

LIVES ENDED IN GAZA

Since the war started, more than 30,000 people have been killed during Israel’s bombardment and invasion. Here are some of their stories.



Jannat Iyad Abu Zbeada, in foreground, had dreams of one day teaching at the Gaza university where she was studying multimedia. She was already supporting her family by working in her field. She died at 21.

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They served cappuccinos, repaired cars and acted onstage. They raised children and took care of older parents. They treated wounds, made pizza and put too much sugar in their tea. They loved living in Gaza or sought to leave it behind. They represent a fraction of the more than 30,000 people the local authorities say have been killed in Gaza in five months of war. Their stories offer a snapshot of the vast human loss — one in every

73 of Gaza’s 2.2 million people. More than two-thirds of the total deaths were women and children, the local authorities say. Often, they were killed with their families in Israeli airstrikes. Many thousands were fighters for Hamas, according to Israel, which says it is trying to eliminate the group that led the Oct. 7 attacks while limiting civilian casualties. Hamas ruled Gaza and ran a covert military organization, the identity of its fight-

ers unclear, even to other Gazans. Some residents supported it, some opposed it; everyone had to live with it. After decades of conflict, hatred of Israel was common, and many Gazans cheered the fighters who attacked Israel. The Times took a look at some of the people who have been killed in Gaza, as recalled by friends and relatives and documented in social media posts, news articles and other sources. Pages A6-8.

Most Biden Voters of 2020
Fear He’s Too Old to Lead

Times Poll Reflects Struggle to Allay Doubts, Even Within Party, About His Ability

By LISA LERER and RUTH IGIELNIK

Widespread concerns about President Biden’s age pose a deepening threat to his re-election bid, with a majority of voters who supported him in 2020 now saying he is too old to lead the country effectively, according to a new poll by The New York Times and Siena College. The survey pointed to a fundamental shift in how voters who backed Mr. Biden four years ago have come to see him. A striking 61 percent said they thought he was “just too old” to be an effective president. A sizable share was even more worried: Nineteen percent of those who voted for Mr. Biden in 2020, and 13 percent of those who said they would back him in November, said the 81-year-old president’s age was such a problem that he was no longer capable of handling the job. The misgivings about Mr. Biden’s age cut across generations, gender, race and education, underscoring the president’s failure to dispel both concerns within his own party and Republican attacks painting him as senile. Seventy-three percent of all registered voters said he was too old to be effective, and 45 percent expressed a belief that he could not do the job. This unease, which has long surfaced in polls and in quiet conversations with Democratic officials, appears to be growing as Mr. Biden moves toward formally capturing his party’s nomination. The poll was conducted more than two

weeks after scrutiny of his age intensified in early February, when a special counsel described him in a report as a “well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory” and “diminished faculties in advancing age.” Previous polling suggests that voters’ reservations about Mr. Biden’s age have grown over time. In six battleground states surveyed in October, 55 percent of those who voted for him in 2020 said they believed he was too old to be an effective president, a sharp increase from the 16 percent of Democrats who shared that concern in a slightly different set of swing states in 2020. Voters have not expressed the same anxieties about Donald J. Trump, who at 77 is just four years Mr. Biden’s junior. Their likely rematch would make them the oldest presidential nominees in U.S. history. If re-elected, Mr. Biden would beat his own record as the oldest sitting president, while Mr. Trump would be the second-oldest if he won. Mr. Trump would be 82 at the end of the term, and Mr. Biden would be 86. Otto Abad, 50, an independent voter in Scott, La., said he voted for Mr. Biden in 2020 but planned to flip his support to Mr. Trump if they faced off again. Last time, he wanted a less divisive figure in the White House after the chaos of the Trump administration. Now, he worries that Mr. Biden is not quite

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Power Vacuum
In Gaza Fueled
Convoy’s Chaos

