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Israel Declares Rafah Invasion As a Certainty

Cease-Fire Won't Stop It, Netanyahu Says

This article is by **Damien Cave, Edward Wong, Adam Rasgon and Thomas Fuller.**

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel vowed anew on Tuesday to launch an invasion into the southern Gaza Strip, even as a renewed push for a cease-fire agreement was showing glimmers of a potential breakthrough.

After seven months of an Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, the United States, Qatar and several other countries have been hoping to broker a cease-fire, and Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken is visiting the Middle East to press for an agreement.

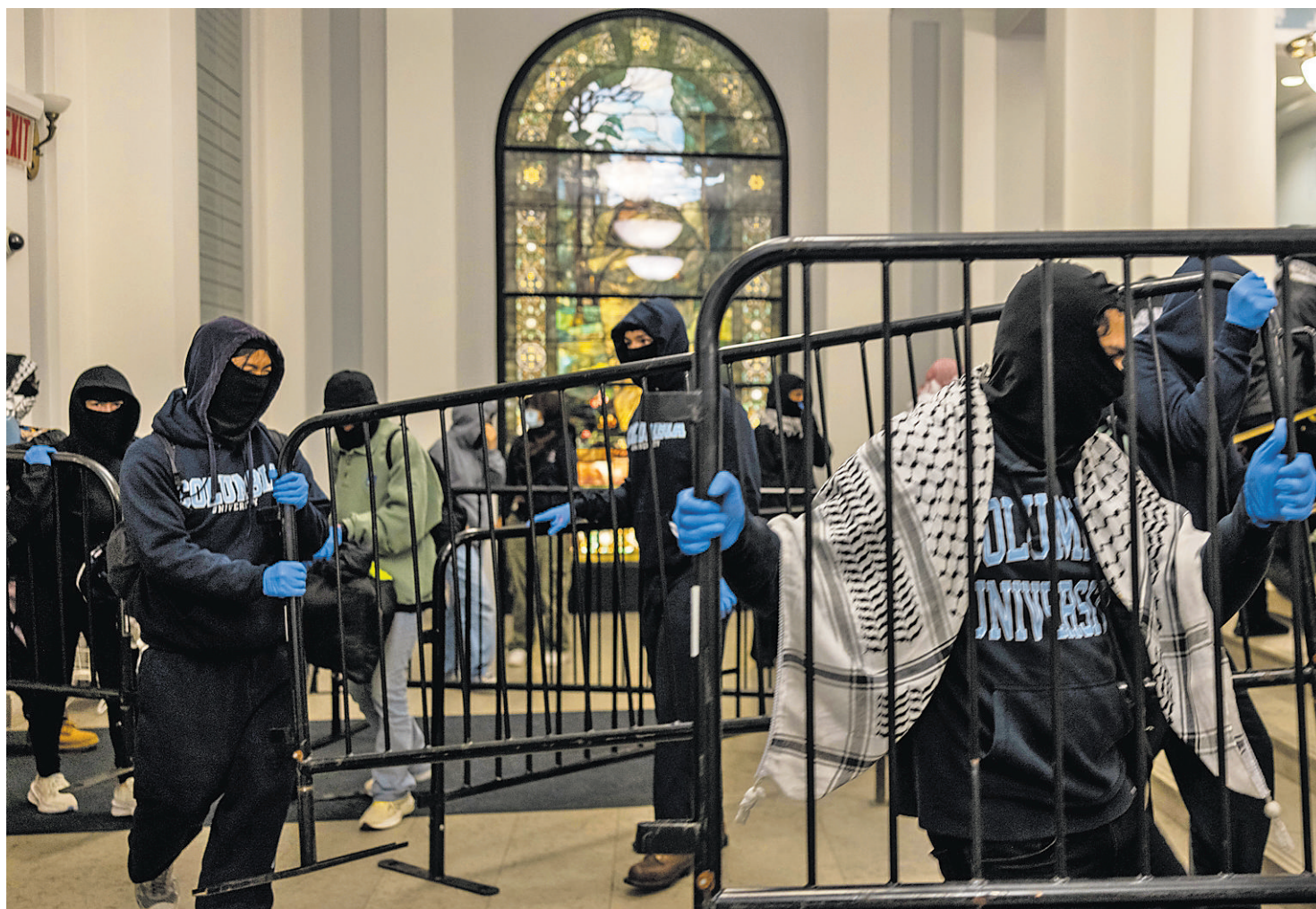
But with Hamas arguing that any agreement should include an end to the war, and with right-wing politicians in Israel threatening to leave the government coalition if the long-planned incursion into the southern Gazan city of Rafah is delayed, Mr. Netanyahu said that Israel reserved the right to keep fighting.

