

TWO YEARS OF WAR



Emily Damari was held captive for 471 days and was released in January.



Hamza Salem leaving his house in Gaza City. He lost his legs in an Israeli attack.

LEGAL FEUD BOILS
AS 2 STATES CLAIM
TRUMP ‘INVASION’

ILLINOIS AND OREGON

A Lawsuit Seeks to Stop
Texas Guard Soldiers
Bound for Chicago

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CHICAGO — Officials in Illinois and Oregon stepped up efforts to block President Trump from deploying National Guard troops in the states’ cities, denouncing the effort as an attempted “invasion,” even as 200 soldiers from Texas were headed to Chicago.

The State of Illinois sued Mr. Trump on Monday over his effort to deploy National Guard troops to Chicago, calling the deployment “illegal, dangerous and unconstitutional.” The state and the city of Chicago filed the lawsuit hours after the president ordered hundreds of Texas Guard soldiers to deploy for “federal protection missions” in Chicago and Portland, Ore.

On Sunday night, a federal judge blocked Mr. Trump from sending Guard members from any state to Oregon, but her ruling did not cover Illinois. In its lawsuit, officials from Illinois and Chicago argued that the administration’s “provocative and arbitrary actions have threatened to undermine public safety by inciting a public outcry.”

A federal judge in Illinois, April M. Perry, declined to issue an immediate order on Monday blocking the deployment of National Guard troops in the state. Judge Perry, a Biden appointee, described herself as “very troubled by the lack of answers” from federal lawyers to her questions about the deployment. She said she needed time to review the case, and set another hearing for Thursday. A U.S. military official said Monday morning that the first group from the Texas Guard, about 200 troops, was en route to Chicago.

Mr. Trump’s push to use military forces in a number of major cities, most of them heavily Democratic, has left courts across the country scrambling to keep pace with deployments that some judges have already deemed unconstitutional.

Mr. Trump on Monday threatened to invoke an 1807 law called the Insurrection Act that would grant him emergency powers to

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Emerging From Hamas Tunnels
And Learning How to Live Again

By ISABEL KERSHNER and AVISHAG SHAAR-YASHUV

JERUSALEM — On the morning that Hamas gunmen overran Kfar Aza, a pastoral Israeli kibbutz near the border with Gaza, they burst into Emily Damari’s small apartment, shot and killed her dog, Choocha, and snatched her from her bedroom. She was bleeding from hand and leg wounds.

Then they took the keys to her car and drove her and two neighbors across the fields back into their Palestinian coastal enclave. For the next 471 days, Ms. Damari was held hostage, above and below ground.

Released on Jan. 19, 2025, as part of a brief cease-fire, she

emerged ebullient, arriving at a hospital near Tel Aviv wrapped in a large Israeli flag.

When she was reunited with her mother, she flashed a kind of V-sign with her bandaged left hand — a “rock on” gesture made up of her thumb and her index and little fingers because her two middle fingers were missing. That gesture, captured in photographs released by the Israeli military, instantly became iconic, a symbol of resilience and survival.

The next morning, she thanked her family, friends and God in an Instagram post and declared, “I have returned to life.”

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Broken Bodies and Broken Lives
Across a Gaza Grasping for Hope

This article is by Ben Hubbard, Bilal Shbair and Iyad Abuheweila.

The pallets of aid dropped from the plane, their parachutes popping as they fell to the battered and hungry people of Gaza below.

On the ground, most people in the seaside strip have been forced from their homes into a fraction of the territory. Living in tent camps, they struggle to find food, water and medicine. Many of the houses, businesses and neighborhoods that framed their former lives have been pulverized, leaving them little to return to whenever the war might end.

In the two years since Hamas led an attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, Israel has unleashed

tremendous military might in Gaza, causing destruction that has few parallels in modern warfare. The result is a dismembered and disordered society. Entire branches have been lopped off family trees, with more than 67,000 killed, or one in every 34 Gazans, according to local health officials.

Last month, a United Nations commission concluded that Israel had committed genocide against the Palestinians in Gaza. Israel denies the accusation, saying it seeks to destroy Hamas and retrieve the hostages taken in the attack, which killed 1,200 people.

Israeli and Hamas negotiators began talks in Egypt on Monday

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How a New Media Upstart Shot
To the Top of CBS’s Crown Jewel

By JESSICA TESTA

“I’m a newspaper woman without a newspaper,” Bari Weiss said four years ago on the first episode of her podcast, “Honestly.”

Today Ms. Weiss still does not have a newspaper. But she was just handed the sterling silver keys to the

Tiffany network.

