



Palestinians fled their homes in Gaza City on Tuesday. About half a million people are believed to still be sheltering in the city.

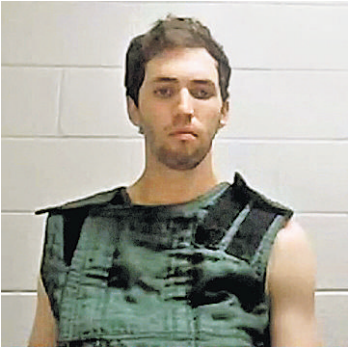
## Utah to Seek Death Penalty In Kirk Killing

This article is by Anna Griffin, Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs and Jack Healy.

PROVO, Utah — Utah prosecutors said on Tuesday that they would seek the death penalty for the man accused of killing the prominent conservative activist Charlie Kirk and that the man had told his partner that he shot Mr. Kirk because he “had enough of his hatred.”

At a news conference, Jeff Gray, the Utah County attorney, also laid out the sequence of events that led to the surrender of the suspect, Tyler Robinson, and the role his own family played.

The killing of Mr. Kirk, 31, while he spoke at a Utah college on Sept. 10, continued to reverberate



Tyler Robinson was charged with aggravated murder during a virtual court hearing.

through national politics. President Trump and his top advisers have threatened to punish what they claim to be a left-wing network that supports violence, and Attorney General Pam Bondi promised to crack down on “hate speech.” After she was criticized for potentially criminalizing speech protected by the First Amendment, she clarified her remarks, saying on social media that she was referring to hate speech that “crosses the line into threats of violence.”

Mr. Robinson, 22, of St. George, Utah, appeared briefly in court on Tuesday via video from jail. Mr. Gray said Mr. Robinson was being charged with aggravated murder, which can bring the death penalty,

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## Screen Idol Who Made Serious Topics Resonate

ROBERT REDFORD, 1936-2025

By BROOKS BARNES

Robert Redford, the big-screen charmer turned Oscar-winning director whose hit movies often helped America make sense of itself and who, offscreen, evangelized for environmental causes and fostered the Sundance-centered independent film movement, died early Tuesday morning at his home in Utah. He was 89.

His death, in the mountains outside Provo, was announced in a statement by Cindi Berger, the chief executive of the publicity firm Rogers & Cowan PMK. She said he had died in his sleep but did not provide a specific cause. He was in “the place he loved surrounded by those he loved,” the statement said.

With a distaste for Hollywood's dumb-it-down approach to moviemaking, Mr. Redford typically demanded that his films carry cultural weight, in many cases making serious topics like grief (familial, societal) and political corruption resonate with audiences, in no small part because of his immense star power. Unlike other stars of his caliber, he took risks by exploring dark and challenging material; while some people might only have seen him as a sun-kissed matinee god, his filmography — like his personal life — contained currents of tragedy and sadness.

As an actor, his biggest films included “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” (1969), with its loving look at rogues in a dying Old West, and “All the President's Men” (1976), about the journalistic pursuit of President Richard M. Nixon in the Watergate era. (Mr. Redford played Bob Woodward and used his clout in Hollywood to bring the book of the same

### Sundance Founder and Environmentalist

name, by Mr. Woodward and Carl Bernstein, to the screen.) In “Three Days of the Condor” (1975), Mr. Redford was an introverted C.I.A. analyst caught in a murderous cat-and-mouse game. “The Sting” (1973), about Depression-era grifters, gave Mr. Redford his first and only Oscar nomi-

nation as an actor.

Mr. Redford was one of Hollywood's preferred leads for decades, whether in comedies, dramas or thrillers; he had range. Studios often sold him as a sex symbol. Although he was a subtle performer with a definite magnetism, his body of work as a romantic leading man owed a great deal to the commanding actresses who were paired with him — Jane Fonda in “Barefoot in the Park” (1967), Barbra Streisand in “The

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Robert Redford in 2013. “I was born with a hard eye,” he later said.

## Intrigue in a Plan to Sell an Icon of Manhattan

This article is by Michael Rothfeld, Maureen Farrell and Jodi Kantor.

For nearly a century, the Pierre has stood as a symbol of opulence overlooking Central Park. Inspired by the Palace of Versailles, it was home to some of the most wealthy and powerful people in one of the most gilded ZIP codes in America.

But by 2023, its stately carpets were fraying, the elevators were breaking down, and the front desk often stood empty. In the minds of

### Claim That Trump Ally Set Up Hotel Deal

its well-heeled residents, the Pierre was falling apart.