By PATRICK KINGSLEY

JERUSALEM — Israel’s reluctance to fill the current leadership vacuum in northern Gaza formed the backdrop to the chaos that led to the deaths on Thursday of dozens of Palestinians on the Gaza coast, analysts and aid workers have said. More than 100 were killed and 700 injured, Gaza health officials said, after thousands of hungry civilians rushed at a convoy of aid trucks, leading to a stampede and prompting Israeli soldiers to fire at the crowd. The immediate causes of the chaos were extreme hunger and desperation: The United Nations has warned of a looming famine in northern Gaza, where the episode occurred. Civilian attempts to ambush aid trucks, Israeli restrictions on convoys and the poor condition of roads damaged in the war have made it extremely difficult for food to reach the roughly 300,000 civilians still stranded in that region, leading the United States and others to airdrop aid instead. But analysts say this dynamic has been exacerbated by Israel’s failure to set in motion a plan for how the north will be governed. While southern Gaza is still an active conflict zone, fighting has mostly ebbed in the north of the enclave. The Israeli military defeated the bulk of Hamas’s fighting forces there by early January, leading Israeli soldiers to withdraw from parts of the north. Now, those areas lack a cen-

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HARRIS SPEAKS OUT The vice president called for an “immediate cease-fire” in Gaza. PAGE A14



JAMES HILL, FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES
Russian media hardly covered Aleksei A. Navalny’s death.

Kremlin Works
Hard to Ignore
Navalny’s Hold

By PAUL SONNE and OLEG MATSNEV

BERLIN — When Aleksei A. Navalny was alive, the Kremlin sought to portray him as an inconsequential figure unworthy of attention, even as the Russian authorities vilified and attacked him with a viciousness that suggested the opposite. In death, little appears to have changed. President Vladimir V. Putin has not said a word in public about Mr. Navalny in the two weeks since the opposition campaigner’s death at age 47 in an Arctic prison. Russian state television has been almost equally silent. Coverage has been limited to a short statement by the prison authorities the day of Mr. Navalny’s death, plus a few fleeting television commentaries by state propagandists to deflect blame and tarnish his wife, Yulia Navalnaya, who has announced that she will carry on her husband’s work. And on Friday, as thousands gathered in the Russian capital for Mr. Navalny’s funeral, cheering his name, official Moscow acted as if the remembrance was a non-

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Peril to Trump
For Next Trial?
Trump Himself.

This article is by Jonah E. Bromwich, William K. Rashbaum, Maggie Haberman, Kate Christobek and Ben Protess. Donald J. Trump was minutes away from being grilled under oath by the New York attorney general and he was itching to talk. To fend off the state’s fraud investigation, the former president insisted on answering every question, believing he alone knew what to say. But his lawyer at the time, Ronald P. Fischetti, directed Mr. Trump to keep quiet. He instructed the former president to invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during the 2022 deposition with the attorney general, Letitia James, according to two people with knowledge of the discussion. Mr. Fischetti warned Mr. Trump that he was risking perjury charges, and that he would come to regret it. Mr. Trump relented, but his legal problems were only just beginning. Over the past year, he was

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IRIS APFEL, 1921-2024

She came to fame in the fashion world in her 80s and 90s with a kaleidoscopic wardrobe. Page B7.

A Moral Climate Conundrum Between Friends

By HIROKO TABUCHI

STANFORD, Calif. — Two good friends, Rebecca Grekin and Yannai Kashtan, met up one crisp December morning at Stanford University, where they both study and teach. The campus was deserted for the holidays, an emptiness at odds with the school’s image as a place where giants roam, engaged

Two Scientists Debate
Using Oil Money

in groundbreaking research on heart transplants, jet aerodynamics, high-performance computing. Work that has changed the world. Ms. Grekin and Mr. Kashtan are

young climate researchers. I had asked them there to explain how they hoped to change the world themselves. They have very different ideas about how to do that. A big question: What role should money from oil and gas — the very industry that’s the main contributor to global warming — have in funding

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As the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus hits the road for the first time in seven years, Skyler Miser, above, happily serves as a cannonball. PAGE C1

