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Palestinians in Gaza City on Tuesday with a victim of the Israeli airstrikes. The bombings followed weeks of fruitless negotiations.

In a Shift, Putin Agrees to Avoid Energy Targets if Ukraine Does

By DAVID E. SANGER and PAUL SONNE
WASHINGTON — President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia agreed for the first time on Tuesday to a limited cease-fire that would stop strikes on energy infrastructure, as long as Ukraine does the same, the Kremlin said in a statement.
But in a two-and-a-half-hour phone call with President Trump, the Russian leader declined for now to agree to a broader 30-day halt in fighting that U.S. and Ukrainian officials had proposed, meaning that the attacks on Ukrainian civilians, cities and ports will continue as the two sides vie for territory and an upper hand in negotiations.
Still, if strikes on energy infrastructure by both sides indeed

But Pledge Falls Short of Wider Cease-Fire

stop, it would be the first mutually agreed suspension of attacks in the three-year war, which the White House characterized as a first step toward a broader peace.
A cease-fire for energy targets would not only benefit Ukraine, which has struggled for years with Russia's repeated attacks on oil and gas facilities deep into the Russian heartland, jeopardizing Moscow's most crucial stream of state revenue.
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Onslaught by G.O.P. on Judge Who Issued Deportation Order

This article is by Alan Feuer, Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Adam Liptak.
The Trump administration and Republicans in Congress have been waging a multifront attack on the federal judge who is deciding whether the president may use a wartime statute to deport people suspected of belonging to a Venezuelan street gang.
Lawyers for the Justice Department began the week by trying to kick the judge, James E. Boasberg, off the deportation case and then filed court papers declaring he had no authority to stop flights of immigrants from leaving the country under the law, known as the Alien Enemies Act.
On Tuesday, Representative Brandon Gill, Republican of

Chief Justice Rebukes Impeachment Push

Texas, filed articles of impeachment against the judge, accusing him of having abused his power. That same day, President Trump himself endorsed the idea of impeachment, calling Judge Boasberg, a centrist Democrat who lived with Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh while they were at Yale Law School, a “Radical Left Lunatic.”
All of this — and more — prompted a rare public rebuke by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. who issued a statement on Tuesday essentially telling Judge
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Israel Renews Gaza Attack In Collapse of Cease-Fire

400 Reported Dead, Including Children — Netanyahu Cites Hostage Impasse

This article is by Patrick Kingsley, Rawan Sheikh Ahmad, Yan Zhuang, Aaron Boxerman and Michael Levenson.
JERUSALEM — Israeli forces launched deadly aerial attacks across the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, ending a temporary cease-fire with Hamas that began in January, and raising the prospect of a return to all-out war.
More than 400 people, including children, were killed in the strikes, Gaza's health ministry said. Those numbers did not distinguish between civilians and combatants, but the relentless Israeli bombardment produced one of the war's deadliest single-day tolls.
The attacks came after weeks of fruitless negotiations aimed at extending the fragile cease-fire, which paused 15 months of devastating fighting in the territory. The truce's first phase expired in early March, but it had largely held as diplomats worked to broker an extension to free the surviving Israeli hostages and end the war.
The office of Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, said he had ordered the military operation after Hamas's “repeated refusal” to release the remaining captives seized in the Oct. 7, 2023, assault on Israel and the bodies of those hostages who have died. Of the 59 remaining in Gaza, fewer than half are believed to be alive.
“From now on, Israel will act against Hamas with increasing military strength,” the prime minister's office said.
In an address later on Tuesday, Mr. Netanyahu suggested that more Israeli attacks in Gaza were coming and would be carried out in tandem with negotiations with Hamas.
“This is just the beginning,” he said. “We will keep fighting to achieve all of the war's objectives.”
Hamas officials argued that Israel had brazenly overturned the truce, but they did not immediately respond militarily to the strikes. It was unclear whether

