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**MOURNERS** carry the body of a Gaza journalist killed Monday in what some see as a “double-tap” strike.

# 5 journalists among 20 dead in Israeli attacks on Gaza hospital

Strikes follow Aug. 10 attack that killed 6 in a tent for reporters

By NABIH BULOS

BEIRUT — Two Israeli strikes on a hospital in southern Gaza on Monday killed at least 20 people, including five journalists, four healthcare workers and a civil defense worker, according to Palestinian health authorities, the World Health Organization and video taken from the hospital.

Coming two weeks after Israeli strikes killed six journalists in the enclave, the attacks add to a tally that has seen Gaza become the dead-

liest conflict ever recorded for media workers and healthcare personnel, advocacy groups say.

The strikes targeted the top floor of the Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, with the first attack coming sometime after 10 a.m. Roughly 10 minutes later, as a live broadcast from a local news channel zoomed in on civil defense workers sifting through the wreckage with journalists filming nearby, the second missile hit.

“The civil defense is gone! They [Israel] killed the people!” shouts a journalist

from Al-Ghad TV as the scene is engulfed in smoke and rubble.

Other video taken inside the medical complex depicts a dust-covered man dragging himself on the floor away from the blast, while a bloodied cameraman is escorted to a nursing station. Hadil Abu Zaid, a British doctor with the charity Medical Aid for Palestinians visiting the intensive care unit, in a statement described the scene as “unbearable,” with “trails of blood” across the floor.

The Gaza Health Min-

istry condemned the attacks, characterizing them as “a continuation of the systematic destruction of the health system and the continuation of genocide.”

In a statement on X, World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said 50 other people were injured in the attacks, including “critically ill patients who were already receiving care.” He said the hospital’s main building, which houses the emergency department, inpatient ward and surgical unit, was

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# Trump might cut aid over bail laws

Funding from D.C. to L.A. is threatened. Some see cash bail as biased.

By MICHAEL WILNER AND REBECCA ELLIS

WASHINGTON — President Trump took executive action Monday threatening to cut federal aid to cities and counties that offer cashless bail to criminal defendants, a move that could place Democratic jurisdictions throughout the coun-

try under further financial strain.

Trump’s first executive order specifically targeted the practice of cashless bail in the District of Columbia, where the president has sent National Guard troops to patrol the streets. His second action directed the Justice Department to draw up a list of jurisdictions that have “substantially elimi-

nated cash bail as a potential condition for crimes that pose a clear threat to public safety and order” — a list that would then be subject to federal funding cuts, the White House said.

“That was when the big crime in this country started,” Trump said. “That was when it happened. Somebody kills somebody, they go and don’t worry

about it — no cash, come back in a couple of months, we’ll give you a trial. You never see the person again.”

“They thought it was discriminatory to make people put up money because they just killed three people lying in the street,” he added. “We’re ending it.”

Trump does not have the power to unilaterally change

[See Bail, A8]



FARAH SOSA

**TYRONE** Huntley, center, a Hollywood Bowl usher, in “Jesus Christ Superstar.”

# He’ll show you to your seat, then take the stage like a ‘Superstar’

By MARIELLA RUDI

By day, he helps audience members find their seats. By night, he’s onstage, commanding them. For actor Tyrone Huntley, the hustle is part of the role in Los Angeles.

Less than 48 hours after raising his voice to the heavens as Simon in the Hollywood Bowl’s electric, week-end-only production of “Jesus Christ Superstar,” Hunt-

ley was back at the iconic amphitheater — not under the lights, but beneath them — wearing a white polo and usher’s badge, guiding concertgoers to their seats.

“It was surreal getting back to work and being on the other side of the stage,” Huntley said, overhearing people talk about the early August show days later. “They didn’t know who I was, so I was just listening and smiling and knowing that we certainly made an

impression.” Even marketing staff at the Bowl noticed, posting him on TikTok in a clip seen by some 30,000 viewers so far.

