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## PFIZER

with low incomes, already pay a nominal co-payment of a few dollars to fill their prescriptions, but lower prices could help state budgets that fund the programs.

Lower drug prices also will help patients who have no insurance coverage and little leverage to negotiate better deals on what they pay. But even steep discounts of 50% found through the administration's website could still leave patients paying hundreds of dollars a month for some prescriptions.

Drugmakers in the past couple of years have started launching websites to connect customers directly with some products, such as obesity treatments or the blood thinner Eliquis.

But Dusetzina said selling drugs like that directly to consumers will help only a small number of people.

"Theoretically there are some who will benefit, but in general this is not a solution for lowering drug prices," she said.

Besides committing to lowering costs, Trump said, Pfizer agreed to spend $70 billion in domestic manufacturing facilities, becoming the latest in a string of major drugmakers to announce plans to build production in the United States.

The White House did not immediately release details about the investment, but Pfizer said in a statement that the outlay would be dedicated to U.S. research, development and capital projects in the next few years.

Trump has been talking for months about the need to lower drug prices and to boost U.S. drug manufacturing. To persuade companies to strike deals, Trump said he threatened to impose tariffs — a favorite tool of his to use as leverage across all areas of government — but that move could raise drug prices.

Trump said the tariff threat put the government in "a pretty good negotiating position," and said, "This is something that most people said was not doable."

One thing that is not doable, however, was Trump's repeated claim that it would cut drug prices by more than 100%, "14, 15, 1,000% reductions in some cases," he said.

A 100% reduction would make the drugs free. Cuts greater than that would essentially mean people are paid to take the drugs.

Trump sent letters in late July to executives at 17 pharmaceutical companies about changes he would like to see. Copies of the letters posted on social media note that U.S. prices for brand-name drugs can be up to three times higher than averages elsewhere.

The letters called for drugmakers to commit by Monday to offering what Pfizer agreed to: most-favored nation pricing to Medicaid and new medications.

Trump also asked drugmakers to offer the lower pricing levels for drugs sold directly to consumers and businesses.

Trump has claimed that the U.S., with its higher drug prices, subsidizes care in other countries.

While Trump was focusing on drug costs on Tuesday, Democrats were focused on reversing Medicaid cuts in the sweeping law he signed this summer.

They were pushing for that reversal to be included in a measure to fund the government in the short term, along with an extension of tax cuts that make health insurance premiums more affordable for people who purchase coverage through Affordable Care Act marketplaces.

Republicans have said they won't negotiate.

Associated Press

Israeli troops patrol Tuesday near the Gaza border in southern Israel.

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## ISRAEL

Palestinians would be under international governance through a so-called "Board of Peace," headed by Trump and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

### More discussion needed

Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said the 20 points announced by the U.S. "are principles ... that require detailed discussion and how to work through them."

Speaking to the Qatar-based TV network Al Jazeera, he pointed to the issue of the Israeli troop withdrawal from Gaza, saying it "requires clarification."

The plan's text said Israeli troops would withdraw only as an international security force is able to replace them. It also indicated Israel would keep control of a band of territory around Gaza's perimeter.

In a statement Monday night, Qatar, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other countries backing the plan said they wanted to work out a final version that includes a "full Israeli withdrawal," as well as a clear path to a Palestinian state that integrates the Gaza Strip and West Bank — something Netanyahu's government fiercely opposes.

The Arab officials who spoke to the AP expressed frustration with the White House's 20 points. "This is not what we agreed on," said one. "This is the Netanyahu plan."

### Palestinians are skeptical

Many Palestinians in the decimated coastal enclave are wary of the proposal. To some, the international governance smacked of the colonial British Mandate that ruled Palestine from 1920 to 1948.

"They want to impose their own peace," Umm Mohammed, a history teacher who sheltered with her family in Gaza City, said. "In fact, this is not a peace plan. It's a surrender plan. It returns us to times of colonialism."

Mahmoud Abu Bakeer, a displaced Palestinian from Rafah, said the proposal implements Israel's demands without giving concessions.

"(The proposal) tells that we, as Palestinians, as Arabs, are not qualified to rule ourselves and that they, the white people, will rule us," he said.

