



Greenland has been pulled into a spotlight it hopes can help secure it a sovereign state of its own. Above, moments of fading light after months of darkness in Ilulissat. IVOR PRICKETT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

In Greenland, Making Most Of ‘Moment’

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN
NUUK, Greenland — Above the harbor, where little boats splattered with fish blood putter back to shore and men with ice-encrusted mustaches butcher seals, sits a two-story building where Palle Jeremiassen works. He is the mayor of Ilulissat, a small town in the Arctic Circle, and he’s got a busy day.
Howling winds just wiped out the path to the best ice-fishing spot and the fishermen, some of whom stomp around in pants made of polar-bear fur, are getting upset.
In another settlement farther north, the ice is too thin to cross. Greenlanders call this “young ice,” and it shouldn’t be this young this deep into winter — another worrying sign of climate change. Unless Mayor Jeremiassen quickly organizes emergency shipments by helicopter, the villagers who usually cruise around on snowmobiles and dog sleds could run out of food.
Out here on the western coast of Greenland, ice defines life. The endless snowfields glitter with millions of ice crystals. A skyline of sapphire icebergs rises from the semi-frozen sea. But something even bigger is occupying the mayor’s mind at the moment, and that of many people here. It boils down to one word: Trump.
Denmark, which once colonized Greenland, still oversees many of its affairs. But now President

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Family’s Fate Pierces Israel, Fraying Truce

By PATRICK KINGSLEY
JERUSALEM — For 16 months, the smiling faces of Shiri Bibas and her two young sons, Ariel and Kfir, had been slowly receding into the background of Israeli life as their photographs — posted on walls and bus stops soon after the family’s abduction to Gaza in October 2023 — began to fade, tear and peel.
On Friday, the Bibases’ lives and disturbing deaths were swept back to the forefront of Israel’s collective consciousness in such a startling and unsettling way that it set off fresh alarm about the long-term fate of the fragile cease-fire in Gaza. The truce looked set to continue through the weekend, as both sides prepared for another exchange of Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners on Saturday, but the turmoil over the Bibas family heightened doubts about an extension.
Early on Friday, the Israeli military announced that the body of Ms. Bibas — nominally returned, along with those of her sons, by Hamas to Israel on Thursday — appeared to be that of someone else. And an autopsy of Ariel, 4 years old at the time of the abduction, and Kfir, 8 months, revealed that terrorists killed them in Gaza “with their bare hands,” the military said.

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While Russia Talks Peace, It Expands Invasion

By CONSTANT MÉHEUT and OLHA KONOVALOVA
MEZHOVA, Ukraine — As the United States and Russia begin talks to end the war, Moscow is pressing its advantage on the battlefield by closing in on Dnipropetrovsk, one of Ukraine’s largest regions and one with a major industrial base. Russian troops are now less than three miles from the region’s border, and they have been pushing forward in recent days.
Should the Russian Army cross from the eastern Donetsk region into Dnipropetrovsk, it would deal

Move May Complicate Ukraine’s Position in Negotiations

a big blow to morale in Ukraine — marking the fifth region to face partial Russian occupation and expanding Moscow’s control over the war-torn country. It could also complicate Kyiv’s position in territorial negotiations that might arise during peace talks.
The Russian advance has already reshaped the landscape of

Dnipropetrovsk’s border area, once a quiet expanse of rolling fields and small villages. Now, trenches and anti-tank ditches line roads where convoys of armored vehicles pass. Tanks are concealed in tree lines. In villages closest to the front, soldiers have taken over buildings damaged by bombing or abandoned by locals.
The Ukrainian backpedaling can be seen in the westward relocation of the aid station where medics of the 33rd Mechanized Brigade treat wounded soldiers. Late last year, they retreated three times in three months, haul-

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A unit of Ukraine’s Shkval Special Forces Assault Battalion gathered weapons before an operation. TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

From Prison, Ex-Deputy Recounts ‘Goon Squad’

This article is by Jerry Mitchell, Brian Howey and Nate Rosenfield.
JACKSON, Miss. — In a series of interviews from prison, a former Mississippi sheriff’s deputy described for the first time how he and others in his department regularly entered homes without warrants, beat people to get information and illegally seized evidence that helped convict people of drug crimes.

In Mississippi, Violence and Illegal Searches

His statements corroborate many aspects of an investigation by The New York Times and Mississippi Today that uncovered a two-decade reign of terror by Rankin County sheriff’s deputies, including those who called them-

selves the “Goon Squad.” They also shed new light on the deputies’ tactics and the scope of their violent and illegal behavior.
The former deputy, Christian Dedmon, who once led the department’s narcotics division, told Mississippi Today in emails and phone calls that drug raids occurred in suburban Rankin County, outside Jackson, almost every week for years.

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Chorus of Vengeance at Purged Kennedy Center

By ELISABETH BUMILLER
WASHINGTON — The trouble started in August 2017 when the television producer Norman Lear said he was skipping a White House reception for his Kennedy Center Honors award. Another honoree, the dancer and choreographer Carmen de Lavallade, pulled out after President Trump said there

With Trump as Head, Shows Will Be ‘Hot’
were “very fine people on both sides” of a white supremacist rally and counterprotest in Charlottesville, Va.
Mr. Trump, who ended up canceling the reception and shunning the annual awards

ceremony all four years of his first term, got his revenge last week when he purged the bipartisan Kennedy Center board of Biden appointees, fired the center’s president and made himself the new chairman.
The question now is what a thin-skinned showman will do with an institution of music, theater and dance that has been central to Washington’s cultural

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