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Rachel Madpis Ben-Dor, a founder of a movement that campaigned for Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon in the 1990s, looks at old newspaper clippings and documents in her Rosh Pina, Israel, home on July 5. SHIR TOREM/REUTERS

Israeli military veterans find Lebanon events too familiar

In occupied zone, shadow of past wars is present

Maayan Lubell
REUTERS

Israeli leaders describe the territory now occupied in Lebanon as a war gain, but some military veterans see the so-called "buffer zone" as a deadly replay of

a doomed strategy they experienced firsthand. Gil Shely recalls being told daily by his commanders in the late 1980s, in what was known then as the southern Lebanon "security strip," that he was protecting Israel's north.

"Looking back, it was all fairy tales," he said. Israel withdrew from that strip in 2000. Its troops are now back, occupying a swath of southern Lebanon about 6 miles deep. The aim, Israel says, is to protect its border towns from Hezbollah, the powerful Iran-backed

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Global childhood vaccination rates climb

Christy Santhosh
REUTERS

Global childhood vaccination rates rose slightly in 2025, yet millions of children remained unprotected against preventable diseases as conflict, funding cuts and growing outbreaks undermined immunization efforts.

According to the latest immunization estimates released by the World Health Organization and UNICEF on July 15, 90% of infants globally, or nearly 116 million, received at least one dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccine, known as DTP, in 2025, while 85% completed all three recommended doses.

"The gains that we are celebrating now at this moment are quite fragile," said UNICEF's global immunization chief, Ephrem Lemango, cautioning that they "can be eroded very easily." The number of "zero-dose" or unvaccinated children fell to 13.5 million in 2025 from 14.2 million in 2024, but was still nearly 4 million higher than the level needed to stay on track to halve the 2019 total by 2030.

Lemango said more than half of the world's unvaccinated children live in conflict-hit countries such as Syria, Yemen, Sudan and Palestine, despite accounting for only about one-third of global births.

WHO said the global funding cuts, which began in early 2025, have not yet shown up in the data but raise

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Some judges ban smart glasses from courtrooms

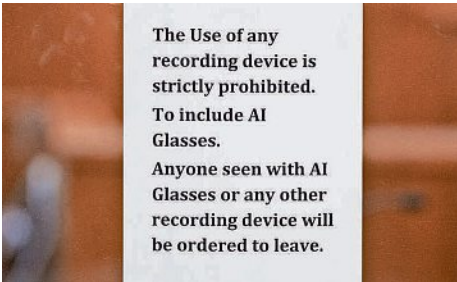
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In February, a California judge interrupted a landmark trial over the impact of social media on children to issue a sharp warning for a newer device: smart glasses. "If your glasses are recording, you must take them off," Judge Carolyn B. Kuhl said, according to The Los Angeles Times. "It is the order of this court that

there must be no facial recognition of the jury. If you have done that, you must delete it. This is very serious." The moment was especially significant because the person on the stand was tech giant Mark Zuckerberg – the inventor of Meta's Ray-Ban glasses, one of the most popular AI glasses on the market. Far from standard frames and lenses, these eyeglasses have built-in cameras, microphones and speakers for recording along with AI features for naviga-

tion, voice commands and phone calls. Since smart glasses began gaining mainstream use, people are recording everything from reckless driving and police encounters to conversations on the street. The glasses do not have facial recognition capabilities, but they can record videos up to 3 minutes long, prompting the California judge's concern that the video captured by the glasses could

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Many Milwaukee County judges have put up signs in their galleries specifically banning the use of AI glasses or other glasses with cameras. HANNAH SCHROEDER/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

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