### Families of hostages see hope

Families of Israeli hostages still held by Hamas were torn between heightened hopes and a realism that past signs of progress have fallen apart. Hamas is thought to be holding 48 hostages, 20 of whom are believed by Israel to be alive — and under the plan, they would be freed within 72 hours of both sides' accepting the deal.

"For two years now, I have been waiting for Elkana, my husband, in endless pain," said Rivka Bohbot, wife of hostage Elkana Bohbot, in a statement released by the Hostages and Missing Families Forum.

"Now I demand that these impressive words be turned into even greater and more impressive actions — actions that bring the hostages home," she said.

Israelis visiting a memorial for the music festival where 364 people were killed during the Hamas attack on Oct. 7, 2023, expressed skepticism.

"Everyone pins their hopes on (Trump)," said Amit Zander, whose daughter, Noa Zander, was killed at the festival. "It's up to Hamas. Israel wants it, and beyond that, it's no longer in our hands."

JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ / Associated Press

Medical workers load a resident into an ambulance as others stay outside buildings on Tuesday after a strong earthquake struck Cebu City, central Philippines.

WORLD

# Strong earthquake kills at least 31 in Philippines

Residents still recovering from a storm that battered region just three days ago.

Jim Gomez
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — An offshore earthquake of magnitude 6.9 collapsed walls of houses and buildings late Tuesday in a central Philippine province, killing at least 31 people, injuring many others and sending residents scrambling out of homes into darkness as the intense shaking cut off power, officials said.

The epicenter of the earthquake, which was set off by movement in a local fault at a depth of three miles, was about 12 miles northeast of Bogo, a coastal city of about 90,000 people in Cebu province where at least 14 residents died, disaster-mitigation officer Rex Ygot told The Associated Press by telephone.

The death toll in Bogo was expected to rise. Workers were trying to transport a backhoe to hasten search and rescue efforts in a cluster of shanties in a mountain village hit by a landslide and boulders, he said.

"It's hard to move in the area because there are hazards," Glenn Ursal, another disaster-mitigation officer told The AP, adding some survivors were brought to a hospital.

At least 12 residents, mostly belonging to small families, died when they were hit by falling ceilings and walls of their houses, some while sleeping, in Medellin town near Bogo, Gemma Villamor, who heads the town's disaster-mitigation office, told The AP.

In San Remigio town, also near Bogo, five people, consisting of three coast guard personnel, a firefighter and a child, were killed separately by collapsing walls while trying to flee to safety from a basketball game that was disrupted by the quake, the town's vice mayor, Alfie Reynes, told the DZMM radio network.

Reynes appealed for food and water, saying San Remigio's water system was damaged by the earthquake.

Aside from houses in Bogo, the quake damaged a fire station and concrete and asphalt roads, firefighter Rey Cañete said.

"We were in our barracks to retire for the day when the ground started to shake and we rushed out but stumbled to the ground because of the intense shaking," Cañete told The AP, adding that he and three other firemen sustained cuts and bruises.

A concrete wall in their fire station collapsed, Cañete said. He and fellow firefighters provided first-aid to at least three residents, who were injured by falling debris and collapsed walls.

Hundreds of terrified residents gathered in the darkness in a grassy field near the fire station and refused to return home hours after the earthquake struck in Bogo. Several business establishments visibly sustained damages and the asphalt and concrete roads where they passed had deep cracks, Cañete said, adding that an old Catholic church in Daanbantayan town near Bogo was also damaged.

Cebu Gov. Pamela Baricuatro said the extent of the damage and injuries in Bogo and outlying towns in the northern section of the province would not be known until daytime. "It could be worse than we think," he said in a video message posted on Facebook.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology briefly issued a tsunami warning and advised people to stay away from the coastline in Cebu and in the nearby provinces of Leyte and Biliran due to possible waves of up to three feet.

Teresito Bacolcol, director of the institute, said the tsunami warning was later lifted with no unusual waves monitored.

Cebu and other provinces were still recovering from a storm that battered the central region on Friday, leaving at least 27 people dead mostly due to drownings and falling trees, knocking out power in entire cities and towns and forcing the evacuation of tens of thousands of people.

The Philippines is often hit by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The archipelago is also lashed by about 20 typhoons and storms each year.

