

Poland Alleges Missile Killed 2 In Its Territory Says Weapon 'Likely' Was Russian-Made

By MARC SANTORA and MARIA VARENIKOVA KYIV, Ukraine — Poland said early Wednesday that an explosion that killed two people at a grain-processing plant near the Ukrainian border had "most likely" been caused by a Russian-made missile, raising the prospect that the NATO alliance would be drawn more directly into the war in Ukraine.

Poland, a NATO member, also said it would most likely invoke Article 4 of the NATO charter, under which members confer when a member's territorial integrity or security has been threatened.

The Polish Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the missile that landed the day before had been Russian-made, but President Andrzej Duda was not as definitive, telling reporters, "It was most likely a Russian-made missile, but this is all still under investigation at the moment."

President Biden, speaking with reporters on Wednesday after an emergency meeting of allies on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Bali, Indonesia, suggested that the missile had not come from Russia's territory.

When asked if the missile had been fired from Russia, he said: "There is preliminary information that contends that I don't want to say that until we completely investigate. But it is unlikely, in the minds of the trajectory, that it was fired from Russia."

His statement came after Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, quickly seized on the episode, calling it evidence of a "very significant escalation." Alluding to Poland's membership in NATO, he accused Russia of an "attack on collective security."

Zbigniew Rau, Poland's foreign minister, said in a statement that he had summoned Moscow's ambassador to provide "immediate detailed explanations" for the episode.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a post on Telegram, the messaging application, that any statements about Russian missiles hitting a Polish village were a "deliberate provocation."

"No strikes on targets near the Ukrainian-Polish state border were made," the ministry said.

The Russian position on Tuesday was continued on Page A9.

Adderall Shortage Leaves A.D.H.D. Patients Struggling to Cope

By DANIEL BLUM By the time Michael Kenneally found himself pacing outside a CVS drugstore in Cambridge, Mass., this summer, he was on a first-name basis with the pharmacist. Mr. Kenneally had been told multiple times that his Adderall prescription could not be filled. For 25 days, he continued to check



The newly elected members of Congress assembled on the Capitol steps for the first time Tuesday.



The minority leader Kevin McCarthy is facing blowback from the Republicans' restive right flank.

Old Latin Mass Finds New American Audience

By RUTH GRAHAM DETROIT — Eric Agastini's eight children used to call the first day of the week "Party Sunday." The family would wake up, attend a short morning Mass at a Catholic parish near their house, then head home for lunch and an afternoon of relaxing and watching football.

But this summer, the family made a "big switch," one of his teenagers said on a recent Sunday afternoon outside St. Joseph Shrine, the family's new parish. At St. Joseph, the liturgy is ornate, precisely choreographed and conducted entirely in Latin. The fam-

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Nomination for McCarthy, But Speaker Battle Looms

McConnell Also Faces Dissent From Right After the Disappointing Midterms

By CATIE EDMONDSON and EMILY COCHRANE WASHINGTON — Republican leaders in Congress are confronting fresh threats to their power and divisions in their ranks from an emboldened and embittered right flank, after a weaker than expected midterm election performance that has demoralized their party.

Representative Kevin McCarthy of California resoundingly won the Republican nomination for speaker on Tuesday, but a right-wing challenger drew three dozen defectors, showing weakness in Mr. McCarthy's hold on his party and pointing to a potentially rough fight ahead of him to secure the job at the start of the new Congress.

The vote, which took place as Mr. McCarthy's Republican counterpart across the Capitol, Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, confronted a challenge for his position and a conservative mirevolt of his own from colleagues who aired their anger about the midterm election results during a tony private luncheon that dragged on for nearly four hours.

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dates and divisive messages. "We underperformed among independents and moderates because their impression of many of the people in our party and leadership roles is that they're involved in chaos, negativity, excessive attacks," Mr. McConnell said. Those critical voters, he said were "frightened" of the G.O.P.

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McCarthy Wins First Round in Contest to Become Speaker



McCarthy speaking at a closed-door meeting Tuesday, a key step he needs toward winning the gavel. Republicans are expected to have the narrowest majority in the House in recent history.

Trump Enters 2024 Campaign After Tough Midterms for GOP

By ALAN LAYNE PALM BEACH, Fla. — Donald Trump launched a third consecutive White House bid Tuesday, aiming to reaffirm his position as the Republican standard bearer despite disappointing midterm election results that dragged on for nearly four hours.

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Missile Strikes Poland Close to Ukraine

Warsaw weighs seeking NATO meeting after two killed near border

By DEW HENSHAW AND KRISTINA JENSEN PRZEWODÓW, Poland — A missile struck this Polish village near the country's border with Ukraine on Tuesday, killing two people and prompting Warsaw to consider summoning allies for an emergency summit as Russia's fight with Ukraine threatened to spread.

The missile, which Poland said was manufactured in Russia, slammed into a grainary 3 miles from the border and killed two farmworkers, Polish officials said. In response, Poland summoned the Russian ambassador and put military units on alert.

President Biden said preliminary information about the missile strike indicates it was unlikely to have been fired from Russia, but he pledged to investigate the incident. "I don't want to say that until we completely investigate," he said. "But it's unlikely (based on the trajectory) it was fired from Russia, but we will see."

