



Secret Plan Spirited Trump Out of Turkey Amid Threats

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The President Is Said to Have Hidden in a Catering Container to Switch Planes

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After the NATO summit concluded in Turkey last month, President Trump boarded the powder-blue-and-white Air Force One in full view of cameras. As the plane took off for England, journalists on board were told to keep their windows closed.

They believed the president was traveling with them as usual. But he wasn't.

Top administration officials had engaged in an elaborate deception to spirit Mr. Trump out of Turkey using a catering container and a military jet because of a threat against him and Air Force One from Iran, two senior U.S. officials said on Monday. After Mr. Trump arrived in Britain, he was secretly moved back to Air Force One. Reporters saw him get off the



The old Air Force One, top, in Turkey, was used as a decoy after a NATO summit; President Trump left it to take a military plane to Britain. He was then put back on Air Force One after it landed, above.

plane, thinking he had been on it all along.

The plan appears to have been developed in a matter of hours after officials determined that a threat against Mr. Trump from Iran was credible. It came after years of threats against Mr. Trump from Iran and amid the war he launched against that country. And it was an unusual instance of the public being deceived about a president's whereabouts.

Officials have not previously acknowledged that Mr. Trump was not where they claimed he was. The furtive operation was reported earlier by The Washington Post, which identified the plane that carried the president to Britain from Turkey as a C-32A, a military variant of a Boeing 757.

Reporters on the older Air Force One were not told that Mr. Trump had not flown with them from Turkey to Britain, making them un-

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For White Sox, Chicago Pope Is a Godsend

By TANIA GANGULI

CHICAGO — On May 8, 2025, Mike Downey, the senior director of promotions and marketing for the Chicago White Sox, took a break from work to swing by the office lunchroom on the third floor of the ballpark. A news channel playing on a television screen said the papal conclave at the Vatican had finally selected a pope. Mr. Downey, a lifelong Catholic, checked social media for more details.

The pope was American, for the first time in the church's history. Interesting, he thought.

The pope was from Chicago. How cool.

Oh, he's from a suburb just south of Chicago.

Do I know him? wondered Mr. Downey, incredulously.

Word was that the pope was a fan of the Chicago Cubs, the White Sox' rivals on the North Side. The Cubs quickly announced the news on their marquee ("Hey, Chicago. He's a Cubs Fan!") and posted a photo on X.

Around the White Sox' office, staffers and executives lamented their bad luck. A South Side Cubs fan? What a shame!

Then, just as suddenly, came a rebuttal from the pope's brother: No, actually, Pope Leo XIV, formerly Robert Prevost, was a White Sox fan.

Mr. Downey — who had the forlorn job of enticing Chicagoans to spend money to see the lowly White Sox — immediately recognized the opportunity before him.

He distinctly remembers his first thought: Oh my god.

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Ocasio-Cortez Spurring Talk on Freezing Eggs

By JULIET MACUR and ANEMONA HARTOCOLLIS

Eight long years ago, Meg Quinn decided not to share the details of a big decision.

She was 37 and just out of a long-term relationship when she started panicking. Was she running out of time to have children? Feeling helpless, she decided to do something that was expensive but might help her chances of becoming a mother.

She froze her eggs. "It was hard to talk about," Ms. Quinn, a food content creator who's now 45, said on Monday in

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an interview from her home in Los Angeles. "There were so many different ways that it could go. Like, you could spend all this money and it could be for nothing."

So when Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, 36, announced last weekend that she would be freezing her eggs — and then posted video on Instagram injecting herself with medication

just before a TV interview — Ms. Quinn was stunned by the boldness of her actions.

"I just love that she's making it public," she said. "I think women, the more we share, the better it is." She added: "It's hard on women. We have to do all these things, and, like, no guy has to do these things."

Until about 2012, freezing eggs to preserve fertility was considered an experimental intervention for urgent cases like cancer patients whose fertility would be compromised by treatment.

But it's only now, as thousands more go through a process, that

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Searching for Quake Survivors in Colombia

"We heard them screaming," said one man in Cali, where they're in a race against time. Page A8.

Iran Adapted Air Attacks To Puncture U.S. Defenses

Dwindling Supply of Interceptors as Bases Faced Waves of Missiles and Drones

By ERIC SCHMITT and HELENE COOPER

WASHINGTON — During five intense days last month, Iran launched waves of drones and missiles at U.S. troops on three bases in Jordan, hoping to break through the formidable American air defenses.