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## STARMER

popularity has plummeted. The party promised economic growth, but has struggled to deliver. Inflation remains stubbornly high, and the economic outlook subdued, frustrating efforts to repair tattered public services and ease the cost of living.

Treasury chief Rachel Reeves said Monday that wars in Ukraine and the Middle East and U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs have caused "harsh global headwinds," and hard economic choices loom when she sets out her budget in November.

Starmer cautioned Tuesday that tough economic choices "will keep on coming."

Against that gloomy backdrop, Labour's annual conference — motto: "Renew Britain" — has been dominated by conversations about how to fight Reform. Farage's party has topped opinion polls for months, ahead of both Labour and the main opposition Conservatives, despite holding just five of the 650 seats in the House of Commons.

### Farage has echoes of MAGA

Farage's anti-establishment, anti-immigration message, with its echoes of Trump's MAGA movement, has homed in on the issue of thousands of migrants in small boats arriving in Britain across the English Channel. More than 30,000 people have made the dangerous crossing from France so far this year despite efforts by authorities in Britain, France and other countries to crack down on people smuggling gangs.

Farage has vowed to deport everyone arriving by small boat and go even farther, stripping the right to remain in the U.K. from many legal residents.

Starmer said on the weekend that such a policy would be "racist" and "immoral." He also has expressed alarm that a march organized by anti-immigration campaigner and convicted fraudster Tommy Robinson attracted more than 100,000 people in London this month.

In a sweeping hourlong speech, Starmer set out his vision for a government he said would marshal public and private investment to rebuild crumbling infrastructure, restore public services, improve education, build new homes and revive British industries from steelworks to data centers.

Stepping into culture wars territory that can be uncomfortable for Labour, he said people should be proud to fly national flags "as we celebrate difference and oppose racism."

He said it was a "reasonable demand" for people to want secure borders and to end unauthorized immigration, something his government has struggled to do so far.

"But there is a line, a moral line, and it isn't just Farage who crosses it," he said. "Controlling migration is a reasonable goal, but if you throw bricks and smash up private property that is not legitimate, that is thuggery.

"If you incite racist violence and hatred, that's not expressing concern, it's criminal."

Farage accused Starmer of calling Reform supporters racist "by implication," and called the speech "an absolute disgrace."

Starmer's speech — unusually passionate for a politician known for his managerial approach — got an enthusiastic response from his Labour audience, and may quell doubts about his leadership for now.

"I think it was just what we needed," said Jeanette Banks, a delegate from St. Helens, near Liverpool. "We need to call out the division in our society."

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10/10/2025 at 11 A.M.
Inside the Main Entrance of the Boney Courthouse
303 K Street, Anchorage, AK 99501
Property Address:
3182 Prescott Circle, Anchorage, AK 99504
Lot 2 Block 5 College Village East Subdivision, Addition No. 1
4 bd 2 ba 1968 sq ft
This property is not available for viewing prior to sale
Tax Assessed Value: $347,900.00
OPENING BID AMOUNT: $116,049.34
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at 907-261-6352, Northrim Bank,
NMLS #430464, servicing agent for AHFC
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23550 S Rangeview Drive, Trapper Creek, AK 99683
Lot 13 Blk 2, Rangeview S/D
1 bd 1 ba 1254 sq ft
This property is not available for viewing prior to sale
Tax Assessed Value: $142,600
OPENING BID AMOUNT: $83,727.57
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Property is sold "as is, where is,"
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# My girlfriend loves whiskey and other men

ERIC THOMAS
ASKING ERIC

**Q. Dear Eric:** I'm a 64-year-old male and I have a 59-year-old girlfriend of a couple years. My perception is that my girlfriend is constantly seeking attention from other men. For instance, we were out on an ATV ride with another couple and a third man. Our ride brought us through many miles of back country. We stopped at a bar/restaurant to use the facilities.

My girlfriend goes into the bar, and she's in there for a while. I stayed outside and talked with the other guys we were with. She finally comes out and admits that she was talking to a couple of guys and had a shot of whiskey "to check market prices." Seriously? I'm supposed to believe that she couldn't have just asked the price?