On Monday, Ms. Weiss was named the new editor in chief of CBS News. The network’s owner, Paramount, also announced the acquisition of her start-up, The Free Press, for a price said to be about \$150 million in cash and stock.

In its nearly 100 years, CBS has not seen a leader quite like Ms. Weiss. Neither has the media industry. Ms. Weiss, 41, has ascended the mountain of journalism on a slingshot. In 2020, she publicly resigned as an opinion writer and editor at The New

Fighting ‘Wokeness’ and
Drawing Social Clout
and Rich Allies

York Times to start a newsletter on Substack. Today, she has one of the most prestigious jobs in news.

She achieved this without climbing the typical journalistic career ladder, and with no experience directing television coverage. She is richer in social clout than in Emmys or Pulitzers. And she is known more for wanting to rid the world of so-called wokeness than for promoting journalistic traditions. While newsroom leaders do not traditionally trumpet their personal beliefs, Ms. Weiss has described herself as a “left-leaning centrist,” a “radical centrist,” “a gay woman who is moderately pro-choice” — she is

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Worried, Frazzled, Indifferent:
Americans Process Shutdown

By AUDRA D. S. BURCH

At a church on Sunday in a suburb of Washington where the pews are filled each week with dozens of active and retired federal workers, the weight of the government shutdown hung in the air. The Rev. Krishnan Natesan, pastor of Hemingway Memorial A.M.E. Church in District Heights, Md., delivered a sermon about holding on to faith and hope amid uncertain futures. “People are under high stress,” he said in an interview after services.

The day before, while traveling through Dallas Love Field, Mike Talbert, 66, an industrial supplies buyer visiting from Wisconsin, did not notice any effects on his travel and shrugged off potential consequences of the shutdown. “It’ll get figured out,” he said.

During the first week of the shutdown, a split screen of reactions played out across the country. Many people said that they had yet to feel a significant impact



The Rev. Krishnan Natesan leading a service on Sunday.

aside from the closing of some tourist sites. Air travel has been largely uninterrupted. And many Americans have not experienced a change in their everyday lives.

Others, especially those in the federal work force, were bracing

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In a Defining Term, the Justices
Take On Trump’s Tests of Power

By ANN E. MARIMOW and ABBIE VANSICKLE

WASHINGTON — When the nine justices of the Supreme Court return to their raised mahogany bench each year on the first Monday of October, it typically marks the end of a three-month stretch of rest and reflection.

But this summer’s traditional recess was anything but a cooling-off period.

Instead, the justices churned through emergency requests from the Trump administration that sharply divided the court along ideological lines, in a reflection of how much President Trump’s agenda has consumed their calendar.

The president’s policies will have an even more central role in the term that began on Monday, after the justices agreed to take three cases with broad consequences for his agenda. In November, they will hear arguments about the legality of Mr. Trump’s

Long List of Emergency
Orders in Favor of
the President

sweeping tariffs, a centerpiece of his trade strategy. In December, they will consider Mr. Trump’s efforts to wrest control of independent agencies, and in January, his attempt to fire a member of the Federal Reserve Board.

By the time the term ends in June, there could be others. Already, the administration has asked the court to take up a pair of cases testing the legality of the president’s executive order ending birthright citizenship, an issue that raises fundamental questions about what it means to be an American.

The result will be a term of generational consequence for the court and the presidency, and a

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An Insurgency Returns

Pakistan uprooted the Taliban with U.S. help, but the Afghan Taliban are helping bring the fighters back.

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Three scientists were recognized for their discoveries about how the body regulates immune responses.

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Stonewall Museum in Crisis

The Fort Lauderdale museum, one of the country’s oldest L.G.B.T.Q. institutions, is struggling amid steep cuts in state and federal funding.

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Progressives who once denied Amazon a foothold in Queens are rallying for a new kind of development.

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A Master of Brevity

Over nearly a half-century, Ashleigh Brilliant, 91, wrote 10,000 epigrams, none longer than 17 words.

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Japan’s Immigration Debate

A rural town has become a tourist draw, but some locals aren’t happy about the foreign workers supporting it.

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OpenAI’s Rivaling Deal

After signing a \$100 billion agreement to use Nvidia chips, OpenAI turns to AMD, a competing chipmaker.

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The New-Look Rangers

As the team opens its N.H.L. season on Tuesday, Coach Mike Sullivan has installed a system that emphasizes a swarming forecheck after dumping the puck past defenders.

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Home Sweet Home at Last

The Seattle Mariners, who had not won a home postseason game in 8,755 days, came through against the Tigers on Sunday to tie their American League division series.

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A Closeted Brother in Arms

Based on a 2016 memoir, a Netflix series dramatizes the experiences of a queer Marine in an era when gay people were barred from serving.

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