

Israel agrees to cease-fire with hostage deal

Hamas to free 50 over 4 days; Netanyahu says war will continue

By Patrick Kingsley
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — After more than six weeks of war, the Israeli government and Hamas announced Wednesday morning that they would uphold a brief cease-fire in the Gaza Strip to allow for the release of 50 hostages Hamas captured during its assault last month on Israel.

The decision, first announced by

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office in a WhatsApp message, includes a pause of at least four days in the fighting in Gaza. If it holds, it would be the longest halt in hostilities since Hamas's Oct. 7 attacks prompted Israel to begin its bombardment and ground invasion of Gaza.

"The Israeli government is committed to the return of all abductees home," the government said. It added: "To-

night, the government approved the outline for the first stage of achieving this goal, according to which at least 50 abductees — women and children — will be released for four days, during which there will be a lull in the fighting. The release of every 10 additional abductees will result in an additional day of respite."

Ahead of the Israeli Cabinet vote, which came after a six-hour meeting

stretching into the early morning, Netanyahu said the war would resume after the truce expires.

"We are at war, and we will continue the war," he said. "We will continue until we achieve all our goals."

In its own statement on Telegram, Hamas affirmed the deal, saying, "After many days of difficult and complex negotiations, we announce, with the help and blessing of God, that we have reached a humanitarian truce."

Hamas added that the 50 Israelis

would be freed in exchange for the release of 150 Palestinian women and detainees younger than 19 held in Israeli jails.

The Israeli hostages may not be released until Thursday at the earliest to allow time for Israeli judges to review potential legal challenges to an agreement, according to an Israeli official.

Qatar, the lead mediator of the deal, confirmed the agreement for a cease-fire and swap, saying the start time will

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Shamia Chaparro made dinner for her children Zedwis, 9, and Zavian, 3, in their new place in Hyde Park.

After so many years of waiting, something more than just shelter

A family at last has something so many in the system dream of — a real home

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

At the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in Hyde Park is an all too rare thing in Boston nowadays: a housing success story.

It's here, in a three-bedroom, two-bathroom town house that Shamia Chaparro has finally found a home, after years of bouncing around the local emergency shelter system — from Lynn to Dorchester — with her three children.

"For me, it's been a game-changer," said the 34-year-old single mother as she was about to prepare supper. A Spider-Man cartoon played on the television, and a Christmas tree was already on display, with lights, but no ornaments yet.

Her three children — Zoeth, 14, Zedwis, 9, and Zavian, 3 — flitted in and out of the room.

"We kept going from home to home," said Chaparro. "It didn't feel like home. It was just a long waiting process."

All told, Chaparro spent eight years in the state's emergency shelter system. Her story is a simple one: She was working in retail and money became tight. As the only income-earner for her household, Chaparro couldn't afford

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Zoeth and Zedwis had a laugh. In the three-bedroom town house, the kids have enough room to be kids, their mother said.

Convention center figure is leaving

Gibbons had clashed with board; audit was critical of authority's diversity efforts

By Jon Chesto
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After eight years leading the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, executive director David Gibbons is stepping down on Dec. 1 in the wake of a critical audit of its diversity efforts and disputes over a key development project.

MCCA board chair Emme Handy notified staff on Tuesday morning of Gibbons's pending departure, which she characterized as a mutual decision. Gibbons has led the MCCA since early in the Baker administration and has more than one year remaining on his contract.

But his departure hardly comes as a shock, following a clash last week with Handy over the fate of 6-plus acres of land the MCCA is trying to develop near the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, as well as an outside audit in October that showed the authority falling short in diversifying its leadership team and suppliers.

His departure also follows a big change in June to the makeup of the board of the MCCA, which oversees the BCEC, the Hynes Convention

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Mass shootings bring gun curbs in some states but not in others

By Emma Platoff and Samantha J. Gross
GLOBE STAFF

It's become a somber American tradition. A mass shooting ends lives and devastates communities. New laws are proposed, with well-worn debates over guns and mental illness. Sometimes they pass; most times they do not.

This year, following the Lewiston shooting, which killed 18 and injured more than a dozen, it's Maine's turn to participate in that grisly pattern. The state's 2024 legislative session is likely to include multiple efforts to approve new laws aimed at preventing similar tragedies.

But history shows that legislative responses to mass shootings yield mixed results, with some states passing sweeping reforms and others taking little action at all. Already, fierce opposition has materialized in Maine to any proposals that would limit gun access, raising questions about what is politically feasible in the state with New England's

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No thanks

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Food writer Devra First takes a look back at the people and places she's thankful for. **G1.**

OK, Martha Stewart, it's time to talk turkey

By Beth Teitell
GLOBE STAFF

The PR pitch was supposed to sound enticing. To a masochist, maybe. Martha Stewart was offering a one-night stay for two "lucky" guests at her famed farm in Bedford, N.Y., and as part of the deal, a brunch with the self-declared "Queen of Thanksgiving" herself. The ordeal was slated to go down the weekend right before Thanksgiving — traditionally the hardest time of year for the tablescape insecure.

If I somehow "won" the visit, and were forced into a private meal with Martha, I would spend my plus-one on an emotional support animal.

Given Martha's global fame, financial acumen, and the fact that she was a Sports Illustrated cover girl at 81, I'm sure more people would want to dine with her than me.

But not everyone.

"This is triggering," said one woman.

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FIELD OF DREAMS — Brighton High's Quentyn Dulin rushed for three touchdowns Tuesday against TechBoston High in a 20-14 Brighton win, played at Fenway Park. **C5.**

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