

U.S. pleas for Israeli restraint fall short

Pressure to better protect civilians, let in more aid goes largely unheeded

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

Just a week after Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in Tel Aviv that Israel had “agreed” that its military operations in southern Gaza would protect civilians and allow significantly increased humanitarian aid into the enclave, neither appears to be happening.

Rather than more assistance, levels have slowed to a less than half of what Israel permitted to enter Gaza from Egypt last week during a pause in fighting, leading the United Nations’ top humanitarian official to say Thursday that “we do not have a humanitarian operation in southern Gaza that can be called by that name anymore.”

As Israeli tanks and ground troops have moved to surround the southern city of Khan Younis amid relentless airstrikes, hundreds of thousands of civilians — many of whom have fled there from the north — are out of places to run.

“It’s not so much a question of intent,” a senior administration official said of Israel’s reported acquiescence to U.S. entreaties. “Intent is fine, but what matters are consequences . . . the impact on the ground” of Israeli actions. “This is what concerns us . . . and we are watching very carefully.” The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomatic conversations.

On Thursday, at a media availability with British Foreign Secretary David Cameron, Blinken reaffirmed that Israel has an obligation to put a “premium on protecting civilians and maximizing

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Inside a West Bank war zone

Deadly Israeli raids on Jenin camp are forcing Palestinians from their homes on nightly basis

BY CLAIRE PARKER AND LORENZO TUGNOLI

JENIN REFUGEE CAMP, WEST BANK — The nightly exodus begins at dusk.

“Don’t forget your pajamas,” Ahlam Abu Gutna, 45, told her three children as she gathered them on the roof of the family’s two-story house on Tuesday evening last week for a quick embrace.

They took a last look at the refugee camp sloping down the hill before filing downstairs to pack for another night away.

Rose Bani Gharra, 16, shoved school books and a wool hat into her backpack. Her sister, Razan, 13, put a purple T-shirt and a Quran into hers. Mohammed, 11, tried to leave the house with his arms full of notebooks, but Rose told him to put them back — they were too heavy. He grabbed his Rubik’s Cube instead.

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TOP: A woman looks at the destruction in al-Damaj, a neighborhood within the Jenin refugee camp, on Nov. 29. **As of Sunday, at least 52 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli raids on the West Bank camp since Oct. 7.** **BOTTOM:** Razan Bani Gharra watches her brother, Mohammed, solve a Rubik’s Cube at home on Nov. 28 as their mother paces in the living room.

D.C.’s new crime center to monitor CCTV video

BY WASHINGTON POST STAFF

D.C. police, in partnership with law enforcement across the region, plan to launch a “real-time crime center,” where authorities will work around-the-clock to monitor live video from hundreds of closed-circuit cameras across the city and provide immediate information as officers respond to emergencies.

The RTCC, announced Thursday by D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and other officials, is expected to open in February and will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Local and federal police from across the region, including U.S. Capitol Police and departments in Fairfax, Arlington, Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, will be joining the effort.

The announcement comes as robberies and homicides are soaring in the District, and a rise in

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In Alaska, salmon and a way of life are fading

Climate change imperils Yukon River harvest that has fueled Native traditions for millennia

BY MARLENA SLOSS AND DINO GRANDONI IN EAGLE VILLAGE, ALASKA

When Jody Potts-Joseph was growing up, her family mushed sled dogs during the harsh Alaskan winters to hunt and trap, feeding them salmon caught from the Yukon River by the thousands.

But after rebuilding her sled dog team as an adult, Potts-Joseph, a member of the Han Gwich’in tribe, had to turn to store-bought dog food. The river that was once renowned for its salmon doesn’t have enough to offer anymore.

“We haven’t been able to fish for a number of years,” she said as her dogs yelped outside her home in Eagle Village, close to the Yukon near the border with Canada.

Flowing from British Columbia through Alaska to the Bering Sea, the nearly 2,000-mile-long Yukon River used to teem with Chinook and chum salmon, sustaining a culture of harvesting fish to feed both Alaskans as well as sled dog teams vital for transportation

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Along the nearly 2,000-mile Yukon River, the population of the main types of salmon has fallen by more than half in the past three decades, a trend tied to fishing practices and warmer water.

Trump appeal sets off key test

AT ISSUE: IMMUNITY, DOUBLE JEOPARDY

Process could delay trial until after 2024 vote

BY WASHINGTON POST STAFF

Donald Trump filed notice on Thursday saying he will appeal a D.C. judge’s ruling that he was not immune from being charged with federal crimes for his efforts to undo the outcome of the 2020 election, either by his former role as president or the Constitution’s rules for impeachment.

The notice is a minor procedural step. But it sets in motion one of the most potentially consequential parts of Trump’s legal saga as the first former president to be charged with crimes. How and when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the Supreme Court handle his appeal could have a huge impact on whether Trump — who is again running for president — goes on trial before voters go to the polls in 2024, or ever.

Trump’s legal team says the charges that he conspired to obstruct Joe Biden’s 2020 victory should be thrown out for two reasons. First, his lawyers contend that he had presidential immunity. Second, they argue that charging him with trying to block the election results violates the legal principle of double jeopardy, because Trump was already acquitted at his congressional impeachment for his conduct leading up to the riot-marred Jan. 6, 2021, formal tabulation of electoral college votes.

U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan’s 48-page opinion last week rejected those claims, as well as a different challenge that said the indictment never should have been filed because it improperly tries to criminalize Trump’s constitutionally protected rights to speech and advocacy as a political candidate.

Since a grand jury voted to

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Hunter Biden faces 9 counts in federal tax indictment

BY WASHINGTON POST STAFF

Special counsel David Weiss has filed a second indictment against President Biden’s son Hunter, this time on tax charges, as the continued fallout from a collapsed plea deal this summer means the younger Biden could go on trial twice next year while his father runs for reelection.

Hunter Biden was charged by a grand jury in California with nine counts of failing to file and pay taxes, tax evasion and filing false tax returns; three of the charges are felonies, and another six are misdemeanors.

The prosecutors are accusing Biden of failing to pay at least \$1.4 million in federal taxes from 2016 through 2019. According to the 56-page indictment, Biden earned more than \$7 million in gross income between 2016 and 2020 from foreign business deals, including payments for his service

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