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To Lead Israel

Return Seemingly Ends Years of Instability

By PATRICK KINGSLEY

JERUSALEM — He lost power in Israel a year ago under a cloud of corruption charges and political dysfunction. But on Thursday Benjamin Netanyahu cemented benjamin Netanyani cemented his return to the prime minister's post that he has held for longer that any other Israeli leader. With years of political instabi-ity and repeated elections seem-

ed for now, the ques tion ahead for Israel was how Mr Netanyahu and his political partners on the far right would wield

their new power.

In some senses, the concession of defeat on Thursday evening from the departing prime minister, Yair Lapid, marked a return to the familiar. Mr. Netanyahu has governed Israel for most of the past quarter century. While pres ously in office, he presided over a rightward drift within Israeli soci-ety — the same social shift that propelled him back to power.

In other ways, his return is a leap into the unknown. During his previous stints. Mr. Netanyahi previous stints, Mr. Netanyama helped entrench the occupation of the West Bank, empowered the far right and oversaw the collapse of peace negotiations with the Pales-tinians. But he almost always governed in coalition with at least on centrist party, setting a limit or how far right his governments

could move.

His decision this time to ally only with far right and ultra-Or thodex Jewish parties, unre-strained by any centrist forces,



clear majority in Parliament.

tory. It remains to be seen whether that frees Mr. Netanyahu to follow the agenda of his far-right allies, or if it forces him to act as a brake on their most extreme

"Netangaho has always osed to Necasiyahii nas always esed in elections a stark fusion of Jewish identity and ultranationalism," said Anshel Pfeffer, a biographer of Mr. Netanyahu. "But allying himself with Jewish supremacists has created a new far-right entity he never envisaged and doesn'

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Gabon Pivots To Its Forests As Oil Wanes

By DIONNE SEARCEY

LOANGO NATIONAL PARK, Gaben — Evening and the rainfer-est. A riverbank packed with ele-phants. Treetops so dense they obscure all but a chimpanzee's hairy arm. And, as the sun sets, a twin-

ime is Africa's Eden. It's also one the continent's major oil

Gabon for decades has relied on Gabon for decades has relied on petroleum to drive its economy, But officials know their oil went last ferever. So they've turned to Gabon's other abundant resource — a huge Congo Basin rainforest, foll of works. full of valuable trees - to help make up the difference once the oil is gone. Gabon is engaging in activities

allows palm-oil plantations in cer-tain areas and is turning rainforest into plywood. However, unlike Brazil and other countries that have stood by as minforests are decimated, Gabon has adopted strict rules designed to keep the vast majority of its trees standing. Its aim is to strike an important single nation and those of a world facing a climate crisis.

Gobon has banned raw timber Continued on Page A6

Cherokees Asking U.S. to Honor 1835 Pledge for House Delegate

TAHLEQUAH, Okia. — In 1835, representation and sovereignty, U.S. officials traveled to the Cherokee Nation's capital in Georgia to their delegate, 187 years later. sign a treaty forcing the Cherokees off their lands in the American South, opening them to white settlers. The Treaty of New Echota sent thousands on a death march to new lands in Oklahoma.

The Cherokees were forced at gunpoint to honor the treaty. But neged on that part of the deal.

"For nearly two centuries, Co gress has failed to honor that promise." Churk Hoskin Jr. nrin promise," Chuck Hoskin Jr., prin-cipal chief of the Cherokee Nation, said in a recent interview in the Cherokee capital of Tahlequah, in eastern Oklahoma. "It's time to in-sist the United States keep its

The Cherokees and other tribal gains in recent decades, plowing income from sources like casino gambling into hospitals, meat-Continued on Page A17

'Deepfakes' Flourish on TikTok, Raising Alarms By TIFFANY HSU

The alligators of TikTok are not

They appear in posts scattered across the video service, photo-shopped into hurricane-flooded homes, blended into cheetah-pitbull hybrids or awaiting a wrestling match with a digitally engineered avatar of Tom Cruise. And they are harmless, like much of the manipulated media

m TikTok, warranting a few laughs and likes before slipping back into a relentless stream of content. But their existence wor-ries people who study misinformation, because the same techniques are being applied to posts that sow political division, ad-vance conspiracy theories and Warping the Truth and Putting Democracy at Risk, Experts Fear

threaten the core tenets of democ "This kind of manipulation is

only becoming more pervasive," said Henry Ajder, an expert on "When this volume of content can as the technologies that enable he created so exickly and at such them become more widely accesscale, it completely changes the Edited or synthesized material

difficult to detect. also appears on other online plat-Continued on Page A20



Priority for Ukrainians raises hard questions about Europe's treatment of other refugees. Page A9.

First-Time Buyers Losing Out to the Older, Whiter and Wealthier

By BONDA KAYSEN

American home buyers are older, whiter and wealthier than at any time in recent memory, with first-time buyers accounting for the smallest share of the market in 41 years, the National Association file of home buyers and sellers.

during the same period a year earlier, reaching the highest level in 25 years, according to the associa-tion's findings.

