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Kirk slaying raises security worries

Some political leaders cancel appearances; others carry on

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MORRISTOWN, N.J. - Even before the killing of Charlie Kirk, Gov. Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania was struggling with the emotional toll of political violence. In the middle of the night just five months ago, someone broke into his home and set it on fire. Shapiro, who is also a likely 2028 Democratic presidential contender, was asleep with his wife and children.

And in the weeks since his family fled the blaze, Shapiro has been forced to confront the vexing questions now consuming elected officials in both parties as they face the impact of Kirk's assassination on their own public lives. "The emotional challenge for me that's been the hardest to work through is that, as a father, the career I chose, that I find great purpose and meaning in, ended up putting my children's lives at risk,"

Shapiro, a father of four, told The Associated Press. "Make no mistake, the emotional burden of being a father through this has been something that continues to be a challenge for me to this day." Across the nation, it is much the same for Republican and Democrat-



Shapiro

ic officials after another stunning act of political violence. Politicians in both parties and at virtually every level of public service are suddenly being forced to deal with acute security concerns - and feelings of grief, anger and fear - as they move deeper into a fraught election season. Some political leaders are canceling public appearances. Others are relying on a large police presence to keep them safe. And still others insist that the fallout from Kirk's death won't have any impact on their duties. Indeed, even as Shapiro offered

prayers for Kirk's widow and children, the Democratic governor said he is undeterred in his duties as a leading figure in his national party and his state. "I'm not slowing down," he said. On that, he and President Donald Trump appear to agree. The Republican president was asked during a Friday appearance on Fox News if he would cancel any public appearances of his own. "You have to go forward," he said.

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Runners hustle for Healing Heart fundraiser



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Above, a runner jumps over the finish line with peace signs in the air as she completes the Erin's House for Grieving Children's Healing Heart Hustle 5K on Sunday at Shoaff Park.

At right, runners are cheered on as they pass the halfway point.



Fire hits Russia's largest oil refinery after drone strike

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Ukrainian drones struck one of Russia's largest oil refineries, sparking a fire, Russian officials and Ukraine's military said Sunday. The overnight strike on the Kirishi refinery, in Russia's northwestern Leningrad region, follows weeks of Ukrainian attacks

on Russian oil infrastructure that Kyiv says fuels Moscow's war effort. The facility, operated by Russian company Surgutneftegas, produces close to 355,000 barrels per day of crude, and is one of Russia's top three by output. More than three years since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, drones continue to be a

key weapon for both sides. Multiple Russian drones crossed into Poland on Wednesday, prompting NATO to send fighter jets to shoot them down and underlining long-held concerns that the fighting might spill over beyond Ukraine's borders. According to Ukraine's General Staff, explosions and a fire were reported at the Kirishi refinery.

It posted a photo appearing to show a blaze and clouds of smoke against a night sky. Regional Gov. Alexander Drozdenko said that three drones were downed overnight in the Kirishi area, with falling debris sparking a fire at the facility. He said that no one was injured, and the

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Vera Bradley brings in \$1 million

Foundation's gift helps IU battle breast cancer

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In what has become an annual fall rite of passage, the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer has raised more than \$1 million to be donated to the Indiana University School of Medicine. The money will go toward supporting the university's research into the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of breast cancer at the Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center. "Gratitude and appreciation are the first two words that come to mind," said Stephanie Scheele, the foundation's executive director. "We're so grateful for all of our amazing sponsors and friends at the foundation that have been so generous and willing to give again to breast cancer research. "It's actually breathtaking sometimes when you think of a million dollars raised; that's a lot of money and we feel honored that we will be good stewards with their resources and give it to our heroes at the IU Comprehensive Cancer Center." The final total for this year's fund-



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INSIDE WEATHER

Sunny

High in the mid-80s.

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