Huntley is one of many working actors caught between ambition and survival. As film and TV production in the region drops to historic lows, many industry workers have turned to service jobs or side gigs to stay in the entertainment capital. The region’s slowdown has

[See Usher, A8]

# Musk’s xAI sues Apple and OpenAI

By WENDY LEE

Elon Musk on Monday ramped up his legal feud with OpenAI as his companies filed a new lawsuit against OpenAI and Apple accusing both of anti-competitive behavior in the artificial intelligence industry in a growing clash of tech titans.

Apple and OpenAI announced a partnership last year that would allow Apple customers to connect with OpenAI’s chatbot, ChatGPT, on iPhones. Musk’s social media firm X and artificial intelligence company X.AI LLC say that the deal has hindered their ability to compete and has locked up markets to maintain what they describe as Apple and OpenAI’s monopolies.

“Plaintiffs bring this suit to stop Defendants from perpetrating their anti-competitive scheme and to recover billions in damages,” according to the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Texas on Monday. Musk’s companies, Bastrop, Texas-

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# ’26 governor’s race is wide open, poll says

For president, voters in California prefer Newsom over Harris in 2028, survey shows.

By SEEMA MEHTA

Former Vice President Kamala Harris’ decision to forgo a run for California governor has created a wide-open race in next year’s election to run the nation’s most populous state, according to a poll released Tuesday by UC Berkeley and the Los Angeles Times.

Nearly 4 in 10 registered

voters surveyed said they are uncertain about whom they will support in the 2026 contest to replace termed-out Gov. Gavin Newsom.

“It’s very unsettled. Most of the voters, the plurality in this poll, are undecided,” said Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll, which was conducted by UC Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies and co-sponsored by The Times. “They don’t really know much about the candidates.”

Among those who had a preference, former Democratic Rep. Katie Porter of Irvine had a small edge as

[See Races, A14]

## Issues of greatest concern

The top five issues for groups are in **BOLD**.

	Statewide	Dems	Reps
<b>Cost of living</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Housing affordability</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Homelessness</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>The state of democracy</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>27%</b>	5%
<b>Crime and public safety</b>	<b>12%</b>	4%	<b>27%</b>
<b>Taxes</b>	11%	4%	<b>26%</b>
Jobs/economy	10%	10%	10%
Immigration	10%	7%	17%
<b>Climate change/environment</b>	10%	<b>16%</b>	1%

Respondents could choose multiple issues

Berkeley IGS poll

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# California seeing new COVID wave

Health agencies report jump in cases of Stratus variant tied to Omicron strain.

By RONG-GONG LIN II

COVID-19 is once again climbing to troubling levels in California — a worrying trend as health officials attempt to navigate a vaccine landscape thrown into uncertainty by delays and decisions from the Trump administration.

Public health departments in Los Angeles and Santa Clara counties have reported jumps in the coronavirus concentrations detected in wastewater in re-

cent weeks. L.A. County also has reported a small increase in patients hospitalized with COVID.

“There is a lot of COVID out there,” said Dr. Peter Chin-Hong, an infectious disease expert at UC San Francisco. “COVID is coming a little bit later than last year.”

The rate at which COVID lab tests came back positive in L.A. County is 12.6% for the week that ended Aug. 16, up from 7.6% a month earlier. In Orange County, it’s 14.4%, up from 8.1%.

“We are seeing outpatient cases increase,” said Dr. Elizabeth E. Hudson, the regional physician chief of infectious diseases for Kaiser Permanente Southern

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## EX-DEPORTEE HELD

Kilmar Abrego Garcia joins a Baltimore rally. He faces renewed deportation efforts. **NATION, A6**

## Monsoons bring lightning, storms

Late weather pattern, which sparked fires amid hot conditions, will linger a bit longer. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

**Weather**  
Mostly sunny; warm.  
L.A. Basin: 86/66. **B6**

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## Hoops at Venice is their jam

A pickup basketball league marks 20 years of colorful competition at famed beach spot. **SPORTS, B10**

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