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Suspect in Kirk shooting charged

Bondi vows crackdown on hate speech

Thao Nguyen, Jeanine Santucci, Christopher Cann, N'dea Yancey-Bragg USAFIBIDAirrector Kash Patel began testifying before Congress on Sept. 16 regarding the bureau's investigation into conservative activist Charlie Kirk's death.

Tyler Robinson, 22, is accused of shooting Kirk during a public appearance on Sept. 10 at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. Robinson was arrested Sept. 11 on probable cause of felony charges of aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm, and obstruction of justice in Utah County court. He is being held without bail in a Utah jail.

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox told ABC News' "This Week" on Sept. 14 that Robinson has not been cooperating with au-

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thorities, but that "the people around him are."

At a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing Sept. 16, Patel defended the work of his agency in tracking down Kirk's suspected shooter.

He credited his team for releasing photos and video of the suspect quickly, and quoted Robinson's father: "When I saw that video that you released, I recognized that it was my son, and I confronted him."

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At a Sept. 16 Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, FBI Director Kash Patel defended the work of his agency in tracking down a suspect in the fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk. JOSH MORGAN/USA TODAY

Israel launches Gaza ground assault



Smoke billows amid Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip on Sept. 16. Israel launched its ground assault on Gaza City before dawn, shortly after Secretary of State Marco Rubio's visit expressing robust support for the offensive. MENAHEM KAHANA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Rubio offers U.S. support; U.N. probe says Israel has committed genocide

Steven Scheer and Nidal al-Mughrabi

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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

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."

Bodies trapped under rubble, thousands flee

In launching the assault, Israel's government defied European leaders threatening sanctions and warnings from even some of Israel's own military commanders that it could be a costly mistake.

President Donald Trump sided with Israel, telling reporters at the White House that Hamas would have "hell to pay" if it used hostages as

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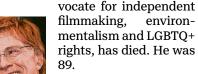
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Legendary actor supported indie films

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Redford

Robert Redford, the legendary leading man with boyish good looks and charm who used his star power to ad-



Redford Sept. 16, at his home at Sundance, Utah, "the place he loved, sur-

rounded by those he loved. He will be missed greatly," his representative, Cindi Berger, told USA TODAY in a statement. "The family requests privacy."

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