Later in the day, we stopped, just the two of us, at another bar/restaurant and had something to eat. After I settled the check, I decided to use the restroom. I leave the restroom, and she is nowhere to be seen, so I go outside and interrupt a conversation between her and some random guy on the deck by himself drinking. There was an immediate awkward pause on the guy's part, and she blurts out "That's his bike." My tastes run to Harleys, which I have a couple of, and his bike was just another cheaper imitation rice bike.

Then on the way home she tells me how her niece has been trying to set up a girls' night, including her at a local bar, kind of rubbing me know, presumably so she can say "I told you ..." Clearly, I have a problem with this but I'm trying to keep an open mind. You know what they say, intimacy doesn't begin in the bedroom. So, I know what I think I should do but I'm looking for an outsider's perspective.

*— Being Taken for a Ride*

**A. Dear Ride:** Look, there may be something else going on here that I'm not seeing, but I think the message you need to take away from this gut check is not that your girlfriend is necessarily doing something inappropriate but that you're not feeling secure about the relationship. This isn't a personal failing; you're allowed to feel the way you feel. But the response may be a different one than you're thinking of.

While you can end things, as you seem to be suggesting, consider first talking to her at a neutral time about the state of your relationship and what you think it might be lacking. Try to use "I" statements, like "I would like to be closer" or "I don't feel like we've been in sync recently." Then try to lay out what happened and how you felt about it without accusations. "You were talking to guys and 'checking the market price' of the whiskey, and that was confusing to me." Ask her if she can see where you're coming from and why it might make you feel less uncertain. But also listen to her response and see if you can see where she's coming from.

You don't have to be OK with how things are going, but from the instances you've described, it may be less that she's interested in other men and more that she's interested in other drinks.

**Q.** Dear Eric: I just had my 93rd birthday, so have been on Medicare for some years. But I recently ran across something different. My newest doctor — a podiatrist — told me first that she would give me only token care since she got only a token payment. Then a second time she said I could pay her the difference and get full treatment. Is this right morally and legally?

*— Do No Harm*

**A. Dear Do No Harm:** Find someone new, if you can. Maybe this podiatrist is a poor communicator — one might say she put her foot in her mouth. Or she's trying to hoodwink you — pulling your leg? According to Medicare.gov, doctors can bill patients for out-of-pocket costs if they don't accept Medicare assignment, so it's possible that's what she was trying to convey. But good communication is key to a successful medical relationship. As a patient, you shouldn't have to decipher what she's saying or feel you're being backed into a corner to receive care. It's in your best interest to find someone with whom you can communicate clearly.

Reach out to your state medical board to express your concern about this treatment and get clarity. You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE to get help filing a complaint or to ask questions. If you need help navigating other doctor visits or managing prescriptions, your state or local commission on aging can direct you to a patient advocate who is trained to work with seniors and can navigate the Medicare system. Hopefully your next doctor steps up their game.

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# WEATHER

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## 3-DAY FORECAST

**Today** — Mostly Cloudy — 56°

**Tonight** — Mostly Cloudy — 45°

**Thursday** — Partly Cloudy — 53° 37°

**Friday** — Partly Cloudy — 48° 36°

## AURORA REPORT

Today's activity level: low
Where: Weather permitting, low-level displays will be visible overhead from Chugiak to Fairbanks and visible low on the northern horizon from as far south as Anchorage and Homer.

## ANCHORAGE ALMANAC

Statistics are for Anchorage International Airport through 5 p.m. Yesterday

**Temperatures**

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|---|---|
| High | 55° |
| Low | 41° |
| Previous high | 54° in 1979 |
| Record low | 18° in 1954 |
| Normal high | 47° |
| Normal low | 35° |
| Humidity at 5 p.m. | 82% |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Precip. in 24 hrs. ending 5 p.m. | 0.00" |
| Precip. this month to date | 1.49" |
| Precip. normal month to date | 0.55" |
| Precip. since Jan. 1 | 14.48" |
| Precip. normal year to date | 12.80" |

