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Vehicles carrying Israeli hostages released by Hamas before crossing into Egypt on Friday, where they would be flown back to Israel. SAMAR ABU ELIOUF FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Chinese Join Migrant Crush On U.S. Border

By EILEEN SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON — The surge of migrants entering the United States across the southern border increasingly includes people from a surprising place: China.

Despite the distances involved and the difficulties of the journey, more than 24,000 Chinese citizens have been apprehended crossing into the United States from Mexico in the past year. That is more than in the preceding 10 years combined, according to government data.

They typically fly into Ecuador, where they do not need a visa. Then, like hundreds of thousands of other migrants from Central and South America and more distant locations, they pay smugglers to guide their travel through the dangerous jungle between Colombia and Panama en route to the United States. Once there, they turn themselves in to border officials and many seek asylum.

And most succeed, in turn fueling further attempts. Chinese citizens are more successful than people from other countries with their asylum claims in immigration court. And those who are not end up staying anyway because China usually will not take them back.

In the polarizing debate over immigration, it is a little-discussed wrinkle in the U.S. system: American officials cannot force countries to take back their own citizens. For the most part, this is not an issue. But about a dozen countries are not terribly cooperative, and China is the worst offender.

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Carbon-Free Electricity Is Increasing Worldwide

By NADJA POPOVICH

Carbon-free electricity has never been more plentiful. Wind and solar power have taken off over the past two decades, faster than experts ever expected. But it hasn't yet been enough to halt the rise of coal- and gas-burning generation.

That's because global demand for electricity has grown even faster than clean energy, leaving fossil fuels to fill the gap.

The dynamic has pushed up carbon emissions from the power sector at a time when scientists

Global Need for More Power Keeps Fossil Fuel Use High

say they need to be falling — and fast — to avoid dangerous levels of global warming.

Much of the rising power demand has come from rapidly-developing countries like China and India, where new coal plants are coming online alongside wind and solar farms to power meteoric

economic growth. But many industrialized nations are also not moving away from fossil fuels fast enough to meet their stated climate change goals.

Even on today's trajectory, many experts expect that fossil-fueled power will peak globally in the next few years. It's already falling in major economies like the United States and Europe, and analysts expect China, by far the world's largest power producer, to begin reducing coal-fired generation soon.

The world's climate future will

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A Pocket of Baseball, and Home

In a Colombia league, Venezuelans who fled their homeland are carrying on their culture. Page A6.

For Big Donors, Haley May Be Welcome Trump Alternative

**By KATE KELLY
and REBECCA DAVIS O'BRIEN**

Late last month, Nikki Haley, the former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, got an unexpected call from Jamie Dimon, the chief executive of JPMorgan Chase. Mr. Dimon said he was impressed by Ms. Haley's knowledge of policy details and her open-minded approach to complex issues raised in the Republican presidential race, according to

Polls and Debates Have Raised New Hopes

a person familiar with what they discussed. Keep it up, he told her.

He wasn't the only business heavyweight to say so.

In recent weeks, a group of chief executives, hedge fund investors and corporate deal makers from both parties have begun gravitat-

ing toward Ms. Haley and, in some cases, digging deeper into their pockets to help her.

Her ascent in the polls and strong debate performances have raised hopes among Republicans hungry to end the dominance of former President Donald J. Trump that maybe, just maybe, they have found a candidate who can do so.

"I'm a long way from making my mind up — something could change — but I'm very impressed

with her," said Kenneth G. Langone, the billionaire Home Depot co-founder, who has donated to Ms. Haley's campaign and is considering giving more. "I think she's a viable candidate. I would certainly like her over Trump."

Ms. Haley's fresh appeal to the moneyed crowd is coming at a critical juncture in the race, when positive buzz and steady cash flow are vital to a candidate's survival. With less than eight weeks before

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2 DOZEN HOSTAGES ARE FREED AS AID HEADS INTO GAZA

Asian Agricultural Workers Are Among Those in Swap for 39 Palestinians

This article is by **Patrick Kingsley, Christina Goldbaum, Rami Nazzari and Alan Yuhas.**

JERUSALEM — Hamas freed two dozen hostages held in Gaza and Israel released nearly 40 imprisoned Palestinians on Friday, completing the first exchange in a tense, temporary truce that halted the fighting after seven weeks of war.

