

DISTRICT

Former cops recall distorted statistics

2 police lawsuits get new interest

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Two lawsuits from former Metropolitan Police Department officers accusing the department of suppressing violent crime numbers are getting another look during the political rumpus over President Trump's deployment of troops to fight crime in the District of Columbia.

The Justice Department opened an investigation into the suspected manipulation of crime statistics by police brass to make the city appear less dangerous. The investigation also revived interest in the lawsuits from former officers who said they witnessed the malfeasance up close.

The lawsuits challenge the argument of the D.C. political class and congressional Democrats that violence is at a 30-year low in the city. In one lawsuit, an officer said the department downgraded violent crimes to lesser offenses. In the other, an officer said police leaders classified some homicides as accidental deaths.

The officers' lawsuits bolster Mr. Trump's claim that crime is out of control in the nation's capital as he exercises federal power to help police in the city. However, a judge blocked a full takeover of the police department.

The 2020 lawsuit filed by former Sgt. Charlotte Djossou said police leaders regularly downgraded violent offenses in official reports because "districts compete against each other to get the largest reduction in the crime statistics."

One example in her lawsuit, which was settled this month, said the case of a woman who sustained a deep cut to her face by an unknown object in 2019 was reported as "assault with a dangerous weapon" at the scene. Ms. Djossou said a police captain later changed the case to "sick person to the hospital."

The lawsuit told of another woman who dodged a knife thrown at her during a domestic assault in 2019. The filing said Ms. Djossou thought an assault

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UKRAINE

Donbas deal risks fortifying Russian power



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WHAT COST? Ukrainian troops have been holding positions in heavily fortified cities in Donetsk that would be handed over to Russia as part of a peace deal, as well as other areas of eastern Ukraine with significant mineral deposits underground.

DIPLOMACY

Zelenskyy remains wary but relieved by security pledge, European unity

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KYIV, UKRAINE | Ukrainians are feeling more optimistic after European leaders rallied to Washington this week to join President Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the White House, easing the fear and disappointment stoked by the unexpectedly chummy summit Friday between President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In the southern region of Zaporizhzhia, emotions were raw after the

Trump-Putin meeting in Alaska.

"It is a humiliation for the United States. They talk to us about democracy and human rights and then bow to Putin," said Liudmila, a resident of the village of Kaniv. Russian bombs struck her community on Aug. 6, killing two people and wounding 10, including several children. "What can we do? I do not know what they will decide. But we must go on living; we have no choice," she said. Although expectations were generally low for Mr. Zelenskyy's trip to the White House on Monday, some

Ukrainians found hope in the latest developments.

Mr. Trump said the U.S. is ready to help guarantee Ukraine's security as part of a peace agreement, though officials offered no details on legal scope or enforcement.

Mr. Zelenskyy called the outcome "a major step forward" and said potential guarantees could be formalized "within seven to 10 days."

Oleksandr Merezhko, chairman of

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

India resets relations with China as Trump tariffs chill U.S. ties

Trade grows, direct flights resume

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Is the world's most powerful democracy about to lose the world's most populous democracy? It could be. In the past two days, India has reset deeply troubled relations with China while its relations with the United States are fraying.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Tuesday with China's top diplomat, Wang Yi. Mr. Modi hailed "steady progress" in improving bilateral relations and "respect for each other's interests and sensitiveness."

On his two-day visit, Mr. Wang also met with Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval.

Key outcomes included eased

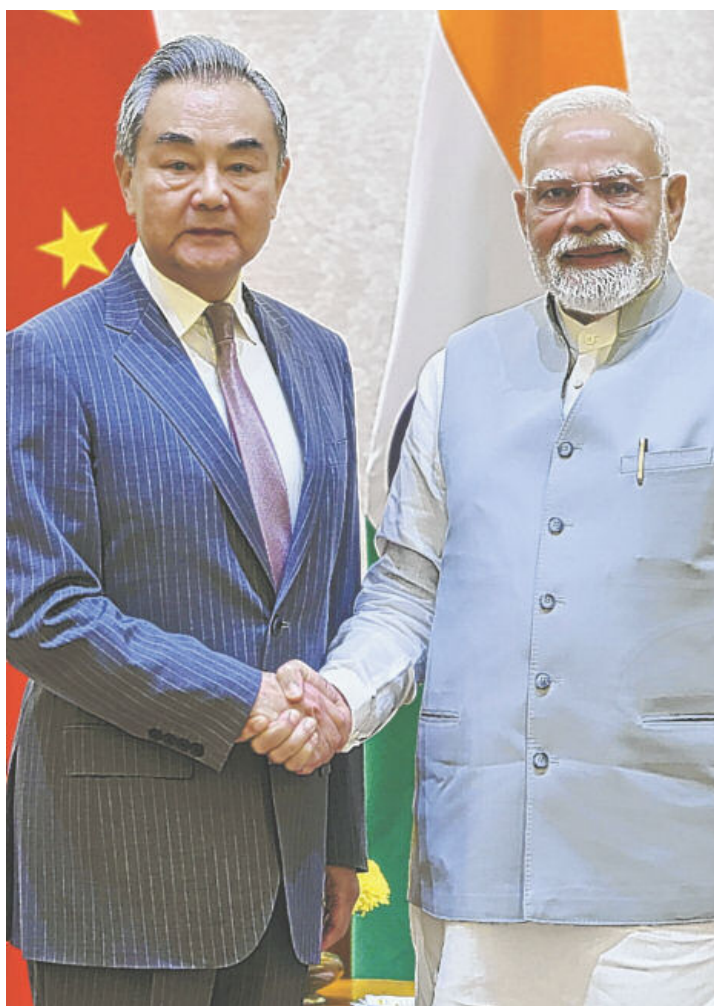
trade, resumptions of direct flights and issuances of visas to each other's reporters. Those are significant turnarounds.

Relations iced over after deadly military clashes on the two countries' Himalayan border in 2020. They were further damaged in May when Pakistani forces used Chinese weapon systems in an aerial border clash.

In New Delhi's words, the two sides also agreed to "a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable resolution of the 'Himalayan' boundary question."

Mr. Modi is expected to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Tianjin, China, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 1. The economic roundtable, established in 2001, includes Belarus,

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ECONOMY

Fed signals rate cut as job growth falters, Trump pressure rises

Powell to address policymakers

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The Federal Reserve is increasingly likely to cut interest rates at its meeting next month as worries about potential inflation compete with new concerns about a slowdown in hiring.

For months, President Trump has hectored Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell to give borrowers better terms through lower rates, only to be rebuffed by central bankers who fear price increases from White House tariff policies.

The Fed will be compelled to cut rates at its Sept. 16-17 meeting if it determines that weaker hiring is a bigger concern. The July jobs report showed a sharp slowdown in hiring.

CME FedWatch on Tuesday

projected an 85% chance that the Fed would cut its target rate by 25 basis points, or 0.25%. Investors will listen for hints when Mr. Powell addresses Fed policymakers at their annual conference this week in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

The business world wants to know whether Mr. Powell is more concerned about tariff-induced inflation or the weaker job numbers as the central bank tries to fulfill its twin mandate of stable prices and maximum employment.

"The Fed has a dual mandate that contradicts itself. It has to keep inflation low and also keep unemployment low. Because of trade-offs, it can only pursue one of those goals at a time, and

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