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Israeli soldiers checked bodies in Kfar Azza, a village near Gaza, on Tuesday. The scale of the horror was rapidly coming into focus.

In Rows of Tidy Houses, Carnage in a Kibbutz at Gaza's Doorstep

By ISABEL KERSHNER

KFAR AZZA, Israel — "Welcome," said the sign at the entrance to Kfar Azza, a lush Israeli village just across some fields from the border with Gaza. On the pathway, another sign pointed the way to the gym and the swimming

Then I saw the legs of a bloated corpse dressed in fatigues poking out from under a bush, and beside

mosques over the heads of wor-

shipers. At least two hospitals,

and two centers run by the Pales-

tine Red Crescent Society, have

by the U.N. agency that helps Pal-

have struck targets in Gaza fre-

quently over the years as part of

the longstanding conflict between

the Palestinians and Israel. But

from the first day of this new war,

residents of Gaza and the health

authorities have said that this

time the strikes have been indis-

criminately hitting structures that

haven't regularly been targeted in

the past, such as schools, hospi-

Few warnings have been given

before strikes, Gazans say, and en-

tire families have been killed in

their homes, according to the

The strikes are coming as part

of Israel's response to the attack

on Saturday, when hundreds of

Israel's fighter jets and artillery

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tals and mosques.

Gazan Health Ministry.

Gazans With Nowhere to Hide

Issue a Plea: 'At Least Warn Us'

By RAJA ABDULRAHIM and AMEERA HAROUDA

Israeli airstrikes flattened Palestinian gunmen swept across

allowed in.

munity.

it a khaki vest with the insignia of a commando unit of Hamas, the group that controls the Palestinian coastal enclave, and staged Saturday's assault on Israel.

Past the village dining hall, kindergarten and culture center, the tidy rows of one-story beige houses came into view. And the scale of the horror began to un-

Four days after hundreds of Hamas gunmen breached Israel's

Israel's border with Gaza, killing

more than 1,000 people and taking

around 150 hostages, including

children and the elderly. On Mon-

day, israers defense minister an

nounced a "complete siege" of

Gaza, saying "no electricity, no

food, no water, no fuel" would be

Israel has said its strikes are

targeting all sites connected with

Hamas, the armed Palestinian

group that controls the Gaza Strip,

including the homes of members.

Israel said it believes Hamas

members are hiding in homes,

schools and hospitals. Hamas

members are Palestinians from

Gaza, so they live among the com-

But the Israeli strikes have

shocked Palestinians. Israel has

given general warnings for people

to leave certain neighborhoods or

towns, but has acknowledged

they are not as extensive or spe-

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Scores Are Slaughtered in Path of Hamas

border fence in the most brazen attack on the country in decades, overrunning two dozen towns and communities, including this one, in a bloody killing spree, soldiers and rescue workers on Tuesday began the gruesome task of extricating the bodies.

They moved slowly, house to house, for fear that Hamas gunmen could still be hiding inside or have booby-trapped them. Live grenades lay in wait, to be neutralized by sappers. They carried out one slain resident in a body bag on a stretcher and placed it in the back of a truck. Then another. And another.

A New York Times photogra-

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Destruction in Gaza City. Israel says its strikes are targeting all sites connected with Hamas, including mosques and hospitals.

ISRAEL TAKES BACK TOWNS, PREPARING TO GO ON OFFENSE

NEWS ANALYSIS

U.S. Leaders Unify, at Least for Now

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — The staggering Hamas surprise attack on Israel has done what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu never could — united America's fractious politicians behind his nation again. Sort of. Mostly. For

After years in which support for Israel had turned into an increasingly partisan issue in Washington, Democratic and Republican leaders in recent days have generally responded with broad condemnation of Hamas and expressions of solidarity following the slaughter of hundreds of Israeli civilians.

But that surface unity had already begun to fray around the edges by Monday as Israel retaliated with punishing airstrikes on Gaza, cut off food and water to the enclave and prepared for what may become a ground invasion that could further endanger Palestinian civilians. Some on the left wing of the Democratic Party were criticizing Israel for "apartheid" policies oppressing Palestinians and calling for an end to U.S. aid.

For the moment, such sentiments have been restricted to the fringes of the House Democratic caucus and have drawn swift rebukes from more centrist members of the party. The reality, however, is that the sympathy and support for Israel will be tested the longer the fighting continues and the more firepower that Israeli forces employ, according to lawmakers and political strategists. The challenge for President Biden and his allies is to translate the current outrage at Hamas into a sustained consensus for Israel.

The sensitivity of that was made clear by mixed signals sent by Mr. Biden's own administration. The State Department's Office of Palestinian Affairs posted a message on X, the platform formerly known as Twitter, on Saturday pressing "all sides to refrain from violence and retaliatory attacks," and the account of Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken posted a message on Sunday encouraging Turkey's "advocacy for a cease-fire." Both posts were subsequently deleted following an outcry from Israel supporters who said it was too soon to urge Israel to stand

Both Mr. Biden and Mr. Blinken have otherwise steadfastly declared that Israel has a right to defend itself. The administration has begun shipping military equipment to Israel to replenish its supplies and moving American warships and planes to the region to deter Iran or other enemies of Israel from escalating the fight.

