

Dozens Killed
As Israelis Hit
Northern Gaza

Another Effort to Quell
Hamas in the Area

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JERUSALEM — The Israeli military on Tuesday hit a town in the northern Gaza Strip for the third time in just over a week, striking a residential building and killing dozens of people, Gaza officials said, as Israel intensified its offensive in the territory after more than a year of war.

The Palestinian Civil Defense, a Gazan emergency service, said at least 55 people had been killed in the strike in the town of Beit Lahia. Gaza’s Health Ministry put the toll higher, saying that at least 93 people had been killed, including 25 children.

The Israeli military, which asserts it is fighting a regrouped Hamas presence in northern Gaza, said that it was “aware of reports that civilians were harmed” and was looking into the details. The area was previously evacuated, it said, and was “an active combat zone.”

Matthew Miller, a U.S. State Department spokesman, called the strike in Beit Lahia “a horrifying incident with a horrifying result” and noted that many of the children reportedly killed had probably fled strikes in other parts of Gaza. He said the Biden administration had contacted the Israeli government for more information.

Hamas condemned the strike as a “horrific massacre” and demanded international action to stop Israel.

Israeli forces struck another residential block in Beit Lahia on Sunday, killing and wounding dozens, according to the civil defense service. They also hit a residential building in the town on Oct. 20, killing dozens of people, Palestinian officials and emergency workers said.

Israel’s recent strikes in northern Gaza have underscored its struggle to defeat Hamas in a lasting way, with the group fighting as a guerrilla force after the decimation of most of its military battal-

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Palestinian workers removed a body in Beit Lahia, Gaza, on Tuesday. The State Department called the strike “a horrifying incident.”

A Scientist Who Taught Her Daughter Tenacity

By BENJAMIN MUELLER

On her first day of work, the young bioengineering major climbed down the basement steps of a cancer laboratory in Berkeley, Calif., and caught sight of someone summarily beheading a mouse.

The student, Elizabeth Vargis, felt faint. She grasped for a chair. A child of Indian immigrants whose dipping grades had just cost her a scholarship, she reckoned her difficulty staying upright spelled the end of her research career, too.

Her new boss, Shyamala Gopalan Harris, took a different view. A slight woman of 5 feet with a siren of a laugh, Dr. Gopalan Harris listened a few days later as her student reproached herself for being an inadequate scientist, and then cut in with a question: “Did you eat that day?”

The younger biologist had not. “You have to eat!”

Harris’s Mother Had a
Rebellious Spirit in a
Staid Lab Culture

The reply was not exactly warm — more “are you stupid?” than “I’m so sorry you fainted,” Ms. Vargis said. Nor was it as ready-made for a meme as Dr. Gopalan Harris’s aphorisms, like the one about the coconut tree, that caught the imagination of voters online during her daughter Kamala Harris’s presidential campaign.

But in the professor’s admonition, Ms. Vargis heard an echo of her own Indian aunties, and an affirmation that she belonged in a scientific world where neither she nor her professor had ever felt entirely at home.

“She wanted me to be in that room,” said Ms. Vargis, who

earned her doctorate and now runs a lab at Utah State University, a career that she credits in part to Dr. Gopalan Harris. “She wanted to give everybody a chance, an equal chance.”

Dr. Gopalan Harris died of cancer in 2009, around six years after that encounter. This fall, she has become perhaps the most recognizable character in her daughter’s campaign biography. In speeches, Ms. Harris has often leaned on the memory of the person she calls her greatest influence: the “brown woman with an accent” who left India at 19 and spurned convention to marry a Jamaican man and settle in the United States.

But the vice president’s telling of the story has tended to elide her mother’s more defiant attitudes toward racism and misogyny in her chosen country, according to interviews with more than 20 peo-

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Why Florida
Is No Longer
Up for Grabs

By PATRICIA MAZZEI

MIAMI — Florida’s days as a presidential battleground are bygone. No longer do candidates drop in every few days during campaign season. No longer do voters get bombarded with their ads. Nor is there more than a whisper of doubt that the state will vote Republican.

Presidential elections in Florida used to be decided by the slimmest of margins — none slimmer than the 537 votes that, after an infamous recount, won George W. Bush the White House in 2000. Republicans and Democrats waged fierce campaigns during the two decades that followed as Florida, rich in electoral votes, became the largest swing state.

In the past four years, the Florida Democratic Party has withered and struggled to rebuild. Democrats have lost their edge in registered voters and are now outnumbered by more than one million Republicans. They have not won a statewide seat since 2018. National fund-raising has all but dried up.

