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Families leave Gaza City after night of bombings



A Palestinian girl holds a child as displaced Palestinians flee amid an Israeli military operation in Gaza City on Aug. 26. EBRAHIM HAJJAJ/REUTERS

Israelis launch day of protests against the war

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REUTERS

CAIRO – More Palestinian families left Gaza City on Aug. 26 after a night of Israeli shelling on its outskirts as Israelis launched a day of nationwide protests calling for hostages to be released and the war in Gaza to end.

Residents said Israeli aerial and tank shelling continued throughout the night and early on Aug. 26 in the eastern Gaza City suburbs of Sabra, Shejaia and Tuffah, as well as in Jabalia to the north, destroying roads and houses.

“Earthquakes, we call it, they want to scare people to leave their homes,” said Ismail, 40, a Gaza City resident.

The Israeli military has said its forces are operating in the area to locate weapons and destroy tunnels used by militants. Despite widespread protests at

home and international condemnation, Israel is preparing to launch a new offensive in Gaza City, in what it describes as Hamas’ last bastion.

Israeli strikes at Nasser Hospital in the southern Gaza Strip on Aug. 25 killed at least 20 people, including journalists working for Reuters, The Associated Press, Al Jazeera and others.

At least 34 people were killed in Israeli strikes in the enclave overnight and on Aug. 26, local health authorities said, including 18 people around Gaza City.

Around half of the enclave’s 2 million people currently live in Gaza City, with several thousand already moved westward, pouring into the heart of the city and along the coast.

Others have ventured south to central Gaza and the coastal area of Al-Muwasi near Khan Younis.

The Aug. 25 attack on Nasser hospi-

tal in Khan Younis killed cameraman Hussam al-Masri, a Reuters contractor, near a live broadcasting position operated by Reuters.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel deeply regretted what he called a “tragic mishap,” but the Israeli military has yet to provide details of the incident.

Israeli ‘Day of Disruption’

Israeli protesters blocked roads in Tel Aviv and elsewhere in the country, holding up pictures of hostages still held in Gaza and calling for the war to end. A rally planned outside Israel’s defense headquarters later on Aug. 26 is expected to draw thousands of people.

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President Donald Trump has moved to fire Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook, accusing her of mortgage fraud. Cook said she will fight her firing. JONATHAN ERNST/REUTERS

Trump announces firing of Fed governor

President’s authority to remove Cook questioned

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President Donald Trump’s announcement that he’s firing Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook is an unprecedented move that could lead to a long legal battle as the president looks to shape the balance of the central bank’s seven-member board in his favor.

The Aug. 25 move raises more questions about the Fed board’s independence, a president’s involvement in monetary policy and credibility in U.S. investments.

“I have determined that there is sufficient cause to remove you from your position,” Trump wrote in a letter to Cook shared on Truth Social, pointing to accusations that Cook made false statements on mortgage agreements.

Cook said Aug. 26 the president lacked the basis and the authority to oust her from the board of the central bank.

Her firing comes amid Trump’s monthslong efforts to influence the central bank’s rate-cut decisions. Trump had previously focused on pressuring Fed Chair Jerome Powell to lower rates through name-calling and termination threats, although the president has since walked back threats to remove the Fed chair.

Cook, in a statement released by her lawyer, said of Trump that “no causes exist under the law, and he has no authority” to remove her from the job she was appointed to by former President Joe Biden in 2022.

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Judge’s ruling requires hearing for Abrego Garcia

Lawyers file suit challenging deportation

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USA TODAY

Lawyers for Maryland resident Kilmar Abrego Garcia and prosecutors seeking to expel him from the country faced a deadline Aug. 26 to provide a federal judge with a timeline for hearings on the widely watched case.

District Judge Paula Xinis ruled Aug. 25 that the government cannot deport Abrego Garcia for a second time until she holds a hearing on a lawsuit challenging his deportation. Xinis stressed

that the government was “absolutely forbidden at this juncture” from removing Abrego Garcia from the United States.

It has been a whirlwind few days for Abrego Garcia, who has spent more than five months in detention, including time at a notorious prison in his native El Salvador. On Aug. 22, he was released from criminal custody in Tennessee and returned to his home in Beltsville, Maryland.

On Aug. 25, he was detained again after reporting to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Baltimore. ICE officials claimed they wanted him to check in for an interview. His lawyer, Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg,



Kilmar Abrego Garcia and his wife, Jennifer Vasquez Sura, attend a prayer vigil before he enters a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office in Baltimore Aug. 25. ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY IMAGES

said ICE officials detained Abrego Garcia within a minute of his arrival.

Hours later, Abrego Garcia’s lawyers filed the federal lawsuit seeking to ensure their client was not shipped out of the country without a hearing.

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