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Recovery effort on hold amid new fears



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

Threat of more flooding; weather advisory in hard-hit Texas county

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Thunderstorms and the threat from rising waters in south central Texas on July 13 hampered the grim search for survivors and victims of the flooding that swept through the region more than a week ago, killing over 100 people and leaving devastation in its

All search and recovery operations along the Guadalupe River were suspended. Rescue personnel, equipment and vehicles "should be removed from the river area immediately," Kerr County officials said in social media posts on July 13. It warned that up to 2 inches of rain could fall in an hour.

The National Weather Service warned that isolated areas could possibly be overwhelmed with an additional 9-12 inches and lead to flash flooding. The flood watch was in effect until 7 p.m. local time.

The confirmed death toll from the July 4 flooding had risen to 129 on July 12, including 103 in Kerr County alone. Kerr was one of more than a dozen counties listed in the weather service advisory.

'Code Red' in Kerr County

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."

A candlelight vigil planned for July 13 in Ingram, in See FLOODS, Page 2A



An Ingram Fire Department officer performs a search-and-rescue operation on horseback on July 12 in Hunt. Texas. BRANDON BELL/GETTY IMAGES

Kerr County, was postponed because of the flood threat. No new date was announced.

The confirmed death toll from the July 4 flooding had risen to 129 on July 12, including 103 - 67 adults and 36 children - in Kerr County alone, according to the county's Joint Information Center. That includes at least 27 campers and counselors from Camp Mystic, an all-girls Christian camp.

Trump-Putin bromance flowered, then soured

U.S. president appears to be shifting his thinking

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President Donald Trump said he would end the war in Ukraine within his first 24 hours in office.

But now, more than 4,000 hours in, Trump's patience with Russian President Vladimir Putin, whom the U.S. president in June called "very kind," appears to be wearing thin.

Relations have hit a wall as Russia's leader has pushed forward with intensifying drone and missile attacks on Ukrainian cities while appearing to repeatedly rebuff Trump's attempts to broker a cease-

'We get a lot of (expletive) thrown at us by Putin, if you want to know the truth," Trump told reporters on

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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-yearold 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 higher 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

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