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People displaced by gang violence taking refuge Sunday at a school that was converted into a shelter in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince.

Haitian Gangs Force 360,000 To Flee Homes

A 'Cataclysmic' Crisis Lags in Race for Aid

By FRANCES ROBLES

Hundreds of thousands of people in Haiti are on the run from rampant gang violence and have abandoned their homes, a worsening humanitarian crisis that the United Nations describes as "cataclysmic."

Masses of homeless families dodging gang members who burned down their houses and killed their neighbors have taken over dozens of schools, churches and even government buildings. Many places have no running water, flushing toilets or garbage pickup.

The lucky ones are sleeping on a friend's sofa.

"There are kids at my camp who have no parents," said Agenithe Jean, 39, who left her home in the Carrefour-Feuilles neighborhood of Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, in August for an improvised camp in an empty lot about six miles away. "We need latrines. We need somewhere to go."

At least 360,000 people — more than half of them in the capital or surrounding neighborhoods — have fled their homes in Haiti over the past year, and that number of internally displaced people is expected in the coming months to surpass 400,000, according to the U.N.'s International Office for Migration.

Hundreds are unaccompanied children, including orphans and others separated from their parents in the chaos.

As hurricane season nears, humanitarian groups and Haiti's disaster response office are racing to figure out how to address the swelling crowds living in improvised shelters in a capital overrun by gangs with a barely functioning national government.

About 90,000 people are living in those sites, and roughly the same number deserted Port-au-Prince in March, according to the United Nations and aid groups, many for other parts of Haiti, an exodus straining safer cities ill-prepared for an increased demand on water, food and schools.

A United Nations drive to raise \$674 million to address the growing list of basic needs in Haiti has collected just 16 percent of the goal. The United States provided \$69.5 million of the \$107 million raised so far.

The competition for attention and resources can be eclipsed by crises around the world, including in Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan, aid groups said. The response has paled in comparison to the massive international effort following Haiti's cataclysmic 2010 earthquake, when countries and aid organizations sent billions in aid.

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DEMOCRATS HELP JOHNSON SURVIVE BID TO OUST HIM

HOUSE VOTES 359 TO 43

Parties Band Together, Turning Back Greene and the Far Right

This article is by *Catie Edmondson, Carl Hulse and Kayla Guo.*

WASHINGTON — Speaker Mike Johnson on Wednesday easily batted down an attempt by Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia to oust him from his post, after Democrats linked arms with most Republicans to fend off a second attempt by G.O.P. hard-liners to strip the gavel from their party leader.

The vote to kill the effort was an overwhelming 359 to 43, with seven voting "present." Democrats flocked to Mr. Johnson's rescue, with all but 39 of them voting with Republicans to block the effort to oust him.

Members of the minority party in the House have never propped up the other party's speaker, and when the last Republican to hold the post, Kevin McCarthy, faced a removal vote last fall, Democrats voted en masse to allow the motion to move forward and then to jettison him, helping lead to his historic ouster.

This time, the Democratic support made the critical difference, allowing Mr. Johnson, who has a minuscule majority, to avoid a removal vote altogether. While for weeks Ms. Greene had appeared to be on a political island in her drive to get rid of yet another G.O.P. speaker, 11 Republicans ultimately voted to allow her motion to move forward.

That was the same number of Republicans who voted in October to allow the bid to remove Mr. McCarthy to advance — but back then, they were joined by every Democrat.

"I appreciate the show of confidence from my colleagues to defeat this misguided effort," Mr. Johnson told reporters shortly after Wednesday's vote. "As I've

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Speaker Mike Johnson easily defeated a "misguided effort."

3 Columbia Workers Recount Fearful Time Trapped in Hall

By SHARON OTTERMAN

Mariano Torres, a maintenance worker at Columbia University, was cleaning on the third floor of Hamilton Hall in his signature Yankees cap one night last week when he heard a commotion downstairs. He said he figured it had something to do with the pro-Palestinian encampment on the lawn outside and kept working.

