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Biden threatens to end Israel support

President tells Netanyahu more needs to be done to protect Gazans, allow in aid

By **Aamer Madhani and Zeke Miller**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden issued a stark warning to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu on Thursday that future U.S. support for Israel's Gaza war depends on the swift implementation of new steps to protect civilians and aid workers.

Biden and Netanyahu's roughly 30-minute

call just days after Israeli airstrikes killed seven food aid workers in Gaza added a new layer of complication to the leaders' increasingly strained relationship. Biden's message marks a sharp change in his administration's steadfast support for Israel's war efforts, with the U.S. leader for the first time threatening to rethink

his backing if Israel doesn't change its tactics and allow much more humanitarian aid into Gaza.

The White House would not specify what could change about U.S. policy, but it could include altering military sales to Israel and America's diplomatic backup on the world stage. Netanyahu's office said

early Friday that his Security Cabinet has approved a series of "immediate steps" to increase the flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza, including the reopening of a key crossing that was destroyed in the Oct. 7 Hamas attack.

Administration officials had said before that announcement that the U.S.

would assess whether the Israeli moves go far enough.

Biden "made clear the need for Israel to announce and implement a series of specific, concrete, and measurable steps to address civilian harm, humanitarian suffering, and the safety of aid workers," the White

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CHASING YOUR 'WOW' MOMENT

By **Adriana Pérez**
Chicago Tribune

For an event as unusual as a total solar eclipse, enthusiasts hope more elements than just the moon and sun align.

In space, unusual solar activity might make the viewing experience extra dazzling. But on Earth, clouds and rain could mar the experience.

"Clouds are obviously what everybody cares about, in terms of viewing the total solar eclipse," said Deirdre Dolan, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center. "For those who are going to southern Illinois, it looks like luck is on their side."

Ahead of eclipse, the early forecast is clear skies for southern Illinois

People react as the solar eclipse becomes visible through the clouds Aug. 21, 2017, in Daley Plaza in downtown Chicago.
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During the 2017 total solar eclipse, thick clouds settled over Carbondale and other parts of Illinois dampening the experience for many disappointed viewers.

After Monday's event, the contiguous United States won't see another total solar eclipse for 20 years adding to the pressure of picking an optimum viewing spot.

Early predictions indicate southern Missouri, southern Illinois and central Indiana will have clear skies and offer some of the country's prime observing locations.

But many meteorological factors — such

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Officials confirm migrant TB cases

City health experts say there's no risk to greater public

By **Kate Armanini, Nell Salzman and Laura Rodríguez Presa**
Chicago Tribune

The worried father stood watch throughout the night Monday as his 5-year-old suffered through a strong fever. He put rags on her forehead, forced her to drink sips of water and tried to calm her down.

The Venezuelan man said he had pleaded for help from staff that night at the city-run migrant shelter on Ogden Avenue where they are staying, but he was told he'd have to pay for the ambulance himself.

"Because I don't have a work permit or any money, I didn't have any way to pay for it," said the man who didn't want to share his name out of fear of being kicked out of the shelter for talking to reporters.

On Tuesday afternoon, he said his daughter tested positive for tuberculosis, apparently one out of a "small number" of confirmed tuberculosis cases in migrants at city-run shelters. The Chicago Department of Public Health declined to answer questions on the exact number of migrants with active cases of tuberculosis.

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■ Mayor Brandon Johnson tells President Joe Biden to let long-term residents in the U.S. without permission work legally. **Page 3**

Naperville student killed in Swiss avalanche had 'adventurous' spirit

By **Tess Kenny**
Naperville Sun

Alex Beiga loved adventure.

Biking, snowboarding, hiking — outdoors was where he'd usually be, would have liked to always be, if he could.

"He wasn't afraid to just do stuff," his sister, Eva Beiga, said. "He just had that adventurous spirit in him and was always wanting to do more."

Adventure recently took Alex to the Swiss Alps. It was his dream to go snowboard-

ing in Switzerland, Eva said. Their dad — an Olympic swimmer — and mom made it happen this year, while Alex, 15, was on spring break from his freshman year at Naperville Central High School.

Alex's parents returned home to Naperville from the trip on Wednesday. But he wasn't with them.

Alex was one of three people who died in an avalanche near the Swiss resort of Zermatt on Monday, according to interviews with family and those close to him. Other victims

included a 58-year-old Swiss man and a 25-year-old Canadian woman, according to police from the Switzerland canton (state) of Valais.

The avalanche occurred about 2 p.m. local time, the Associated Press reported, citing Swiss authorities. A fourth person, a 20-year-old Swiss man, was flown to a hospital with serious injuries.

Eva, 20, heard from her mom Monday. She was away at college in Connecticut at the time but went back to

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Naperville Central High School freshman Aleksas "Alex" Beiga on his spring break trip to Switzerland. He was one of three people who died in an avalanche there. **NERINGA MOCKUS**

DCFS head: There's 'work to do'

The state's new Department of Children and Family Services director was in court Thursday to explain how she plans to fix long-standing agency problems. **Page 3**

Official sees path to 2% inflation

Chicago Fed President Austan Goolsbee sees a "golden path" to reducing inflation but interest rate cuts won't come this year unless housing costs drop. **Business**

At Apollo, just guys being dudes

The pub at the heart of Chicago's new party show and likely bachelorette destination "The Choir of Man" is the rip-roaring home of buddies, brews and bellowing. **A&E**

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