Using advanced missiles that can suddenly change course, Iran pummeled the bases' defensive systems, forcing the Americans to burn through scarce supplies of Patriot interceptors.

On the fifth day, the Iranians broke through.

A missile struck prefabricated housing units at one of the bases on July 17, killing three U.S. soldiers and wounding more than 100. Pentagon officials later acknowledged that scores of other troops were injured and several aircraft damaged in attacks in Jordan that week.

"We shot down almost all the missiles," Secretary of State Marco Rubio said when asked about the fatal attack. "One leaked through."

The strikes reveal a deadly confluence of two important trends: First, Iran has become a more skilled adversary as the war has progressed, learning how to evade U.S. air defenses as it widened the battlefield to include most of the Middle East and enlisted allies like the Houthis in Yemen and militias in Iraq.

Second, the Pentagon's supply of interceptors has quickly dwindled, with the weapons becoming more precious each day of the off-and-on conflict.

The two trends drive home a point that has slowly emerged in the months since the war started, that a global superpower with a mighty military footprint can still

be held at bay by a lesser adversary willing to wage asymmetric warfare to find any advantage it can.

The Pentagon has used more than 1,500 Patriot interceptor missiles in the war and has fewer than 1,700 interceptors left, according to two people briefed on the stockpile levels who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military details. The United States produced about 600 interceptors in all of 2025.

The rapid depletion is occurring as Iranian forces study another war. In Ukraine, Russia has used combinations of ballistic and cruise missiles to distract Ukrainian air defenses, and then rushed in drones.

"The Iranians are making it more difficult on air defenses when you have a range of both missiles and drones coming in," said Seth G. Jones, the president of the defense and security department at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"They have effectively leveraged the Russian tactic," he said, "to make it more difficult to protect across locations in the Gulf."

On a single day during that deadly week last month, according to two U.S. officials, American forces in the Middle East fired about 50 Patriot interceptors, which cost about \$4 million each.

The Pentagon has continued to face a powerful threat, which it has tried to minimize, in the

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Evidence Shows Slurs by Agents During Sweeps

This article is by Jazmine Ulloa, Maia Spoto and Jill Cowan.

Since immigration agents began carrying out a string of big, aggressive sweeps last year, civil rights groups have argued that the Trump administration's mass deportation campaign has been defined by brazen racial profiling.

Now, body-camera footage, text messages and other documents emerging from lawsuits around the country reveal how race and ethnicity have figured in the dragnets that unfolded in Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis and other U.S. cities.

In several instances documented in court filings, federal agents referred to targets as "tonks" — a derogatory term typically used to refer to Mexican immigrants and intended to echo the sound of agents' flashlights striking their heads.

Migrants suspected of being undocumented were described as "wet," shorthand for the slur wet-back. And an agent who led an operation in Southern California later described the appearance of individuals he considered suspicious: "older Hispanic males."

Yet even as evidence of racial profiling has come to light, what seemed like settled law — that law enforcement officers could not question or detain someone solely based on race or ethnicity — has turned out to be far more of an open question when it comes to immigration enforcement.

Last year, the Supreme Court took a step toward upending a half-century of jurisprudence when Justice Brett Kavanaugh gave a provisional blessing to

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Brown Sugar Bakery in Chicago narrowly saved its cakes.

Brutal Weather Wreaks Havoc On Economy

By LYDIA DePILLIS

In early June, the power went out at Stephanie Hart's bakery on Chicago's South Side, during an intense storm and a suffocating heat wave.

Five hundred ice cream bars meant for a restaurant customer had already perished, along with chocolate candies, and \$30,000 worth of cakes in her walk-in freezer were at risk.

Ms. Hart quickly directed her staff to pack the freezer with dry ice, which cost \$1,700. Then she began calling every politician she knew. "Every good-will thing I've ever done, I called it in," Ms. Hart said. Finally, it worked: The utility turned her power back on the next day, and her cakes were saved.

Ms. Hart was relieved. But she's not resting easy — the power outages that have followed more frequent summer storms in Chicago could still wipe out her inventory. So she has been making more of her cakes to order, which means

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