and Iran's exchanges of direct attacks could escalate.

With many progressive voters and Arab and Muslim Americans in battleground states furious at President Biden for his unwavering support of Israel's offensives since the devastating Hamas assault last year, U.S. officials had been desperate for some way to prod the Middle East toward stability.

Then came Israel's Oct. 16 killing of Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas, which Biden officials saw as a fresh opportunity to try to achieve a rapid negotiated settlement to Israel's wars in Lebanon and Gaza, where tens of thousands of Palestinians have been killed.

Less than three weeks before the election, Mr. Biden dispatched Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken to the Middle East for that purpose. The trip this week, his 11th wartime visit to the region, had an improvised quality reflecting its last-minute origins: Mr. Blinken departed without a clear itinerary and canceled a planned stop in Jordan before carrying on to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and, unexpectedly, London. There, he met separately on Friday with officials from Lebanon, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

In Doha, Mr. Blinken announced that U.S. and Israeli negotiators would be returning to Qatar soon in an effort to revive hostage and cease-fire talks with Hamas.

Still, any hopes of a quick, post-Sinwar breakthrough were short-lived.

Mr. Blinken found no evidence  
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## If Donald J. Trump wins, he is ready to radically reshape American government from the moment he regains the White House.

He has said he intends to **expand presidential power** by bringing independent agencies under his direction, stripping employment protection from civil servants and purging officials from security agencies. He has said he would direct the Justice Department to **prosecute his political adversaries**, including President Biden and others he perceives as his enemies. ■ **He plans a drastic crackdown on immigration**, with mass deportations of undocumented migrants, the use of the National Guard and federal troops to apprehend them and the construction of new detention camps. He plans to suspend the nation's refugee program, end birthright citizenship and reinstate a ban on visitors from mostly Muslim countries. ■ **Mr. Trump said he would re-evaluate NATO's purpose**; use the U.S. military to fight drug cartels in Mexico in potential violation of international law; and **use federal troops on American soil**, including to quell protests he deems riots and to fight crime in Democratic-run cities. ■ **He plans to upend trade and other economic policies by imposing new tariffs** on most imported goods, which many economists say risks raising prices for consumers. He also said he would implement trade restrictions on China and impose rules to stop U.S. companies from making investments there. And he has pledged to **rein in regulatory agencies**. ■ **To help achieve these and other goals, his advisers are vetting lawyers seen as more likely to embrace aggressive legal theories about the scope of his power.**

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## Chinese Hack Targets Phone Used by Trump

### Vance and Democrats in Scope of Breach

This article is by Devlin Barrett, Jonathan Swan and Maggie Haberman.

Chinese hackers targeted data from phones used by former President Donald J. Trump and his running mate, Senator JD Vance of Ohio, as part of what appears to be a wide-ranging intelligence-collection effort, people familiar with the matter said on Friday.

Investigators are working to determine what communications data, if any, was taken or observed by the sophisticated penetration of telecom systems, according to these people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe an active and highly sensitive national security case.

The type of information on phones used by a presidential candidate and his or her running mate could be a gold mine for an intelligence agency: Who they called and texted, how often they communicated with certain people and how long they talked to those people could be highly valuable to an adversary like China. That sort of communications data could be even more useful if hackers could observe it in real time.

The Trump campaign team was made aware this week that Mr. Trump and Mr. Vance were among a number of people inside and outside government whose phone numbers had been targeted through the infiltration of Verizon phone systems, the officials said.

People briefed on the matter said Democrats were among the targets, including staff members of Vice President Kamala Harris's campaign and prominent figures on Capitol Hill, including Senator Chuck Schumer of New York, the majority leader.

The targeting of a presidential ticket's communications underscores the aggressiveness, scope and potential severity of the hacking attack, which Western cybersecurity experts believe was carried out by a group they have called Salt Typhoon.

The investigation is continuing, but the F.B.I. and national security officials have signaled that they are deeply concerned about the potential extent of compromised data and the wide range of possible victims.

Without identifying those who were targeted, the F.B.I. and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency issued a joint statement attributing the hacking to "actors affiliated with the People's Republic of China."

The agencies said they "are collaborating to aggressively mitigate this threat and are coordinating with our industry partners to strengthen cyberdefenses across the commercial communications"

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## RACE TO LEAD U.S. IS NECK AND NECK IN FINAL STRETCH

### 48-48 TIE IN A LAST POLL

### Both Trump and Harris See Some Gains as Contest Tightens

By ADAM NAGOURNEY and RUTH IGIELNIK

Kamala Harris and Donald J. Trump are locked in a dead heat for the popular vote, 48 percent to 48 percent, the final national poll by The New York Times and Siena College has found, as Ms. Harris struggles for an edge over Mr. Trump with an electorate that seems impossibly and immovably divided.

