



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

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

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 unfold.
Four days after hundreds of Hamas gunmen breached Israel’s

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 extri-

cating 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 photograph

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Gazans With Nowhere to Hide Issue a Plea: ‘At Least Warn Us’

By RAJA ABDULRAHIM and AMEERA HAROUDA
Israeli airstrikes flattened mosques over the heads of worshippers. At least two hospitals, and two centers run by the Palestine Red Crescent Society, have been hit. So have two schools run by the U.N. agency that helps Palestinian refugees.
Israel’s fighter jets and artillery have struck targets in Gaza frequently 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 indiscriminately hitting structures that haven’t regularly been targeted in the past, such as schools, hospitals and mosques.
Few warnings have been given before strikes, Gazans say, and entire families have been killed in their homes, according to the Gazan Health Ministry.
The strikes are coming as part of Israel’s response to the attack on Saturday, when hundreds of

Palestinian gunmen swept across Israel’s border with Gaza, killing more than 1,000 people and taking around 150 hostages, including children and the elderly. On Monday, Israel’s defense minister announced a “complete siege” of Gaza, saying “no electricity, no food, no water, no fuel” would be allowed in.
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 community.
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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Destruction in Gaza City. Israel says its strikes are targeting all sites connected with Hamas, including mosques and hospitals.

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Rape, Race and Years-Old Lie That Still Wounds

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 long.
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 years.
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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Gene-Editing Tool Fights Bird Flu in Chickens

By EMILY ANTHES
Scientists have used the gene-editing 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 Tuesday.
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 there yet.”

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