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A flooded tent village near Gaza City on Tuesday. U.S. officials want to build compounds that would be more permanent than tents.

U.S. Envisions Gazans Living In Compounds

This article is by **David M. Halbfinger, Adam Rasgon, Natan Odenheimer and Aaron Boxerman.**

JERUSALEM — The Trump administration is pushing for the rapid construction of a number of residential compounds to provide housing for Palestinians in Israeli-controlled parts of the war-ravaged Gaza Strip, an effort that is fraught with risks and potential pitfalls.

The compounds, or “Alternative Safe Communities,” as U.S. officials are calling them, will be concentrated in the eastern half of Gaza, currently controlled by Israel since a cease-fire took effect in October. Few of Gaza’s two million Palestinians remain there. Most are crammed in the Hamas-controlled part of the enclave where the United States and Israel are not yet allowing any reconstruction.

U.S. officials hope Palestinians will feel encouraged to move to the new compounds, drawn to the prospect of greater security, freedom from Hamas, job opportunities and a chance to rebuild their lives.

The vision of American officials involves the creation of a string of model compounds — more permanent than tent villages, but still made up of structures meant to be temporary. Each could provide housing for as many as 20,000 or 25,000 people alongside medical clinics and schools, U.S. officials and European diplomats say.

“There’s a practical issue: How do we get people into safe housing as soon as humanly possible?” Aryeh Lightstone, a senior Trump administration official who is leading the effort, said in an interview. “This is the easiest way to do that.”

In the short term, the plan could offer relief for thousands of Palestinians who have endured two years of war. In the long term, the proposal has raised questions about whether it could entrench a de facto partition of Gaza into Israeli- and Hamas-controlled zones.

This article is based on interviews with 20 officials from the United States, Europe and Israel working on or briefed on the plans for postwar Gaza, including diplomats, military officers and aid workers. Nearly all insisted on an-

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Multiple Signs Of Deep Risks In the Market

A Moment of Volatility for Global Economies

By PATRICIA COHEN

LONDON — The stock market bounces in recent weeks are just one indicator of the profound uncertainty and heightened risks running through the global economy and financial system.

It’s not simply that the hundreds of billions of dollars flooding into artificial intelligence investments might turn out to be a bubble. Or that the use of cryptocurrencies in mainstream banking is spreading even as their values have plunged after soaring to record highs. Or the billion-dollar bankruptcies related to a mad rush of lending by shadow banks (and regular banks, too).

It is also the titanic levels of debt that the United States and other governments have built up. President Trump’s erratic policy zigzags. And the possibility that the cornerstone of the administration’s economic agenda — tariffs — could be ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

It’s everything, everywhere, all at once.

“I have just been flabbergasted that market measures of volatility have been so low up until recently,” said Kenneth Rogoff, a professor of economics at Harvard University. Market valuations are not accurately reflecting risks, he said.

The stock market run-up — the S&P 500 is still up about 14 percent this year despite the recent shivers — could foreshadow widespread economic gains. But Mr. Rogoff doesn’t think that is the case.

“A big part of the high stock prices is not a reflection of high future growth,” he said. Rather, it is a sign that A.I. is expected to boost productivity and shrink employment. “The firms all think they’re going to shed a lot of labor, and that’s why the profits will be high,” he said.

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TRUMP CONSIDERS EXTENSION OF AID FOR OBAMACARE

A PROGRAM HE REVILED

Pressure Grows to Avoid Spike in Health Costs as Subsidies End

This article is by **Luke Broadwater, Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Zolan Kanno-Youngs.**

WASHINGTON — President Trump, who has repeatedly denounced the Affordable Care Act as a “disaster,” is considering backing an extension of insurance subsidies tied to the health law that are set to expire at the end of the year, according to a senior White House official.

Mr. Trump has not made a final decision, the official said. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss continuing deliberations.

“Until President Trump makes an announcement himself, any reporting about the administration’s health care positions is mere speculation,” said Kush Desai, a White House spokesman.

Extending the subsidies was at the center of the 43-day government shutdown, the longest in U.S. history, with Democrats insisting on continuing them while Republicans said they would make no commitment while the government was closed.

Now that the shutdown is over, Mr. Trump is under pressure to deliver on a plan to address health care costs, especially as the subsidies that millions of people rely on to pay for coverage are expiring, which would cause a jump in premiums. The president and his administration have also sought to hone a broader affordability message as many Americans struggle with living costs.

The White House official said Mr. Trump was considering whether to impose tougher restrictions on who would be eligible for the subsidies. The White House did not provide details on what those restrictions might be, though they could include capping

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Rochester General Hospital drastically dropped its C-section rate.

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By SARAH KLIFF and BIANCA PALLARO

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mother’s life. “Most of the worst disasters I’ve seen in my career — hemorrhages, sepsis — are related to C-sections,” Dr. Bostock said. “There is inherent risk in doing abdominal surgery.”

Dr. Bostock tried to tackle the problem through a series of discrete changes. In 2021, low-risk patients began getting routed to midwives. A new checklist in 2023 required various steps to promote vaginal delivery before surgery. Perhaps most important, she said,

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