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Donald J. Trump and a onetime rival, Senator Tim Scott of South Carolina, at a watch party in Nashua, N.H., on Tuesday night.

# Israel Accused Of Mistreating Gaza Captives

#### By RAJA ABDULRAHIM

Cold, almost naked and surrounded by Israeli soldiers with M16 assault rifles, Ayman Lubbad knelt among dozens of Palestinian men and boys who had just been forced from their homes in northern Gaza

It was early December and photographs and videos taken at the time showed him and other detainees in the street, wearing only underwear and lined up in rows, surrounded by Israeli forces. In one video, a soldier yelled at them over a megaphone: "We're occupying all of Gaza. Is that what you wanted? You want Hamas with you? Don't tell me you're not Ha-

The detainees, some barefoot shouted objections. "I'm a day laborer," one man shouted.

"Shut up," the soldier yelled back.

Palestinian detainees from Gaza have been stripped, beaten, interrogated and held incommunicado over the past three months, according to accounts by nearly a dozen of the detainees or their relatives interviewed by The New York Times. Organizations representing Palestinian prisoners and detainees gave similar accounts in a report, accusing Israel of both indiscriminate detention of civilians and demeaning treatment of detainees.

Israeli forces who invaded Gaza after the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attack have detained men, women and children by the thousands.

Some were ordered out of their houses and seized while others were taken as they fled their neighborhoods on foot with their families, trying to reach safer areas after the Israeli authorities or-

dered them to leave. Photographs taken by Gaza journalists have shown newly released detainees being treated in hospitals, the skin around their wrists worn down with deep cuts from the tight restraints Israeli forces kept on them, sometimes for weeks at a time.

The United Nations human rights office said last week that Is-Continued on Page A6

24 SOLDIERS KILLED It was the deadliest day for Israelis since the ground invasion began. PAGE A8

# Alabama to Test Unproven Execution Method

#### By NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS

It was Nov. 17, 2022, and Kenneth Smith was lying on a gurney inside Alabama's execution chamber, his arms and legs strapped down as he waited to be put to death. Mr. Smith, who had been on death row for more than a quarter-century after being convicted of murdering a woman, recalled thanking God for his final week alive and thinking of his family.

At the time, the state was using the same method of execution that has been used in the vast majority of modern U.S. executions: lethal injection. And like many other states, Alabama had problems.

#### State Is Trying a New Way After Failing the First Time

That night, a team of people tried and repeatedly failed to insert an intravenous line into Mr. Smith's arms and hands and, eventually, a vein near his heart. The jabbing stopped - according to his lawyers, who recounted in court documents Mr. Smith's experiences that night — when prison officials decided that they might not have time to carry out the execution before the death warrant expired at

Now, more than a year later, Alabama is preparing once again this week to execute Mr. Smith, this time employing a method that has never been used in a U.S. execution: nitrogen hypoxia. Under this method, which has been used in assisted suicides in Europe, Mr. Smith will be fitted with a mask and administered a flow of nitrogen gas, effectively depriving him of oxygen until he dies.

The execution, scheduled for Thursday evening, is the latest turn in the fraught battle over executions in the U.S., where a grow-

By DENNIS LIM

range as a filmmaker was re-

flected in the three movies that

earned him Academy Award

nominations for best director -

the socially conscious drama "In

the Heat of the Night," the big-

budget musical "Fiddler on the

Roof" and the romantic comedy

"Moonstruck" — died on Saturday

His death was confirmed by a

spokesman for the family, Jeff

Sanderson. He declined to specify

where Mr. Jewison lived, saying

that the family requested privacy.

Mr. Jewison, whose career be-

gan in Canadian television and

spanned more than 50 years, was,

like his close friend Sidney Lumet

and a select few other directors,

best known for making films that

addressed social issues. The most

celebrated of those was "In the

at his home. He was 97.

Norman Jewison, whose broad

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# TRUMP CONTINUES TO ROLL WITH WIN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### Haley Pledges to Press On, but History Is on the Former President's Side

#### By SHANE GOLDMACHER and REID J. EPSTEIN

ald J. Trump defeated Nikki Haley in the New Hampshire primary on Tuesday, continuing his momentum toward the Republican nomination and raising fresh questions about her viability in the race.

Mr. Trump's victory, called by The Associated Press, means that he has, in consecutive weeks, outpaced Ron DeSantis in Iowa and Ms. Haley in New Hampshire, the two states where they had campaigned and spent most aggressively. No Republican candidate has ever won the first two states and then not ultimately secured the presidential nomina-

The New Hampshire contest had come down to a battle between Mr. Trump and Ms. Haley, his former United Nations ambassador. On Sunday, Mr. DeSantis, the Florida governor, announced that he was dropping out of the race and endorsing Mr. Trump after a disappointing second-place finish in the Iowa caucuses.

