



Pope Leo to have surgery for small growth on lung



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Pope Leo leads the Angelus prayer Sunday from the window of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican. Leo said Sunday he is undergoing surgery to remove a small nodule on his lung.

Pontiff says it is ‘well-contained’ and was spotted early

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VATICAN CITY — Pope Leo said on Sunday that doctors had detected a small growth on his lung during a recent health check and he would be undergoing surgery this week to remove it, in the first health scare of the 71-year-old pontiff’s tenure.

Leo told pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square for his weekly Sunday prayer that the growth, a small nodule, was “well-contained” and had been spotted early.

The Vatican did not say whether the nodule is believed

to be malignant.

“Recently, during some medical examinations, doctors found a localized nodule in my lung,” said the pontiff. “It was detected at a very early stage and is well contained.”

“The doctors believe it is advisable to intervene, so, following their advice, I have decided to undergo surgery to remove it,” he said. “The operation is already scheduled for the next few days.”

A nodule on the lung is a small, localized lesion that can be benign. The American

Thoracic Society says fewer than 5% of lung nodules overall prove cancerous, although risk rises with age, size, and other factors such as smoking.

“Lung nodules are fairly common and are often benign,” said Stephen Liu, a lung cancer expert at Georgetown University in Washington and division chief of hematology-oncology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital.

“When there is sufficient concern, and when it is safe to do

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Houthis again warn Saudi airports

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Yemen’s Houthis warned airlines, travelers and airport workers on Sunday to stay away from Saudi airports, a day after an attack on Riyadh’s international airport killed 12 people and wounded more than 300 others.

It was the deadliest such attack in the kingdom in more than a decade and comes amid an escalation of fighting between the Iran-backed Houthis and Saudi-backed Yemeni government forces.

“We renew our warning to all airlines, experts, employees, workers and travelers against using Saudi airports and airspace, as they are vulnerable to attack and have become a theater of operations for our forces, with the exception of the airports in (the holy cities of) Mecca and Medina,” the Houthis said in a post on X.

“We urge everyone to take our warnings seriously, and Saudi Arabia bears responsibility for any failed interceptions.”

Saudi Arabia has stepped up its military involvement in Yemen in recent weeks, launching strikes against the Houthis and backing a Yemeni government counteroffensive after the group seized strategic territory along the Red Sea coast last month.

Yemen’s Houthi-run foreign ministry said on Sunday that further Saudi military action in Yemen would trigger a stronger response, adding that its actions would be guided by the principle of reciprocity.

“Unless the Saudi enemy stops its aggression and interference in Yemen, worse is yet to come, God willing,” the ministry said in statements carried by Houthi-run Al Masirah television.

President Donald Trump said on Saturday the United States was considering joining Saudi strikes on the Houthis in the conflict, a spillover from the wider war on Iran that the US and Israel launched in February.

The Saudi-led coalition said on Saturday that a projectile had also fallen near King Fahd International Airport in Dammam, in the kingdom’s Eastern Province. The coalition also reported intercepting a drone in the region on Sunday.

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Ex-cop who was prolific Flock misuser sent to prison

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A former police officer in Texas who is believed to be one of the most prolific Flock misusers in the country used the technology to track his ex-girlfriend and her romantic partners and jeopardized an open manslaughter case because of his misconduct, the district attorney who prosecuted him told USA TODAY.

Zachary Klein, an 11-year veteran of the Lufkin Police Department, was sentenced on Sept. 30 to five years in prison, five weeks after a USA TODAY



Klein

investigation found he used his agency’s automated license plate reader cameras to monitor individual cars thousands of times.

Klein is one of at least 27 police and sheriff’s office employees across the country who have been arrested, fired, put on leave or placed under investigation to date as

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Report: ChatGPT teen safeguards failed

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The guardrails OpenAI put in place to protect teens don’t seem to be working, according to a new report.

In a study published Wednesday, Common Sense Media’s Youth AI Safety Institute rated ChatGPT for Teens an “Unacceptable Risk” for children under 18. The media and technology watchdog organization urged OpenAI to pause marketing the product and keep minors

off the artificial intelligence platform until it can offer a safer experience.

OpenAI announced ChatGPT for Teens in August, promising “stronger built-in safety protections” for users under 18, including limits on discussions around suicide, eating disorders, violence and sexual content. Parents who link their accounts can set times when ChatGPT can’t be used and schedule

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