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### THE WEATHER

Today, cloudy, humid, rain tapering to a couple of showers, high 75. Tonight, partly cloudy, humid, low 67. Tomorrow, sun and clouds, high 83. Weather map is on Page B8.

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LA GUAIRA The rubble of a residential building on Thursday. The death toll rose to 920 on Friday, with more than 3,360 injured.

## In Venezuela’s Rubble, Listening for Whispers And Longing for Help

### Death Toll Jumps as Hurdles Slow Relief

This article is by Fabiola Ferrero, Julie Turkewitz, Luis Ferré-Sadurni and Alan Yuhas.

CARACAS, Venezuela — Survivors clawed through mountains of brick and concrete with their bare hands across Venezuela’s earthquake-shattered north on Friday, hushing one another to listen for whispers of life and praying to reach people still trapped under the ruins.

At a small hospital in La Guaira, the worst-hit state, Juan David Arsia, 17, said he had spent 21 hours on Friday, hushing one another to listen for whispers of life and praying to reach people still trapped under the ruins.

Under the wreckage with a fractured leg, Mr. Arsia could hear other trapped people screaming, he said, until the sounds stopped in the middle of the night. Hours later, he heard people moving above the rubble and began shouting for help, leading his neighbors to pull him and his mother free.

Rescue teams from at least 10 countries were racing to help Venezuela in its search-and-recovery efforts after devastating twin earthquakes on Wednesday, but they faced stark hurdles even reaching the disaster zone. The 7.2- and 7.5-magnitude quakes damaged the international airport, split open roads and overwhelmed Venezuela’s hollowed-out emergency services.

The country’s infrastructure had already been weakened by corruption and a decade-long economic depression. With little heavy machinery to clear rubble and few medical supplies to help the wounded, many survivors found themselves on their own.

Many lacked even a safe place to rest, as hundreds of aftershocks rolled across the north, jolting the remnants of apartments, stores and offices. Faced with the choice of entering unstable buildings or sleeping in public plazas or by a highway, many residents stayed outside.

Arsenia Beatriz Mayora, 70, and 10 members of her family joined dozens of other families in seeking shelter on a baseball field in La Guaira, where there was little sign of government support when a New York Times photographer visited on Thursday afternoon. Most of the supplies at the location had been dropped off by residents on bikes and in trucks. Ms. Mayora said it would have been impossible to stay in her home. “It was completely destroyed,” she said. “All that was left was the facade.”

Jorge Rodríguez, the leader of the Venezuelan National Assembly, said on Friday that the death toll had risen to 920, with more than 3,360 injured. At least 172 people are believed to still be trapped in the rubble, he said, and

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CARACAS A list of patients was posted outside a hospital. Families who were searching for relatives also flooded a state morgue.



CARACAS A man being helped to one of the few ambulances available. Many residents were driving survivors themselves.

DISPLACED The earthquakes have left thousands homeless with many afraid to sleep in their houses, seeking refuge in the streets. PAGE A9

AWAITING WORD In Doral, Fla., home to a big Venezuelan community, many were frantically trying to contact friends and relatives. PAGE A9

## U.S. STRIKES IRAN IN COUNTERATTACK

### Hitting Weapon Sites Day After Attack on Ship

This article is by Helene Cooper, Euan Ward, Jenny Gross and Pranav Baskar.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military said it launched strikes on Iran on Friday in retaliation for an Iranian attack in the Strait of Hormuz a day earlier, hours after President Trump called the Iranian action a “foolish violation” of the fragile cease-fire between the two countries.

U.S. Central Command said in a statement that it had struck Iranian missile and drone storage locations and coastal radar sites as a “powerful response” to the Iranian attack on Thursday.

The extent of damage from the new U.S. strikes was not immediately clear. A U.S. defense official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak publicly, described the strikes as a retaliatory measure and not a restart of major combat operations.

The strikes on Friday concluded after about 90 minutes, a U.S. official said, and included strikes by American fighter jets against four Iranian sites along the Strait of Hormuz and on Qeshm Island, a U.S. official said.