the Palestinian armed group — badly weakened after more than a year of war — would strike back or head to the negotiating table.
Suhail al-Hindi, a member of Hamas's political office, said the group still hoped to restore the cease-fire but reserved the right to respond. “How to respond is left to those on the ground,” he said in a phone interview. “They know and understand how to respond to the occupation.”
Gideon Saar, Israel's foreign minister, said the decision to strike had been made several days ago, after Hamas rejected two proposals offered by Steve Witkoff, President Trump's Middle East envoy.
“This is not a one-day operation,” Mr. Saar said in a speech on Tuesday in Jerusalem. “We will pursue military action in the days



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“This is just the beginning,” Benjamin Netanyahu said.

to come. We found ourselves in a dead end, with no hostages released and no military action. This situation cannot continue.”
In Israel, relatives of the hostages said the renewed Israeli attacks had heightened their fears that the remaining captives might never return alive. They accused Mr. Netanyahu and his government of abandoning the hostages, and some gathered in rallies demanding an immediate deal with Hamas to secure their freedom.
“Military action endangers hostages.”
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Astronauts Are Home at Last

Suni Williams, above, and Butch Wilmore are back after a nine-month delay in space. Page A21.

Kennedy Wants to Let Bird Flu Spread on Farms

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI
Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the nation's top health official, has an unorthodox idea for tackling the bird flu bedeviling U.S. poultry farms: Let the virus rip.
Instead of culling birds when the infection is discovered, farmers “should consider maybe the possibility of letting it run through

Scientists Warn Move Would Be Dangerous

the flock so that we can identify the birds, and preserve the birds, that are immune to it,” Mr. Kennedy said recently on Fox News.
He has repeated the idea in

other interviews on the channel.
Mr. Kennedy does not have jurisdiction over farms. But Brooke Rollins, the agriculture secretary, also has voiced support for the notion.
“There are some farmers that are out there that are willing to really try this on a pilot as we build the safe perimeter around them to
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Columbia Cuts Bring Research To Abrupt Stop

By JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN
Cancer researchers examining the use of artificial intelligence to detect early signs of breast cancer. Pediatricians tracking the long-term health of children born to mothers infected with the coronavirus during pregnancy. Scientists searching for links between diabetes and dementia.
All these projects at Columbia University were paid for with federal research grants that were abruptly terminated following the Trump administration's decision to cut \$400 million in funding to Columbia over concerns regarding the treatment of Jewish students.
Dozens of medical and scientific studies are ending, or at risk of ending, leaving researchers scrambling to find alternative funding. In some cases, researchers have already started informing study subjects that research is suspended.
“Honestly, I wanted to cry,” said Kathleen Graham, a 56-year-old nurse in the Bronx, upon learning that the diabetes study she had participated in for a quarter of a century was ending.
At Columbia's medical school, doctors said they were in shock as they received notice that their funding was terminated. Some ex-
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A dispute over “Auvers, 1890” prompted a \$300 million lawsuit.

Is This a Van Gogh or a Faux? Expert Views Invite Lawsuits.

By NINA SIEGAL
AMSTERDAM — Stuart Pivar, a 94-year-old chemical engineer who lives in New York, has been collecting art and antiques since he was a child. He estimates he has picked up about 300 pieces over the years, including a portrait of himself by his friend Andy Warhol and paintings by Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jackson Pollock and Edgar Degas.
Pivar is also convinced that he owns an unsung masterpiece by Vincent van Gogh, a large landscape titled “Auvers, 1890” that is signed “Vincent” on the back.

But a much more important voice does not agree: the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, whose judgments carry incredible weight because it has the largest collection of works by the 19th-century Post-Impressionist. Its curators and researchers study every aspect of the Dutch artist's life and work.
When the museum sent Pivar a 15-page letter in 2021 explaining why it did not deem the painting he had spent a few thousand dollars on at auction a van Gogh, he
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