The result, coming less than two weeks before Election Day, and as millions of Americans have already voted, is not encouraging for Ms. Harris. In recent elections, Democrats have had an edge in the popular vote even when they have lost the Electoral College and thus the White House. They have been looking to Ms. Harris to build a strong national lead as a sign that she would do well in such critical swing states as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Ms. Harris and Mr. Trump remain effectively tied even after three of the most tumultuous months in recent American political history. A high-profile debate, two attempts on Mr. Trump's life, dozens of rallies across seven battleground states and hundreds of millions spent on advertisements have seemingly done little to change the trajectory of the race.

Ms. Harris's position, if anything, may have declined among likely voters since the last Times/Siena College poll, taken in early October. At the time, she had a slight lead over Mr. Trump, 49 percent to 46 percent. The change is within the margin of error, but The Times's national polling average has registered a tightening in polls over the past few weeks as well, suggesting at the very least that this contest has drawn even closer.

While this latest Times/Siena College poll offers a glimpse into national sentiment, the presidential election will be decided in the seven battleground states where Ms. Harris and Mr. Trump have devoted the overwhelming amount of their time and resources. Most polls in those states — Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — suggest the contest is equally close.

There are glimmers of hope in this final national poll for both Mr. Trump and Ms. Harris. For Mr. Trump it is immigration: 15 percent of respondents named immi-

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## Biden Apologizes for Mistreatment of Native American Children

By PETER BAKER and AISHVARYA KAVI

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY, Ariz. — President Biden ventured into Native American territory on Friday to offer a formal apology on behalf of the U.S. government for the mistreatment of generations of children who were taken away from their families in an effort to strip them of their culture, history and language.

During a visit to the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona, Mr. Biden decried what he called "a sin on our soul" and promised to do more to make up for the federal government's former policy of forcibly removing Native American children and putting them in boarding schools where they faced abuse and neglect that led in some cases to death.

"The federal government has never, never formally apologized for what happened — until today," the president told a cheering crowd that included families afflicted by the policy. "I formally apologize as president of the United States of America for what we did. I formally apologize. It's long overdue."

He added that "quite frankly, there's no excuse that this apology took 50 years to make" and acknowledged that it could only mean so much after so long. "I know no apology can or will make up for what was lost during the darkness of the federal boarding school policy," Mr. Biden said.

"But today, we're finally moving forward into the light."

Mr. Biden's visit culminated years of study and discussion by his administration led by Deb Haaland, the nation's first Native American interior secretary, whose own family was affected by a practice that lasted from the early 1800s to the late 1960s. An investigative report by her department in July found that at least 19,000 Native children were sent

### Calls a Removal Policy 'a Sin on Our Soul'

to federal boarding schools, and nearly 1,000 died while attending them.

In addition to an apology, the report called on the federal government to create a national memorial to commemorate the children's

deaths and educate the public; invest in research and help Native communities heal from intergenerational stress and trauma; and revitalize Native languages.

Mr. Biden has signed legislation to invest more than \$45 billion in tribal nations, focusing particularly on infrastructure and health systems on reservations. The Gila River Indian Community, located just outside Phoenix, has received

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President Biden visiting the Gila Crossing Indian Community near Phoenix on Friday.

## Friends Find Buried Treasure With Beeps of Metal Detector

By ALI WATKINS

LONDON — The group huddled together in the farmer's field, staring at the dozen or so medieval silver coins. They had found one, then two, and a third. Adam Staples knew, then, this was something special.

Mr. Staples had gathered with six friends that day in 2019 to try out a new metal detector, part of a hobby in which he had indulged for years. But everyone realized, looking down at the pieces of old metal: This find could change their lives.

Everyone, that is, except the farmer.

"I was jibbering on about the Battle of Hastings," said Mr. Staples, of the entertaining exchange

### Coins Dug Up on Farm Bring \$5 Million

between him and the landowner. At the time, the farmer didn't believe the fragile metal pieces were even coins. Unconvinced, the man fetched an old bucket for the wide-eyed hunters. Crack on, he said.

Five years later, the hoard of coins — known as the Chew Valley hoard, for the region of Somerset, England, in which they were found — has been confirmed as the most valuable treasure ever discovered in Britain. It was acquired by the South West Heritage Trust, an independent charity

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