**Daylight**

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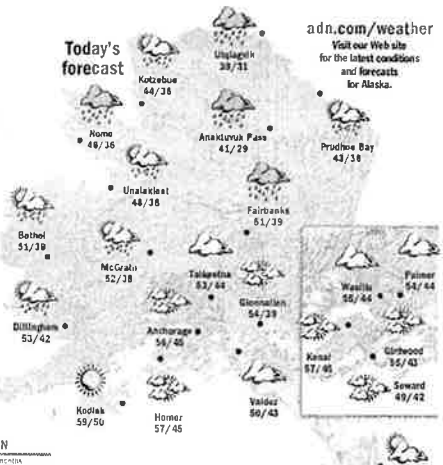
| Sunrise | 8:19 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:07 p.m. |
| Total daylight | 10 hr. 42 min. 1 sec |
| Loss | 5 min. 29 sec |

## Today's forecast




## VALLEY/KENAI

Statistics through 5 p.m. yesterday

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|---|---|
| **Wasilla** | |
| High | 54° |
| Low | 41° |
| Normal high | 47° |
| Normal low | 34° |
| Precip. last 24 hrs. | 0.00" |
| Precip. month to date | 1.18" |
| **Palmer** | |
| High | 53° |
| Low | 39° |
| Normal high | 46° |
| Normal low | 29° |
| Precip. last 24 hrs. | 0.00" |
| Precip. month to date | 0.90" |
| **Kenai** | |
| High | 54° |
| Low | 41° |
| Normal high | 48° |
| Normal low | 32° |
| Precip. last 24 hrs. | 0.00" |
| Precip. month to date | 0.95" |

## PRECIPITATION

Total precipitation (inches) Actual Normal

## STATE SUMMARY

Today we will see mostly cloudy to cloudy skies with occasional rain and showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. Expect partly to mostly cloudy skies Thursday with scattered showers and rain, highs ranging from the 30s to the 50s.

## MOON PHASES

| Oct. 13 Last | Oct. 21 New | Oct. 29 First | Nov. 5 Full |
|---|---|---|---|

| | Today | Tomorrow |
|---|---|---|
| Moonrise | 4:42 p.m. | 5:40 p.m. |
| Moonset | 11:35 a.m. | 1:42 p.m. |

## LAST WEEK'S TEMPERATURE TREND

Normal high — Normal low

| | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su | Mo | Tu |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Actual | 50 | 63 | 54 | 53 | 48 | 51 | 55 |
| Normal | 42 | 42 | 41 | 44 | 44 | 45 | 41 |

## TIDES

Anchorage

| Today | Time | Height |
|---|---|---|
| Low | 3:08 a.m. | -2.3 |
| High | 8:43 a.m. | 31.9 |
| Low | 3:15 p.m. | 1.2 |
| High | 6:37 p.m. | 33.6 |
| **Tomorrow** | **Time** | **Height** |
| Low | 3:53 a.m. | -2.1 |
| High | 9:18 a.m. | 31.3 |
| Low | 3:53 p.m. | 2.2 |
| High | 9:14 p.m. | 33.5 |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Tomorrow Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 74/62/pc | 70/52/mc |
| Boston | 69/49/sh | 57/40/s |
| Chicago | 61/48/pc | 62/49/s |
| Cleveland | 61/47/mc | 62/42/pc |
| Dallas | 80/61/pc | 81/61/s |
| Denver | 76/44/s | 81/53/pc |
| Detroit | 60/42/s | 63/43/s |
| Honolulu | 89/75/sh | 87/76/pc |
| Houston | 92/71/pc | 91/67/s |
| Kansas City | 76/52/s | 72/51/pc |
| Las Vegas | 89/68/s | 88/64/pc |
| Los Angeles | 78/59/mc | 76/61/s |
| Miami | 87/76/sh | 86/72/sh |
| Minneapolis | 64/45/s | 61/56/pc |
| New Orleans | 87/72/sh | 85/71/s |
| New York | 71/55/s | 61/43/s |
| Philadelphia | 70/47/pc | 62/43/s |
| Phoenix | 100/78/s | 91/80/mc |
| Pittsburgh | 67/42/pc | 63/38/s |
| Portland | 62/47/pc | 65/51/mc |
| Salt Lake City | 70/45/s | 62/43/s |
| San Diego | 75/64/mc | 75/64/mc |
| San Francisco | 71/56/pc | 65/56/s |
| Seattle | 60/49/s | 61/51/pc |
| Tampa | 91/74/s | 90/73/pc |
| Washington, D.C. | 71/47/s | 63/43/s |

