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Debris is scattered across the front lawn of a home in Pembroke Pines on Monday after a plane crashed in a residential neighborhood the night before. 'The plane was on fire, and all the neighbors rushed to collaborate on helping the victims get out of the plane,' an eyewitness to the aftermath said. Four people were injured.

Neighbors rally after plane crashes into tree; Pines mayor wants airport safety reviewed

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Giovanna Hanley was at her mother's house when a small plane crashed — hospitalizing two adults and two teens — Sunday night in a suburban neighborhood in Pembroke Pines.

Hanley heard a loud boom that sounded like a motorcycle muffler. Moments later, neighbors sprang into action.

"My father-in-law is a first responder and happened to be here so he ran over. The plane was on fire, and all the neighbors rushed to collaborate on helping the victims get out of the plane," Hanley, 30, told the Miami Herald on Monday. "One came from one direction with an ax, another one with a hose, a fire extinguisher, the whole community really banded together."

At around 8:10 p.m., the aircraft, a

Cessna T337G, was approaching North Perry Airport in Pembroke Pines when it hit a tree, according to the National Transportation Safety Board, which is handling the investigation. The plane plummeted into a front yard, with debris mangled in the tree branches. The crash's cause is unknown.

The flight originated around 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Turks and Caicos in the Caribbean; the plane was about to land, flight records show. A Turks and Caicos aviation source said the aircraft most likely came from the Dominican Republic, where it would have had to fly over the Turks and Caicos.

The crash occurred near Southwest 14th Street and 68th Boulevard, just a mile east of the airport, police say. The plane's four passengers were hospitalized, including a teen with serious injuries. Video shows neighbors rushing to the site, dousing the flames with garden

hoses.

"It sounded like a dump truck dumping rocks and then a loud boom ...," said 55-year-old Patricia Oliver, who has lived in the neighborhood for two decades. "It's just a little bit too close for comfort."

Residents are quite aware of how plane crashes around North Perry Airport, which serves small private planes and training flights for new pilots, have touched their neighborhood. In 2021, a 4-year-old boy was killed when a small plane that had just taken off from the airport nosedived into his mother's SUV. The mother survived, but her son, Taylor Bishop, died from his injuries.

Hanley said she's a friend of the Bishop family.

"...[W]hen this happened in our front yard, it made us very angry and turned

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No time, no lawyer: ICE memo sparks panic over 3rd-country deportations

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Immigrant communities across South Florida are on edge after a newly revealed immigration memo from the Trump administration confirmed that migrants could now be deported to countries other than their own with as little as six hours' notice — even in cases where those countries offer no guarantees of safety. The policy, laid out in a July 9 memo by

“IT IS REALLY CHAOS, WHAT THEY ARE CREATING. IN PRACTICE, IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO NOTIFY SOMEONE IN TIME.”

Elizabeth Amaran, a Miami-based immigration attorney

Todd Lyons, acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, expands the controversial use of “third-country deportations.” Immigration lawyers, human-rights advocates and families say the rule marks one of the most extreme deportation tactics yet under President Donald Trump's hard-line immigration approach.

"It is really chaos, what they are creating," said Elizabeth Amaran, a Miami-based immigration attorney. "In practice, it's almost impossible to notify someone in time. Six hours is not enough to prepare any legal defense — it effectively denies people due process."

The Miami area, home to large diasporas from Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua and Haiti, has emerged as one of the regions most likely to be affected by the policy —

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Will Trump abandon Miami's 'Crazy Cubans'? Venezuela announces shift in U.S. strategy

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The phones are ringing in Venezuela's Miraflores Presidential Palace — and someone in Washington is on the other end.

That was the message from Venezuela's powerful interior minister, Diosdado Cabello, who claimed that U.S. policy toward Venezuela is quietly but decisively shifting — and leaving some of Florida's most influential voices out in the cold.

In a nationally televised address last week, Cabello said Donald Trump no longer needs support from Miami's hard-line Cuban-American House



Venezuela's presidency

U.S. special envoy Richard Grenell meets with Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro in Caracas on Jan. 31. Grenell's efforts conflicted with those of Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

representatives — María Elvira Salazar, Carlos Gimenez and Mario Diaz-Balart — mocking them as the “Crazy Cubans”

and suggesting they've been tossed aside like yesterday's talking points.

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Florida's real estate market is shifting due to immigration changes, property incentives and rising inventory.

How immigration issues can affect Florida real estate. 'I can't live here'

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Some buyers have the upper hand in Florida, with rising inventory and developers offering sales incentives.

But immigration issues also are affecting the real estate market, with uncertainty leading some property owners to sell their homes quickly to capitalize on rising prices. "There are people leaving, calling me ... to put

their house up for sale. 'I'm going back, I can't live here,'" Gisela Rojas, a broker with Caissa Realty Investment, told el Nuevo Herald.

Rojas, based in Orlando but also active in the Miami area, said many of the new listings that she is handling are from "people who are returning to Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela and are looking for other places like Spain to start a new life."

"I'm seeing it up close; most of them are facing immigration uncertainty," said Rojas, who has a prominent social-media presence and appears on Telemundo and Univision. "They had already achieved the American dream without being residents, with a lot of effort."

Many immigrants bought homes by taking advantage of federal FHA loans, which allow for low down payments of around

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