"The idea that we will halt the war before achieving all of its goals is out of the question," he said in a meeting with the families of hostages being held in Gaza, according to a statement from his office. "We will enter Rafah and we will eliminate the Hamas battalions there — with or without a deal — in order to achieve the total victory."

Mr. Netanyahu's comments came a day before he was to meet with Mr. Blinken, who, along with other Biden administration officials, has been pressing Israel to avoid a major assault on Rafah in order to minimize civilian casualties. The war has already killed more than 34,000 Palestinians, Gazan health officials say.

At a news briefing on Tuesday, John F. Kirby, a White House

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Pro-Palestinian demonstrators barricaded themselves inside Hamilton Hall on the Columbia campus early Tuesday morning.

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Universities Grapple With Message of Protests

By **KATHERINE ROSMAN**

In a video shared widely online, a leader of the pro-Palestinian student movement at Columbia University stands near the center of a lawn on the campus and calls out, "We have Zionists who have entered the camp."

Dozens of protesters, who have created a tent village called the "Gaza Solidarity Encampment," repeat his words back to him: "We have Zionists who have entered the camp."

"Walk and take a step forward," the leader says, as the students continue to repeat his every utterance, "so that we can start to push them out of the camp."

A Question of Whether Anti-Zionism Is Also Antisemitism

The protesters link arms and march in formation toward three Jewish students who have come inside the encampment.

"It was really scary because we had like 75 people quickly gathered around, encircling us, doing exactly what he said to do," Avi Weinberg, one of the Jewish students, said in an interview. He and his friends had gone to see the encampment, not intending to provoke, he said. When it began to

feel tense, one of the students started to record the encounter. They are not sure precisely how the protest leader determined they were supportive of Israel.

"Suddenly we are being called 'the Zionists' in their encampment," Mr. Weinberg said. "He put a target on our back."

On Thursday, the incident took on new significance when a video from January resurfaced on social media showing the same protest leader, Khymani James, saying "Zionists don't deserve to live" and "Be grateful that I'm not just going out and murdering Zionists."

The next day, Columbia officials announced they had barred Mr.

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Echo of 1968 Haunts Biden In Unrest Now

By **PETER BAKER**

WASHINGTON — When students took over Hamilton Hall at Columbia University in April 1968, a young Joe Biden was studying law 250 miles away, just weeks from graduation.

Protests and chanting and tie-dye shirts were not his style. "I was in law school," he later recalled. "I wore sport coats."

Now, 56 years ago to the day after the police stormed Hamilton Hall to evict demonstrators in one of the most iconic moments of the 1960s protest movement, Mr. Biden has no more affinity for their modern-day successors occupying the same university building to voice their outrage over Israel's war in Gaza.

Having traded up from sports coats in the Syracuse University law school library to suit coats in the Oval Office, however, Mr. Biden cannot simply shrug off the uproar on American college campuses as he once could. This

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TRUMP WITNESS TELLS OF TACTICS TO BUY SILENCE

DEALS IN THE SHADOWS

Testimony Bolsters Case After Ex-President Is Held in Contempt

This article is by **Ben Protess, Jonah E. Bronwich, Alan Feuer and William K. Rashbaum.**

He was the man behind the hush money, the amiable Beverly Hills lawyer who specialized in celebrity dirt — unearthing it, and then, for the right price, burying it forever.

