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Iranian Teens Are Targeted In Crackdown

Killed, Jailed or Beaten as Protests Persist

By FARNAZ FASSIHI

One girl, a 14-year-old, was incarcerated in an adult prison alongside drug offenders. A 16-year-old boy had his nose broken in detention after a beating by security officers. A 13-year-old girl was physically attacked by plainclothes militia members who raided her school.

A brutal crackdown by the authorities in Iran trying to halt protests calling for social freedom and political change that have convulsed the country for the past two months has exacted a terrible toll on the nation's youth, according to lawyers in Iran and rights activists familiar with the cases.

Young people, including teenage girls and boys, have been at the center of the demonstrations and clashes with security forces on the streets and university campuses and at high schools. Iranian officials have said the average age of protesters is 15.

Some have been beaten and detained, others have been shot and killed on the streets or beaten in the custody of security services, and the lives of countless others have been disrupted as the authorities have raided schools to crack down on dissent.

The authorities are targeting thousands of minors under the age of 18 for participating in the protests, according to interviews with two dozen people, including lawyers in Iran involved in cases and rights activists, as well as parents, relatives and teenagers living in the country. Rights groups say that at least 50 minors have been killed.

The lawyers and many of the individuals interviewed for this article asked not to be named for fear of retribution.

The targeting of young people comes amid a broader crackdown on protesters in which 14,000 people have been arrested, according to the United Nations. On Sunday, the state news media said an unidentified person had been sentenced to death for setting fire to a government building.

But the Islamic Republic is unleashing its wrath on its youth in ways and on a scale not seen during other protests that have rocked the country over the past two decades, the rights groups say. The nationwide uprising, largely led by women, has seen daily protests in cities across the country calling for an end to rule by hard-line clerics in the after-

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President Xi Jinping and President Biden in Bali, Indonesia, on Monday, where they met in person for the first time as national leaders.

BIDEN AND XI TRY FRIENDLIER TONE AS TENSIONS RISE

PLEDGE TO REPAIR TIES

Use Personal Diplomacy in an Effort to Head Off Confrontation

By KATIE ROGERS and CHRIS BUCKLEY

BALI, Indonesia — After months of deepening contention between the United States and China, President Biden and President Xi Jinping met in person for the first time as national leaders on Monday with a tone of mutual engagement that acknowledged that both their countries faced challenges from global conflict and economic headwinds.

When their meeting began, they greeted each other like old companions. They agreed that neither wanted competition between their two superpowers to erupt in conflict. And after nearly three hours spent together, they promised more efforts to repair a relationship that has been at its most rancorous point in decades.

None of that hid the deeply divergent views behind their disagreements, including over the future of Taiwan, military rivalry, technology restrictions and China's mass detentions of its citizens. But with the stakes so high, Mr. Biden's and Mr. Xi's language represented a choice not to gamble on unrestricted conflict but to bet that personal diplomacy and more than a decade of contacts could stave off worsening disputes.

"We're going to compete vigorously, but I'm not looking for conflict," Mr. Biden said at a news conference after the meeting. "I'm looking to manage this competition responsibly."

Mr. Xi said in his opening remarks, according to a summary issued by the Chinese government, "As the leaders of these two great powers, China and the United States, we must play the role setting the direction of the rudder, and we should find the correct approach for developing bilateral relations."

Both came to Bali for a meeting of the Group of 20 leaders after a moment of political success: Mr. Biden with better-than-expected results for Democrats in the midterm elections; Mr. Xi after securing a groundbreaking third term as Communist Party leader. But instead of swaggering into their meeting ready to contend over what Mr. Biden has called a struggle between democracy and autocracy, each appeared to agree that his national interests had been made vulnerable by the pandemic, climate change, the war in Ukraine and economic crisis.

"I absolutely believe there need not be a new cold war," Mr. Biden said.

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Hobbs Defeats Trump's Choice To Run Arizona

By JAZMINE ULLOA

PHOENIX — Katie Hobbs, who as Arizona's secretary of state stood up to efforts by allies of former President Donald J. Trump to overturn the 2020 election, has clinched a victory in the state's race for governor, according to The Associated Press.

Ms. Hobbs, a Democrat, narrowly defeated Kari Lake, a right-wing former newscaster who was talked about as a future leader in a Trump-dominated Republican Party, in a bitter and closely watched race that became a final test of whether candidates molded in Mr. Trump's image could win in battlegrounds. Ms. Lake, one of the most prominent purveyors of Mr. Trump's lies about his 2020 election, followed several other election-denying candidates in defeat.

The contest was a study in contrasts of both style and substance, but the stakes for American elections and democracy were evident from the first.

Ms. Lake was a magnetic performer who began her campaign echoing Mr. Trump's baseless claims that the 2020 election had

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McCarthy Pushes Speaker Bid as G.O.P. Feuds

A Demoralized Party Faces Turmoil Over Its Leadership

By CATIE EDMONDSON and EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON — Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the minority leader, scrounged on Monday for the support he would need to become speaker if Republicans gain control of the House, facing resistance from a newly emboldened right flank as his party grappled with its historically weak performance in the midterm elections.

