



U.N. at pains to sidestep U.S. veto

Resolution in works for an ‘urgent’ stop to Gaza bloodshed to allow in aid

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

The U.N. Security Council failed again Tuesday to come up with a resolution calling for a stop to fighting in Gaza — at least for long enough to allow more humanitarian aid into the enclave — that would not be vetoed by the United States.

A morning meeting ended without a vote as closed-door negotiations continued on a new draft, sponsored by the United Arab Emirates and seen by The Washington Post, that eliminated the word “cease-fire,” which was present in a version offered Monday. Instead, it demanded an “urgent suspension of hostilities to allow safe and unhindered humanitarian access, and for urgent steps toward a sustainable cessation of hostilities.”

But negotiators were unable to agree on language, and a late-afternoon vote was canceled. The 15-member council is scheduled to reconvene Wednesday morning.

The Biden administration has vetoed several cease-fire resolutions, arguing that ending Israel’s offensive in Gaza while leaving Hamas’s military capabilities intact and its top leaders in place would effectively hand the militant group a victory. The United States has also objected in earlier resolutions to the lack of a specific condemnation of Hamas, which killed 1,200 people in a surprise attack on Israel on Oct. 7, triggering the current hostilities, or a declaration of Israel’s right to defend itself in the wake of that assault. The latest version contained neither.

“It’s important for us that the rest of the world understand what’s at stake here,” U.S. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters.

In Gaza, where Israel’s offensive continued, the Health Ministry said Tuesday that Israel’s

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Thousands of Palestinian families are taking refuge at the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East logistical base and in temporary tents in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip. The issue of refugees is heating up in the region.

Egypt under pressure as refugees crowd border

BY CLAIRE PARKER AND MICHAEL BIRNBAUM



Displaced residents clamor for a meal of lentil soup in Rafah on Monday. Food is scarce, issues with contaminated water have been reported, and disease is spreading amid insufficient aid.

CAIRO — Since the beginning of the war in Gaza, Egypt has held firm that it will not accept Palestinian refugees.

But as Israel presses on with its offensive in southern Gaza, driving thousands of Palestinians toward Egypt, pressure is building along the border. Conditions are ripe for miscalculation, former Arab diplomats and analysts say, and the war may ultimately force Cairo to accept displaced Gazans — threatening the decades-long peace between Israel and Egypt.

Since Israel launched its retaliatory war in Gaza after the Hamas attacks of Oct. 7, nearly 20,000 Palestinians have been killed and more than 50,000 wounded, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry. Whole swaths of the enclave are in ruins. The United Nations estimates 85 percent of its 2.2 million people have been displaced, heeding Israeli directives to flee to safer ground but often finding themselves on

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ELECTION 2024

Trump is off Colo. ballot

TOP COURT BARS HIM FROM PRIMARY

Ruling could influence similar cases nationwide

BY PATRICK MARLEY AND AZI PAYBARAH

In a historic decision Tuesday, the Colorado Supreme Court barred Donald Trump from running in the state’s presidential primary after determining that he had engaged in insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021.

The 4-3 ruling marked the first time a court has kept a presidential candidate off the ballot under an 1868 provision of the Constitution that prevents insurrectionists from holding office. The ruling comes as courts consider similar cases in other states.

If other states reach the same conclusion, Trump would have a difficult — if not impossible — time securing the Republican nomination and winning in November.

The decision is certain to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but it will be up to the justices to decide whether to take the case. Scholars have said that only the nation’s high court can settle the issue of whether the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol constituted an insurrection and whether Trump is banned from running.

“A majority of the court holds that President Trump is disqualified from holding the office of President under Section Three of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution,” the decision reads. “Because he is disqualified, it would be a wrongful act under the Election Code for the Colorado Secretary of State to list him as a candidate on the presidential

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Texas faces suit over new immigration law

Legal battle comes a day after governor empowers police to make arrests

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ, MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE AND FRANCES VINALL

SAN ANTONIO — Civil rights groups sued Texas on Tuesday over a controversial new law that would allow state and local police to arrest and deport migrants suspected of being in the country illegally, a power that until now has rested solely with the federal government.

The legal challenge came a day after Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) signed the bill into law and as negotiations over new border security measures appeared stalled in the U.S. Senate at least until after the holidays.

The influx of migrants into the United States has become a potent political issue in the 2024 presidential race and in several U.S.

cities, including Chicago, where authorities this week are investigating the death of a 5-year-old migrant child who fell ill at a large shelter.