The cease-fire, reached after weeks of painstaking negotiation with the help of Egypt, Qatar and the United States, had held for a few hours before word emerged that anyone had been released. Then came a flurry of announcements from Egypt, Qatar and the International Committee of the Red Cross, which helped receive hostages after their weeks in captivity in Gaza.

The hostages released included 13 Israelis, several children among them, as well as 10 Thais and one Filipino — reflecting the large number of foreign farm laborers in Israel, and the far-reaching effects of the Hamas attacks on Israel last month.

Not long after those hostages were declared free, Qatar's Foreign Ministry said that 39 Palestinian women and minors imprisoned by the Israeli authorities had been released. All the hostages freed by Hamas were expected to be swiftly moved to Israel to receive urgent medical care.

The office of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said in a statement that the military and the country's foreign intelligence agency, Mossad, had received a list of hostages slated to be released on Saturday, and that security officials were reviewing the list.

Israel has said that it would extend the cease-fire by a day for every 10 additional hostages that Hamas releases. Hamas has not commented directly on the offer but its top political official, Ismail Haniyeh, said his group was committed to making the truce work.

An extended pause in the fight-

ing would give Gaza's civilians the first sustained relief after nearly 50 days of relentless bombardment, which has shattered homes, debilitated hospitals and left more than two million people in desperate conditions.

But it would also allow both Israel and Hamas to try to better their positions for battles to come. Hamas, which has been battered by Israel's bombardment and ground invasion, could try to regroup its forces and fortify the places it holds. Israel may be able to glean new intelligence during



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Hanin Saleh El Barghouthi, 59, center, a freed Palestinian.

the pause, and so make plans for its next phase of the war. Israeli leaders have vowed to eradicate Hamas, and the group has said "our hands will remain on the trigger."

The exchange of captives, and the arrival of the biggest aid convoy Gaza has received in weeks, was cautiously welcomed by President Biden and set off waves of emotion in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank. Tension broke into relief for some families and anguish for those whose loved ones were not among those released.

Hundreds of people gathered late Friday outside the Ofer prison

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An Englishman's 'Napoleon' Ruffles Some French Feathers

By CATHERINE PORTER

PARIS — The French do not like an Englishman's rendition of Napoleon. Or at least, the French critics do not.

Looking grim and moody from under an enormous bicorn hat, Joaquin Phoenix glowers from posters around Paris, promoting the film by Ridley Scott that offers the latest reincarnation of the French hero whose nose — as one reviewer deliciously wrote — still rises in the middle of French political life two centuries after his death.

Yet while British and American reviewers glowed, French critics considered it lazy, pointless, boring, migraine-inducing, too short and historically inaccurate. And that's just to start.

The critic for the left-wing daily *Liberation* panned the film as not just ugly, but vacuous, posing nothing and "very sure of its inanity." The review in *Le Monde* offered that if the director's vision had one merit, it was "simplicity" — "a montage alternating between Napoleon's love life and his

feats of battle."

The right-wing *Le Figaro* took many positions in its breathless coverage, using the moment to pump out a 132-page special-edition magazine on Napoleon, along with more than a dozen articles, including a reader poll and a Napoleon knowledge test. The newspaper's most memorable take came from Thierry Lentz, the director of the Napoleon Foundation, a charity dedicated to historical research: He considered Phoenix's version of Napoleon — compared to more than 100 other actors who have played the role — "a bit vulgar, a bit rude, with a voice from elsewhere that doesn't fit at all."

All of this was to be expected.

As the French writer Sylvain Tesson once famously said, "France is a paradise inhabited by people who think they're in hell." How else would you expect a country where the perennial response to "How are you?" is "Not bad" to respond to a historical film

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