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## A Glimpse of Afghan Life Under the Taliban

Teenage girls have been forced from school in some rural areas under insurgent control, but a few defy the ban by moving. Page A8.

## Justices Take Case Testing Roe v. Wade

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday plunged back into the contentious debate over abortion, agreeing to hear a case that will give its newly expanded conservative majority an opportunity to pare back the constitutional right to abortion established nearly a half century ago in Roe v. Wade.

The new case, concerning a Mississippi law that seeks to ban most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy — about two months earlier than Roe and subsequent decisions allow — is seen by both sides as potentially pivotal in establishing how aggressively the court's new six-justice conservative majority will move to place new constraints on abortion rights.

Supporters of abortion rights denounced the court's decision to take up the case, saying that merely by agreeing to hear it the conservative justices were signaling a willingness to revisit Roe.

"Alarm bells are ringing loudly about the threat to reproductive rights," Nancy Northup, the president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, said in a statement. "The Supreme Court just agreed to review an abortion ban that unquestionably violates nearly 50 years of Supreme Court precedent and is a test case to overturn Roe v. Wade."

Backers of the Mississippi law said that it was necessary to protect fetal life and expressed confidence that it would be judged constitutional by the Supreme Court.

"The Mississippi Legislature enacted this law consistent with the will of its constituents to pro-

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## To Get in China, Apple Swallowed Hard Bargain

This article is by Jack Niclas, Raymond Zhong and Daisuke Wakabayashi.

GUIYANG, China — On the outskirts of this city in a poor, mountainous province in southwestern China, men in hard hats recently put the finishing touches on a white building a quarter-mile long with few windows and a tall surrounding wall. There was little sign of its purpose, apart from the flags of Apple and China flying out front, side by side.

Inside, Apple was preparing to store the personal data of its Chinese customers on computer servers run by a state-owned Chinese firm.

Tim Cook, Apple's chief executive, has said the data is safe. But

## Billions in Revenue by Going Along With a Surveillance State

at the data center in Guiyang, which Apple hoped would be completed by next month, and another in the Inner Mongolia region, Apple has largely ceded control to the Chinese government.

Chinese state employees physically manage the computers. Apple abandoned the encryption technology it used elsewhere after China would not allow it. And the digital keys that unlock information on those computers are stored in the data centers they're

meant to secure.

Internal Apple documents reviewed by The New York Times, interviews with 17 current and former Apple employees and four security experts, and new filings made in a court case in the United States last week provide rare insight into the compromises Mr. Cook has made to do business in China. They offer an extensive inside look — many aspects of which have never been reported before — at how Apple has given in to escalating demands from the Chinese authorities.

Two decades ago, as Apple's operations chief, Mr. Cook spearheaded the company's entrance into China, a move that helped make Apple the most valuable

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Round-the-clock subway service resumed in New York after a hiatus of more than a year. Page A14.

## AT&T's Retreat Makes Way for a Media Giant

By EDMUND LEE and JOHN KOBLIN

Just three years after it thundered into Hollywood with grand visions of streaming video on millions of its customers' cellphones, AT&T is making a stunning retreat with plans to spin off WarnerMedia and merge it with Discovery.

The blockbuster deal, an-

## Discovery to Get HBO and Other Properties

nounced on Monday, will put CNN and the HBO hit "Succession" in the same corporate family as the reality television shows "Flip or Flop" and "90 Day Fiancé." It will create the second-biggest media

company in the country, by revenue, with a sprawling business that touches on streaming entertainment, movies, sports and cable news. The merged company, which could have a value above \$100 billion, would rival behemoths like Disney, the biggest media company, as well as Netflix, the leader in streaming.

For the debt-saddled AT&T, the

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## Cuomo's Book Deal Payday Grows to \$5 Million

This article is by J. David Goodman, Alexandra Alter, Rachel Abrams and Luis Ferré-Sadurní.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo was expected to earn more than \$5 million from his book about leading New York during the coronavirus pandemic, according to figures released by his office on Monday, as investigators continued to look into his use of state resources to

## Lavish Sum for Author With Anemic Sales

write and promote the book.

