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Nepal's government retreated on a social media ban after a day of clashes with security forces that killed at least 19 people. Page A10.

Justices Cancel Limits on Stops By ICE in L.A.

By ADAM LIPTAK
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday lifted a federal judge's order prohibiting government agents from making indiscriminate immigration-related stops in the Los Angeles area that challengers called "blatant racial profiling."

The court's brief order was unsigned and gave no reasons. It is not the last word in the case, which is pending before a federal appeals court and may again reach the justices.

The court's three liberal members dissented.

"We should not have to live in a country where the government can seize anyone who looks Latino, speaks Spanish and appears to work a low wage job," Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote, joined by Justices Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson.

"Rather than stand idly by while our constitutional freedoms are lost," Justice Sotomayor added, "I dissent."

The court's ruling for now allows what critics say are roving patrols of masked agents routinely violating the Fourth Amendment and what supporters say is a vigorous but lawful effort to enforce the nation's immigration laws.

The majority's failure to provide an explanation for the ruling means that it is hard to say whether its reasoning applies nationwide or is limited to the Los Angeles area, where the administration has said that the problems flowing from illegal immigration are especially pronounced. But there is little doubt that the ruling will have the practical effect of further emboldening the administration's uncompromising efforts to deport unauthorized immigrants around the country.

Mayor Karen Bass of Los Angeles said she expected the ruling to have sweeping consequences.

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CHICAGO The Trump administration said it had begun an immigration crackdown, and a few arrests were reported. PAGE A12

States in Showdown Over Abortion Shield Laws

By PAM BELLUCK
America's battle over abortion has entered an intense phase of legal maneuvering over a deeply fraught issue of states' rights: Whether states must honor one another's abortion laws.

At the center of the fight are abortion shield laws, which were adopted by many states that support abortion rights after the Supreme Court revoked the nationwide right to abortion three years ago. Shield laws in at least eight states protect health care providers who prescribe abortion pills by telemedicine and send them to patients in states with

Legal Fight Heats Up on Sending Pills to Places With Bans

abortion bans.

Officials in those shield-law states are prevented from obeying subpoenas, extradition requests and other legal actions that states with bans take against abortion providers. That is a stark departure from typical interstate practices of cooperating in legal matters.

With more and more patients —

well over 100,000 per year — receiving pills from shield-law providers, states with abortion bans have been searching for ways to block or hinder those laws. Now, the battle is about to explode into a constitutional showdown in a New York court — a challenge that is expected to wind up in the Supreme Court.

On Monday, the attorney general of New York, Letitia James, announced that she was stepping into a case filed in New York by the attorney general of Texas, Ken Paxton. The case stems from a lawsuit Mr. Paxton filed in December against a New York doctor,

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Ultra Padel Club in Miami. Pronounced PAH-del, it's harder than pickleball and easier than tennis.

This Sport Strengthens Legs, and Social Cachet

By PATRICIA MAZZEI
MIAMI — At least once a week, Maria Mercedes Ortega, a 32-year-old real estate agent and spa owner, puts on a stylish ensemble and meets up with her girlfriends. Not to go bar hopping or clubbing, diversions she says she left behind in her 20s, but to play padel, Miami's trendiest sport.

Yes, it's a satisfying workout — "It's great for the legs," she said. But just as important, padel is "a

Trendy and Expensive, Padel Draws Crowds

very high-level social activity," as Ms. Ortega put it.

Many of the city's well-heeled and wellness inclined have developed a fervor for padel, the racket sport that is easier than tennis, harder than pickleball and more exclusive than both. Indoor and outdoor padel courts, with their signature glass walls,

are proliferating in warehouses, parks, former parking lots. There are courts at the Ritz-Carlton in Key Biscayne, and plans for some on the roof of a garage in Miami Beach. A \$2 billion development underway in Midtown boasts that it will include the nation's largest padel club.

Padel, pronounced PAH-del from pádel, its name in Spanish, was born in Mexico and popularized in Spain and Argentina. With its Hispanic roots and international cachet, it has proved

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Murdochs' Deal Will Give Lachlan Control of Empire

After Bitter Battle, Multibillion-Dollar Pact Keeps Father's Outlets Conservative

By JIM RUTENBERG and JONATHAN MAHLER
The Murdoch family's epic, decades-long succession battle has reached a multibillion-dollar finale.

