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Israel expects 20 living hostages to be freed

CEASEFIRE DEAL | After living hostages received, Palestinian detainees to be freed.

By SARAH EL DEEB, SAMY MAGDY AND MELANIE LIDMAN
The Associated Press
CAIRO — Hamas on Monday released a list of the 20 living hostages it will release as part of the Israel-Hamas war ceasefire.

The list of names come as hostages and Palestinians prisoners were expected to be released Monday as part of U.S. President Donald Trump's trip to Israel and Egypt to mark the ceasefire.
The International Committee of

the Red Cross is expected to oversee the releases, which will include nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners. "In a few hours, we will all be reunited," Israel's military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, said in a statement. "The war is over," Trump told reporters, adding he thought the ceasefire would hold. He said he would be "proud" to visit Gaza.

Living hostages
Israeli government spokesperson Shosh Bedrosian said all 20 living hostages were expected to be released at one time to the Red Cross, then driven to a military base to reunite with families or, if needed, immediately to a hospital. After the hostages are freed, Israel was ready to release about 2,000 Palestinian detainees and receive

the 28 hostages believed to be dead. An international task force will start working to locate deceased hostages who are not returned within 72 hours, said Gal Hirsch, Israel's coordinator for the hostages and the missing. "The reality is, some of the hostages we may never get back," Vice President JD Vance told Fox News. See > **HOSTAGES, A6**

Refugee policy, travel ban strand Washington-bound family in Qatar

LEGAL LIMBO | Hoping to rejoin daughter, fearful of forced return to Afghanistan.



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By ALEXANDRA YOON-HENDRICKS
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Stranded in Qatar, an Afghan mother, father and their three children dream of the Seattle area. They dream of a pathway to higher education for their younger daughter, a chance for their youngest son to learn about

computers and engineering. They dream of exploring the Pacific Northwest, its lush evergreen forests and watery vistas. Most of all, they dream of reuniting with their eldest daughter, P, who has made Tacoma her home. Four years ago, that daughter — who asked to be named only by an

initial for fear her military status threatens the safety of relatives still in Afghanistan — fled Kabul with her husband. It was just days before the collapse of the Afghanistan government and the Taliban's recapture of the capital. The couple flew to the Seattle area and have since built a quiet but fortunate life here. They

joined the military, became naturalized U.S. citizens. In May, they welcomed their first child. But P remains tormented by the thought of what will become of her family who remain abroad and in peril, she said. In December, P believed her family's days of living in fear were See > **STRANDED, A11**

Vance warns of deeper cuts in federal workforce

By STEVE PEOPLES
The Associated Press
Vice President JD Vance on Sunday said there will be deeper cuts to the federal workforce the longer the government shutdown goes on, adding to the uncertainty facing hundreds of thousands who are already furloughed without pay amid the stubborn stalemate in Congress. Vance warned that as the federal shutdown entered its 12th day, the new cuts would be "painful," even as he said the Trump administration worked to ensure that the military is paid this week and some services would be preserved for low-income Americans, including food assistance. Still, hundreds of thousands of government workers have been furloughed in recent days and, in a court filing on Friday, the Office of Management and Budget said well over 4,000 federal employees would soon be fired in conjunction with the shutdown. The effects of the shutdown also grew Sunday with the Smithsonian announcing its See > **SHUTDOWN, A6**

PROJECT HOMELESS

Harrell's claim of thousands of new housing units disputed

By GREG KIM
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Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell is seeking reelection partly based on the claim he's responsible for adding 3,000 emergency housing units, which he has referred to in ads and debates. But a deeper look reveals that's an embellishment. During his 2021 campaign, Harrell promised to add 2,000 units of shelter and supportive housing for homeless people. He later said after entering office that he would "identify" 2,000 units. He says about 2,000 units have opened during his term so far and another 1,000 are in the works. But he is counting housing units that were funded during his predecessor's tenure as well as during his, claiming responsibility for two mayoral terms worth of added housing. And the city's total number See > **HARRELL, A11**

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES Game 1 | Mariners 3, Blue Jays 1



Humpy the salmon, Mariner Moose and a lot of happy fans in Seattle celebrate M's win

By ALEX HALVERSON
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About an hour before first pitch, thunder roared through downtown Seattle. Roughly 90 minutes after first pitch, a similar roar could be heard across the street from T-Mobile Park. Mariners fans packed Victory Hall, an event venue attached to Hatback Bar & Grille, on Sunday for a watch party of Game 1 of the American League Championship Series between the Mariners and the Toronto Blue Jays. The beer was flowing, the smell of fried food

wafted in from food trucks outside and fans dutifully cheered and booed when they were supposed to. Then Cal Raleigh hit a home run in the sixth inning. Pandemonium broke out. "MVP" chants soon followed. As the Blue Jays pulled their pitcher, fans in Victory Hall danced to "Swag Surfin'" and the Mariner

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Tim Tiang and Tito Valdez celebrate Sunday at Victory Hall across the street from T-Mobile Park after the Mariners take the lead.

Moose ran through the venue with the Mariners new de facto mascot Humpy the salmon not far behind. By the time everyone caught

their breath, the Mariners had snatched the lead outright, after trailing since the bottom of the first See > **MARINERS, A7**

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