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Deadly Stampede in India

More than 100 were killed by crushing, panicked crowds at a Hindu prayer meeting in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Page A8.

Israeli Military Wearily Seeks Truce in Gaza

This article is by Ronen Bergman, Patrick Kingsley and Natan Oden-

TEL AVIV - Israel's top generals want to begin a cease-fire in Gaza even if it keeps Hamas in power for the time being, widening a rift between the military and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has opposed a truce that would allow Hamas to survive the war.

The generals think that a truce would be the best way of freeing the roughly 120 Israelis still held, both dead and alive, in Gaza, according to interviews with six current and former security officials.

Underequipped for further fighting after Israel's longest war in decades, the generals also think their forces need time to recuperate in case a land war breaks out against Hezbollah, the Lebanese militia that has been locked in a low-level fight with Israel since October, multiple officials said.

A truce with Hamas could also make it easier to reach a deal with Hezbollah, according to the officials, most of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive security matters. Hezbollah has said it will continue to strike northern Israel until Israel stops fighting in the Gaza Strip.

Known collectively as the General Staff Forum, Israel's military leadership is formed from roughly 30 senior generals, including the military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi, the commanders of the army, air force and navy, and the head of military intelligence.

The military's attitude to a cease-fire reflects a major shift in

its thinking over the past months Continued on Page A5

Sudden Leap in Presidential Power's Long Rise

By CHARLIE SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's decision to bestow presidents with immunity from prosecution over official actions is an extraordinary

expansion of execu-tive power that will NEWS **ANALYSIS** reverberate long

after Donald J. Trump is gone. Beyond its implications for the election subversion case against Mr. Trump and the prospect that he may feel less constrained by law if he returns to power, the ruling adds to the nearly relentless rise of presidential power since the mid-20th century.

Trend That Includes the Immunity Ruling Is Hard to Reverse

It had seemed like a constitutional truism in recent years when more than one lower-court opinion addressing novel legal issues raised by Mr. Trump's norm-breaking behavior observed that presidents are not kings. But suddenly, they do enjoy a kind of monarchical prerogative.

'The relationship between the president and the people he

serves has shifted irrevocably," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in an outraged dissent joined by the court's other two liberals. "In every use of official power, the president is now a king above the

Dismissing those worries, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., writing for the majority, argued that presidents stand apart from regular people, so protecting them from prosecution if they are accused of abusing their powers to commit official crimes

"Unlike anyone else," he wrote, "the president is a branch of

is necessary.

government, and the Constitu-Continued on Page A13

Some in Room With Biden Say Lapses Are Increasing

Concern Grows Over Moments of Confusion in Private During Grueling Schedule

This article is by Peter Baker, David E. Sanger, Zolan Kanno-Youngs and **Katie Rogers**.

In the weeks and months before President Biden's politically devastating performance on the debate stage in Atlanta, several current and former officials and others who encountered him behind closed doors noticed that he increasingly appeared confused or listless, or would lose the thread of

Like many people his age, Mr. Biden, 81, has long experienced instances in which he mangled a sentence, forgot a name or mixed up a few facts, even though he could be sharp and engaged most of the time. But in interviews, people in the room with him more recently said that the lapses seemed to be growing more frequent, more pronounced and more worrisome.

The uncomfortable rences were not predictable, but seemed more likely when he was in a large crowd or tired after a particularly bruising schedule. In the 23 days leading up to the de-bate against former President Donald J. Trump, Mr. Biden jetted across the Atlantic Ocean twice for meetings with foreign leaders and then flew from Italy to California for a splashy fund-raiser, maintaining a grueling pace that exhausted even much younger

Mr. Biden was drained enough from the back-to-back trips to Europe that his team cut his planned debate preparation by two days so he could rest at his house in Rehoboth Beach, Del., before joining advisers at Camp David for rehearsals.

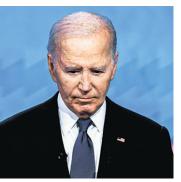
The preparations, which took place over six days, never started before 11 a.m. and Mr. Biden was given time for an afternoon nap each day, according to a person fa-

miliar with the process.

Andrew Bates, a White House spokesman, said on Tuesday that "the president was working well before" the 11 a.m. start time each day, after exercising.

Still, at a fund-raiser on Tuesday evening, Mr. Biden blamed fatigue for his debate performance. 'I wasn't very smart," he said. "I decided to travel around the world a couple times, I don't know how many time zones." He added: "I didn't listen to my staff, and I came back and I fell asleep on the

The recent moments of disorientation generated concern



Officials have said President Biden is in excellent shape.

among advisers and allies alike. He seemed confused at points during a D-Day anniversary ceremony in France on June 6. The next day, he misstated the purpose of a new tranche of military aid to Ukraine when meeting with its president.

