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Police officers and emergency vehicles are seen in a street as police respond to a shooting incident in the Midtown Manhattan neighborhood of New York City on July 28. JOHN LAMPARSKI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Gunman kills 4 people, himself in Manhattan

Man appeared to blame NFL for brain injury

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Homicide detectives were trying to determine why a gunman armed with an M4 rifle charged into a Park Avenue skyscraper in New York City and fatally shot at least four people, including a police officer, before killing himself. Five people were shot in the rampage July 28 inside the 44-floor Midtown Manhattan building that houses the NFL headquarters and offices of major financial firms. New York City Mayor Eric Adams said July 29 that preliminary investigations show the gunman,

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New York City Mayor Eric Adams attends the dignified transfer of slain NYPD officer Didarul Islam, who was killed during a mass shooting in Manhattan on July 28. ERIC ADAMS VIA X/HANDOUT VIA REUTERS

Death toll in Gaza reaches 60,000

Global monitor demands action to avert famine

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REUTERS

A worst-case scenario of famine is unfolding in the Gaza Strip and immediate action is needed to avoid widespread death, a hunger monitor warned on July 29, as the number of Palestinians reported killed in the conflict with Israel crossed the 60,000 threshold. The hunger alert and the new death toll are grim milestones in a conflict that began almost two years ago when Hamas attacked Israel, sparking an offensive that has laid waste to much of the enclave and ignited hostilities across the region. The alert by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification raised the prospect that the man-made starvation crisis in Gaza could be formally classified as a famine in the hope it might raise the pressure on Israel to let in far more food. With international criticism growing, Israel announced steps over the weekend to ease aid access. But the World Food Programme said on July 29 it was not getting the permissions it needed to deliver enough aid since Israel began humanitarian pauses on July 27. “Mounting evidence shows that widespread starvation, malnutrition and disease are driving a rise in hunger-related deaths,” the IPC said, adding that “famine thresholds” have been reached for food consumption in most of the Gaza Strip.

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EPA to repeal core of greenhouse gas rules

Zeldin: Court decision limits regulatory power

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REUTERS

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency will rescind the long-standing finding that greenhouse gas emissions endanger human health, as well as tailpipe emission standards for vehicles, removing the legal foundation of greenhouse gas regulations across industries, EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced on July 29. Republican President Donald Trump’s pick Zeldin announced the

agency’s plan to rescind the “endangerment finding” at an event at a truck factory in Indiana, alongside Energy Secretary Chris Wright, and called it the largest deregulatory action in U.S. history. Zeldin said that a 2024 Supreme Court decision that cut back the power of federal agencies to interpret the laws they administer, known as the Chevron deference, means that the EPA does not have the ability to regulate global greenhouse gas emissions. “We do not have that power on our own to decide as an agency that we are going to combat global climate change because we give ourselves that power,” Zeldin said.

He added that if Congress decides it wants to amend the federal Clean Air Act to explicitly state that the United States should regulate carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gas emissions, the EPA would follow its lead. Earlier on July 29, Zeldin told the Ruthless podcast that repealing the endangerment finding will save Americans money and unravel two decades of regulation aimed at reducing carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases from cars, power plants, oil production and other sources. In 2009, the EPA under Democratic

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EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin said repealing the “endangerment finding” will save Americans money. RAQUEL CUNHA/REUTERS FILE