## ALASKA CITIES

| City | Yesterday Hi/Lo/W | Today Hi/Lo/W | Tomorrow Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|
| Akiak | [illegible] | 50/42/sh | 50/41/mc |
| Barrow | 50/46/fg | 55/38/sh | 48/35/mc |
| Bethel | 56/41/pc | 55/42/s | 52/41/mc |
| Cordova | 55/38/s | 51/47/mc | 52/40/sh |
| Fairbanks | 47/39/mc | 53/31/sh | 43/31/sh |
| Gulkana | 51/32/s | 47/38/s | 45/26/sh |
| Homer | 54/48/s | 53/42/sh | 51/35/pc |
| Juneau | 62/47/pc | 63/47/mc | 52/38/mc |
| Kodiak | 61/50/sh | 55/43/mc | 52/46/pc |
| Kotzebue | 48/42/sh | 51/31/sh | 44/34/sh |
| McGrath | 47/31/mc | 52/34/sh | 44/31/mc |
| Nome | 51/38/s | 54/39/mc | 50/29/sh |
| Sitka | 51/33/s | 55/44/pc | 50/29/sh |
| Tok | 45/29/s | 47/33/s | 45/31/sh |
| Valdez | 50/43/s | 50/37/s | 46/30/sh |
| Yakutat | 55/38/s | 55/44/pc | 50/36/s |

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## DRUG WAR

for the Venezuela Affairs Unit from 2018 to 2023, served under Trump's first term and under President Joe Biden. He told The Associated Press that ongoing American strikes on boats in the Caribbean may ultimately hinder counternarcotics efforts. By ruffling the feathers of longtime American allies in the region like Colombia, Story said, the strikes likely "hurt our ability to gather intelligence" from allies to crack down on drug trafficking organizations.

"If they believe that the intelligence they provide us will result in what some could describe as an extrajudicial killing, and nobody here is sympathetic to the plight of drug traffickers ... that puts us in a pretty bad spot," Story said. "It puts us in contravention with international law and it undermines our ability to work in the hemisphere."

Meanwhile, frustration with the Trump administration has been growing on Capitol Hill among members of both major political parties. Some Republicans are seeking more information from the White House on the legal justification and details of the strikes. Democrats contend the strikes violate U.S. and international law.

*Following Tuesday's strike, Jorge Rodríguez, president of Venezuela's National Assembly and a close ally of President Nicolás Maduro, called on the press to combat U.S. "lies" that are being used to justify a possible invasion.*

The Senate last week voted on a war powers resolution that would have barred the Trump administration from conducting the strikes unless Congress specifically authorized them, but it failed to pass.

In a memo to Congress that was obtained by The Associated Press, the Trump administration said it had "determined that the United States is in a non-international armed conflict with these designated terrorist organizations" and that Trump directed the Pentagon to "conduct operations against them pursuant to the law of armed conflict."

The Trump administration has yet to provide underlying evidence to lawmakers proving that the boats targeted by the U.S. military were in fact carrying narcotics, according to two U.S. officials familiar with the matter who were not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

### Congressman says Trump's authority in this matter is limited

California Sen. Adam Schiff, a Democrat who last week pushed the vote on the Venezuela resolution, said in a post on X that the president's authority to respond to an armed attack or the threat of one was limited and did not apply.

"These continued strikes — 27 killed to date — risk getting the U.S. into a full fledged war," Schiff said. He said he would push for another vote if the strikes continue.

The strikes followed a buildup of U.S. maritime forces in the Caribbean unlike any seen in recent times.

Following Tuesday's strike, Jorge Rodriguez, president of Venezuela's National Assembly and a close ally of President Nicolás Maduro, called on the press to combat U.S. "lies" that are being used to justify a possible invasion.

The government had convened foreign media and dozens of leaders of local media outlets for Rodriguez's message.

"The objective is not the search for the truth and much less fighting drug trafficking," Rodriguez said. It's about "looking for the way to have an excuse for aggression."

"We're not asking you to make up anything, but rather to defend the truth," he said.

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## GAZA

they will be identified and the families notified.

This latest transfer of remains comes a day after Israel received the bodies of four other dead hostages. Despite the development, it was unclear if the Israeli military agency known as COGAT will follow through with its decision to allow into Gaza only half of the 600 aid trucks called for under the deal.

