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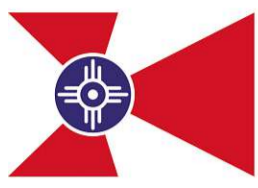
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## Ukraine demands emergency UN meeting over Putin nuke plan

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KYIV, UKRAINE

Ukraine's government on Sunday called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to "counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail" after Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed plans to station tactical atomic weapons in Belarus.

One Ukrainian official said that Russia "took Belarus as a nuclear hostage."

But Moscow said it was making the move in response to the West's increasing military support for Ukraine. Putin announced the plan in a television interview that aired on Saturday, saying it was triggered by a U.K. decision this past week to provide Ukraine with armor-piercing rounds containing depleted uranium.

Putin argued that by deploying its tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, Russia was following the lead of the United States. He noted that Washington has nuclear weapons based in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey.

"We are doing what they have been doing for decades, stationing them in certain allied countries, preparing the launch platforms and training their crews," he said.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry condemned the move in a statement Sunday and demanded the emergency meeting.

"Ukraine expects effective action to counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail by the U.K., China, the U.S. and France, including as permanent members of the U.N. Security Council."

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## Kansas Supreme Court hears two abortion rights cases Monday

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The Kansas Supreme Court on Monday will consider whether abortion should be a guaranteed right in the state constitution for the first time since the federal right to the procedure was eliminated.

Four years after the Kansas court's landmark 2019 decision establishing abortion as a right, justices will hear arguments about whether that decision was correct and what restrictions should be allowed under that right.

The oral arguments come

nearly eight months after Kansas voters overwhelmingly rejected an anti-abortion amendment and voted to uphold the 2019 decision's state-level protection for abortion.

The court will consider two cases that touch on both whether abortion should be a right in Kansas and to what extent the Legislature is allowed to regulate or restrict abortion if it is a right.

Their eventual ruling will determine whether two anti-abortion laws, which have never been enforced, can take effect. Both bills were signed into law by former Republican Gov. Sam Brownback.

"The stakes are really high, of course, because either one of those cases could have a huge impact on the availability of care," said Emily Wales, president of Planned Parenthood Great Plains, which operates clinics in Johnson, Sedgwick and Wyandotte counties.

"We feel pretty confident going into this hearing that the judges have already ruled on strict scrutiny standards for the constitutional right to abortion then they, of course, heard from the voters."

Danielle Underwood, a spokeswoman for Kansans for Life, the state's largest anti-abortion advocacy group, said the organization hoped "the

Kansas Supreme Court will uphold these reasonable, compassionate limits that were enacted with strong bipartisan support."

### WHY IS THE KANSAS SUPREME COURT TALKING ABOUT ABORTION?

The court will hold arguments in two cases related to abortion laws passed by the Legislature that have been struck down by lower courts since abortion was determined to be a right.

The first, is related to a 2015 law banning dilation and evacuation abortions, a type of surgical abortion that makes up about 6% of abortions in Kansas.

In 2019, when ruling on a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of the ban in *Hodes v. Schmidt*, the court made its landmark ruling determining abortion was a fundamental right in Kansas and setting a high bar for any infringements on access.

That ruling, however, did not

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## Small banks hit by massive cash withdrawals

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Americans have withdrawn nearly \$120 billion in deposits from U.S. small banks since the sudden collapse of Silicon Valley Bank on March 10 created chaos in the banking industry.

The second-largest US bank failure, after Washington Mutual in 2008, has shaken investors to the point of creating a crisis of confidence around the entire banking sector.

Santa Clara, Calif.-based SVB was the go-to lender for many tech companies. It provided specialized financial services, industry expertise, a valuable network, and a strong reputa-

tion. It also offered a range of financial services, tailored specifically to the needs of startups, such as venture debt, corporate banking and asset management. These services are designed to help startups manage their finances, optimize their cash flow and scale their businesses.

Created in 1983, Silicon Valley Bank, which presented itself as a "partner for the innovation economy," offered higher interest rates on deposits than its larger rivals, to attract customers. The company then invested the clients' money in long-dated Treasury bonds and mortgage bonds with strong returns.

### DEPOSITS CONTINUE TO FALL

This strategy had worked well in recent years. The bank's deposits doubled to \$102 billion at the end of 2020 from \$49 billion in 2018. In 2022, deposits increased to \$189.2 billion.

But everything turned upside down when the Federal Reserve began to raise interest rates, which made existing bonds held by SVB less valuable. As a result, the bank had to sell the bonds at

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## 3 file in race to replace retiring Wichita school board president

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Wichita school board president Sheril Logan does not plan to run for re-election this year, setting the stage for a contest between at least three candidates vying to replace her in the lone at-large seat on the board.

"It has been an extremely difficult decision because WPS has been a part of my life as an employee or volunteer for over 50 years. But I have decided not to run for the school board again," said Logan, who has served on the board since 2011, including six stints as president.

One candidate who hopes to succeed Logan is Melody McCray-Miller, who served as a Democratic representative in the Kansas Statehouse from 2005-2013 and as a Sedgwick County Commissioner from 1996-2000.



Melody McCray-Miller



Jacob Bakk



Jesse Borosky

whose campaign material advertises him as a member of the Kansas Green Party.

"I've been out of politics and out of that life for a little bit, but there was

just this tug and this yearn that I said it's time for me to run and it's time for me to win so that there will be a voice for people that look like all of us," McCray-Miller told a group of supporters at the Sedgwick County Election Office, where she officially filed to run Thursday.

"When we look at our district right now, our district is a majority minority district and that is not reflected in the school board."

The only non-white member

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