But in 2016, the lawyer, Keith Davidson, was on the verge of something grander than a run-of-the-mill sex tape or affair. He had two clients shopping stories so big they might sway a presidential election: Their names were Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal, and they were ready to tell the world about their sexual encounters with Donald J. Trump.

On Tuesday, Mr. Davidson took the witness stand at Mr. Trump's criminal trial in Manhattan, telling jurors the behind-the-scenes story of how Mr. Trump's allies bought his clients' silence. His hours of testimony opened a rare window on the seamy world of celebrity hush money and corroborated key facts underpinning the prosecution's case against Mr. Trump, the first American president to face a criminal trial.

In a crucial back-and-forth with prosecutors, Mr. Davidson began to tie Mr. Trump to the \$130,000 hush-money payment to Ms. Daniels, the porn star whose payoff is at the heart of the case. Although Mr. Trump did not pay Ms. Daniels directly — his fixer, Michael D. Cohen did — Mr. Davidson portrayed Mr. Trump as the hidden hand shaping the machinations.

"Michael Cohen didn't have the authority to actually spend money," Mr. Davidson told the jury, adding, "My understanding was that Mr. Trump was the beneficiary of this contract."

The testimony punctuated a high-stakes day that began with the judge holding Mr. Trump in contempt, fining the former president \$9,000 for repeatedly violating a gag order and warning that he could go to jail if he continued to attack witnesses and jurors.

"The court will not tolerate continued willful violations of its lawful orders," the judge, Juan M. Merchan, said in an ominous

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RODRIGO MANN

The Cochamó Valley in central Chile features a cathedral of towering granite walls popular with rock climbers around the world.

How a 'Bunch of Hippies' Saved the Yosemite of South America

By **DAVID GELLES**

COCHAMÓ, Chile — In central Chile, not far from where the Andes Mountains meet the Pacific Ocean, a vast swath of pristine wilderness is changing hands under the most unusual circumstances.

Roberto Hagemann, a Chilean businessman who owns the 325,000-acre property, has agreed

to sell the land to his longtime adversaries, a band of upstart environmentalists who spent years thwarting his efforts to develop the property.

The price: \$63 million. It is a landmark transaction that will preserve some of the most ecologically significant territory in South America. Known as Hacienda Pucheguín, the property is surrounded by national

Chilean Activists Unite for an Unlikely Sale

parks and is cut by wild rivers, forests of ancient Alerce trees and the Cochamó Valley, a cathedral of towering granite walls popular with rock climbers around the world.

The deal is also a case study in modern-day conservation. At a moment when ecologically sensitive lands are under threat around the globe, it takes a unique confluence of legal, financial and political resources — plus a bit of luck — to protect them from relentless development.

"This is an irreplaceable place," said Jeff Parrish, a senior executive

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As Inflation Keeps Rates High, Strong Dollar Weighs on World

By **JOE RENNISON and KARL RUSSELL**

Every major currency in the world has fallen against the U.S. dollar this year, an unusually broad shift with the potential for serious consequences across the global economy.

Two-thirds of the roughly 150 currencies tracked by Bloomberg have weakened against the dollar, whose recent strength stems from a shift in expectations about when and by how much the Federal Reserve may cut its benchmark interest rate, which sits around a 20-year high.

High Fed rates, a response to stubborn inflation, mean that American assets offer better returns than much of the world, and investors need dollars to buy

them. In recent months, money has flowed into the United States with a force that's being felt by policymakers, politicians and people from Brussels to Beijing, Toronto to Tokyo.

The dollar index, a common way to gauge the general strength of the U.S. currency against a basket of its major trading partners, is hovering at levels last seen in the early 2000s (when U.S. interest rates were also similarly high).

The yen is at a 34-year low against the U.S. dollar. The euro and Canadian dollar are sagging. The Chinese yuan has shown notable signs of weakness, despite

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Since pleading guilty to violating money-laundering rules, Changpeng Zhao has networked across the United States to set up his next act. PAGE B1

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"Hell's Kitchen," a show that is (sort of) about Alicia Keys, and "Stereophonic," about musicians making an album, each received 13 nominations. PAGE C1

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