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BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

## Battles rage at 2 hospitals in Gaza

UN court orders Israel to allow in more aid, supplies

By Hiba Yazbek  
The New York Times

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military said Thursday that it is carrying out raids in and around two hospitals in the Gaza Strip, while the United Nations and aid groups expressed alarm for patients and medical workers there and warned of the rapidly deteriorating state of Gaza's health care system.

Fierce battles have been raging in and around Shifa Hospital, the largest in the strip, since an Israeli assault there began 10 days ago.

Meanwhile, the top United Nations court ordered Israel on Thursday to take measures to improve the humanitarian situation in Gaza, including opening more land crossings to allow food, water, fuel and other supplies into the war-ravaged enclave.

The International Court of Justice issued two new provisional measures in a case brought by South Africa accusing Israel of acts of genocide in its military campaign. Israel denies committing genocide, saying its military campaign is self-defense and aimed at Hamas, not the Palestinian people.

In its legally binding order, the court told Israel to take measures "without delay" to ensure "the unhindered provision" of basic services and humanitarian assistance, including food, water, fuel and medical supplies.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry had no immediate comment.

The renewed fighting around the hospital underscores the problems Israel has had in maintaining control of

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Community remembers four slain in knife attack that left seven others injured

Authorities charge, hold 22-year-old local man in rampage he blames on drugs

## ROCKFORD MOURNS 'SENSELESS' ATTACK



Amelia Rodriguez, a friend of Jenna Newcomb, attends a vigil for stabbing victims on Thursday in Rockford. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

By Caroline Kubzansky  
Chicago Tribune

ROCKFORD — Early Thursday, Craig Garr stood in his driveway in southeast Rockford and watched a tow service load his Jeep Grand Cherokee onto the bed of a truck.

Blood was still spattered on his driveway. It was on his door frame, on his yard decorations and all over two rocks that usually sat

by his front door but on Thursday were lying near a set of deep tire tracks on his front lawn.

From his kitchen window and then his front door on Wednesday, Garr, 74, witnessed a man stab, beat up and run over the neighborhood's longtime mail carrier, killing him in an attack that authorities said spanned multiple homes throughout the neighborhood and left four dead including a 15-year-old girl, and

seven injured.

Christian Soto, 22, of Winnebago County, was charged Thursday with 11 counts of murder or attempted murder and two counts of home invasion with a deadly weapon for allegedly carrying out the attacks, according to Winnebago County sheriff records. Soto said after his arrest that he had gone on the violent spree after becoming paranoid under the influence of drugs he

thought were contaminated, officials said Thursday.

Court records show Soto lives about a block from where the attacks took place. He is being held at the Winnebago County Jail and is scheduled to be back in court next week.

Authorities said Thursday that Soto used a knife and a baseball bat to attack the victims and

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### INSIDE



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### For Sox fans, 'baseball brings out hope'

Cam Luis, left, and Dan Natick, of Porter Pipe and Supply, grill food for workers and customers before the White Sox home opener at Guaranteed Rate Field on Thursday. Despite coming off a stinging 101-loss season last year, Sox fans were out in full force, as thousands flocked to the South Side to see the team take on the Tigers, ultimately losing 1-0. Coverage in Chicagoland and Chicago Sports

By Adriana Pérez  
Chicago Tribune

Despite studying the sun for over two decades, solar astrophysicist Trae Winter didn't experience his first total solar eclipse until

2017. Among the Nebraska cornfields, Winter and his colleagues stood in awe as the skies darkened and the world quieted. Then, they were brought back to earth when the hoots of an owl pierced the silence.

### MIGRANTS IN CHICAGO

## Aldermen push for transparency

Plan would have city track those who are evicted from shelters

By Jake Sheridan and Nell Salzman  
Chicago Tribune

Mayor Brandon Johnson's administration could soon be required to track and share more details about migrants the city evicts from its shelters under an ordinance aldermen advanced that is gaining support at City Hall.

As the Johnson administration has just begun pushing out migrants from shelters, following months of delayed plans to do so, the ordinance would compel city officials to publicly share anonymized information about those migrants it evicts — including their country of origin, age,



Dozens of migrants line up outside the state Department of Human Services building at North and California avenues in Chicago on Thursday in hopes of receiving assistance. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

gender, date they were removed and which shelter they left. The ordinance passed unanimously Wednesday through the council's Immigration Committee.

The tracking push comes as the city faces soaring costs for migrants in Chicago and has

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## During next month's eclipse, these scientists won't be looking up

With their ears focused on the ground, acoustic behavior of wildlife to be studied in Carbondale

By Adriana Pérez  
Chicago Tribune

Despite studying the sun for over two decades, solar astrophysicist Trae Winter didn't experience his first total solar eclipse until

They realized that what was unfolding above was influencing the sounds around them.

"So that was, for us, very powerful," said Winter, co-founder of a Massachusetts-based science and education lab. "That just really solidified our belief that this was something that we really wanted to do, ... to put some scientific methodology on what people have been

talking about and experiencing for years."

Since then, Winter and his team have been preparing to monitor the acoustic behavior of wildlife when the next total solar eclipse sweeps over North America on April 8. While looking up, they will also keep an ear to the ground, listening as the chirping of crickets crescendos and the mooing of

cows hushes.

In 2017, scientists at a South Carolina zoo reported that three-fourths of the observed mammal, bird and reptile species reacted to the eclipse. Most engaged in nighttime behavior and some expressed anxiety. This year, many scientists are again preparing to study animal

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