Ms. Haley had blitzed across New Hampshire in recent days in a bid to win the support of independent voters, hoping to deliver the former president his first defeat of 2024. But instead Mr. Trump showed his durable hold on Republican primary voters in a state that gave him his first major win in the 2016 primary.

To remain competitive, Ms. Haley must find traction beyond the first two states, where her supportive super PAC has spent almost exclusively to date. She opted against competing for delegates with Mr. Trump in Nevada's caucuses on Feb. 8, making the next major showdown the primary in South Carolina, her home state, on Feb. 24.

Mr. Trump's campaign hopes

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Don- that the specter of a lopsided loss in the state where she once served as governor will push Ms. Haley out of the race before South Carolina even votes.

In an interview with Fox News on Tuesday night, Mr. Trump said Ms. Haley should suspend her campaign: "If she doesn't drop out, we have to waste money instead of spending it on Biden, which is our focus." Earlier Tuesday, he told reporters at a campaign stop that he would "never ask anybody to pull out."

Ms. Haley has shown no signs of doing so. She has reserved \$4 million in South Carolina advertising and is focusing on Super Tuesday states where, like New Hampshire, registered independents

She conceded her loss Tuesday night and congratulated Mr. Trump — "he earned it," she said - but vowed to press ahead with her campaign to South Carolina.

"New Hampshire is first in the nation," she told supporters in Concord, N.H. "It is not the last in the nation. This race is far from over. There are dozens of states left to go. And the next one is my sweet state of South Carolina."

Ms. Haley had sought for months to narrow the 2024 primary to a one-on-one race with Mr. Trump. She got what she wanted on Sunday with Mr. DeSantis's exit, giving her only a single full day before voting began in New Hampshire to prosecute her case to independent voters and Republicans that she would be the strongest Republican candidate against Mr. Biden. She did everything from pouring beers to holding babies as she traveled across New Hampshire alongside the

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NORMAN JEWISON, 1926-2024

Aissam Dam was the first to be treated for congenital deafness.

# Innovative Use of Gene Therapy Lets Boy Hear for the First Time

#### By GINA KOLATA

PHILADELPHIA — Aissam Dam, an 11-year-old boy, grew up in a world of profound silence. He was born deaf and had never heard anything. While living in a poor community in Morocco, he expressed himself with a sign language he invented and had no schooling.

Last year, after moving to Spain, his family took him to a hearing specialist, who made a surprising suggestion: Aissam might be eligible for a clinical trial using gene therapy.

On Oct. 4, Aissam was treated at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, becoming the first person to get gene therapy in the United

States for congenital deafness. The goal was to provide him with hearing, but the researchers had no idea if the treatment would work or, if it did, how much he would hear.

introducing a child who had known nothing of sound to a new "There's no sound I don't like,"

The treatment was a success,

Aissam said, with the help of interpreters during an interview last week. "They're all good."

While hundreds of millions of people in the world live with hearing loss that is defined as disabling, Aissam is among those Continued on Page A13

# Director Who Made You Laugh, Think and Feel

Norman Jewison's acclaimed films included "In the Heat of the Night" and "Moonstruck."

Heat of the Night" (1967), one of his earliest features and his first Oscar-winning film.

A story of racial tensions in the American South filtered through a murder mystery that brings totive (Sidney Poitier) and a white Mississippi police chief (Rod Steiger), "In the Heat of the Night" could not have been more timely: It opened weeks after racial violence had erupted in Detroit and Newark. It went on to win five Academy Awards, including best picture and best actor, for Mr. Stei-

gether a Black Philadelphia detec-

Mr. Poitier was among the many actors who had fond memories of working with Mr. Jewison. "He gives his actors room and keeps them as calm as he can, because it's easier to speak with them when they're calm," he told The New York Times in 2011, "A director has to keep the actors on their toes while the camera's running, but when the scene is done, they should be relaxing, nothing on their minds. There can't be a constant level of seriousness. And with Norman, there's always a lot

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# Jury to Weigh Mother's Fault in School Rampage

#### By STEPHANIE SAUL

Frequently left home alone, Ethan Crumbley texted his mother in March 2021 that he had seen a demon in their house, one that hurled dishes across the kitchen. Days later, his parents, James and Jennifer Crumbley, discussed how their teenage son was "worked up and agitated," weighing whether to give him

#### Rare Bid to Hold Parent Liable for Child's Acts

Xanax.

The next November, James Crumbley, ignoring what seemed like warning signs that Ethan had mental health issues, bought his son a semiautomatic handgun.

Ethan, then 15, used the gun to kill four students at Oxford High School, the worst school shooting in Michigan history.

On Tuesday, jury selection began in the trial of Jennifer Crumbley, 45, charged with involuntary manslaughter for the deaths new territory when it comes to prosecuting school shootings. James Crumbley, 47, faces a sepa-

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