With the Senate in Democratic hands and control of the House still not secured, Mr. McCarthy's troubles reflected disarray in his demoralized party and a fraught path ahead as former President Donald J. Trump prepared to announce a second run for the presidency.

Returning to Capitol Hill for a postelection session, Republicans began the week — which they had expected would be a triumphant victory lap — limping toward the finish of an election cycle that Mr. McCarthy had confidently predicted would be a G.O.P. bonanza. They were bitterly divided over who should lead what was shaping up to be a tiny and unruly majority.

"No one in this town has 218 votes for speaker of the House, so we're going to have a debate and make sure that we set up the structure properly to then figure out how someone will get 218

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Zelensky Visits Newly Freed Kherson

Ukraine's leader on Monday called Russia's retreat "the beginning of the end of the war." Page A6.

FTX Founder Says He Expanded Too Fast and Missed Warnings

By DAVID YAFFE-BELLANY

In less than a week, the cryptocurrency billionaire Sam Bankman-Fried went from industry leader to industry villain, lost most of his fortune, saw his $32 billion company plunge into bankruptcy and became the target of investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department.

But in a wide-ranging interview on Sunday that stretched past midnight, he sounded surprisingly calm. "You would've thought that I'd be getting no sleep right now, and instead I'm getting some," he said. "It could be worse."

The empire built by Mr. Bankman-Fried, who was once compared to titans of finance like John Pierpont Morgan and Warren Buffett, collapsed last week after a run on deposits left his crypto exchange, FTX, with an $8 billion shortfall, forcing the firm to file for bankruptcy. The damage has rip-

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As Country Reopens, Americans Either Fear the Virus or Forget It

By RONI CARYN RABIN

Jordi Salomon put the pandemic in the rearview mirror long ago. Her two little boys are back at school, where there has been no mask requirement since the spring. They attend birthday parties and theme parks, visit the library and play with friends.

Ms. Salomon, 35, of Orange County, Calif., makes sure the family eats well and gets outdoors as much as possible, and she is careful to respect the wishes of friends and relatives who are comfortable meeting only in masks.

"But I can't live in fear," she said. "My kids are only kids once. There is so much to do and experience in that magical time."

For Americans like Ms. Salomon, life has in many ways returned to something like the Before Times. Restaurants are packed, and cultural performances sold out. Children are sitting in schools, and workers are trickling back into offices. Masks are no longer required in public, even in New York City's subways.

The summer travel season was a blockbuster. Even cruise ships — derided as floating Petri dishes

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Amazon is preparing layoffs that could total about 10,000 workers as the company continues a broad cost-cutting review led by CEO Andy Jassy, a person familiar with the matter said. **A1**

◆ FTX's collapse likely exposed the cryptocurrency exchange and its founder to potential criminal liability, according to attorneys who specialize in white-collar criminal law. **A1, A2, B1**

◆ Japan's economy contracted for the first time in a year in the third quarter, shrinking 0.3% from the previous quarter and 1.2% on an annualized basis. **A8**

◆ The Fed's Brainard said the central bank is likely to slow its pace of raising interest rates at its meeting next month. **A2**

◆ Berkshire spent roughly $9 billion on the stock market in the third quarter amid heightened price volatility, filings show. **B1**

◆ U.S. stocks fell, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow retreating 0.9%, 1.1% and 0.8%, respectively. **B11**

◆ Estée Lauder is nearing a deal to buy Tom Ford for roughly $2.8 billion, building on a longstanding licensing deal and marking its largest-ever acquisition. **B1**

◆ Google agreed to pay $391.5 million to settle allegations that it persistently misled consumers about how it tracked them on devices. **A3**

◆ A legal battle between Apple and "Fortnite" maker Epic over how apps are distributed on the iPhone took its next steps in court. **B3**

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◆ Biden and Xi sought to halt a rapid downward spiral in relations between the U.S. and China, instructing officials to hold more stalled talks on major global priorities, but the two countries acknowledged areas of deep disagreement that could disrupt those efforts. **A1, A8**

◆ Republicans remained poised to take control of the House after new victories, while Democratic Secretary of State Hobbs won Arizona's governor race, defeating an ally of former President Trump. **A4, A5**

◆ An appeals court blocked the Biden administration from moving ahead with its mass student-debt cancellation program. **A3**

◆ Germany will nationalize key German and European arms of Russia's Gazprom and shore up the business in a bid to guarantee energy supplies, Berlin said. **A7**

◆ A University of Virginia student suspected of fatally shooting three football players and injuring two others was in custody after a nearly 13-hour manhunt, officials said. **A3**

◆ Rudy Giuliani isn't expected to face criminal charges in a New York federal grand jury investigation into his interactions with Ukrainian officials, the Justice Department said. **A5**

◆ Iran attacked Kurdish groups in Iraq after Tehran warned that it would target foreign actors it accuses of orchestrating an antigovernment protest movement at home. **A9**

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President Biden greets Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Monday for their first in-person meeting since Mr. Biden became president.

