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New flooding hits Texas; officials order evacuations



Severe thunderstorms prompt emergency flash flood warnings on the banks of the Guadalupe River on July 13 in Kerrville, Texas. JIM VONDRUSKA/GETTY IMAGES

Water rescues take place; evacuations ordered

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USA TODAY

Heavy rain and a new wave of flooding in central Texas on July 13 prompted swift water rescues and hampered the grim search for victims of the deluge that swept through the region more than a week ago, killing over 100 people and leaving devastation in its wake.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said water rescues were taking place in San Saba, Lampasas and Schleicher counties, and evacuations were ordered in several communities as well. “We are expanding operations in all affected counties – all while monitoring the rising waters in Kerrville,” he said on X.

The Kerr County Sheriff’s Office issued a “Code Red” message on July 13.

“This is not an evacuation, but a preparation notification,” the sheriff’s office said in the social media post. “Be prepared to evacuate along the Guadalupe River due to bad weather and flooding.”

All search and recovery operations along the Guadalupe River in Kerr County were suspended. Rescue personnel, equipment and vehicles “should be removed from the river area

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Israeli missile kills kids collecting water

Ceasefire talks stall as death toll hits 58,000

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REUTERS

JERUSALEM – At least eight Palestinians, most of them children, were killed and more than a dozen others were wounded in central Gaza on July 13, local officials said, in an Israeli missile strike that the military said missed its intended target.

The Israeli military said it had intended to hit an Islamic Jihad militant in the area but that a malfunction had caused the missile to fall “dozens of meters from the target.”

“The IDF regrets any harm to uninvolved civilians,” it said, adding that the incident was under review.

The strike hit a water distribution point in Nuseirat refugee camp, killing six children and injuring 17 others, said Ahmed Abu Saifan, an emergency physician at Al-Awda Hospital.

Water shortages in Gaza have worsened sharply in recent weeks, with fuel shortages causing desalination and sanitation facilities to close, making people dependent on collection centers where they can fill up their plastic containers.

In another attack, Palestinian media reported that a prominent hospital consultant was among 12 people killed by an Israeli strike mid-morning at a busy market in Gaza City.

Gaza’s health ministry said July 13 that more than 58,000 people had been killed since the start of the war between Israel and Hamas in Octo-

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Some worry law will raise tuition costs

States may reroute funds to safety net programs

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WASHINGTON – Vashti Trujillo was hoping to get a master’s degree. But she’s worried that President Donald Trump just put it out of reach.

The president’s big tax and spending law is set to slash the federal student loan programs the 21-year-old junior at Colorado State University Pueblo would likely need to pay for one. Education experts also predict the legislation will put strains on the budgets of many public universities like the one Trujillo attends. That’s because the law may push state legislatures to reroute funds from high-

er education to safety net programs, such as Medicaid, which the spending law cuts drastically.

Those changes could ultimately raise tuition prices for students like Trujillo – or force them to put plans for graduate school on hold to help support family members who’ve lost their health care.

“This bill is attacking all angles of a student’s life,” she said.

Trujillo, who is double majoring in mechatronics engineering and data analytics, is among many U.S. college students wondering whether Trump’s first signature legislative achievement of his second term may raise costs for them.

The unease isn’t just hitting students; it’s omnipresent for college administrators. Federal funding is dwin-

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The president’s measure mostly takes money away at a time when even the richest universities are already under financial strain. KENT NISHIMURA/GETTY IMAGES

