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ATTACK DEFIES THREATENED SANCTIONS, WARNINGS

Israel launches ground assault: ‘Gaza burning’



Displaced Palestinians, fleeing northern Gaza due to an Israeli military operation, move southward after Israeli forces ordered residents of Gaza City to evacuate to the south on Sept. 16. REUTERS

U.N.: It’s a genocide; Trump with Israel

Steven Scheer and
Nidal al-Mughrabi
REUTERS

JERUSALEM – Israel unleashed a long-threatened ground assault on Gaza City on Sept. 16, declaring

“Gaza is burning” as Palestinians there described the most intense bombardment they had faced in two years of war.

An Israel Defense Forces official said ground troops were moving deeper into the enclave’s main city, and that the number of soldiers would rise in the coming days to confront up to 3,000 Hamas combatants the IDF believes

are still in the city.

“Gaza is burning,” Defense Minister Israel Katz posted on X. “The IDF strikes with an iron fist at the terrorist infrastructure and IDF soldiers are fighting bravely to create the conditions for the release of the hostages and the defeat of Hamas.”

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Ford’s Glass House HQ had to go, industry experts say

Jamie L. LaReau
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Ford Motor Co.’s lead clay sculptor Jeff Royer gets to see Ford’s past and its future on a daily basis.

Royer, who has worked for Ford for 15 years, spends part of his day modeling clay sculptures of cars in what’s left of Ford’s old Product Development Center in Dearborn across from The Henry Ford. He then goes to the new studios nearby, in what will soon be Ford’s new world headquarters building, to do the rest of his work.

“I have a foot in the old building

It was outdated, not big enough and too costly to rehab

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The Ford Motor Co. World Headquarters in Dearborn on Sept. 9. Ford plans to vacate it in 2026 for a new headquarters nearby. JUSTIN WAN/DFP

Suspect in Charlie Kirk shooting charged

Congress questions FBI head about the probe

Thao Nguyen, Jeanine Santucci,
Christopher Cann,
and N’dea Yancey-Bragg
USA TODAY

Utah officials on Sept. 16 formally charged the man accused of killing conservative activist Charlie Kirk with murder and other crimes ahead of his first court appearance.

Tyler Robinson, 22, was charged with aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm, obstruction



At a Sept. 16 Senate hearing, FBI Director Kash Patel faced tough questions. JOSH MORGAN/USA TODAY

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● Hundreds honor Kirk at gathering in Lansing, 4A

of justice, witness tampering, and the commission of a violent offense in the presence of a child, Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray announced at a news conference. Gray also announced his intention to seek the death penalty, calling Kirk’s killing “an American tragedy.”

dy.”

“I do not take this decision lightly and it is a decision I have made independently as county attorney based solely on the available evidence and circumstances and nature of the crime,” Gray said.

Robinson is accused of firing a single bullet that lanced Kirk’s neck during a public appearance on Sept. 10 at Utah Valley

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