The United Nations' humanitarian office in famine-stricken Gaza received word of the humanitarian aid cuts from the Israeli military agency in charge of transferring aid to the territory, according to spokesperson Olga Cherevko. U.S. officials were also notified, according to three Associated Press sources who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the matter.

U.S. President Donald Trump expressed concern in a social media post that too few of the dead hostages have been returned. He made no mention of Israel halving the flow of aid into the territory.

Trump also warned Hamas that if "they don't disarm, we will disarm them."

A day earlier, Israelis celebrated the return of the last 20 living hostages in Gaza and Palestinians rejoiced at Israel's release of some 2,000 prisoners and detainees as part of the ceasefire's first phase.

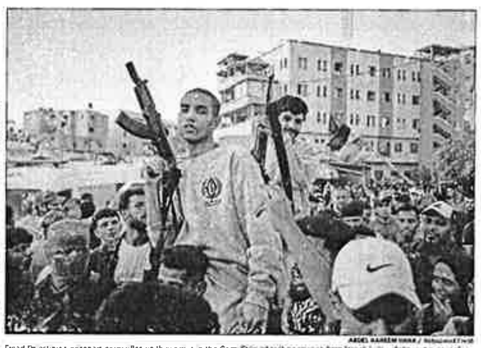
### Families of hostages express dismay

Hamas and the Red Cross have said that recovering the remains of dead hostages is a challenge because of Gaza's destruction, and Hamas told mediators of the deal that some are in areas controlled by Israeli troops.

The U.S.-proposed ceasefire plan called for all hostages living and dead to be handed over within 72 hours, meaning on Monday. But it provided a mechanism if that didn't happen, saying Hamas should share information about deceased hostages and "exert maximum effort" to carry out the handover as soon as possible.

Families of hostages and their supporters expressed dismay that only four of the 28 bodies were returned on Monday. The Hostages Family Forum, representing many families, called it a "blatant violation of the agreement by Hamas."

The top official in Israel coordinating the return of hostages and the missing, Gal Hirsch, told the families in a note that pressure was being applied on Hamas through mediators to expedite the process. A copy of the note was seen by the AP and its authenticity was confirmed by someone with knowledge of the statement.



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Freed Palestinian prisoners carry rifles as they arrive in the Gaza Strip after their release from Israeli jails — following a ceasefire agreement between Hamas and Israel — outside Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, on Monday.

### Israel confirms identities of returned hostages

On Tuesday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office confirmed the identity of the four dead hostages returned on Monday: Guy Illouz from Israel, Bipin Joshi from Nepal, Cpl. Daniel Peretz and Yossi Sharabi.

Illouz was abducted from a music festival, Joshi from a bomb shelter and Sharabi from Be'eri Kibbutz during the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led attack that ignited the war.

Israel said Illouz died of his wounds without proper medical treatment, while Joshi was killed in the war's first months.

Families left waiting expressed concern.

Ella Haimi said she didn't know if the body of her husband, Tal, would be returned by Hamas in a few hours, days or ever. "I am afraid they will stop the return," she said. Tal Haimi was killed while defending his kibbutz during the 2023 attack.

### Long journey to recovery

The freed Israeli hostages were in medical care, and some families said it would be weeks before the men could go home.

Dalia Cusnir-Horn said brother-in-law Eitan Horn had lost more than 40% of his body weight after receiving very little food in the last few months. The physical toll was only part of the trauma, she said.

"He's just learning now ... friends he knew that were murdered, and he had no clue how many people were kidnapped on that day and what this country went through, and it's overwhelming and it's hard," Cusnir-Horn said.

Moshe Levi spoke of brother-in-law Omri Miran's elation at playing with his young daughters — one less than a year old when her father was taken hostage.

"He could feel like he's a father again," Levi said.

### Palestinian prisoners allege mistreatment

In the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza, where hundreds of prisoners and detainees were released, several were taken to hospitals.

Morad Barakat, medical director of the Palestine Medical Complex in Ramallah, said the facility received 14 men and discharged all but two.

Doctors said their conditions suggested they "were subjected to severe beatings, reflecting the extent of the violence they endured," said Imed al-Shami, a resident doctor at the hospital.

