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## High court will weigh legality of new tariffs

Expedited case could determine course of Trump's trade war

**BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL**

The Supreme Court on Tuesday announced it will quickly weigh the legality of most of President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs, a far-reaching case that could determine the fate of a cornerstone of the president's agenda and alter the course of the U.S. economy and global trade.

The justices asked the government and a group of small businesses and states to expedite briefings in the case, setting a deadline of Sept. 19 to submit them. The case has been set for argument the first week in November.

The Trump administration asked the justices last week to quickly overturn a split decision by a federal appeals court that ruled the president could not impose the import taxes under a 1977 law that grants him emergency powers over the economy.

The tariffs have been the central feature of the tumultuous trade war that has defined Trump's second term, creating wide-ranging and unpredictable effects for businesses and

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## As Germans' work hours shrink, their GDP does too

**BY AARON WIENER**

BERLIN — The month-long email vacation auto-responses have been switched off. The "holiday break — back in September" signs have come down from shop windows and restaurant doors. And, after a summer spent colonizing the beaches of southern Europe, Germans have returned to work.

Or maybe not.

Germany's depopulated cities and towns may have come back to life with the return en masse to school and work, but the country is facing an economic — and existential — conundrum: For all their pride in their industriousness, Germans simply aren't working enough.

The data is more than a little shocking. Of the 38 advanced economies in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany ranks dead last in hours worked annually.

It's an identity crisis for a country that just a decade ago imposed strict austerity measures on southern European nations whose residents were widely portrayed

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# Israel attacks Hamas leaders in Qatar

**BY GERRY SHIH**

**AIRSTRIKE STIRS OUTRAGE, UPENDS TALKS**

Trump joins critics; group says no top figures killed

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military carried out an airstrike Tuesday on the villa of a senior Hamas leader in the Qatari capital, Doha, seeking to assassinate much of the militant group's leadership, but Hamas said the attack had failed to kill any of its senior figures.

The raid, which struck Qatar's modern and typically peaceful capital, threw into turmoil the ongoing diplomatic efforts to reach a ceasefire in the Gaza war and free Israeli hostages held for almost two years in the enclave.

The Israeli strike targeted Hamas chief Khalil al-Hayya, who has been leading the indirect negotiations with Israel, as well as Zaher Jabarin, another senior Hamas official, an Israeli official said. In a statement, Hamas said al-Hayya had survived the attack but it had killed al-Hayya's son and the director of al-Hayya's office, as well as three bodyguards and an officer from Qatar's Internal Security Forces.

The strike provoked outrage from Qatar, a major U.S. ally that has been playing a key role in mediating the negotiations and hosting Israeli and Hamas delegations. At the time of the attack, a ceasefire proposal recently put forward by the Trump administration was on the bargaining table.

President Donald Trump was also unusually harsh in criticizing Israel for carrying out the strike.

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## Nepal descends into chaos as prime minister quits amid protests



NAVESH CHITRAKAR/REUTERS

A protester hoists Nepal's flag during a celebration at the Singha Durbar, a government complex that houses the prime minister's office in Kathmandu, after demonstrators stormed it Tuesday. Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli resigned and government buildings were in flames following a deadly crackdown on protests Monday. **Story, A10**

## Estimate of new jobs is slashed by 911,000

Agency's cut to data from much of 2024 and early 2025 is largest on record

**BY LAUREN KAORI GURLEY**

The U.S. labor market was far weaker during much of 2024 and early 2025 than data initially showed, a new government report indicated Tuesday — injecting more uncertainty into the economy and fueling a raging debate over the figures that analysts use to understand it.

In the largest preliminary revision to jobs data on record, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said employers had created 911,000 fewer positions from April 2024 to March 2025 than previously reported. That's less than half as many as the agency had initially indicated. The data will be revised again and finalized early next year. Economists say that report could

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## Tiny invaders threaten West's water

Mussels that clog pipes, alter ecosystems have reached Colorado River Basin

**BY KARIN BRULLIARD**

LOMA, COLO. — Water is a driving force in the American West, and today it's at risk more than ever. Not just from overuse, not just from megadrought, but from minuscule invaders that pose a nearly unstoppable threat to the region's rivers, lakes, dams and reservoirs.

Typically smaller than a nickel, zebra and quagga mussels have spread across Europe and the eastern United States, doing billions of dollars in damage by clogging infrastructure, wreaking havoc on ecosystems and eating food on which native fish and other animals rely.

The mollusks' westward sweep recently crossed a feared Rubicon when Colorado discovered zebra mussels in its portion of the Colorado River system, an imperiled lifeline to 40 million people. "This news is devastating," a water manager on the state's arid western side said. "From irrigation to drinking water, the ramifications cannot be underestimated or overstated."

Almost nothing can keep the mussels from proliferating once they gain a foothold. But scientists and government agencies

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Colorado inspectors at a checkpoint on Interstate 70 near Utah found these quagga mussels on a boat that had been in Lake Powell.

## Guard studies negative public feedback on D.C. deployment

Internal files underscore the risk of damaging U.S. confidence in the military

**BY ALEX HORTON**

The National Guard, in measuring public sentiment about President Donald Trump's federal takeover of Washington, D.C., has assessed that its mission is perceived as "leveraging fear," driving a "wedge between citizens and the military," and promoting a sense of "shame" among some troops and veterans, according to internal documents reviewed by The Washington Post.

The assessments, which have not been previously reported, underscore how domestic mobilizations that are rooted in politics risk damaging Americans' confidence in the men and women who serve their communities in times of crisis. The documents reveal, too, with a rare candor in some cases, that military officials have been kept apprised that their mission is viewed by a segment of society as wasteful, counterproductive and a threat to longstanding precedent stipulating that U.S. soldiers — with rare exception — are to be kept out of domestic law enforcement matters.

Trump has said the activation of more than 2,300 National Guard troops was necessary to reduce crime in the nation's capital, though data maintained by the D.C. police indicates an appreciable decline was underway long before his August declaration of an "emergency." In the weeks since, the Guard has spotlighted troops' work assisting the police and "beautifying" the city by laying

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