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Mobilizing 360,000 Troops as Toll Mounts

By ISABEL KERSHNER and AARON BOXERMAN

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops mostly retook control of towns near the Gaza Strip from Palestinian gunmen on Tuesday, four days after fighters for the militant group Hamas assailed Israeli civilians and soldiers in devastating attacks that killed hundreds, wounded thousands and put the grieving country on the brink of a major military operation.

The Israeli government approved the call-up of an additional 60,000 reservists, officials said, raising the total number of mobilized soldiers over the last three days to 360,000, the most in such a short period since the country's founding. The mobilization has touched nearly every corner of the country of 10 million, which has been plunged into anguish by the killing of more than 1,000 people in the attacks since Saturday.

With the border nearly secured on Tuesday - even as rocket attacks from Gaza continued and



Gathering for a funeral of a festivalgoer on Tuesday.

some firefights broke out - the scale of the horror unleashed on towns and villages near Gaza was rapidly coming into focus. In one kibbutz a mile and a half from Gaza, journalists with The New York Times saw Israeli soldiers carrying slain residents on stretchers, and more than a dozen bodies ground.

Soldiers and rescue workers said scores, possibly hundreds, had been killed there, including infants and children, suggesting the death toll from the weekend alone would almost certainly keep ris-

Hamas is holding Americans hostage, President Biden said on Tuesday, and 14 Americans were confirmed to be among those killed. He called the attacks "pure unadulterated evil."

Mr. Biden said that the United States would provide intelligence to help save hostages held by Hamas. But he did not suggest that American troops would directly assist with hostage rescue missions.

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Rape, Race and Years-Old Lie That Still Wounds | Gene-Editing Tool Fights Bird Flu in Chickens

By CATHERINE PORTER and AURELIEN BREEDEN

HAZEBROUCK, France — The phone echoed in Farid El Haïry's home in northern France. It was February 1999.

A rural police officer was on the line, asking if he could come down to the gendarmerie for a chat.

"I asked them why and was it urgent," he says. It's nothing serious, he remembers being told. Come when you can. It won't take

Then a lanky 17-year-old about

Accuser Recanted Her Story Decades Later

to start an apprenticeship in a bakery, Mr. El Haïry set out for the brick station a couple of days later. He grabbed some pains au chocolat and a Coke on the way for breakfast.

He would not return home for vears.

He was charged with the sexual assault and rape of a 15-year-old

girl from a neighboring high school, whom he knew only by sight and had never spoken to. The police had no witnesses, no corroborating evidence, just her word against his.

After a night at the gendarmerie, he was sent to a nearby prison that was notorious for overcrowding, drug use and suicide. He spent the next 11 months and 23 days in pretrial custody before being released with one painful condition — stay away from his home city of Hazebrouck, where his ac-

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By EMILY ANTHES

Scientists have used the geneediting technology known as CRISPR to create chickens that have some resistance to avian influenza, according to a new study that was published in the journal Nature Communications on Tues-

The study suggests that genetic engineering could potentially be one tool for reducing the toll of bird flu, a group of viruses that pose grave dangers to both animals and humans. But the study

Scientists See Promise and Peril in CRISPR

also highlights the limitations and potential risks of the approach, scientists said.

Some breakthrough infections still occurred, especially when gene-edited chickens were exposed to very high doses of the virus, the researchers found. And when the scientists edited just one chicken gene, the virus quickly

adapted. The findings suggest that creating flu-resistant chickens will require editing multiple genes and that scientists will need to proceed carefully to avoid driving further evolution of the virus, the study's authors said.

The research is "proof of concept that we can move toward making chickens resistant to the virus," Wendy Barclay, a virologist at Imperial College London and an author of the study, said at a news briefing. "But we're not

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Federal prosecutors say Representative George Santos got money from donors' PAGE A19 credit cards without asking.

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One man's quest to lure climate investment from the wealthy enclave of Jackson underscores how the climate law works: It runs on rich people. PAGE B1

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A war in the Middle East could complicate efforts to contain inflation at a time when output is "limping along." PAGE B1

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When a California family was enlisted to taste-test Pop-Tarts, they had no idea of the phenomenon to come. PAGE D1

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The larger bracket in Major League Baseball gives more teams a chance, but it also means a longer layoff for high seeds. This year, they don't seem to have enjoyed their rest.

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The obscure fund 777 Partners had been scooping up big-name teams for two years when it bid for Everton. Doubts about the fund's finances could

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A Funky Fresh Revival. Word.

Breaking, which was largely left out of hip-hop's 50th anniversary, is headed to the Paris Olympics. But its pioneers wonder how you can judge art. PAGE C1