Lachlan Murdoch has completed an agreement to secure control of his family's sprawling media empire for decades to come, the family announced on Monday. The deal ensures that the empire's various outlets, including Fox News, The New York Post and The Wall Street Journal, will remain conservative after his father Rupert's death. It is valued at \$3.3 billion, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations.

The deal comes months after Rupert and Lachlan's audacious bid to unilaterally change the terms of the Murdoch family's irrevocable trust and disenfranchise Lachlan's oldest siblings, Prue, Liz and James. The bid initially failed in court, but ultimately brought the two sides to the negotiating table.

The agreement gives the 94-year-old Rupert, who built a single Australian newspaper into the world's most powerful media empire, what he has long sought — to preserve what he has called the "protector of the conservative voice in the English-speaking world" under the leadership of his chosen heir, Lachlan.

Under the terms of the deal, Lachlan's three oldest siblings will receive \$1.1 billion each for all their shares in the empire, according to the person with knowledge of the negotiations. Those shares are currently held in the existing family trust, which will be dissolved. This amounts to roughly 80 percent of the value of their stock at the close of trading Friday.

As part of the agreement, the litigation between Rupert and Lachlan, 54, and the three siblings over the trust will end. A new Murdoch family trust will be created that will include Lachlan and his two younger sisters, Grace and Chloe. That trust will hold the controlling stake in the two main Murdoch media companies, Fox Corporation and News Corp.

The deal is complicated, involving loans, holding companies and stock sales. The details were finalized late last week.

The dispute over the family trust has been the subject of intense interest both inside and outside the Murdoch family, as it would determine the future of a media empire that holds vast political sway across three continents.

The agreement won't result in any immediate change; Lachlan has already been running the Murdoch business for the past few years. But it does clear up the uncertainty around the company's future by locking in his long-term leadership. The new trust will ex-

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Trump Delivers Offer to Hamas: A Truce or Else

By ISABEL KERSHNER and ADAM RASGON
JERUSALEM — President Trump's latest attempt at Middle East peacemaking presented Hamas with what sounded like an ultimatum. He effectively pressed the Palestinian militant group to either accept a new American cease-fire proposal or face the full wrath of Israel's military advance into Gaza City.

"The Israelis have accepted my Terms," Mr. Trump posted on social media on Sunday, hinting at a new American proposal to exchange all the remaining hostages for Palestinian prisoners and end the nearly two-year Gaza war. "It is time for Hamas to accept as well."

"I have warned Hamas about the consequences of not accepting," Mr. Trump said. "This is my last warning, there will not be another one!"

It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Trump's brinkmanship could stop the invasion of Gaza City, one of the main urban centers of the Palestinian territory. Alternatively, if Hamas balks, it could allow Israel and the United States to argue that they tried everything and that the group was bringing disaster upon itself.

The intervention added to the uncertainties surrounding Israel's impending ground assault on the heart of Gaza City in the north of the territory. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinian residents, many of them already displaced at least once by the war, are now torn between fleeing to the overcrowded south or taking the risk of staying put.

The American proposal consists of about half a dozen broad principles for a truce, according to two people familiar with the

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Prime Minister François Bayrou lost a confidence vote.

France Reeling As Government Collapses Again

By ROGER COHEN
PARIS — The government of François Bayrou, a centrist prime minister who has been in office for just nine months, collapsed on Monday in the latest sign of a France reduced to chronic political instability and incapacity to confront its growing financial crisis.

The National Assembly, or lower house of Parliament, voted overwhelmingly against Mr. Bayrou in a confidence motion he had called with the aim of setting out the gravity of France's ballooning debt and budget deficit, and the need to confront them by finding annual savings of at least \$51 billion.

The vote was 364 against Mr. Bayrou's government and 194 in favor in the 577-seat lower house, a crushing defeat for the prime minister. Abstentions and absences accounted for the remaining lawmakers.

This was a demise foretold. Fatalistic in the face of a parliamentary impasse, Mr. Bayrou had, even before the debate began, invited his entourage to a "convivial moment," or farewell soiree, in the evening. With the country having four prime ministers in the past 20

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