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Sons of Hamas leader killed

Deadly Israeli strike could strain already delicate peace talks

By Tia Goldenberg, Kareem Chehayeb and Wafaa Shurafa
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Israeli aircraft killed three sons of Hamas' top political leader in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, striking high-stakes targets at a time when Israel is holding delicate cease-fire negotiations with the militant group. Hamas said four of the leader's grandchildren were also killed.

Ismail Haniyeh's sons are among the highest-profile figures to be killed in the war so far. Israel said they were Hamas operatives, while Haniyeh accused Israel of acting in "the spirit of revenge and murder."

The deaths threaten to strain the internationally mediated cease-fire talks, which appeared to gain steam in recent days even as the sides remain far apart on key issues.

The slayings also come as Israel is under intensifying pressure — increasingly from its top ally, the U.S. — to change tack in the war, especially when it comes to humanitarian aid for desperate people in Gaza.

From Qatar, where he lives in exile, Haniyeh said Hamas would not cave to the pressure leveled by the strike on his family.

"The enemy believes that by targeting the families of the leaders, it will push them to give up the demands of our people," Haniyeh told the Al Jazeera satellite channel. "Anyone who believes that targeting my sons will push Hamas to change its position is delusional."

Hamas' Al-Aqsa TV station said Hazem, Amir and Mohammed Haniyeh were killed in the strike in the Shati refugee camp in Gaza City, where Ismail Haniyeh is originally from. Hamas said three of Haniyeh's granddaughters and a grandson were also killed, without disclosing their ages.

The brothers were traveling with family members in a single vehicle targeted by an Israeli drone, Al-Aqsa

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MIGRANTS IN CHICAGO

Mayor eyes \$70M for services

Funds to keep the city's costly response afloat depend on approval by council

By Alice Yin, Dan Petrella and Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

In an about-face, Mayor Brandon Johnson is now asking aldermen to approve using another \$70 million in

city funds to maintain this year's migrant response.

This week, the mayor's office began briefing City Council members on plans to push through the item as a means to keep afloat the city's costly response to the

38,000-plus asylum-seekers who have made their way to Chicago since 2022.

The mayor's office declined to comment Wednesday, but sources familiar with the briefings said his team hopes to allocate the \$70 million from previous city surpluses, similar to a budgetary trick his predecessor Lori Light-

foot introduced on her way out the mayor's office last year.

If approved by City Council, which Johnson's administration hopes will happen as early as next week, the \$70 million would augment \$150 million already set aside in his 2024 budget for

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WHY \$70 MILLION? In February, state, county and city officials projected about \$321 million would be needed to sustain the city's migrant operation. The state and county pledged \$250 million of that, leaving a \$70 million hole.



Goodnight, loon?

With fewer chicks surviving due to climate change, scientists say species could disappear from Illinois lakes within 30 years

By Sheryl DeVore
Chicago Tribune

For three decades, David Johnson has guided nature lovers in early spring to northern Illinois lakes to hear the eerie yodeling of hundreds of common loons.

Within the next 30 years, however, there may be few if any migrating loons in Illinois, according to Walter Piper, researcher and professor of biology at Chapman University in

Orange, California.

Loons, which winter along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and migrate through the Midwest to nest farther north, are not successfully raising as many chicks as they have in the past, said Piper, who has studied the birds in Wisconsin for years.

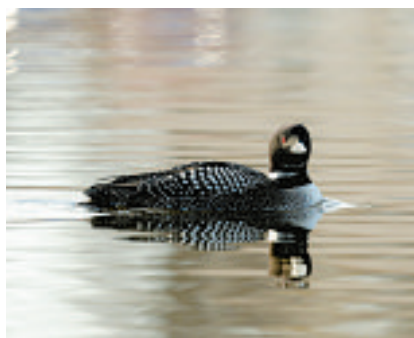
"Increased rainfall associated with climate change is washing organic matter into northern Wisconsin lakes, reducing water clarity, and making it harder for adult

loons to find food for their chicks," Piper said.

One of Piper's studies, published last month in the journal Ecology, suggests that climate change, through water clarity, profoundly affects freshwater ecosystems. The extra moisture has also increased the population of black flies, which can disrupt nesting loons.

"Climate change could result in long-term decline

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Above: A loon floats in Bluff Lake on Wednesday in Antioch. **Top:** Jim Wiederin, left, and David Johnson look for the birds, which are most often seen in the Chain O' Lakes in late March and early April as they migrate north. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**



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Latino Muslim community celebrates Eid al-Fitr

Melissa Hernandez, right, tries to stop Farris Penski, 4, from hitting a piñata at an Eid al-Fitr celebration Wednesday at the Bunker Hill Forest Preserve in Chicago. Ojala Foundation put on the event for the first day of the Islamic holiday, marking the end of fasting in Ramadan.

Questions linger after video of deadly police shooting roils city

By Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

A day after the release of body-worn camera footage that showed Chicago police officers firing 96 times at Dexter Reed last month after he apparently shot and wounded a tactical cop during a traffic stop, questions remained over the circumstances of Reed's killing and what effect it could have on policing here.

How many of the officers' bullets struck Reed? How many times did Reed shoot at police? And why did an officer appear to fire three final shots at Reed as he was lying motionless in the street?

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability has

called for four officers involved in the shooting to be stripped of their police powers as the agency investigates. City and state leaders continued to weigh in, including Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who called the shooting tragic Wednesday and called for patience.

"I think we're going to have to see a full investigation," Pritzker added. "And I hope that that will be done very quickly so that we can figure out what, if any, changes need to be made in the rules (of) the way that police are managing these situations and/or what exactly happened. Because it's not clear to just the naked eye exactly what happened here, only have I heard now that the person who was driv-

ing the car had a gun and was shooting first. We've seen all of the gunplay and gunfire that took place, but it's very hard to make any judgments without some careful consideration."

A group of tactical officers allegedly curbed Reed's vehicle because he wasn't wearing a seat belt in the 3800 block of West Ferdinand in Humboldt Park shortly after 6 p.m. on March 21. Reed's SUV had tinted windows, and video footage released Tuesday shows him disregarding officers' repeated commands to roll them down.

After a few tense moments, Reed apparently shot the CPD officer who

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