



President Trump in the White House's Rose Garden, announcing his tariffs, which caused a slump in after-hours market trading.

Israel Initiates Tactics to Hold Gaza Territory

By AARON BOXERMAN and ADAM RASGON

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Wednesday that Israel had seized territory in the Gaza Strip hours after his government laid out plans to take over large parts of the enclave.

The announcement adds to the growing drumbeat from Israeli officials in recent days who have suggested that Israel would shift tactics to hold territory in Gaza, at least temporarily, in an effort to pressure Hamas to free the remaining hostages. The officials have also asserted a vision for postwar Gaza in which Palestinians would move elsewhere — an idea vehemently rejected by much of the world.

Holding territory, Mr. Netanyahu said, was meant to push Hamas to return at least 59 remaining hostages the group and its allies captured on Oct. 7, 2023. “The pressure will increase until they hand them over,” he said in a filmed statement.

In the 15-month military campaign that preceded a January truce, Israeli forces stormed Gaza cities before withdrawing, leaving behind vast destruction but allowing Palestinian militants to regroup in the rubble.

In the weeks after the cease-fire took hold, many Gazans returned home, but Israel resumed its attacks in mid-March.

Now, the military appears to be planning to station forces in captured territory. The defense minister, Israel Katz, on Wednesday said newly captured areas would be “added to the security zones” that the military currently maintains in Gaza, including a buffer along the enclave’s borders with Egypt and Israel, and much of a key road in the center of the enclave.

Mr. Netanyahu said Israel would establish a corridor, which he hinted would cut off territory in the southern city of Rafah from the rest of the strip. The so-called Morag Corridor appeared to take its name from a former Israeli settlement in southern Gaza, from which Israel withdrew in 2005.

It was not clear how large the corridor was or how long Israel intended to hold it. The military said that it would not provide details beyond Mr. Netanyahu’s statement.

In the northern town of Beit Lahia, Palestinians took to the streets to protest the move.

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Democrats’ Gains Offer a Lift to a Flailing Party

By KATIE GLUECK

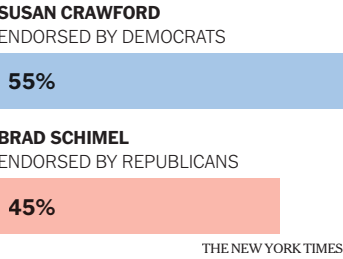
Democrats this week achieved their biggest gains to date in the second Trump era, winning a fiercely contested State Supreme Court race in Wisconsin, while also landing relatively strong showings despite losing two Florida special elections.

For a demoralized party, maybe, just maybe, it’s a start.

The results on Tuesday do not erase the long list of harsh realities for Democrats, who remain locked out of power in President Trump’s Washington and severely limited in their efforts to constrain him.

Their party’s popularity is at a

The Wisconsin Court Vote



generational low, activists are furious with their leaders, and, as Democrats have learned the hard way, victories in obscure and off-year races do not always translate into national success.

But winning is better than losing, and Democrats have indeed been doing some significant winning.

At a minimum, the Wisconsin results are a stinging rebuke to Elon Musk, the billionaire and top Trump adviser who spent millions in Wisconsin in support of the conservative candidate. The outcomes made clear that a once-demoralized Democratic base is animated again, on the same night that Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey delighted the party by completing the longest Senate speech on record, a 25-hour tirade and cri de coeur against the president and his administration.

And a substantial victory for the liberal candidate in Wisconsin — a state Mr. Trump won in November, where races are often nail-biters — instantly reverberated.

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Left, artifacts from a 1918 battle at Cantigny, France, will be brought to Arlington National Cemetery for a ceremony. Right, a village monument to U.S. troops, whose first fighting of the war was there.



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Where America and France Secured Their Bond

By GRAHAM BOWLEY

More than a century after the fighting stopped, the U.S. Army’s First Division has not fully faded from memory in Cantigny, the tiny hilltop village in northern France it helped to save in World War I.

In the woods, there is the trench that was once the unit’s muddy forward position. In a cellar, graffiti scrawled on stone by young, green doughboys, among the first Americans to see action in that

Remembering Village’s Role in World War I

war. In patches of farmland, the live shells that for years have turned up during plowing.

And in an otherwise unremarkable back room, grenades and shell casings found in the fields, along with a faded flag with 48 stars, thought left behind as the

unit marched east to fight more.

In the history books, the battle at Cantigny in May 1918 is recalled as a crisis point in the war. The Allied forces, replenished by the arrival of newly minted American soldiers, beat back a spring offensive by German units looking to aim their booming guns at Paris.

In the village, the remembrances have always been more personal: More than 300 Americans died there. Cantigny, population 1,000, was the first American unit to see action in that

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TRUMP ROLLS OUT VAST NEW ARSENAL OF GLOBAL TARIFFS

Says It Will Restore Fairness as He Takes Aim at Adversaries and Allies

By ANA SWANSON and TONY ROMM

WASHINGTON — President Trump unveiled his most expansive tariffs to date in a ceremony at the White House on Wednesday, saying he will impose a 10 percent tariff on all trading partners except Canada and Mexico, as well as double-digit tariffs on dozens of other countries that administration officials said had treated the United States unfairly.