Election Denial Limits Turnout For the G.O.P.

By JIM RUTENBERG and NICK CORASANTI PHOENIX — It was early on Election Day when polling places in Maricopa County started experiencing a glitch. Tabulation machines were rejecting thousands of ballots, a result of a printer error, and the confusion was causing lines and frustration at the polls.

There was a simple fix: Voters could place their ballots in a secure box — called Box 3 — kept at every polling station for just such situations. Their votes would be counted later, at the county's central tabulation center.

But for the state's most conservative voters, a group primed by two years of former President Donald J. Trump's stonewalling lies to see conspiracy in every step of the voting process, Box 3 smelted of trouble. Election deniers in the state's Republican Party soon began warning voters away from the boxes, as suspicions flew across Twitter and right-wing media. "Do not trust them," Charles Kirk, the conservative leader, warned his followers.

That message reinforced Republicans' skepticism about elections, but it didn't do much to help them win. Later that morning, the Republican candidate for governor, Karl Lake, held a news conference to deliver the opposite message. Box 3 was safe, his campaign lawyer said. "Vote, vote, vote," Mr. Lake added. "We've got to vote today!" Whether the suspicion and

Tech Firms Downsize, Unload Office Space

By PETER GRANT The big technology companies that drove U.S. office demand for years as they expanded their empires are now canceling leases and flooding business districts with office space as they downsize.

Facebook over Meta Platforms Inc., Lyft Inc., Salesforce.com Inc. and other tech companies are shedding offices square feet of office space in San Francisco, Silicon Valley, New York, Austin, Texas, and elsewhere. Amazon.com Inc. stopped its office search in July on new office buildings amid a hiring freeze and a new program to lay off non-essential employees.

While leasing from all business districts declined during the pandemic, the tech sector accounted for the largest portion of the leasing that took place, according to real estate services firm CBRE Group Inc. Some tech companies, such as Alphabet Inc's Google, continue to expand their office footprint, but many others are shedding offices square feet of office space in San Francisco, Silicon Valley, New York, Austin, Texas, and elsewhere.

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Declaring Run, Trump Ignores Party Setbacks

By MICHAEL C. BENDER and MAGGIE HABERMAN PALM BEACH, Fla. — Donald J. Trump, whose historically divisive presidency shook the pillars of the country's democratic institutions, on Tuesday night declared his intention to seek the White House again in 2024, ignoring the appeals of Republicans who warn that his continued influence on the party is largely to blame for its weaker-than-expected showing in the midterm elections.

His unusually early announcement was motivated in part by a calculation that a formal candidacy may help shield him from multiple investigations into his attempts to cling to power after his 2020 defeat, which led to the deadly mob attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

The decision, which came as votes were still being counted in congressional contests that will determine the balance of power in the House, confronted a frazzled and polarized nation — its social fabric already stressed by forces that the Trump era unleashed and supercharged — with a rebuke of the nonstop political reality show that the Biden presidency had promised to cancel.

Mr. Trump's haste to become a candidate again carries political risk and financial encouragement, and some advisers had pushed for him to hold off. But he has been eager to announce a campaign since this summer, nearly six years after his second loss.

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World Cup Kicks Off Epic Culture Clash

Unaccustomed to Western tourists, Qatar braces for a flood of rowdy fans and alcohol

DOHA — With days to go, Qatar is bracing for a soccer World Cup unlike any global event before it, as a crowd of ready-made fans two-thirds

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By RORY ANON, Douglas Hogg and Joshua Robinson The size of its entire population depends on a capital with some Western tourists expected to arrive in the next few days. The multi-billion-dollar event, which begins Sunday, is the first World Cup in the Middle East, the first in a conservative Muslim country and the first hosted in and around a single city.

Qatar's national air carrier is recruiting its debut team to meet demand from Qatar. Traveler groups are rising from the desert and cruise ships have been ordered to meet demand from Qatar.

Qatar has been dogged by controversy around the event ever since it won the bidding rights in December 2010. First, there were allegations from journalists, lawmakers, and eventually the U.S. about payments that the country had secured the win by bribing executives of FIFA, Latin American football's governing body, who were faced by different

Walmart Revenue Rises as Shoppers Boost Store Visits

By SARAH KANARSKA Walmart Inc. reported stronger-than-expected sales during the fall quarter, an indication that shoppers were looking for deals but still spending ahead of the holiday shopping season.

The company's total revenue rose 5% to \$128.8 billion in the quarter ended Oct. 31, compared with the same period last year. Walmart, the country's largest retailer by revenue, said Tuesday that households continue to face pressure from rising food prices, and lower-income shoppers are buying less.

Walmart's comparable U.S. sales — those from stores and digital channels operating over the past 28 weeks — through Oct. 31 rose 8.2% from a year earlier. That is above the roughly 5% increase the company predicted in August. Sales of groceries, small brands and seasonal items were strong, the company said, helped by higher prices. Shopper visits to stores

increased 2.1% in the third quarter. Walmart's comparable U.S. sales — those from stores and digital channels operating over the past 28 weeks — through Oct. 31 rose 8.2% from a year earlier. That is above the roughly 5% increase the company predicted in August.

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