Then, a relative newcomer to this landmark on New York's Upper East Side brought hope to his disgruntled neighbors with an idea for fixing up the place. Howard Lutnick, the owner of the Pierre's penthouse and a billionaire who would soon become Presi-

dent Trump's commerce secretary, urged the co-op's board of directors to hire a new manager for the building.

As it happened, Mr. Lutnick at the time ran Newmark Group, a real estate firm, which the board soon retained for advice on how to revamp the property.

But two years after he emerged as a would-be savior, Mr. Lutnick is being blamed by some of his neighbors for instigating a takeover of their beloved building.

The board, under the guidance

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## Israeli Ground Forces Push Into Gaza City, Forcing Many to Flee

### Assault Deepens a Humanitarian Crisis

This article is by Aaron Boxerman, Lara Jakes, Isabel Kershner, Liam Stack and Michael Levenson.

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military launched a long-threatened ground assault to take over Gaza City after a night of intense bombing, sending many residents fleeing on Tuesday from the devastated but still densely populated urban area that is home to hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

The ground operation and the intensifying bombardment deepened the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, which has been shattered by a nearly two-year war that has killed tens of thousands of people and caused rampant hunger. Palestinians in Gaza City described scenes of panic as Israel pounded the area with heavy airstrikes that shook the ground. Local health officials said that more than 20 people had been killed and dozens more wounded.

“We are all terrified,” said Montaser Bahja, a former schoolteacher sheltering in an apartment in western Gaza City near the coast. “Death would be more merciful than what we're living through.”

Israel said the ground operation, which had been building up for weeks, was necessary to free the remaining hostages seized in

the Hamas-led 2023 raid that started the war and to prevent the militants from regrouping and planning future attacks.

It announced the operation on the same day that a United Nations commission investigating the war said that Israel was committing genocide against Palestinians. Israel has vehemently denied the accusation, saying that the target of its military campaign is Hamas, not the Palestinian people. [Page A8.]

But its latest ground operation fueled more international criticism of its conduct in the war.

After stepping up airstrikes in recent days, the Israeli military said on Tuesday that soldiers from three divisions of active duty and reserve troops had begun “expanded ground operations” in Gaza City.

In the coming days, more troops are expected to gradually advance into the city, an Israeli military official said at a briefing with reporters on Tuesday, asserting that at least 2,000 Hamas militants remained there.

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## Terror Charges For Mangione Are Dismissed

By HURUBIE MEKO and JONAH E. BROMWICH

New York State terrorism charges against Luigi Mangione, the defendant in the fatal shooting of UnitedHealthcare's chief executive last year, were dismissed on Tuesday, including a first-degree murder count that could have landed him in prison for the rest of his life.

The judge overseeing the case, Gregory Carro, said he had found the evidence behind the charges “legally insufficient.” Mr. Mangione, 27, also faces federal charges, and is still charged in New York with second-degree murder, for which he faces a sentence of 25 years to life, among nine other counts. Those cases will proceed, though no trial dates have been set.

In charging Mr. Mangione with terrorism, the Manhattan district attorney's office seemed to acknowledge the seismic effect of a shooting that sent shock waves through American society and set off a groundswell of support for a defendant protesting the nation's health care system. But the judge's decision means that while Mr. Mangione may ultimately be proved a murderer, New York's legal system will have nothing to say about the broader implications of his actions.

The decision by Justice Carro is a blow to the district attorney, Alvin L. Bragg. Mr. Bragg had argued that a terrorism charge was warranted because Mr. Mangione had targeted the chief executive, Brian Thompson, in the media capital of the world, Midtown Manhattan, at the beginning of a busy morning, hoping to create a spectacle that would help further his message.

Mr. Bragg described the act as “a frightening, well-planned, targeted murder that was intended to cause shock and attention and intimidation.”

Mr. Mangione's lawyers, led by

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National Guard members are part of a federal crackdown.

## Patrols in D.C. Keeping Agents From Casework

By DEVLIN BARRETT

WASHINGTON — As President Trump's deployment of federal agents in Washington to crack down on street crime enters its second month, the effects are becoming clear. While crime keeps falling, the other investigative work of the F.B.I. is being delayed, frustrating law enforcement officials and leading some to quit.

At the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, a handful of veteran lawyers stepped down recently. The moves quickened the erosion of experience in the office, which was understaffed before Mr. Trump ordered National Guard troops and hundreds of additional federal law enforcement officers to patrol the capital's streets.

At the F.B.I., many agents focused on financial fraud and public corruption now spend two or three nights a week patrolling, significantly slowing the progress of their regular work, including witness interviews, search warrants and planning meetings, according to people familiar with the bureau's priorities. They spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal staffing challenges. Similar delays are also affecting counterintelligence work, these people said.

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