“It’s a mess,” Sen. Richard J. Durbin (Ill.), the No. 2 Senate Democrat, said of the many priorities Congress must deal with in January, including a deal to strengthen U.S. border policy in exchange for sending more aid to Ukraine. The chamber will face a lot of deadlines at the beginning of the year, he noted, “and we don’t have a great record when it comes to that.”

The lawsuit filed against Texas sets up a potential showdown between the state and the federal government over who has ultimate authority to protect borders and enforce immigration law. It is a fight that Abbott has longed for. The law also gives Texas courts the

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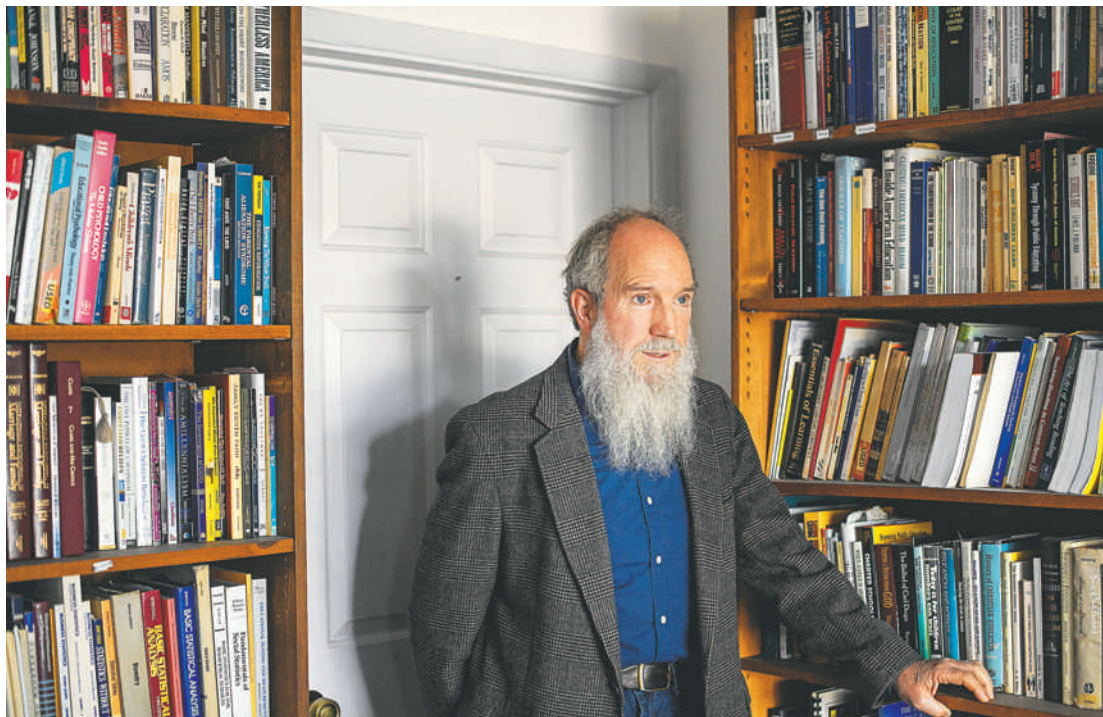
Border: Senators to work on policy overhaul through the holidays. **A4**

Migrant child: Death of 5-year-old spurs probe at Chicago shelter. **A14**

HOME-SCHOOL NATION

A true believer’s flawed but influential research

Brian Ray says students educated by their parents do better. His daughter tells a different story.



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Brian Ray, who heads the National Home Education Research Institute, in his office in Salem, Ore. Much of his research has been funded by a lobby group, and his samples are not randomly selected.

BY LAURA MECKLER

Brian Ray has spent the last three decades as one of the nation’s top evangelists for home schooling. As a researcher, he has published studies purporting to show that these students soar high above their peers in what he calls “institutional schools.” At home, he and his wife educated their eight children on their Oregon farm.

His influence is beyond doubt. He has testified before state legislators looking to roll back regulations. Judges cite his work in child custody cases in which parents disagree about home schooling. His voice resounds frequently in the press, from niche Christian newsletters to NPR and the New York Times. As president of the National Home Education Research Institute, he is the go-to expert for home-school advocates looking to influence public opinion and public policy, presenting himself as a dispassionate academic.

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