



Displaced children last week in Gaza City. One girl said she played with wet sand, shaping it into imaginary meals. She usually eats one meal a day, her parents said.

In Gaza, the Joys of Childhood Dissolve Into Indelible Trauma

By PATRICK KINGSLEY and BILAL SHBAIR

JERUSALEM — To numb the traumas of wartime Gaza, Rahma Abu Abed, 12, plays a game with her friends. They ask one another: What did you eat before the war? What did your home look like before the war? What would you wear if you had new clothes?

For Rahma, who recounted these details in an interview alongside her mother, Heba, the answers are often less soothing than tragic. She hasn't eaten meat in months, her parents said. Her home in southern Gaza has been flattened, satellite imagery shows. Her clothes are mostly under the rubble. The beach, where her parents occasionally took her as a treat before the war, has become her full-time home.

Rahma now lives in a storehouse for fishing equipment with her parents and four siblings, who share the space with several displaced families. She usually eats

No School, Scarce Toys and Constant Dread as the War Rages

one meal a day, often lentils or pasta, her parents said. Trying to remember what good food looked like, Rahma plays with the wet sand, shaping it into imaginary meals.

“If someone gave me a choice between crayons and bread,” Rahma said, “I would choose the bread.”

After 22 months of war, childhood in Gaza hardly exists.

There are about 1.1 million children in the territory, and nearly all require mental health or psychosocial support, according to research by the United Nations. Most of them have been out of school for nearly two years. After Israel's 11-week blockade on food

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Scorn or Redeem Criminals? For Trump, That Depends.

By ERICA L. GREEN

WASHINGTON — As President Trump made the case for militarizing the streets of Washington, he used pictures of “homegrown terrorists” to illustrate his point that crime in the nation's capital was out of control.

“Look at these people here,” Mr. Trump said at a news conference last week, flipping through a handout from the White House containing five mug shots, all people of color.

“They will never be an asset to society,” he said. “I don’t care. I know we all want to say, ‘Oh, they’re going to be rehabbed.’ They’re not going to be rehabbed.”

The declaration provided a

window into the president’s selective view of criminality and redemption. In his eyes, Capitol rioters, a triple murderer, two police officers involved in covering up the killing of a Black man, and an Israeli settler accused of extremist violence all deserve a second chance.

But the people accused of crimes in Washington are irredeemable.

Mr. Trump, himself a felon, has shown particular leniency to criminals he seems to identify

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To Fleeing Ukrainians, Summit Felt Like a Slap

By KIM BARKER and OLEKSANDRA MYKOLYSHYN

NEAR PAVLOHRAD, Ukraine — The children’s author had violence in her heart.

Valentyna Shevchenko, 69, recently fled the home where she had lived for 21 years, a home now threatened by a new Russian offensive. And she was angry about the meeting in Alaska that was taking place between President Trump and President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.

“It’s not right that the presidents of two other countries discuss our fate without us,” said Ms.

Anger That Land Long Theirs May Be Given to Russia for Peace

Shevchenko, who clasped like talismans two poetry books she had written — one was called “A Wonderful Adventure” — while sitting on the edge of her bed in a shelter. She added that she would like to beat the two leaders with a wooden stick, or even a shovel.

“This is insane,” she said. “Here there is war, rivers of blood, and

they are making some kind of deal.”

While the much-ballyhooed summit appeared to be more a show of amiable backslapping than tough negotiating, by Saturday it had become clear that Mr. Putin and Mr. Trump had discussed proposals that would be very hard for Ukraine to swallow.

In a post on social media, Mr. Trump reversed his support of Ukraine’s position that a cease-fire must precede any peace negotiations. And in an interview with the Fox News host Sean Hannity, he said that he and Mr. Putin had

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For Europe, Deeper Concern Is Keeping the U.S. on NATO’s Side

By DAVID E. SANGER

WASHINGTON — This time, when President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine arrives in the Oval Office, he will come with backup.

An array of European prime ministers and presidents are flying in for the meeting on Monday to make sure that a viable,

defensible Ukraine survives whatever carving up of its territory is about to happen at the negotiating table.

But they are also there to make certain that the trans-Atlantic alliance emerges intact. President Trump’s instant reversal on the critical issue of obtaining a cease-fire before negotiating over land or security guaran-

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tees has left many of them shaken and wondering whether Mr. Trump had once again been swayed by President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.

By most accounts, the European officials want to ensure that Mr. Trump has not pivoted too

EUROPE’S LEADERS TO JOIN ZELENSKY IN VISITING TRUMP

A DISPLAY OF UNITY

Coordinating to Smooth Relations and Press for a Cease-Fire

By CONSTANT MÉHEUT and ENJOLI LISTON

European leaders said on Sunday that they would join President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine when he meets with President Trump on Monday at the White House, as they strive to show solidarity against Russia and avoid being sidelined in peace talks.

“Our goal tomorrow is to present a united front between Europeans and Ukrainians,” President Emmanuel Macron of France told reporters. “I don’t believe Putin wants peace. I believe he wants Ukraine’s capitulation.”

Mr. Macron will be one of at least six European leaders — including Prime Minister Keir Starmer of Britain and President Alexander Stubb of Finland, two of Mr. Trump’s favored counterparts — traveling to Washington. The trip highlights the continent’s effort to smooth relations between Mr. Trump and Mr. Zelensky, whose last White House meeting in February descended into a public clash.

European leaders have spent months cultivating ties with Mr. Trump to strengthen their hand in pressing Ukraine’s case, while also coaching Mr. Zelensky on how to better engage with Mr. Trump. On Sunday, the Europeans and other partners met online and in person with Mr. Zelensky to prepare for the meeting in Washington.

“We’ll give a few good pieces of advice,” Chancellor Friedrich Merz of Germany told the German television broadcaster ZDF ahead of the meeting. He will also join the Washington meeting, along with Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni of Italy; NATO’s secretary general, Mark Rutte; and Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Union’s executive arm.

Mr. Trump will first meet with Mr. Zelensky. They are then scheduled to join a working lunch and a larger meeting with the other European leaders, according to European officials familiar with the preparations for the day.

The meeting will come three days after talks in Alaska between Mr. Trump and President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia ended inconclusively but fueled concerns in Europe that Mr. Trump’s thinking may have tilted toward Russia’s position.

After their summit, Mr. Trump sided with the Russian president in calling for a direct peace agreement that would quite likely see Ukraine cede unconquered territory to Russia, rather than securing a cease-fire first. Negotiations instead of a cease-fire would give Russia time to exploit its battlefield advantage to seize territory before front lines are settled.

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