Iran’s security forces claimed that in response to the American attacks on Friday, Tehran had struck U.S. Army positions in the region. There was no immediate confirmation from the U.S. military of such strikes.

Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary

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## Drumbeat of Death Surrounds Myanmar Rebels

By HANNAH BEECH

ANYAR, Myanmar — From a lonely hilltop in Myanmar, an unlikely commander peered at the enemy on the next crest. He squinted through dust-covered glasses. As the wind whipped up dry earth, Dr. Lone Lone, a rebel leader of five years’ vintage, swallowed a cough, then emitted a slight wheeze.

His men saluted. Their bearing was impeccable, even if their weaponry was not.

Throughout Myanmar’s heartland, where a civil war rages fierce and forgotten, rebel groups are outgunned and undermanned. The civilians who support them

### Hope Dims as Civil War Plows On, Fiercely and Forgotten

face unrelenting raids by the military, which abruptly ended a brief period of electoral governance with a coup in 2021. Myanmar’s generals returned the country to full army dictatorship, fractured the nation and ignited a humanitarian crisis.

Far from the spotlight fixed on Iran, Ukraine, Lebanon and other global conflicts, Myanmar, a Southeast Asian nation of about 50 million people, has quietly col-

lapsed. Recently, The New York Times photographer Daniel Berehulak and I traveled with Dr. Lone Lone to a rebel-held region. It was in Anyar, a part of central Myanmar where the rebels say no foreign journalists had gone since the military toppled the civilian government and erased political and economic reforms.

A rebel soldier — a boy, really — pointed to the sky where he had been told an armed drone was prowling. Over the previous three days, Dr. Lone Lone and a group of his men had evaded drones, fighter jets, attack helicopters and even paraglider pilots intent on chucking hand-held bombs at

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A rebel helping to collect palm branches being used to rebuild homes burned by Myanmar’s junta.

## Yale Seeks Talks In U.S. Inquiry On Admissions

This article is by Michael S. Schmidt, Alan Blinder and Michael C. Bender.

The Trump administration is conducting a far-reaching investigation into whether Yale University’s admissions practices violate anti-discrimination laws, prompting one of the country’s most elite schools to pursue settlement talks with the government, according to three people briefed on the matter.

The Justice Department last month accused Yale’s medical school of giving illegal preferential treatment to Black and Hispanic applicants. But the department’s review is reaching beyond the medical school, the people said, encompassing undergraduate and law school admissions as well.

The expansive inquiry demonstrates the aggressive approach the Trump administration is taking to enforce its interpretation of the Supreme Court ruling that effectively banned race-conscious admissions three years ago. It shows the administration’s intensifying focus on admissions and represents a new front against Yale, which has largely been spared in the White House’s effort to punish elite colleges and reshape academia.

Yale’s quick moves to try to reach an agreement with the government suggest it does not want a high-profile, drawn-out fight similar to the one involving Harvard University. The status of a potential agreement was unclear on Friday, but Yale recently offered a proposal to the govern-

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## Hope for Light At Tunnels’ End In Penn Station

Penn Station remains a miserable, dangerous, subterranean dumpster fire, held together by the infrastructural equivalent of Scotch tape and bubble gum.

A new plan to fix it may finally give the city the gateway it deserves.

Amtrak and its architects released renderings and details the other day for their President Trump-backed, \$7 billion to \$8 billion, soup-to-nuts, six-year rebuild of Penn Station.

The plans look promising and thoughtful, even if the money and timeline may be optimistic. A vaulted, daylit, stone-and-bronze civic gateway will replace the rats’ maze beneath Madison Square Garden where commuters now scurry for the 5:47 to Ronkonkoma.

Here’s hoping the project moves forward. I don’t see any gilded statues or giant arches. What I do see is a dignified, detailed makeover that should relieve congestion, unlocking more than 100,000 square feet of new circulation space, a big safety upgrade.

Ceilings are spectacularly lofted, sightlines cleared, and an entire level of the station — that claustrophobic one sandwiched between the main concourses and the train platforms — is excised.

Some 100 columns are also removed from those platforms, and more stairs, elevators and escalators added across the

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Lydia Polgreen

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