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ing and deepen racial and genera-tional disparities in homeowner-ship. Without access to an invest-ment that is usually a family's biggest asset and a critical way to build generational wealth, a household may be shut out of one

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U.S., South Korea Condemn Pyongyang Over Missile Tests



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• Twitter told employees

t would notify them about

ad-count reductions on Friday, a move that comer about a week after Musik

acquired the company. III. • General Mills, Mondelez Pfizer and VW's Audi are

among a growing list of brands that have paused their Twitter advertising. B6

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by 0.75 percentage point,

the largest increase since 1989, in an effort to tame surging inflation. Al

♦ U.S. stocks fell and Trea sary yields ruse amid investor unouse over the Fed's rate outlook. The SSP 500, Nas-daq and Dow shed 1.1%, 1.7% and 0.5%, respectively. 81, 813

Anecdotes Fuel Anxiety, but National Data on Safety Is Mixed

This article is by Julie Bosman, Jack Healy and Campbell Rob-

nurse in Backs Courty, Pa, has been pleading with her elderly parents to move out of Philadel-phia, especially after a delivery driver was shot and killed last month a few blocks from their

In Scottsdale, Ariz. Michael navas, a landscape centractor, says he believes "third-class" peo-ple are destroying the city with graffiti and burglaries, a phenomnon that feels more acute than

And in Menomonee Falls, Wis. Deb Whittenberger, 66, already knows what she wants for Christ-mas this year: a Ring doorbell camera, which she hopes will asuage her gnowing fears of break ins in her suburban town near Mil-

Her main motivating issues in

mated 1.6 billion active users to put their own stamp on someone else's content, and where reality. nomy and inflation, many times blend together in the fast-moving and occasionally live-streamed video feed. dso moderates and liberals -- say they are gripped by worries over crime and disorder. Even though national crime trends are mixed, hese voters have seen reports o homicide spikes in places like Memphis, Milwaukee, Albuquerive heard from friends and sighbors who have been victims car thefts or muggings.

sible. Over time, experts said, they fear that the manipulations will become more common and In many cases, their anxieties tem not from experiencing serious crime, but from seeing home less encampments, or finding a syringe or human waste on the sidewalk, or reading accounts in their neighborhood social net-works of vandalism on a local bike

These concerns are generally nofiting Republican candidates benefiting Repulsion candidates, who have blundly blundle for a surge in violent crime in many cities that began during the pandemic and has yet to fully subside. Conserva-tive news outlets like Fox have also focused heavily on crime, as has local TV news. In interview roters criticized alberais enterts to diministate cash bail, decriminalize narijuana and decrease funding or police departments, even if hose policies have not been put in place where they live.

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dent stumped for Gov. Kathy Hochul in New York. PAGE AIR

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WARNING: U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin speaks with South Korean Defense Minister Lee Jong-sup in front of bomber Thursday at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland as the countries criticized recent North Korea missile tests. A10

Bank of England Boosts Rate By Largest Amount Since 1989

 Kellogg said consumers are accepting higher prices for supermarket stuples like breakfast cereal and snacks, as it posted a rise in sales. Bi • Starbucks said sales hit

♦ Luxury giant Kering is in ion brand Tem Ford. Bt

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Boeing Co.'s troubled proj-ect to replace Air Force One is getting costlier, both for the plane maker's shareholders

and U.S. tempayers who will have to pay to keep the presi-

dent's aging jets flying longer.
The Arlington, Va., aerospace company said it expected to lose \$766 million
more on the high-profile.

years-late project to transform two 747-8 jumbo jets into fly-ing White Houses, bringing its

total losses related to the ef-fort to nearly \$2 billion, ac-

cording to securities filings. The additional costs were part of a larger charge that led Boeing to report a \$3.3 billion third-quarter loss. The two aging 747 jets cur-

Boeing,

By ANDREW TANKS

 Increasingly adversarial U.S.-China relations are set for their next test as the governments of the two countries try to arrange a summit between Riden and Mi later this month. Al

◆ Netanyahu won a deci-sive victory in Israel's ele tion, palling off a politica comeback by successfully uniting his right-wing an religious nationalist bloc A9

• The threat of an Iranian attack on Saudi Arabia or oth Mideast neighbors has ease but not passed, officials sai days after Riyadh and Wasi cating an imminent strike. At

• Ukraine said its Zaporigrid after Russian shelling duraged transmission lines and left the facility reliant on diesel generators. A8

• Officials across the U.S. ere bracing for a range of utilenges ahead of michern ections, including concerns abuse of poli workers. A4

• Pelosi said her husband ◆ A New York Judge required

that Trump's family business be subject to monitoring re-quirements while it faces a civil-fraud lawsuit from New York's attorney general. A6

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Amazon Freezes Hiring, Lyft Cuts Workers

Technology companies reduce workforce as executives prepare for a potential recession

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The New World Order Unwinds Biden-Xi Summit

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