On June 10, he appeared to freeze up at an early celebration of the Juneteenth holiday. On June 18, his soft-spoken tone and brief struggle to summon the name of his homeland security secretary at an immigration event

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FALLOUT Democratic anxiety erupted over the president's fitness, with one representative saying he should withdraw from the race. PAGE A15

Caribbean Feels Storm's Force

Hurricane Beryl left a path of destruction across the region, losing little strength Tuesday. Page A8.

In Tense Term, Fractured Court | Trump Delay Remade Nation

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON - Former President Donald J. Trump had a very good year at the Supreme Court. On Monday, the court ruled that he is substantially immune from prosecution on charges that he tried to subvert the 2020 election. On Friday, the court cast doubt on two of the four charges against him in what remains of that prosecution. And in March, the justices allowed him to seek another term despite a constitutional provision barring insurrectionists from holding office.

Administrative agencies had a horrible term. In three 6-to-3 rulings along ideological lines, the court's conservative supermajority erased a foundational precedent that had required courts to defer to agency expertise, dramatically lengthened the time available to challenge agencies' actions and torpedoed the administrative tribunals in which the Securities and Exchange Commission brings enforcement actions.

The court itself had a volatile term, taking on a stunning array of major disputes and assuming a commanding role in shaping American society and democracy. If the justices felt chastened by the backlash over their 2022 abortion decision, the persistent questions about their ethical standards and the drop in their public ap-

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Judge Grants In Sentencing

This article is by Ben Protess, William K. Rashbaum, Kate Christobek and Wesley Parnell.

The judge in Donald J. Trump's Manhattan criminal case delayed his sentencing until Sept. 18 to weigh whether a new U.S. Supreme Court ruling might imperil the former president's conviction, the judge said Tuesday in a letter to prosecutors and defense law-

The judge, Juan M. Merchan, may ultimately find no basis to overturn the jury's verdict, but the delay was a surprising turn of events in a case that had led to the first conviction of an American president. With the election on the horizon, the sentencing might be the only moment of criminal accountability for the twice-impeached and four-time-indicted former president whose other

cases are mired in delay. Mr. Trump, who was convicted of falsifying business records related to his cover-up of a sex scandal during his 2016 presidential campaign, was initially scheduled to be sentenced on July 11, just days before he is to be formally nominated for president at the Republican National Convention. He faces up to four years in prison, though he could receive as little as a few weeks in jail, or probation.

On Monday, the planned sentencing hit a snag when the Su-Continued on Page A17

Doctors, Censured for Failings, Find Work in State Prison System

By MARIO KORAN

MILWAUKEE — While serving time in a Wisconsin prison in 2021, Darnell Price watched a golf-ballsize lump on his thigh grow as large as a football. Mr. Price pressed for a thorough examination, he said, but the prison's physician, Dr. Joan Hannula, did not order a biopsy.

Months later, when Mr. Price moved to another prison, a different doctor ordered the test and diagnosed him with Stage 4 soft-tissue cancer. Soon after, the state's Department of Corrections took the extraordinary step of granting him compassionate release, a measure reserved for the terminally ill or elderly.

"I did my time," said Mr. Price,

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52, who had been convicted of robbery of a financial institution. "But they took the rest of my life."

Mr. Price filed a federal lawsuit against Dr. Hannula and four

other medical employees this year. It is not the first time Dr. Hannula has come under scrutiny: Records show she surrendered her medical license in California in 2004, then pleaded guilty to a drug possession charge and no contest to a charge of forging a prescription.

In Wisconsin, where the arrests Continued on Page A10

SPORTS B7-10 What Now for the U.S. Men?

With an early exit for the Copa América added to the recent disappointments, there is renewed debate over whether Gregg Berhalter should coach this team in the 2026 World Cup.

Time Is Legends' Toughest Foe Injuries kept Rafael Nadal out of Wim-

bledon and limited Andy Murray to doubles. Novak Djokovic, meanwhile, is giving it a go, less than a month after surgery on a torn meniscus.

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FOOD D1-8

That Looks Good, for Starters Competitive eaters are just like us, give

or take a few dozen hot dogs. Every July 4, the best of them flock to Coney Island for a contest of excess. PAGE D1





some safety risks.

Cash Crunch for Kennedy Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s campaign is

being consumed by a costly legal battle for state ballot access

New Drug for Early Alzheimer's The treatment, made by Eli Lilly, is the latest in a new class that also carries

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Far Right Takes Reins of Power

The Netherlands, which swore in a new government on Tuesday, is among the countries in Europe that have experienced swings to the right.

Orban's Surprise Visit to Kyiv

The Hungarian prime minister, who has resisted aid for Ukraine, met with President Volodymyr Zelensky. PAGE A7

BUSINESS B1-6

Boss May Be Hurting Tesla Elon Musk's politics have alienated

potential customers and may be partly responsible for a sales slump. PAGE B1



Another Menu for 'The Bear'

The show, with Jeremy Allen White cast as a chef, above, has a lot going for it. But the new season is a tease. PAGE C1

How to Get to Carnegie's Past A podcast explores Carnegie Hall's archive, like Ella Fitzgerald's glasses

and an opening-night ticket.

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