

US says airstrikes target IS in Syria

Attacks come after 3 Army personnel killed last weekend

By Eric Schmitt
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The United States began major airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria on Friday, fulfilling President Donald

Trump's vow to avenge the deaths of two Army soldiers and a civilian U.S. interpreter killed in a terrorist attack in the central part of the country last Saturday. U.S. fighter jets, attack helicopters and artillery salvos struck dozens of suspected Islamic State sites at several locations across central Syria, including weapons storage areas and other buildings to support operations, according to a U.S.

official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss operational matters. The U.S. air and artillery attacks were expected to last several hours, deep into early Saturday morning in Syria, in what the U.S. official said would be "a massive attack." Social media accounts in Syria reported explosions across wide swaths of the country. Defense Secretary Pete

Hegseth sought to tamp down fears that the United States might be reopening a major new war in the Middle East, but also suggested that increased attacks against the Islamic State group would continue. "This is not the beginning of a war — it is a declaration of vengeance," Hegseth said on social media. "The United States



Soldiers transfer a coffin during a ceremony Wednesday at Dover Air Force Base. TIERNEY L. CROSS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

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Customers line up Friday morning to enter the new Trader Joe's location at Town Center in Virginia Beach. PETER CASEY/THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT PHOTOS

GROCERY GLEE



Scott Vermeulen, the first customer in line, checks out with Trader Joe's crew member Camila Salati during Friday's grand opening.

Virginia Beach's 2nd Trader Joe's, this one at Town Center, opens to fanfare

By Sandra J. Pennecke
Staff writer

VIRGINIA BEACH — Dark clouds and a slight drizzle Friday morning didn't stop die-hard enthusiasts from lining up around the new Trader Joe's in Town Center. Even the shouts of a solo protester — demanding the national grocer stop sourcing chicken from Perdue's Petaluma Poultry division — did not dampen the excitement in the crowd.

Chants of "Trader Joe's,

Trader Joe's" erupted from employees and eager shoppers as Akil Dove, general manager — or captain as the nautical-themed chain refers to him — prepared to cut the ribbon for the 9 a.m. opening. "This is a great opportunity for us to finally have a second location here in Virginia Beach," Dove said. "Trader Joe's is truly a one-of-a-kind retailer. We bring fun to the grocery industry." The California-based grocer donates 100% of its

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
Board selects a new leader

Business school dean Beardsley appointed school's president

By Stephanie Saul and Michael S. Schmidt
The New York Times

The University of Virginia's Republican-controlled board voted Friday to appoint a new president weeks before a Democratic governor assumes power, a move that comes six months after the campus was rocked when its previous president resigned under pressure from the Trump administration.



Beardsley

The board appointed Scott C. Beardsley, longtime dean of the university's Darden School of Business, at a time when the leadership of Virginia's flagship public university has become a political issue. Gov.-elect Abigail Spanberger has been critical of the university's Board of Visitors, saying it appeared to capitulate to the Trump administration's demands to oust its previous president, James E. Ryan. She had demanded the selection be delayed until after her inauguration Jan. 17. Criticism of the selection process also had come from faculty members, alumni and students, who called it opaque and rushed. But top board members said they turned to Beardsley because the university needed

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CHESAPEAKE

Sheriff accused of campaign violations

Complaint: Rosado misused office during his reelection bid

By Natalie Anderson
Staff writer

CHESAPEAKE — The federal Office of Special Counsel filed complaints Thursday against outgoing Chesapeake Sheriff Dave Rosado, alleging he used his office to fuel his reelection bid. The complaint filed with the Merit Systems Protection Board



Rosado

accuses Rosado and Undersheriff Christopher Pascal of violating the Hatch Act by using personnel, resources and events to advance Rosado's political campaign. That allegedly includes pressuring employees for political contributions and using the office to fund Rosado's campaign. The Hatch Act is a federal ethics law that prohibits federal,

state and local officials and employees with positions that receive federal funding from using their official authority to engage in partisan political activities, such as using government resources for politics. The Office of Special Counsel serves as a federal ethics watchdog. According to The Washington Post, the complaint against Rosado marks the first time in at least a decade the federal agency has lobbied disciplinary action

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