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## SENDING IN TANKS, ISRAEL CAPTURES RAFAH CROSSING

### SHUTS 2 AID GATEWAYS

Talks in Egypt Resume — Attack Not Seen as Full Invasion

This article is by Isabel Kershner, Cassandra Vinograd and Michael Levenson.

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military said on Tuesday that its tanks had entered Rafah in southern Gaza and had seized control of the city's critical border crossing with Egypt in what it called a limited operation to eliminate Hamas fighters and infrastructure that had been used to attack and kill four Israeli soldiers on Sunday.

The incursion did not appear to be the long-anticipated full-scale invasion of Rafah, a city crowded with about a million Palestinians, which Israel's allies have been working to avert by pushing for a cease-fire deal.

International humanitarian officials said the military operation had halted the flow of aid from Egypt into Gaza, exacerbating extreme hunger and privation in the besieged territory.

"The situation is catastrophic in every sense of the word," said Dr. Suhaib Hems, the head of Kuwait Hospital in Rafah, adding that 27 bodies and 150 wounded people had been brought to the hospital since Israeli tanks entered the city.

The Israeli military said it had killed about 20 people in Rafah, describing the dead as Hamas militants.

Hamas said it had fired on Israeli soldiers on Tuesday at another vital aid crossing, near Kerem Shalom, along Gaza's southern border with Israel. The Israeli military said that four mortar shells and two rockets had been launched toward Kerem Shalom from Rafah but that no in-

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A Palestinian youth examined what was left of a building after Israel's bombardment Tuesday of a district in Rafah, in southern Gaza.

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## Biden Denounces a 'Ferocious Surge' of Antisemitism in the U.S.

By ERICA L. GREEN and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Tuesday condemned a "ferocious surge of antisemitism" in the United States following the Oct. 7 Hamas attack against Israel and said people were already forgetting the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust.

Speaking at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Days of Remembrance, Mr. Biden tied the anti-Jewish sentiment that led to the Nazi effort to exterminate Jews directly to Oct. 7.

"This ancient hatred of Jews didn't begin with the Holocaust," he said. "It didn't end with the

Holocaust, either."

For Mr. Biden, a self-described Zionist, the speech was a clear assertion of his support for Jewish Americans as he struggles to balance his support for Israel with increasingly forceful calls for the protection of civilians in Gaza.

Mr. Biden's address also comes as protests against Israel's war in Gaza roil college campuses, with students demanding that the Biden administration stop sending weapons to Israel. In some cases, the demonstrations have included antisemitic rhetoric and harassment targeting Jewish students.

"I understand people have strong beliefs and deep convictions about the world," the presi-

### Holocaust Remembered Amid Campus Unrest and War in Gaza

dent said. But, he added, "there is no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for antisemitism or hate speech or threats of violence of any kind."

Mr. Biden also denounced attempts to minimize the Hamas attacks, which killed 1,200 people in Israel and sparked a war that has killed an estimated 34,000 people in Gaza.

"Now here we are, not 75 years later, but just seven and half

months later, and people are already forgetting," Mr. Biden said. "They are already forgetting. That Hamas unleashed this terror. It was Hamas that brutalized Israelis. It was Hamas who took and continues to hold hostages."

"I have not forgotten, nor have you," he told the crowd of more than 100, including Holocaust survivors. "And we will not forget."

Since the outset of the war, Mr. Biden has faced criticism from Arab Americans and Palestinians

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## School Protests Open Wounds In Liberal Hub

By KURT STREETER

BERKELEY, Calif. — The controversy began with a walkout. On Oct. 18, hundreds of Berkeley High School students, with the blessing of some of their teachers, left their classrooms in the middle of the day and gathered at a nearby park.

"Free Palestine!" they chanted. "Stop bombing Gaza!"

"From the river to the sea!" One of their teachers, Becky Villagran, thanked the crowd of roughly 150, telling them not to forget that the toll of the victims of the war in Gaza was more than a number.

Just as on the nearby campus of the University of California — famed since the 1960s for its marches, sit-ins and progressive ideals — students at Berkeley High have a long history of hitting the streets in dissent. In the 1960s, they walked out to oppose the Vietnam War. In the 1990s, they pushed to create ethnic studies courses. More recently, they have shown up in droves to advocate for Black Lives Matter, immigration reform, reproductive rights and L.G.B.T.Q. rights.

But this walkout reverberated in unexpected ways through the Berkeley public school system and the city's ordinarily tight-knit community.

Some Jewish students, and their self-described Zionist parents, felt frightened by what they

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## In Brazil, Musk And G.O.P. Join Far-Right Fight

By JACK NICAS

RIO DE JANEIRO — Just a few months ago, the political movement behind Brazil's far-right former president, Jair Bolsonaro, was sputtering. Mr. Bolsonaro had been voted out of office, ruled ineligible to run in the next election and was in the cross hairs of deepening criminal investigations.

But now Mr. Bolsonaro and his followers have had a sudden surge of energy and momentum — with the help of Elon Musk and the Republican Party.

Over the past month, Mr. Musk and House Republicans have harshly criticized Alexandre de Moraes, a Brazilian Supreme Court justice who is leading investigations into Mr. Bolsonaro, over the judge's moves to block more than 100 social media accounts in Brazil. Many of them belong to prominent right-wing pundits, podcasters and federal lawmakers who, in some cases, have questioned Mr. Bolsonaro's election loss.

Mr. Moraes has said he is acting to protect Brazil's democracy against attacks from the former president and his allies, who have been accused of planning a coup in 2022.

Mr. Musk has repeatedly called Mr. Moraes a "dictator" and posted dozens of times about

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### A Kremlin Show of Strength and Loyalty

Vladimir V. Putin was sworn in on Tuesday as Russia's president for the fifth time. Page A8.

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## Clues to Beethoven's Deafness Could Lurk in Locks of His Hair

By GINA KOLATA

At 7 p.m. on May 7, 1824, Ludwig van Beethoven, then 53, strode onto the stage of the magnificent Theater am Kärntnertor in Vienna to help conduct the world premiere of his Ninth Symphony, the last he would ever complete.

That performance, whose 200th anniversary was on Tuesday, was unforgettable in many ways. But it was marked by an incident at the

start of the second movement that revealed to the audience of about 1,800 people how deaf the revered composer had become.

Ted Albrecht, a professor emeritus of musicology at Kent State University in Ohio and author of a recent book on the Ninth Symphony, described the scene.

The movement began with loud kettledrums, and the crowd cheered wildly. But Beethoven was oblivious to the applause and

### 200 Years Later, Snips Found Full of Lead

his music. He stood with his back to the audience, beating time. At that moment, a soloist grasped his sleeve and turned him around to see the raucous adulation he could not hear.

It was one more humiliation for

a composer who had been mortified by his deafness since he had begun to lose his hearing in his twenties.

But why had he gone deaf? And why was he plagued by unrelenting abdominal cramps, flatulence and diarrhea?

A cottage industry of fans and experts has debated various theories. Was it Paget's disease of bone, which in the skull can affect

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