



US urges OK of new Gaza truce deal

Israel lowers hostage number Hamas to release, reports say

By **Samy Magdy and Lee Keath**
Associated Press

CAIRO — The United States stepped up pressure Monday for a cease-fire deal in Gaza as the secretary of state said a new proposal had been put to Hamas, whose officials were in Cairo talking to Egyptian mediators. Israeli airstrikes killed 26 people in Gaza's southernmost town of Rafah, according to hospital records.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, ahead of a visit to Israel this week, urged Hamas to accept the latest proposal, calling it "extraordinarily generous" on Israel's part.

The terms were not made public. But according to an Egyptian official and Israeli media, Israel has softened its position, lowering the number of hostages it demands that Hamas free during the initial six-week phase of the cease-fire in return for the release of hundreds of Palestinians from Israeli prisons.

One question is whether that will be enough to overcome

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Students at U. of C. form protest site

Students at the University of Chicago set up an encampment that they say they plan to occupy until administrators divest from companies with ties to Israel. **Chicagoland, Page 3**

■ Northwestern University officials announce they have reached an agreement with students protesting against the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza. **Page 4**

■ Colleges across the U.S. explore pro-Palestinian student protesters to clear out tent encampments. **Nation & World**

Logan women's prison may relocate

IDOC proposal would move it to Stateville site to facilitate rebuilding

By **Olivia Olander and Jeremy Gorner**
Chicago Tribune

A downstate prison for women would be moved onto the same site as Stateville Correctional Center as part of a plan to rebuild both facilities, according to a proposal the Illinois Department of Corrections has submitted to a state commission.

The recommendation from IDOC comes a little more than a month after Gov. J.B. Pritzker unveiled a plan to rebuild Stateville and Logan correctional centers, citing the age and deteriorating condition of the facilities. The governor said the project would cost close to \$1 billion, while offering few other details.

The proposal to move Logan

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Edith Huesca, mother of slain Chicago police Officer Luis Huesca, and his sister, Lily O'Brien, watch as his casket arrives for his funeral Monday at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel in Chicago. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Family, mourners remember 'Lionheart'

Slain Chicago police Officer Luis Huesca earns final salute from peers

By **Sam Charles**
Chicago Tribune

The typically busy stretch of South Western Avenue outside St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel was quiet Monday morning.

Instead of tractor-trailers hauling freight, the thoroughfare was lined with scores of police vehicles from cities and towns across northern Illinois.

Hundreds of Chicago cops and their counterparts from nearby municipalities gathered at St. Rita for the funeral Mass of Luis Huesca,



Officer Luis Huesca

the 30-year-old Chicago Police Department officer who was fatally shot earlier this month as he returned to his home in Gage Park.

Bagpipers played hymns and television news helicopters circled overhead as those in attendance stood on St. Rita's north lawn and silently saluted while the hearse carrying Huesca's remains arrived at the church.

The chapel at St. Rita — a regular setting for first responder funerals — soon filled to capacity after Huesca's casket, draped with a Chicago flag, was

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At secret meeting, right-wing radio host wooed Bailey



Dan Proft listens Monday at a State Board of Elections hearing in Chicago after Democrats filed a complaint against the right-wing radio host for alleged illegal election coordination with former GOP gubernatorial nominee Darren Bailey. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Proft dangled \$20M to his campaign from Uihlein, hearing reveals

By **Rick Pearson**
Chicago Tribune

The day after Darren Bailey won the 2022 Republican governor primary, he and his campaign manager made an urgent, unscheduled helicopter trip from downstate to meet political operative and right-wing radio show host Dan Proft for a closed-door meeting to talk about "serious" campaign funding.

At a Chicago-area country club, Proft met both men at the front door and led them to a secluded

room where he placed a white envelope on a table and said it contained \$20 million from ultra-conservative billionaire mega-donor Richard Uihlein.

Bailey was then given a choice: Either fire his staff and hire Proft as campaign manager and gain direct campaign access to Uihlein's cash or Proft would hold onto it and use the Uihlein money to continue his political action committee's backing of Bailey from the outside.

Either way, the message was clear: Uihlein's money would follow Proft.

Bailey offered Proft an advisory role with the campaign but Proft refused. And Bailey stuck with

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