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# **DEATH TOLL RISES TO FOUR** IN DELCO CRASH

## By Vinny Vella Staff Writer

Four Philadelphia residents, including a pregnant 17 year old girl, were killed in a car crash Wednesday while fleeting Pennsylvania State Police troopers who were pursuing the vehicle after a reported thef at a Little of the control of the contr

an energency exection in an attempt to save her unborn child, investigators said. Motley died at the hospital.

Toopers had spotted the Taurus about 1:30 pm. Wednesday at the Brinton Lake Shopping Center in Concord Township while there on patrol. Atrooper recognized someone in the group as having been involved in a recent shoplifting incident at the Lululemon there, authorities said. It was unclear which of the seven people the trooper recognized.

When the trooper approached them in an unmarked car, they got

back into the car and left the parking lot, state police said. The vehicle had an expired inspection sticker and a temporary paper registration from Delaware that was obscured by a tinted license plate cover.

and a temporary paper registration from Delaware that was obscured by a tinted license plate cover. The trooper followed the Taurus out of the parking lot and attempted to pull the car over on Brinton Lake Road near Mill Road in Thornbury Township, police said.

The vehicle briefly stopped, but its driver then sped away, leading the troopers on a five-minute, seven-mile pursuit, according to state police. During the chase, the driver of the Taurus weaved in and out of lanes and passed other vehicles on the road by driving onto the shoulder, authorities said.

As the Taurus neared the Chich-

der, authorities said.

As the Taurus neared the Chichester Avenue overpass on Route 322 in Boothwyn, it passed another vehicle on the right shoulder, police said. The driver lost control of the car and struck the bridge abutment on the opposite shoulder of the road.

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ment on the opposite shoulder of the road.

The impact started a fire in the car's engine block, and three people were ejected from the vehicle, authorities seid.

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Law enforcement officers at the scene of Wednesday's crash in Boothwyn, Delaware County. Four people were killed, including a pregnant teenager. Steven M. Falk/Staff Photographer

# Live ammo forces lockdown

#### No weapon was found at South Philly High, officials said.

By Kristen A. Graham Staff Writer

Live ammunition was discovered in a South Philadelphia High student's possession Thursday morning, and the school was locked down for

school was forced se... a time.
The student, 17, carried a 9mm magazine with one live round in a backpack into the South Broad Street school,

officials said; security offi-cers discovered the ammuni-tion when the student passed through the school's metal detector.

The student was detained

The student was detained by security officers, the school's perimeter was searched, and a lockdown was called.

"While we are fortunate that this item was not accompanied with a firearm, it is still an item that is prohibited on any School District of Philadelphia property, and, per district policy, the school was secured while a thorough search for other

potential prohibited items on school grounds was con-ducted," district spokesper-son Christina Clark said in a statement.

statement.
The search yielded no such prohibited items, officials said. The lockdown was subsequently lifted.
According to the district's code of conduct, the student will be referred to a diversion program and suspended pending disciplinary transfer.

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#### **NEWS**

# Anti-LGBTQ+ law in Iraq drawing backlash

By Abdulrahman Zeyad and Qassim Abdul-Zahra

BAGHDAD — Human rights groups BAGHDAD—Human rights groups and diplomats criticized a law that was quietly passed by the Iraqi parliament over the weekend that would impose heavy prison sen-tences on gay and transgender

tences on gay uncompeople.

U.S. State Department spokes-person Matthew Miller said in a statement that the law passed sturday "threatens those moset at risk in Iraqi society" and "can be used to hamper free-speech and expression." He warned that the legislation could drive away foreign investment.

coalitions have already indicated that such discrimination in Iraq will harm business and economic growth in the country," the state-ment said. British Foreign Secretary David

Cameron called the law "dangerous

and worrying."
Although homosexuality is taboo in largely conservative Iraqi soci-ety, and political leaders have peri-odically launched anti-LGBTQ+ campaigns, Iraq did not previously have a law that explicitly criminal-ized ir

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"International business taked to the country's existing anti-prostitution law. It imposes a sentence of 100 15 years for same-sex relations and a prison term of one to three years for people who undergo or

perform gender-transition surgeries and for "intentional practice of effeminacy."

It also bans any organization that promotes "sexual deviancy," intension gas entence of at least seven years and a fine of no less than 10 million dinars (about 57,600).

A previous draft version of the anti-prostitution law, which was ullowed the death sentence to be imposed for same-sex relations. Iraqii officials have defended the awa supholding societal values

Iraqi officials have defended the law as upholding societal values and portrayed criticisms of it as Western interference. Mohsen Al-Mandalawi, the acting Iraqi parliamentary speaker, said in a statement that the vote was "a processor to practe the value.

necessary step to protect the value structure of society" and to "protect

our children from calls for moral depravity and homosexuality.

Rasha Younes, a senior researcher with the LGBT Rights Program at Human Rights Watch, said the law's passage "rub-ber-stamps Iraq's appalling record of rights violations against LGBT people and is a serious blow to fundamental human rights, including the rights to freedom of expression and association, privace, equality, and nondiscrimination."

A report released by the orga-

and nondiscrimination."
A report released by the organization in 2022 accused armed groups in Iraq of abducting, raping, torturing, and killing lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people with impunity and the Iraqi government of failing to hold perpetrators accountable.

A group of Iraqi lawmakers said

Sunday that they had launched a campaign to expel U.S.Ambassador Alina Romanowski, accusing her of interfering in the country's internal affairs after she issued a statement condemning the legislation. Iraqis interviewed Sunday expressed mixed views.