Kamal Abu Shanab, who was released after more than 18 years, said beatings caused his shoulder to tear. "For eight months, I wasn't given even a pill for the pain," he said.

AP could not independently verify the claims. Israel's Prison Service said it was unaware of such claims.

Nasser Hospital in Gaza said the Red Cross transferred the bodies of 45 Palestinians to its morgue. The bodies were the first of an expected 450 to arrive.

### Long-term challenges for lasting peace

Difficult questions remain about Gaza's future, including whether Hamas will disarm and who will govern and help rebuild the territory. Also unanswered is the question of Palestinian statehood.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty said 15 Palestinian technocrats have been selected to administer Gaza, with approval from Israel, Hamas and all other Palestinian factions.

Palestinians in Gaza appealed for authorities to move quickly to restore some semblance of normality. "There is no infrastructure, electricity, water or anything that is fit for life," said Mohamad Abu Hajras, one of the many displaced.

On Tuesday, the U.N. development agency said the latest joint estimate with the European Union and the World Bank is that rebuilding Gaza will require $70 billion.

Under the ceasefire deal, Israeli forces pulled back to where they were in August, before launching their latest offensive on Gaza City. A number of hard-hit Palestinian neighborhoods remain under Israeli control, and Israel has warned residents not to try to return to homes there.

Gaza's Health Ministry on Tuesday said the bodies of three people killed by Israel's military in the north were taken to Al Ahli hospital. The military said troops had "opened fire to remove the threat" of several people approaching them and not complying with orders to stop. It didn't immediately comment on any casualties.

The war has killed over 67,600 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, part of the Hamas-run government, which does not say how many were civilians or combatants. It says women and children make up around half the dead, and many independent experts say its figures are the most reliable estimate of wartime casualties.

# After medical miracle, daughter is angry about mom's travel

ERIC THOMAS

ASKING ERIC

**Q.** Dear Eric: I'm in my 60s and have a crippling disease that kept me housebound for nearly five years. My daughter moved back home around that time after her sister took her life and left behind a young son, whom we have been raising together.

A new medication for this disease was recently approved. I've been taking it for two years, and it has led to incredibly impressive improvements. I have a new lease on life!

The manufacturers of this medication invited me to be a patient ambassador for them this year. I receive a good stipend for traveling once every other month or so to talk with physicians, pharmacists and other patients struggling with this condition. The trips are very short, one to two days, and my physical needs and limitations are respected and accommodated.

My daughter is angry about this and wants me to stop. She gives a number of reasons: That I'm shilling for Big Pharma, the time it takes for me to recover from trips, all the "what ifs," — nonexistent — financial burdens, leaving her behind to cope with a recalcitrant teenager, et cetera. She refuses to participate or support my efforts in any way.

I suspect there's something else going on. Could she be worried about the time I will leave her behind permanently?

What's the best way to discuss this with someone who refuses to talk about the fact that I will not always be around, no matter how safe I try to be? I intend to grab this chance to provide a patient perspective and support others struggling with this disease. It matters to me. Yet I also want my family to accept and support me just as I support them.

– *Patient Parent*

**A.** Dear Patient: I'm sure you're right: there are probably a lot of other emotions and triggers influencing your daughter's position. This is understandable, but the first thing to remember is you don't need her permission to live your life. Every family system is interconnected, and yours is no different. Collaborating to raise a child, who is surely still grieving the loss of his mother, as you are also still grieving, makes that interconnectedness even more complicated. Communication is key here, as is compromise, but I don't see your daughter's demands in that spirit.

For the moment, table debate about your trips. You needn't stop them, especially if they are helping you feel you're living your purpose. But you, your daughter, and your grandson should participate jointly and individually in family therapy. Focus initially on the grief and the new dynamics of your family. Sometimes, when a loved one dies and life has to be dramatically rearranged, we make the first or most immediately available choice. After some of the initial shock has subsided, it's good to revisit those early choices to make sure they still work for us. I'm not suggesting that your co-raising arrangement needs upending, instead therapy can be an opportunity to process what your shared goals are, how you're working toward those goals, and any places where those goals don't align.

Your daughter may never be fully comfortable with your trips. Much of that is her work to do. But by continuing to have conversations that acknowledge how much has changed, you give each other the opportunity to keep changing and growing too.

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