Biden, Xi Strive to Stabilize Relations

Two leaders agree to resume talks on global priorities; Taiwan is still red line for China

President Biden and President Xi Jinping of China sought to halt a rapid downward spiral in relations between Washington and Beijing.

By Andrew Restuccia, Keith Zhai and Ken Thomas

instructing officials to resume stalled talks on major global priorities, but the two countries acknowledged areas of deep disagreement that could disrupt those efforts.

Mr. Biden emerged from the meeting projecting cautious optimism, and a Chinese readout of the talks signaled a renewed willingness from Beijing to engage with the U.S.

"I absolutely believe there need not be a new Cold War," Mr. Biden said following the meeting on Monday, which

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◆ U.S. official says China is uneasy over Ukraine war... A8

Collapse Puts FTX In Legal Crosshairs

By DOUG MACMILLAN

FTX's offshore status and its willingness to keep American traders off its Bahamas-based exchange in large part shielded the company from strict U.S. laws that govern trading and how investments can be sold to the public.

But FTX's implosion last week and reports that it used customer funds to back an affiliate's risky venture investments have exposed the company and its founder to potential criminal liability, according to attorneys who specialize in white-collar criminal law.

The U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan is investigating FTX's collapse, according to people familiar with the matter. One focus for prosecutors, at least initially, is likely to be examining reports that FTX lent customer funds to Alameda Research, a crypto-trading firm that traded on FTX and other exchanges. FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried, who resigned as chief executive on Friday, also founded and owns Alameda Research.

Mr. Bankman-Fried has acknowledged in tweets that he

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Amazon Set to Lay Off Thousands

By SEBASTIAN HERRERA AND ANSAR CADRO-FLORES

Amazon.com Inc. is preparing layoffs that could total about 10,000 workers as the company continues a broad cost-cutting review led by Chief Executive Andy Jassy, a person familiar with the matter said.

The tech company's layoffs, which could begin as soon as this week, are targeted at corporate employees and could primarily affect Amazon's devices business, which includes its hit Alexa products, as well as human resources and retail, the person said. The retail unit has been the primary organization that has had to respond to a slowdown of sales this year.

The layoffs come as Amazon is undertaking a broad review of costs, The Wall Street Journal reported last week. That review has focused on the devices unit, which the Journal reported has lost $5 billion annually in some recent years.

The New York Times reported on Amazon's employee layoff plans earlier Monday.

The number of layoffs could change and the cuts are being made as team-by-team decisions, the person said. The cuts would represent about 3% of Amazon's corporate staff and less than 1% of its global workforce, which exceeded 1.5 million people at the end of September, including hundreds

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Zelensky Visits Liberated City

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky visits the regional capital of Kherson on Monday, days after his country's forces recaptured the city from Russian control. A6

New Driver of Deaths: Meth-Fentanyl Mix

Stimulant fatalities rise, often with opioid use

By JON KAMP AND ANSAR CADRO-FLORES

WEST JORDAN, Utah— When Jeannette Martinez hugged her grandson on the last night of his life, she could feel his heart pounding.

"Sis, are you doing meth?" she asked.

The powerful stimulant methamphetamine can cause cardiac strain, and Rio Ryan had complained of chest pains. Also alarming that evening in March: pinholes Ms. Martinez saw between Mr. Ryan's fingers, where she said the 21-year-old injected drugs. He giggled in response.

He died the next morning in his basement bedroom at his grandmother's house. Testing revealed his body had a combination of drugs: meth and heroin, along with traces of fentanyl. Mr. Ryan, who had used meth and heroin for years, had recently started trying fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid, he had told his family.

The deadly combination put him at the center of a deepening complication in the na-

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Permanent Jewelry Locks In Fans, Sets Off Metal Detectors

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Welded or securely fastened pieces can wreak havoc at airports, doctors' offices

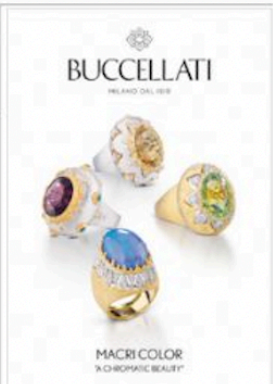
By RACHEL WOLFE

Madison Rae nearly missed her flight because of her bracelet. It isn't that she didn't want to take it off at the airport security metal detector. It's that she couldn't.

"It's not a gun, it's my bracelet," the 32-year-old content creator in New York thought to herself. The ensuing full-body pat down took another 25 minutes.

People are getting hooked on permanent jewelry that requires a special tool or scissors to remove. Fans of the welded, soldered or securely fastened jewelry say they love not having to think about losing expensive pieces or fiddling with finicky clasps.

The bracelets, necklaces and anklets can also wreak havoc at airports and doctors' offices—and elicit raised eyebrows from those who don't understand the appeal.

Ms. Rae says her doctors were especially displeased when she told them she couldn't take off a permanent Love bracelet, from Cartier for $8,900, before heading into emergency appendix surgery two years ago. Metal jewelry can interfere with MRI scans or X-rays. She ended up tightly wrapping it with medical tape. (The bracelet has two screws and comes with its own tool. Cartier's website notes that "you will need help to open or

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