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## Biden tells Israel it's losing support

UN assembly votes for Gaza cease-fire in nonbinding push

By Colleen Long and Aamer Madhani  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday warned that Israel was losing international support because of its “indiscriminate bombing” of Gaza, speaking out in unusually strong language as the United Nations neared a vote on demanding a cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war.

“Israel’s security can rest on the United States, but right now it has more than the United States. It has the European Union, it has Europe, it has most of the world supporting them,” Biden said to donors during a campaign fundraiser Tuesday. “They’re starting to lose that support by indiscriminate bombing that takes place.”

Biden said he thought Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu understood, but he wasn’t so sure about the Israeli war Cabinet. Israeli forces were carrying out punishing strikes across Gaza with a military offensive that officials say could go on for weeks or months.

Biden offered a harder-than-usual assessment of Israel’s decisions since the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas and the moves by Netanyahu’s conservative government. Biden’s top national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, is heading to Israel this week to consult about

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**INSIDE:** Israeli forces are pressing on with attacks across Gaza as the death toll climbs and mass destruction deepens in the territory. **Nation & World**

## Law aimed at anti-abortion clinics won't be enforced

Judge called measure ‘both stupid and very likely unconstitutional’

By Jeremy Gorner and Dan Petrella  
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — The state has agreed to drop enforcement of a law backers said was aimed at deterring deceptive practices by anti-abortion pregnancy centers following a legal challenge by anti-abortion groups.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the measure this summer, but it was temporarily blocked shortly afterward by a federal judge who in a scathing opinion called the law “both stupid and very likely unconstitutional.”

An agreement between plaintiffs in the lawsuit and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul to make the judge’s decision permanent, which on Tuesday still needed to be signed by a judge, marks a rare victory for anti-abortion groups in a deep blue state with some of the nation’s strongest reproductive rights laws.

It’s also a blow to Pritzker, who has promoted Illinois as a national beacon for abortion rights.

Raoul’s office would be “permanently enjoined” from enforcing the law, which is made up of amendments to the state’s Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, according to a copy of the agreement.

Pritzker said Tuesday that he hadn’t spoken with Raoul about

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FBI mole and former Ald. Daniel Solis arrives Tuesday at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse for the Edward Burke corruption trial. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

## Calm, cool Solis heats up Burke’s corruption trial

‘I was working under the direction of the government,’ ex-alderman tells court

By Jason Meisner, Megan Crepeau and Ray Long  
Chicago Tribune

The last time Daniel Solis and Edward Burke were in the same room together was November 2018, when the two powerful longtime aldermen talked about Solis’ future.

Solis said on the secretly recorded video that he planned to retire in the middle of his next

term, maybe become a consultant and “go off into the sunset.” He told Burke he’d still bring developers his way, looking to hire Burke’s private law firm for tax work “as long as, you know, you remember me.”

Burke promised he would scratch Solis’ back, telling his trusted colleague, “We come from the old school.”

Five years later, those two old-school Chicago politicians finally met again on Tuesday.

This time, though, it was in federal court.

After much anticipation Solis was called to testify about his improbable turn as an FBI mole in the investigation that torpedoed Burke’s five-decade aldermanic career.

But his testimony in Burke’s corruption trial came with a twist: He was called not by prosecutors, who used the secret recordings he made of Burke, including their final conversa-

tion, to build their racketeering case, but instead as one of only two witnesses in Burke’s defense case.

In a high-stakes roll of the dice Burke’s legal team put Solis on the witness stand in an attempt to dirty him up, poke holes in his cooperation and suggest that Solis enticed Burke and fed him FBI-scripted lies to try to get Burke to say incriminating things

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### INSIDE



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## NTSB weighs in on Yellow Line crash

Officials examine a CTA Yellow Line train after it struck a snowplow on the tracks Nov. 16 in the Rogers Park neighborhood. A preliminary report by the National Transportation Safety Board shows the train operator hit the brakes and also tried to use the emergency brakes. **Business**

### Curating musical vibes for Bears

Any fan who’s been to a Bears game at Soldier Field has heard (or felt) the music playing. How DJs set that atmosphere for fans, players.

■ Was Justin Fields’ performance Sunday enough to stick with him next season?  
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### View is great, food is good too

Few of the dishes at Sifr will surprise anyone who has been to a Middle Eastern restaurant. But the flawless execution might.

■ The Tribune’s food critic visits CosMc’s, the futuristic concept from McDonald’s now open in Bolingbrook  
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## Migrants arriving by busload in suburbs

Rosemont police letting them get off only if they’re going to be picked up

By Robert McCoppin  
Chicago Tribune

Busloads of migrants were brought in the past week to Rosemont and Cicero, officials said, but were turned away.

Several buses from El Paso, Texas, arrived in the past week at the Metra stations in Cicero and in Rosemont near O’Hare International Airport’s remote parking.

Police in Rosemont allowed migrants to get off the buses if they had someone picking them up but threatened to impound the bus and arrest the driver for endangering the passengers if he let them out, Mayor Brad Stephens said. The Village Board approved an ordinance Monday to back up such measures.

Cicero approved a measure to fine bus companies \$750 per person for letting out homeless migrants, spokesman Ray Hanania said.

“It’s wrong to drop people on the street with nowhere to go,” Hanania said. “We think every community should do this to prevent this. They need to force the state to come up with a better plan for homeless people.”

That latest development reflects the varied response suburbs

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