The governor received the bulk of the money last year, \$3.12 million, and under the contract, he is set to be paid an additional \$2 million in installments over the next

two years, state officials said. The windfall book deal, which dwarfed the governor's salary of \$225,000, was reached last year after Mr. Cuomo rose to national prominence for televised news briefings during the pandemic's uncertain early phase, when New York was the nation's epicenter.

But the disclosure of the details on Monday arrived as Mr. Cuomo

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## MIDEAST VIOLENCE RAGES ON AS BIDEN BACKS A CEASE-FIRE

### He Avoids Placing Blame — Israel Vows to Keep Hitting Hamas Targets

By ISABEL KERSHNER and DAVID E. SANGER

JERUSALEM — President Biden for the first time expressed support for a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas militants in Gaza on Monday, as the devastating rocket and missile war there gave no sign of easing after the deaths of dozens of Palestinian children.

But he also reiterated that Israel had a right to defend itself, stopping short of publicly calling on Israel to change its approach despite rising international condemnation.

The statement, issued after Mr. Biden spoke with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, was the furthest that the president has gone toward calling for an end to the conflict. But it also reflected a continued and deep reticence by world leaders to criticize Israel, and a failure of diplomacy to persuade the two sides to curb a rising cycle of violence.

For their part, Israel's leaders have said that they are in no hurry to end the airstrike campaign and have insisted that the military will continue until it reaches its goals of stopping Hamas's rocket barrages and making the group "pay a price."

"The directive is to continue striking at the terrorist targets," Mr. Netanyahu said on Monday after meeting with Israeli security officials. "We will continue to take whatever action necessary in order to restore quiet and security for all the residents of Israel."

Over eight days, Hamas has fired nearly as many rockets — 3,350 so far — as it did over all of the 50-day conflict between Israel and Hamas in 2014, and has killed nine civilians in Israel, including two children, and at least one soldier.

But in Gaza, Palestinian families have paid a much greater price. Since May 10, at least 212

Palestinians had been killed in Gaza, including 61 children, according to health officials there, and many have been left homeless. Gazan officials said that more than 600 homes or businesses had been destroyed and more than 6,400 damaged, and United Nations officials said that at least 800,000 residents lack regular access to safe drinking water.

Though civil unrest by Palestinians and Arab citizens of Israel quieted down in recent days, a general strike and demonstrations have been called for Tuesday afternoon to protest Israel's air campaign in Gaza and other measures targeting Palestinians, organizers said.

In Washington, Mr. Biden's language was carefully couched. It notably avoided a demand that the cease-fire be "immediate," language that Democratic senators used in statement earlier in the day.

It appeared to be an effort to press Israel to suspend its

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A Gaza apartment building destroyed by Israeli aircraft.

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## Palestinians Rally New Support As 'Arab Street' Moves Online

By VIVIAN YEE and MONA EL-NAGGAR

CAIRO — The video traveled at 4G speed, leaping across international borders, social media platforms and social justice movements: a young Palestinian woman in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, shouting in furious English at a Jewish man, "You are stealing my house!"

"If I don't steal it, someone else will steal it," he retorts.

Within days — as Israel bombed the coastal territory of Gaza, Palestinian militants there launched rockets at Israel, and Arab and Jewish mobs faced off in Israeli cities — the video had rocketed from young Palestinians' social media feeds into the Arab diaspora, then lit up the internet, kindling outrage around the world.

The cellphone video joined a profusion of pro-Palestinian voices, memes and videos on social media that helped accomplish what decades of Arab protest, boycotts of Israel and regular spurts of violence had not: yanking the Palestinian cause, all but left for dead a few months ago, toward the mainstream.

"It feels different this time, it definitely does," said Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, 29, the Palestinian-Jordanian-American founder of MuslimGirl.com, whose posts on the topic have been ubiquitous over the past week. "I wasn't expecting this to happen so quickly, and for the wave to shift this fast. You don't see many people out on the streets in protest these days,

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