



A damaged business in Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital. Many embassies and international aid groups are suspending operations.

PULLOUTS BY U.N.  
DISMAY HAITIANS

Feeling Forsaken After  
Gang Violence Surge

By FRANCES ROBLES and DAVID C. ADAMS

A United Nations helicopter has been buzzing nonstop for days over Haiti, as the U.N. starts to draw down its personnel in Port-au-Prince, evacuating 14 people at a time in chopper rides.

Many embassies and international aid organizations — including Doctors Without Borders, which runs some of the few functioning hospitals in Port-au-Prince — are suspending operations in Haiti, where gangs have stormed into more parts of the capital, sowing panic among humanitarian groups.

Port-au-Prince’s international airport remains closed to commercial traffic after gangs shot at U.S. airliners this month.

Many Haitians are particularly alarmed and dismayed by the departure of personnel from the United Nations, the international agency people are relying on to help resolve a crippling gang crisis that has forced many civilians to flee their homes.

“Every Haitian thinks that we are being abandoned by the whole world,” said Dr. Wesner Junior Jacotin, a critical care physician in Haiti. “If I was in a foreign country and I believed at any moment my life could be at risk, I would leave too.”

But, he wondered: “What about the ones who can’t leave?”

Nations around the world are looking to the U.N. as the only viable solution for a troubled country that has been unraveling since its last president was assassinated more than three years ago.

The U.N. Security Council met for several hours last week to debate whether to start an official peacekeeping operation, despite a history of failed U.N. interventions in the Caribbean nation.

The Biden administration has pushed hard for the move. Most people in Haiti, including its government, are desperate and want to see the U.N. soldiers return to Haiti, as do most countries in the region. But Russia and China, which have veto power, have balked, arguing that there is no peace to keep.

The United Nations, which before the capital’s airport closed had about 300 employees working

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Netanyahu Signals Openness to Hezbollah Truce

This article is by Ronen Bergman, Patrick Kingsley and Jack Nicas.

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel has indicated he is open to a cease-fire in the yearlong conflict with Hezbollah, as U.S. officials pressured him to wrap up a deal before Thanksgiving, according to two Israeli officials briefed on his thinking.

Mr. Netanyahu was scheduled to meet with his cabinet on Tuesday to discuss a proposed deal to end the war in Lebanon, two other Israeli officials said. Mediators have made significant progress toward a cease-fire over the past week, but a key sticking point has been Mr. Netanyahu’s insistence

Leader Seeks Approval  
to Restart Fighting if  
Terms Are Broken

on securing some assurance that Israel could restart the fighting if Hezbollah broke the truce, Israeli officials said.

The latest proposal is seen as the best chance to end fighting that has killed thousands in Lebanon and close to 100 Israeli civilians and soldiers, while displacing roughly 60,000 people in Israel and about one million in Lebanon. But negotiations have been starting and stopping for weeks, and

the two sides may not come to terms.

Mr. Netanyahu’s office declined to comment on his intentions. All of the officials who described his thinking spoke on the condition of anonymity, in order to discuss the sensitive, private negotiations.

Under the proposal, Israeli forces would withdraw from Lebanon within 60 days, while Hezbollah, a Lebanese militia, would move north, farther from the Israeli border, according to the officials. The Lebanese Army would deploy to southern Lebanon to ensure that Hezbollah stays north of the Litani River, the officials said, in effect creating a buffer zone along the Israeli border.

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Beirut, Lebanon, after Israeli strikes on Monday. Heavy exchange of fire caused schools to close.

NEWS ANALYSIS

An Old Word With a Long Shadow: Pogrom

By MARC TRACY

Femke Halsema, the mayor of Amsterdam, may have touched off a diplomatic incident last week when she said on a Dutch television show that she regretted having used the word “pogrom” the day after attacks on Israelis in her city surrounding a soccer match.

Since the incidents, which began late on the night before the Nov. 7 game, Ms. Halsema, a member of the Green Party, said

Thorny Debate Around  
Amsterdam Attacks

she had seen “the word politicized to the point of propaganda.” In response, Gideon Saar, Israel’s foreign minister, called Ms. Halsema’s statement “utterly unacceptable.” Referring to the attacks, he said, “There is no other word for this than a pogrom.”

The word “pogrom” described loosely organized, often deadly riots by local Russians or Eastern Europeans against Jews from the 1880s through the end of the Bolshevik Revolution some 40 years later. Though today it is applied to many ethnically or religiously based attacks, it has never shed its original association, and to describe an attack on Jews as a pogrom will always disinter century-old collective memories.