The loss of Florida as a source of electoral votes looms large as

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In Brooklyn, Humble Touch of Home for the Long-Gone Dodgers

By ANDREW KEH

Every now and then, someone will wander into the parking lot of the sprawling apartment complex in Brooklyn where Ezra Askotzky works and start staring inquisitively at the ground.

By now, Mr. Askotzky knows what they are looking for: a small plaque that marks the location of home plate at Ebbets Field, the long-ago-dismantled home of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Mr. Askotzky, 28, the maintenance manager for the Ebbets Field Apartments, or one of his staff members will emerge — often wielding one of the wooden bats they keep in their office as props for pictures — and momentarily assume the role of tour guide.

“At this location on April 15, 1947, Jack Roosevelt Robinson Integrated Major League Baseball,” the plaque reads.

“People come all the way out here just to see something that means so much to them,” said Mr. Askotzky, who started working at the Crown Heights complex in 2021 after moving from Milwaukee. “It’s not a big deal for us just to go out there and give someone a bat and offer to take their picture. You see the smile, and that makes it worth it.”

The Dodgers moved to Los Angeles before the 1958 season, and two years later Ebbets Field was razed. In 1962, the Ebbets Field Apartments rose up in its place.



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A Brooklyn apartment worker cleaned a plaque marking the location of home plate at Ebbets Field.

Now, with the Yankees and the Dodgers competing in the World Series, the plaque that gets a small handful of visitors most days is now seeing a few groups almost every hour.

And Mr. Askotzky and his staff of 40 or so maintenance workers and porters have become unwitting, and generally ungrudging, caretakers of this almost-hidden

vestige of the franchise’s lore.

On Monday, hours before Game 3 of the World Series in the Bronx, Phillip Duke, a maintenance staffer who has worked at the complex for more than 20 years, was crouched on the sidewalk, using a cordless drill with a brush bit to burnish the plaque.

At one point, Adam Aguilar and Osvaldo Heredia, two friends vis-

iting the city from San Bernardino, Calif., wandered hesitantly into the parking lot.

“We’re looking for the home plate marker,” Mr. Heredia said. “Oh, we sold it this morning,” one of the porters said, with a straight face. “For \$1.5 million. It’s gone.”

The friends looked at each

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Last Relics of Giuliani’s Heyday
Join a Court-Ordered Fire Sale

By STEFANOS CHEN

The items read like a treasure trove of riches for New York royalty. A 10-room apartment in a luxury cooperative one block from Central Park. A vintage convertible once owned by Lauren Bacall. Joe DiMaggio’s No. 5 Yankees jersey, signed and framed.

On Tuesday, the owner of these valuables, Rudolph W. Giuliani, 80, was to surrender them all, and more, to two election poll workers in Georgia, whom he defamed and who won a \$148 million judgment in a lawsuit.

The order, by a Federal District Court judge last week, is an epilogue of sorts. Mr. Giuliani was once a respected mayor who fashioned himself as the quintessential New Yorker. And he was a leader admired far beyond the city before aligning himself with Donald J. Trump and promoting

THE WEATHER
Today, a mixture of sun and clouds, turning warmer, high 73. Tonight, some sun, mild, low 60. Tomorrow, sunny, breezy, near-record warmth, high 79. Weather map, Page A22.

TRUMP PORTENDS
ETHICS CONCERNS
LARGER THAN ’16

NO PROMISES OF LIMITS

Recent Deals Make Him
More Entangled With
Foreign Interests

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Days before Donald J. Trump became president in 2017, he promised to rein in his company’s free-wheeling ways, assuring the American people that his family business would not “take advantage of” his presidency.

Nearly eight years later, he is making no such promises.

The former and possibly future president is cashing in on a variety of new ventures as he seeks a second term, without offering to reinstate the guardrails from his first, according to financial filings and interviews with people familiar with his finances.

The ethics plan Mr. Trump imposed on himself when he was in the White House had limitations and its share of critics, but would prohibit much of this current deal-making.

Even if Mr. Trump eventually agrees to forgo future foreign business — the centerpiece of that earlier plan — the recent deals will probably be grandfathered in, because his company moved swiftly to announce them well ahead of any potential new constraints, one of the people said.

This year alone, the Trump Organization struck real estate deals in Vietnam, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, countries that are central to American foreign policy interests.

Mr. Trump also turned his social media platform into a publicly traded company whose shares could be bought by foreigners. And he recently unveiled a cryptocurrency venture that might face oversight from federal regulators who are appointed by the president.

The convergence of Mr. Trump’s business and political interests poses a series of looming conflicts even greater than those he encountered as president.

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