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WORLD COURT CALLS FOR END OF GENOCIDAL ACTS

UN ruling says Palestinians have right to aid

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The International Court of Justice (ICJ) on Friday declared that Palestinians had a right to be protected from acts of genocide, calling on Israel to “take all measures within its power” to prevent such actions and allow the entry of desperately needed humanitarian aid into the war-shattered enclave.

Reading out the order at the Peace Palace in The Hague — in response to allegations of genocide against Israel by South Africa, which Israel denies — ICJ President Joan Donoghue also called for the release of all remaining hostages taken from Israel during the Hamas-led attacks on Israeli communities in which some 1,200 people were massacred on October 7.

There was no explicit call for an immediate halt to Israel’s full-scale military operation in the Strip, which is believed to have left more than 26,000 dead, according to Gaza health authorities. Highlighting that the ICJ was “acutely aware of the extent of the human tragedy unfolding in the region” since war erupted in Gaza, Judge Donoghue said that the court remained “deeply concerned about the continuing loss of life and human suffering.”

The UN Secretary-General António Guterres noted in a statement the measures pertaining to the Israeli military laid out in the provisional ruling and stressed that “decisions of the Court are binding” and trusts that all parties will duly comply with the order from the Court.

“In accordance with the Statute of the Court, the Secretary-General will promptly



The International Court of Justice delivers its ruling in the case of South Africa v. Israel in The Hague. Photo by ICJ-CLJ/ Frank van Beek, courtesy of the UN

transmit the notice of the provisional measures ordered by the court to the Security Council,” UN Spokesperson Stéphane Dujarric said.

In its case, which began earlier this month in The Hague, South Africa asked the court — a principal organ of the UN — to indicate provisional measures in order to “protect against further severe and irreparable harm to the rights of the Palestinian people under the Genocide Convention.”

Among the measures South Africa asked for was the immediate suspension of military operations by Israel in the Strip and

that its forces take “all reasonable measures” to prevent genocide. South Africa also asked the world court to order Israel to prevent forced displacement, allow adequate food and water to reach civilians and ensure that evidence of any potential genocide is preserved.

Provisional measures are a type of temporary injunction ahead of a final decision on the dispute. It is likely to take years before a judgement is reached.

The measures are considered “mandatory for implementation,” but the Court has no means of enforcing them.

Israel argued in presenting its case that the war on Hamas was one purely of defense and “not against the Palestinian people.” Lawyers for Israel said that provisional measures, if granted, would amount to “an attempt to deny Israel its ability to meet its obligations to the defense of its citizens, to the hostages and to over 110,000 displaced Israelis.”

Detailing the provisional measures that Israel should implement, the ICJ judge noted that both South Africa and Israel were States parties to Genocide Convention and therefore had agreed “to prevent and to punish the

crime of genocide.” Quoting article 2 of the key international treaty signed in the aftermath of the Second World War, Judge Donoghue explained that genocide was defined as “acts committed with an intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group.”

The two-million-strong Palestinian population did indeed constitute a distinct group in the court’s view, she said. Turning to the article 3 of the Genocide Convention, which prohibits “conspiracy to commit genocide” and public incitement to commit

genocide, the judge said that the ICJ had taken note of a number of statements made by senior Israeli officials.

These included comments by Yoav Galant, Defense Minister of Israel, who reportedly told troops on the border with the enclave that they were fighting “human animals” who were the “ISIS of Gaza.”

With Israel’s and South Africa’s legal teams looking on, Judge Donoghue noted the international community’s longstanding concerns about the

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Joe Mauer elected to National Baseball Hall of Fame

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Minnesota Twins legend Joe Mauer has been elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Mauer received 293 votes (76.1%) of 385 ballots and will join Adrián Beltré, Todd Helton and Jim Leyland (Contemporary Baseball Era Committee) in the Class of 2024. Induction ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, July 21 at 12:30 p.m. CT on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center in Cooperstown, New York. The Twins and their fans will also honor Mauer’s historic induction with an in-ballpark celebration prior to Minnesota’s Saturday, August 3 game vs. the Chicago White Sox at Target Field; more details will be announced at a later date.

Mauer, 40, joins Harmon Killebrew (1984), Rod Carew (1991), Kirby Puckett (2001), Bert Blyleven (2011), Jim Kaat (2022) and Tony Oliva (2022) as the seventh player to go into the Hall of Fame as a Twin, as well as the third Twin (Carew and Puckett) to be elected on the first ballot. He also becomes the 13th person in Twins/Senators franchise history (1901-present) to have a plaque in the Hall, including the Washington Senators’ Walter Johnson (1936), Clark Griffith



Joe Mauer — Minnesota Twins — Opening Day vs Seattle Mariners on April 5, 2018. Photo by Andy Witchger

(1946), Sam Rice (1963), Heinie Manush (1964), Goose Goslin (1968) and Bucky Harris (1975). This summer, Mauer will join Dave Winfield (2001), Paul Molitor (2004) and Jack Morris (2018) to become the fourth St. Paul native to be enshrined into baseball’s most distinguished group. He is also just the third catcher in baseball history to be elected on the first ballot, joining Johnny Bench (1989) and Iván Rodríguez (2017).

“On behalf of the Pohlad family and the entire Minnesota Twins organization it is our absolute pleasure to congratulate Joe Mauer on his deserved first-ballot election to the National Base-

ball Hall of Fame,” Twins President & CEO Dave St. Peter said. “Few people have embodied the values and spirit of the Minnesota Twins like Joe Mauer; from the moment his name was called on draft day in 2001, Joe has been a true hometown hero and a cornerstone of our organization. His humility, leadership, kindness and care for others, paired with his unparalleled excellence on the diamond, have made him a role model for generations of youth across our region.”