The move was a significant escalation of Mr. Trump’s trade fight and is likely to ripple through the global economy, driving up prices for American consumers and manufacturers while inciting retaliation from other nations. While Mr. Trump had been saying for weeks that he would impose “reciprocal tariffs,” his announcement went far beyond what many economists and analysts had expected.

The president said he would sign an executive order applying a universal base-line tariff of 10 percent to countries around the world, plus levies ranging from 1 percent to 40 percent on dozens of trading partners.

They include the European Union, China, Britain and India, all of which would also face higher reciprocal tariffs based on trading practices that Mr. Trump has deemed unfair. The 10 percent base-line tariffs will take effect on Saturday and the reciprocal rates next Wednesday, White House officials said.

The moves will shatter the global trading system that the United States helped build up

since the Second World War, as the higher tariffs of Mr. Trump’s own devising replace the rates that the United States negotiated at the World Trade Organization. White House officials said pernicious trading practices by other countries had led to large and persistent trade deficits for the United States and had created a national emergency.

Under Mr. Trump’s plan, the United States will add a new 34 percent tariff on Chinese goods on top of the 20 percent tariff that he had imposed on Beijing in recent months.

Some of Mr. Trump’s steepest rates apply to U.S. allies, including 20 percent on imports from the European Union and 24 percent on goods from Japan.

Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University, said, “The era of increasingly free and extensive international trade, built upon a rules-based system that the U.S. was instrumental in shaping, has drawn to an abrupt end.”

He added, “Rather than fixing the rules that many U.S. trading partners admittedly took advantage of to their own benefit, Trump has chosen to blow up the system governing international trade.”

The value of tariffs for all the goods imported by the United States last year was \$78 billion. With the new tariffs announced on Wednesday, the figure would skyrocket to more than \$1 trillion, according to some estimates.

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Prosecutor Tries To Undermine Biden Pardons

By KENNETH P. VOGEL

WASHINGTON — Ed Martin, the ardent Trump loyalist serving as interim U.S. attorney in Washington, is pursuing an inquiry into whether former President Joseph R. Biden Jr. was competent to pardon his family members and others during his final days in office.

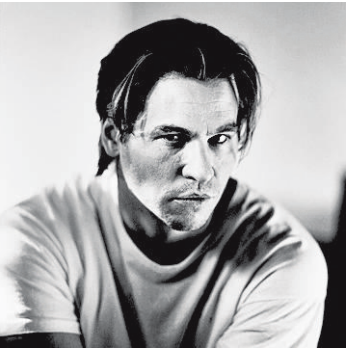
The inquiry, which includes previously unreported letters to Mr. Biden’s family and former White House staff members, uses the levers of federal law enforcement to try to harass Mr. Biden’s family and allies and undermine his decisions as president, while scoring political points with President Trump.

Mr. Trump and his supporters have increasingly seized on the unsubstantiated theory that the pardons Mr. Biden issued during his final months in office may be invalid because he lacked the mental capacity to consent to them.

In an apparent effort to build the case, Mr. Martin began sending letters two months ago to Mr. Biden’s White House aides, including Jeffrey D. Zients, the former chief of staff, as well as recipients of Mr. Biden’s pardons, such as his brother James Biden and sister-in-law Sara Biden, according to three people familiar with the effort who were not authorized to discuss it publicly, and a copy of a letter obtained by The New York Times.

The letters, signed by Mr. Martin, are informal but provocative, questioning a presidential clemency power that has generally gone unchallenged. They highlight Mr. Martin’s hands-on approach and willingness to use one of the most powerful tools of the presidency.

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VAL KILMER, 1959-2025

Leading Man, Icy Wingman And Batman

By BRUCE WEBER

Val Kilmer, a homegrown Hollywood actor who tasted leading-man stardom as Jim Morrison and Batman, but whose protean gifts and elusive personality also made him a high-profile supporting player, died on Tuesday in Los Angeles. He was 65.

The cause was pneumonia, said his daughter, Mercedes Kilmer. Mr. Kilmer was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2014 but later recovered, she said.

Tall and handsome in a rock-star sort of way, Mr. Kilmer was in fact cast as a rocker a handful of times early in his career, when he seemed destined for blockbuster success. He made his feature debut in the slapstick Cold War spy-movie spoof “Top Secret!” (1984), in which he starred as a crowd-pleasing, hip-shaking American singer in Berlin unwittingly involved in an East German plot to reunify the country.

He gave a vividly stylized performance as Jim Morrison, the lead singer of The Doors, in the 1991 biopic “The Doors.”

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Hundreds of sea lions and dolphins have washed up on Southern California beaches dead or seriously ill.

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A study found that people who got the shingles vaccine were less likely to have cognitive decline for years afterward than the unvaccinated.

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The military declared a cease-fire a day after its soldiers fired at a Red Cross convoy helping quake victims.

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Kathan Brown helped revive the centuries-old tradition of intaglio printing in the U.S. She was 89.

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In Kevin Durant’s view, “We’re at the peak of basketball.” So why does the N.B.A., for all its skill and beauty, elicit so many complaints from fans?

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A baseball fan in Toronto was kicked out of a Blue Jays game for wearing a “Canada is not for sale” cap.

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Elon Musk’s involvement in right-wing politics contributed to a 13 percent drop in deliveries in the first quarter.

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Skating Star Breaks the Mold

Amber Glenn jumps like a pole-vaulter and, at 25, is blossoming at an age when many peers have retired.

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