

Gaza Hospitals
Losing Ground
On Starvation

Weakened Medics and
Shortage of Supplies

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JERUSALEM — In several of the hospitals still functioning in Gaza, nurses are fainting from hunger and dehydration. Managers often cannot provide meals for patients or medical staff. Doctors are running low on formula for newborn babies, in some cases giving them water alone.

And at least three major hospitals lack the nutritional fluids needed to properly treat malnourished children and adults.

Those scenes were described in interviews starting Friday with seven doctors — four from Gaza, and three volunteers from Australia, Britain and the United States. All of them worked this past week in four of the territory's main hospitals.

After months of warnings, international agencies, experts and doctors say starvation is now sweeping across Gaza amid restrictions on aid imposed by Israel for months. The Gaza health ministry said that more than 50 Palestinians have died this month from starvation — nearly half of the total such deaths since the war began 22 months ago — and six Palestinians, including two children, died of malnutrition-related causes over the past day.

As starvation rises, medical institutions and staff, already struggling to treat war wounds and illness, are now grappling with rising cases of malnourishment.

Weak and dizzy, medics are passing out in the wards, where colleagues revive them with saline and glucose drips. Persistently short of basic tools such as antibiotics and painkillers, doctors are also running out of the special intravenous drips used to feed depleted patients.

In all four hospitals, the doctors described how they are increasingly unable to save malnourished babies and are instead forced to

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Palestinians with food aid in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza.



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RELIEF IN THE SKY Dropping aid in Gaza on Sunday. Israel is partly pausing military operations to allow more deliveries. Page A6.

Price to Fix Up
Air Force One:
It's Classified

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WASHINGTON — President Trump makes no secret of his displeasure over the cost of renovating the Federal Reserve headquarters — around \$2.5

NEWS ANALYSIS billion, or even higher by the president's accounting.

But getting the White House to discuss another of Washington's expensive renovation projects, the cost of refurbishing a "free" Air Force One from Qatar, is quite another matter.

Officially, and conveniently, the price tag has been classified. But even by Washington standards, where "black budgets" are often used as an excuse to avoid revealing the cost of outdated spy satellites and lavish end-of-year parties, the techniques being used to hide the cost of Mr. Trump's pet project are inventive.

Which may explain why no one wants to discuss a mysterious, \$934 million transfer of funds from one of the Pentagon's most over-budget, out-of-control projects — the modernization of America's aging, ground-based nuclear missiles.

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Squeezed by the Right, a Liberal Pillar Wobbles

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WASHINGTON — Media Matters, a nonprofit group that has played a key role in liberal politics, is struggling to withstand months of legal assaults by President Trump's allies, offering a glimpse of what might be in store for even well-funded targets of his retribution campaigns.

The organization, which is funded by some of the Democratic Party's biggest donors, has racked up about \$15 million in legal fees over the past 20 months to defend itself against lawsuits by Elon Musk, in addition to investigations by Mr. Trump's Federal Trade Commission and Republi-

Media Matters Softens
on Trump Allies and
Considers Closing

can state attorneys general.

The group has slashed the size of its staff and scrambled to raise more cash from skittish donors, according to documents and interviews with 11 people familiar with the organization's fight to survive.

That might not be enough. Media Matters tried to settle with Mr. Musk by offering concessions, but the sides were far apart and talks fizzled. Even when the group has triumphed in court, Mr. Musk has

appealed or filed new cases elsewhere. As a last resort, it has considered shuttering, according to interviews and an internal document.

Publicly, the group has said that it has no plans to close, and that it is committed to defending itself as a matter of principle.

"Unlike some major media entities that have recently caved to pressure, we understand that this battle is larger than us," Angelo Carusone, the president of Media Matters, said in a statement. "That's why we continue to carry out our mission and fight in court."

Even as the battle continues, Media Matters stands as an example of how legal warfare waged by

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Looking Abroad for Help on Prisons

An inmate farming at a German facility. Some state officials seeking improvements at home are touring prisons in other countries that offer greater freedoms and have less violence. Page A15.

One Man's Reading List of 3,599 Books Can Now Be Seen by All

By AISHVARYA KAVI

He did not enjoy the nearly 1,000-page "Ulysses" by James Joyce, nor L. Ron Hubbard's "Mission Earth," a 10-volume science-fiction series published in the 1980s. But once Dan Pelzer set his mind on reading something, he did not put it down until he was finished.

That's how Mr. Pelzer's children said he was able to read 3,599

books from 1962, when he first began jotting his reads down on his language class work sheets while stationed in Nepal with the Peace Corps, to 2023, when his eyesight failed him and he could no longer read.

Mr. Pelzer died at 92 on July 1 in Columbus, Ohio, where he had lived for five decades. At the funeral, his daughter, Marci Pelzer, wanted to hand out his reading list to friends and family. But at more

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than 100 pages, it was not practical to print physical copies. So Ms. Pelzer, 52, had her godson create what-dan-read.com, which guests could access through a QR code on the back of the funeral program.

"I just thought it'd be so cool to

give people who cared, who he cared about — to send them away from the funeral with the list," Ms. Pelzer said.

"I remember the conversations that we had about books that we both loved," said Ms. Pelzer. "He loved reading about religion. He loved memoirs. He loved novels."

In an interview, Ms. Pelzer traced her life through the books they discussed.

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