“Today is a special day — for the Mauer family, for the Twins

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Timothée Chalamet visits Hibbing High School

By Zack Benz
Editor-in-chief

This is wild to me, and I couldn’t be more happy for the students from my hometown. “Wonka” and “Dune” actor Timothée Chalamet took to the storied halls of my hometown castle to support local actors while studying for an upcoming part in a biopic.

As a former Hibbingite, I’m well aware of the presence Bob Dylan has in the Northern Minnesota hamlet. This mining town in the Northwoods has held onto a huge claim to fame — being the hometown of the music legend and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

On Thursday, I opened Facebook and never felt more envious. Famed actor Chalamet was sitting in the beautiful auditorium I once loitered in growing up, sometimes deridingly. He was there to learn more about Dylan, but he was also there showing support for teen actors involved



Timothée Chalamet signing autographs for Hibbing High School drama students. Photo by Floin Designs and Photography

in an upcoming play titled “The Girl in the White Pinafore.”

Chalamet is poised to play Dylan (my grandma’s former classmate, I might add) in an

upcoming biopic about the Minnesota singer. Maybe there will be a background performer modeled after my late grandmother? That would be fun.

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deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza which had formed part of its deliberations.

This included the UN Secretary-General's written warning to the Security Council on Dec.

6, 2023 in which he said that 'nowhere is safe in Gaza amid constant bombing by the Israeli Defense Forces'...

and for peace and security in the region.

Summaries on the dire situation in Gaza from UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Martin Griffiths, reports from the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN Palestine relief agency chief Philippe Lazzarini were

also quoted directly in the court's decision.

In addition to the provisional measures delivered on Friday, the UN's top court also asked Israel to submit a report within a month 'on all measures taken to give effect to this order.'



A performance at one of Minneapolis' Open Streets events. Photo by Zack Benz

Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington area ranked sixth on list of arts-vibrant large communities in nation

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Bloomington, St. Paul and Minneapolis have consistently appeared on the SMU DataArts, the National Center for Arts Research, Arts Vibrancy Index since the rankings began in 2015.

'The arts have an important role in Bloomington, and have a positive economic, social and cultural impact on the commu-

nity. Bloomington has many arts and cultural organizations, and artists and culture bearers who contribute to the vibrancy of Bloomington.'

Arts-vibrant communities can be found in every region of the United States—a finding which arises from an objective analysis of the data, and not from selecting communities by hand to achieve geographic representation.

The overall Arts Vibrancy Index is composed of 13 unique measures which cover aspects of supply, demand, and public support for arts and culture, and are adjusted for cost of living and population differ-

ences among 900 communities across the country. In this year's index, the analysis approach was updated to weight the 13 inputs based on their relative explanatory power for the underlying concept of arts vibrancy.

Related research by SMU DataArts shows that Local Arts Agencies (LAAs) like the City of Bloomington are powerful catalysts of arts vibrancy which ensure that the arts remain an integral part of community life.



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and for all of Twins Territory.'

Mauer was selected first overall by the Twins in the 2001 First-Year Player Draft out of St. Paul's Cretin-Derham Hall High School and played 15 major league seasons all with the Twins, joining Tony Oliva as the only player in club history to do so.

The 2009 American League Most Valuable Player was named to the AL All-Star team six times (2006, '08, '09, '10, '12 and '13), earned a Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Award five times (2006, '08, '09, '10 and '13), earned three Rawlings Gold Glove Awards at catcher (2008, '09 and '10), and won three AL batting titles (2006, '08 and '09), the only catcher in AL history to have done so.

Over his 15-year career, from 2004-18, Mauer ranked second among his peers in on-base percentage (minimum of 7,000 plate appearances), third in batting average, fourth in three-hit games (179), fifth in walks, sixth in runs created-per-27 (6.24), seventh in hits, tied for ninth in doubles, 12th in wOBA (.360), 13th in OPS, 14th in games played and 16th in RBI.

Among all players in American League/National League history (1901-present) whose primary career position was catcher, Mauer ranks (minimum of 5,000 at-bats) first in walks and batting average on balls in play (.341), third in on-base percentage and doubles, fourth in batting average, eighth in OPS and runs created (1,187), and ninth in hits.

His number seven was retired by the club on June 15, 2019 and he was inducted into the Twins' Hall of Fame on August 5, 2023.

He has received several team-related awards over the years, including Most Valuable Twin (2009, '10 and '13), the Bill Boni Award for Twins Outstanding Rookie (2004), the Sherry Robertson Award for Twins Outstanding Farm System Position Player (2003), the Dick Siebert Award for Upper Midwest Player of the Year (2006, '08, '09, '10, '12, '17 and '18), the Carl R. Pohlard Award for Outstanding Community Service (2008), the Bob Allison Award for team leadership (2018) and the Kirby Puckett Award for Alumni Community Service (2021).

Mauer and his wife, Maddie, have been very active in the community since the beginning of his major league career. They have been longtime supporters of Gillette Children's, hosting the Mauer and Friends Kids Classic event in some form every year since 2016.

Mauer also serves as a spokesman and annually hosts a bowling fundraiser for the Highland Friendship Club, an organization dedicated to providing work and recreation opportunities to people with developmental disabilities.

He has been a supporter of and fundraiser for the Crescent Cove Respite & Hospice Home for Kids in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota since the center's opening in 2018; it provides support and compassionate end-of-life care for children and families dealing with life-threatening conditions.

Additionally, Mauer has spent countless hours, both during his playing days and after his retirement, signing autographs at TwinsFest and helping raise money for the Minnesota Twins Community Fund.