Baghdad restident Ahmed Mansour said he supports the legislation because it follows the texts of the Quran and the Islamic religion by completely prohibiting this subject due to religious taboos. Huddnayfah Ali, another resident of Baghdad, said he is against if because Iraq is a country of multiple sects and religions. 'Iraq is a democratic country, so how can a law be passed against democracy and personal freedom?' he asked.

# **Drones**

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Ukrainian troops are being made by regular people at home. The civilians do not handle any explosives, which are only attached after the drones are delivered to the front. One advantage to the crowdsourc-ing is that it is decentralized, with

ing is that it is decentralized, with private homes less vulnerable to Russian missile attacks than large-scale military factory. Instead of complex assembly lines, volunteers are transforming their own spaces into makeshift drone workshops, Magdalyna calls herhome office her'drone room. A stack of FPVs sit next to other supplies she uses to build the drones, including a soldering iron, copper wire, pliers, a servedriver, acid, and zip ties soldiers use to attach their bombs.

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A grass-roots group called SocialDrone is one of the local initiatives that has taught hundreds of volunteers how to make drones — sharing lists of components to be purchased online and written instructions of how to put them to be purchased online and written instructions of how to put them to decide the proper of the process, which has been viewed more than 400,000 times since November.

Once volunteers finish building heir FPVs, they send them to the group, which vigorously tests the homemade drones before shipping them to the from the from the soldier or unit, including a control of the soldier or unit, including the control of the soldier or unit, including the soldier or the specific soldier or unit, including the soldier or unit. Including the soldier or unit, including the soldier or unit, including the soldier or unit, including the soldier or unit. Including the soldier or unit, including the soldier or unit, including the soldier or unit, including the

gade in need.

"A DIY FPV drone for 250 euros can do the job of a 1 shot Javelin for 70,000 euros," the group's website

states.
Oleksii Asanov, an IT worker who
co-founded SocialDrone, never
intended to get involved in drone

intended to get involved in drone making.
A volunteer since the first days
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of Russia's 2022 invasion, Asanov
also founded other projects to support soldiers at the front. One sends
them drone launching systems and
another trains soldiers as drone
pilots in a 10-day intensive course.
After the first troops graduated
from his school, they complained
that they returned to the front with

that they returned to the front with new skills but no drones. Given the intensity of fighting, troops often deploy on a mission with five or more FPVs, then use them as self-destructing weapons that fly into a target. This sort of one-time



Ivan Bilodid, 65, builds an FPV drone in his home in Moschun, Ukraine. Russian troops lived in his home during their occupation. Now he makes drones to send to the Ukrainian military. Alice Martins / Washington Post

use means new drones are in constant demand.

Asanov said that for Ukraine to stand a chance in the war, it must keep up with this demand. It seems for me that this war will be early the seems of the war will be easily from a tranger who were duther than a list year launched a Telegran. He recruited several friends and last year launched a Telegran channel introducing the project. He shared a shopping list of items to buy — and most people purches the parts from AliExpress, the Chinese online shopping Patron. There are a lot of people whowant on help, he recalled thinking. Who can be a shopping platform the project of the projec stant demand.

Asanov said that for Ukraine to stand a chance in the war, it must keep up with this demand. 'It seems for me that this war will be ended with FPV drones,'he said.

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ing an FPV looked like something he could figure out. For Bilodid, it was also personal. He lives in Moschun, a suburb of Kyiv that turned into the front line when Russian troops advanced on Kyiv in February 2022. For days,

Bilodid sheltered in a neighbor's basement with 27 people. Eventually, he fled—not knowing if he would ever return home.

After Bussian troops retreated, he learned they had entered his bouse. Looters went through his belongings, stealing his laptop and his wife's jewelry. His home was also badly damaged from shelling, costing him tens of thousands of dollars out of his own pocket so far on repairs.

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That experience "certainly pushed me to help somehow," he said.

Bilodid advertised his plans on

social media, shared requests for help fundraising with friends and by March had sent 12 drones to the

Legos and other construction toys and thought building an FPV would not be so hard.
His parents helped him buy the parts, but prefer he does not work on building drones on school nights. So, on Saturdays and Sundays, he spends about five hours of any assembling them. He has days, he spends about five hours a day assembling them. He has worked on four drones so far and his school has promised to help him make more if he keeps it up.

"I'm angry with the enemy but I'm also happy," he said. 'I'm interested in what I'm doing, it's a new heart of the heart of the hard had been a solid to have been a solid his and he had been weekend, dozens of volunteers test drones in parks and fields around Kyiv.

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on a recent Saturday, Kyrylo, 32, and Denys, 23, sorted through stacks of donated drones and tried

stacks of donated drones and tried flying them one at a time.

The two men are former soldiers who were wounded. Now they do quality control testing for SocialDrone, running the drones through complicated maneuvers to be sure the deview onty fall apart. They also attach water bottles filled with sand to simulate the weight of explosives, making sure each FPV sent to the front can be fitted with a weapon.

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Between tests, they helped another volunteer, Anna, 32, practice flying, A product marketer working on a mobile app, Anna overheard one of SocialDrone's co-founders talking about the properties of the standard workender tight away. Now, she spends so much time on drones that "it's like another full-time job," she said. After testing, the group places each drone in one of three piles: excellent, decent and norfunctional. Most arrive in good condition, they said, but the DIY process also means there are errors. Once the drones are cleared, they are shipped to the front line. Soldiers often send back photos thanking volunteers for the drones — and occasionally footness who will be a consistent of the standard worken to eliminate Russian trops. "I neverthought there would be a "I neverthought there would be a "I never thought there would be a "Ineverthought there would be

they used them to eliminate Russian troops.

"Inever thought there would be a moment when someone would die and I feel good about it," Magdalyna said. But the war has changed her.

"I'm happy they die with my help," she said of enemy Russian soldiers, "only because they will not kill us troopersor."

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