He was shocked, he said, when he suddenly saw five or six protesters, their faces covered by scarves or masks, picking up chairs and bringing them into the stairway.

"I'm like, What the hell is going on? Put it back. What are you doing?" he recalled.

He said he tried to block them and they tried to reason with him to get out of the way, telling him

"this is bigger than you." One person, he recalled, told him he didn't get paid enough to deal with this. Someone tried to offer him "a fistful of cash."

He said he replied: "I don't want your money, dude. Just get out of the building."

It was the beginning of what would be a frightening time for Mr. Torres and two other maintenance workers in Hamilton Hall, who were inside when pro-Palestinian protesters at Columbia took over the building.

Just as upsetting as their encounters with the protesters, the three workers recounted in interviews this week, was their feeling that the university had not done

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Public School Chiefs Parry Antisemitism Claims

This article is by *Dana Goldstein, Troy Closson and Michael Levenson.*

WASHINGTON — A Republican-led House committee turned its attention to three of the most politically liberal school districts in the country on Wednesday, accusing them of tolerating antisemitism, but the district leaders pushed back forcefully, defending their schools.

The hearing was the third by House Republicans to expose what they see as a pro-Palestinian agenda gripping schools and college campuses since the start of the Israel-Hamas war.

During the contentious two-hour session, Republicans accused the district leaders — from New York City; Berkeley, Calif.; and Montgomery County, Md. — of "turning a blind eye" to anti-

Accuse House G.O.P. of Fishing for 'Gotcha Moments'

semitism.

Enikia Ford Morthel, the superintendent of Berkeley schools, acknowledged some incidents in her schools but pointedly stated that "antisemitism is not pervasive in Berkeley Unified School District."

David C. Banks, the New York City schools chancellor, said the repeatedly hostile questions from the panel suggested it was trying to elicit "gotcha moments" rather than solve the problem of antisemitism.

"We cannot simply discipline our way out of this problem," he

said. "The true antidote to ignorance and bias is to teach."

The hearing came about five months after a hearing on antisemitism in which the presidents of Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania gave lawyerly statements, prompting an intense backlash that helped lead to their resignations.

But on Wednesday, Republicans did not appear to elicit similarly damaging moments.

Nor did the school leaders' answers appear to prompt widespread anger back in their communities, as happened when Nemat Shafik, the president of Columbia, testified before Congress last month. Her promise to crack down on protesters seemed to mollify Republicans, at least temporarily, but deepened discontent

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"We cannot simply discipline our way out of this problem," Chancellor David C. Banks said.

Keep a Firm Grip on Those Mickey Mouse Balloons. It's the Law.

By CARA BUCKLEY

Balloons released in the sky don't go to heaven. They often end up in oceans and waterways, where they're 32 times more likely to kill seabirds than other types of plastic debris. Despite this, humans like to release them en masse, be it to celebrate a loved one's life or a wedding, or to reveal the gender of a baby.

The practice is on the verge of

becoming illegal in Florida, where the legislature has joined a growing number of states to ban the intentional release of balloons outdoors. The Florida ban is expected to be signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis and would take effect July 1.

Florida is at the forefront of a dizzying and contentious array of statewide bans, outlawing lab-grown meat, certain books from school libraries and classrooms, and most abortions after six

Florida Set to Prohibit Willfully Letting Go

weeks. But the balloon ban is rare for garnering widespread bipartisan support. It was championed by environmentalists and sponsored by two Republican lawmakers from the Tampa Bay area, Linda Chaney, a state representa-

tive, and Nick DiCeglie, a state senator.

"Balloons contribute to the increase in microplastic pollution, which is harmful to every living thing, including humans, polluting our air and drinking water," Ms. Chaney wrote in an email.

"My hope is that this bill changes the culture, making people more aware of litter in general, including balloons," she said.

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