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U.S. MOVES TO DROP  
PURSUIT OF TRUMP  
IN CRIMINAL CASES

Special Counsel Cites Policy in Tossing  
Election and Documents Charges

This article is by Alan Feuer, Charlie Savage and Devlin Barrett.

The special counsel Jack Smith asked two courts on Monday to effectively shut down the federal criminal cases he brought against President-elect Donald J. Trump last year, bowing to a Justice Department policy that says it is unconstitutional to pursue prosecutions against sitting presidents.

The twin requests by Mr. Smith — made to judges in Washington and Atlanta — were an acknowledgment that Mr. Trump will reenter the White House in January unburdened by federal efforts to hold him accountable through charges of plotting to subvert the 2020 presidential election and holding on to a trove of highly classified material after his first term in office.

The double-barreled filings were also the latest sign that Mr. Smith and his team were working to close up shop after years of intensive investigation and courthouse drama that tested the justice system’s ability to hold a once-and-future president to account amid shifting politics, misinformation and evolving legal standards.

Hours after Mr. Smith submitted his requests, Judge Tanya S. Chutkan, who is overseeing the election interference case in Washington, issued a brief order dismissing the proceeding.

Mr. Smith’s moves came after the president-elect began filling out his choices to lead the Justice Department. They followed Mr. Trump’s vow on the campaign trail to fire Mr. Smith within “two

seconds” of taking office and to open investigations into the prosecutors who pursued him, along with other perceived enemies. Mr. Smith has signaled that he intends to resign before Mr. Trump takes office.

In both of the court submissions, Mr. Smith made clear that his moves to end the charges against Mr. Trump were a necessity imposed on him by legal norms, rather than a decision made on the merits of the cases or because of problems with the evidence. The filings cited a Justice Department policy that sitting presidents may not be prosecuted.

That policy, Mr. Smith wrote to Judge Chutkan, “is categorical and does not turn on the gravity of the crimes charged, the strength of the government’s proof or the merits of the prosecution, which the government stands fully behind.”

Mr. Smith acknowledged the

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Jack Smith did not close the door on reviving the cases.

A New Worry  
For Migrants  
In New York

By LUIS FERRÉ-SADURNÍ

After a two-year influx of asylum seekers, New York City leaders are cautiously optimistic that the migrant crisis has begun to subside.

Fewer migrants are arriving from the southern border. Even more are leaving the city’s strained shelter system each week, potentially paving the way for some of the shelters to close.

And on top of the slowdown, President-elect Donald J. Trump’s threats of mass deportations have injected a large dose of uncertainty into the situation.

If the past two years were defined by how Mayor Eric Adams, a Democrat, managed to accommodate more than 223,000 new migrants, the next four could well be focused on how the city navigates Mr. Trump’s deportation efforts.

The situation could quickly turn fraught amid the specter of immigration authorities ramping up efforts to detain undocumented immigrants in New York, a so-called sanctuary city with laws that limit its cooperation with federal officials to deport noncitizens.

Mr. Trump indicated last week that he intended to utilize the U.S. military to help carry out his plans for mass deportations, though such a large-scale operation would face numerous legal, logistical and financial hurdles.

The president-elect and his allies have suggested that dangerous criminals would be prioritized for deportation, but warned that all of the country’s 11 million undocumented immigrants could be subject to removal.

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Fiscal Populism  
To Be in Hands  
Of Billionaires

By ALAN RAPPEPORT and ANA SWANSON

WASHINGTON — When Donald J. Trump first ran for the White House in 2016, his closing campaign advertisement lamented the influence of Wall Street in Washington, flashing ominous images of big banks and the billionaire liberal philanthropist George Soros.

Now, as president-elect, Mr. Trump has tapped two denizens of Wall Street to run his economic agenda. Scott Bessent, who invested money for Mr. Soros for more than a decade, is his pick for Treasury secretary, and Howard Lutnick, the chief executive of Cantor Fitzgerald, will be nominated to lead the Commerce Department. Mr. Trump’s choices to lead his economic team show the prominence of billionaire investors in setting an agenda that is supposed to fuel a “blue-collar boom” but that skeptics think will mostly benefit the rich.

As Mr. Trump prepares to assume the presidency in January, business owners and investors are closely attuned to which of his economic promises he will ultimately follow through on. He has promised to slash tax rates, impose hefty tariffs on China and other countries, and deport millions of immigrants who work in American farms and businesses.

The selections of Mr. Bessent and Mr. Lutnick cement a hold by Wall Street executives over the two most important economic posts in any administration. The picks are drawing blowback from Democrats and left-leaning

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**Daniel Chandler**



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