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Trump poses Chicago takeover

Johnson, Pritzker call suggestion to send troops here next illegal, authoritarian

By Alice Yin
Chicago Tribune

Just hours after President Donald Trump suggested Chicago would be the next location for a federal troop deployment like the one occurring in Washington, D.C., both Mayor Brandon Johnson and Gov. JB Pritzker said the president would be illegally abus-

ing his power if he follows through on the threat.

"The problem with the President's approach is that it is uncoordinated, uncalled for, and unsound," Johnson said in a statement. "Unlawfully deploying the National Guard to Chicago has the potential to inflame tensions between residents and law enforcement when we know that

trust between police and residents is foundational to building safer communities."

And in a post on the social media site X, Pritzker rejected Trump's notion that Chicagoans were clamoring for the National Guard to patrol city streets.

"Things People are Begging for: 1. Cheaper groceries 2. No Medicaid and SNAP cuts 3. Release of

the Epstein Files," Pritzker wrote. "Things People are NOT begging for: 1. An authoritarian power grab of major cities."

Pritzker later issued a statement saying that local police don't want the federal intervention, and promised that "we will follow the law and stand up for the sovereignty of our

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BOLTON SEARCHES RAISE ALARM: The FBI on Friday searched the Maryland home and Washington office of former Trump administration national security adviser John Bolton. The searches are eliciting new fear that the Trump administration is using its law enforcement powers to target the Republican's foes.
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Despite warnings, fatal party went on

Event promoted by suspended CPS aide left 2 dead in Austin

By Caroline Kubzansky
Chicago Tribune

Jorge Sanchez was headed home from work on a Saturday night earlier this month when he encountered throngs of ride-shares and pedestrians surrounding his home in Austin.

Sanchez, 35, is used to people hanging out on the block, and found a guy he recognized from other weekends.

"I was like, 'You really outdid yourselves today,'" he said. "And he said, 'Oh, this wasn't us.'"

It was Club JROY: a massive end-of-summer party that had been all over Instagram and TikTok for days before people flooded blocks in the West Side neighborhood. It took place even after police asked event promoter Jamal Williams to cancel, officials said.

Police reports put the center of Club JROY at La Crosse and Maypole avenues, a few houses from where Sanchez lives. Authorities responded to at least three instances of gunfire within six blocks of the intersection in the early morning hours of Aug. 10 as they struggled to contain a crowd estimated to be in the thousands at its peak.

Eight people were shot in the area, two fatally, and police arrested at least six others, according to public records and police sources. Those who were killed and wounded

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A PRAIRIE BIOME COMPANION

By Katherine Weaver | Chicago Tribune

To the untrained eye, the restored prairie lands of Illinois look exactly how you would imagine they looked hundreds of years ago. But many plant species are still missing, and recent efforts — including a newly launched database — aim to ensure that the prairies are restored much more comprehensively.

Jack Zinnen, a researcher with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's Illinois Natural History Survey, said that he realized there may be a gap in prairie knowledge during a conversation he had with a colleague

New database catalogs plant species in latest effort to restore state's natural landscape

Chicago Botanic Garden ecologist Jim Jabcon, right, and a team of interns manage one of the prairie restoration sites in Glencoe on Friday.

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who studies similar grasslands in Australia.

"I love prairies, and I was bragging about how diverse they are, because there are these incredibly rich and interesting visual ecosystems," Zinnen said. "And he's like, Oh, great. How many species are in a prairie? And I go, '... a lot?'"

Zinnen dug a little deeper, and in doing so he found out that while lists of species in many individual prairie remnants had been collected for decades, there was no one place where they had all been put together. This

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The next one's for keeps

Bears wide receiver DJ Moore catches a pass as Chiefs defensive back Jaden Hicks defends during the first half of a preseason game Friday night at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. Quarterback Caleb Williams saw early action as the Bears wrapped up their preseason schedule against the three-time defending AFC champions in a game that didn't finish in time for this edition. Find the result and more coverage online at chicagotribune.com. The Bears open their season at home Sept. 8 against the Vikings.

Agency: Gaza City gripped by famine, likely to spread

By Sam Mednick
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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The world's leading authority on food crises said Friday that the Gaza Strip's largest city is gripped by famine, and that it's likely to spread across the territory without a ceasefire and an end to restrictions on humanitarian aid.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, or IPC, said famine is happening in Gaza City, home to hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, and could spread south to Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis by the end of September.

The determination comes after months of warnings by aid groups that Israel's restrictions of

food and other aid into Gaza, and its military offensive, were causing starvation among Palestinian civilians, particularly children.

Israel rejected the report, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu calling it an "outright lie."

Israel "does not have a policy of starvation," his office posted on X.

The U.S. State Department also sought to cast doubt on the report. It said the humanitarian situation in Gaza "is a serious concern," but blamed Hamas and looters for the difficulties in delivering aid.

The grim milestone — the first time the IPC has confirmed a famine in the Middle East —

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