

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, **organized** citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead
<https://leandroherrero.com/the-missing-word-in-the-famous-margaret-mead-quote/>

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I B B S RADIO - ACCESS TO THE THREE WEEKLY CALLS <https://bbsradio.com/>

| DAY | B B S Station | TIME | PROGRAM | CONFERENCE CALL | HOSTS |
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| Thursday | #1 | 6 pm Pacific 9 pm Eastern | A Night at the Round Table | None | Panel Members Guests Callers welcome. |
| Friday | #1 | 6 pm Pacific 9 pm Eastern | Friday Night Hard News | 720-716-7301 Pin Code: 353 863# | Rama, Tara Callers welcome. |
| Saturday | #2 | 1:30 pm PT/ 4:30 Eastern | History of our Galactic World & NESARA aka The True History | 720-716-7301 Pin Code: 353 863# | Rama, Tara Callers welcome. |

NOTE: 2nd CONFERENCE CALL # for both Friday, Saturday
 605-313-5166
 Pin Code: 353 863#

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- Find the table listing the dates. Click on required date.

II ACCESS TO OTHER CALLS SUPPORTED BY Rainbow Roundtable

| NAME OF CALL / HOST | WEEKDAY / TIME | ACCESS POINT | TELEPHONE NUMBER |
|---|---|----------------|--|
| Aboriginal Moabite Nation Call | Wednesday | Telephone Only | 1- 605 - 472 - 5406 PIN 402-493# |
| Grand Goddess Lillie | 6:00 – 7:30 MST | | |
| Abundance Call | Every 2 nd Wednesday | Telephone | |
| Caroline Oceana Ryan | 5:45 PM PT/ 8:45 PM ET | ZOOM | |
| To be notified: email https://www.ascensiontimes.com/the-abundance-group Scroll down to the sign-up sheet and enter the requested info. | | | |
| Ascension Call | Every Sunday, Monday | Telephone Only | 1-425-436-6260 PIN 9467 441# |
| Cheryl Croci | 9 – 10:30 EST | | Call Cheryl for # in your area |
| Ashtar Legacy Calls | Every 2 nd , 4 th Tuesday 5 th Tuesday – no call | Telephone | 1-717-908-1834 PIN 980 339# |
| Fran Pearre | 9:00 – 10:00 pm EST | VOIP/ H D | Call is free; LD charges are not 1-717-908-1834 PIN #980 339# |
| | https://www.freeconferencecallhd.com/hd-conferencing/ via Skype | | Click on VOIP button and enter info as requested |

To access past ALC calls, go to [Ashtar Legacy Teleconferences \(ashtarontheroad.com\)](http://ashtarontheroad.com)

III OPENING MEDITATION; HOUSEKEEPING; INFORMATION SOURCES

RE: M.T. KESHE AND KESHE FOUNDATION; ACCESS TO PODCAST

- A. Opening Meditation: Cheryl Croci**
- B. Housekeeping: Rainbird**
- C. Link to Podcasts from B B S**
Link to Website See below

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• www.rainbowroundtable.net has archives, too.

- Go to BBSradio.com/Station2; find **The True History** call listing & **Paypal** button
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[Please put "**Attention Don**" on the envelope]
 [Note inside that it's for T & R calls
 [& the Thursday call, as well]

Tara, Rama: Their full-time, life-time commitment is to be tuned in to what is really going on behind the artificial world we see around us. They don't ask for anything but they do require food, a home, gas for the car, and access to BBS Radio in order to compile and distribute this information to the world.

OTHER FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

FOOD MONEY: VIA PAYPAL OR See the MENU PAGE ON
www.rainbowroundtable.net

Rama has a pride of Paschats + 2 inside kitties + 2 HUMANS = up to 13 in total

Financial Requirements

WEEKLY

B B S RADIO/week

\$277 FOR THIS COMING WEEK There are 3 programs: Thurs, Fri, Sat
 Thank you, thank you, for your generosity!

PERSONAL

Gas, food, etc
 Bills
 Miscellaneous/Other

\$200.00 General living expenses (inc food, gas)
\$160.00 to cover two bills
 Rama is looking for a new printer too . . .

Also have a battery issue – a nano coated wire will help! ! !

MONTHLY

\$1150 / mo

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- Mailing address for checks, money orders, etc

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PLEASE MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO DONATE THIS MONTH

- Remember you can book a session with Mother, as well!

Please donate: VIA PAYPAL, either your own a/c or Rama's a/c [koran9999]

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**** www.rainbowroundtable.net /page/donate ****

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C. Link to Podcasts, Website

THIS WEEK'S PODCAST: <https://bbsradio.com/podcast/true-history-february-17-2024>

WEBSITE AND ADDRESS: <https://www.rainbowroundtable.net/archives>

- (1) Listings: AUDIOS, WEEKLY SETS OF NOTES - on the ARCHIVES page
- (2) WHITE KNIGHT REPORTS <https://www.rainbowroundtable.net/general-5>

D: INFORMATION SOURCES RELATIVE TO M.T. KESHE AND KESHE FOUNDATION

Contact Rainbird with questions: lightenergync@gmail.com
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLaVutWXju0> (CHECK THIS OUT)

One Cup One Life – Production and Application; Prevention and Reversal of CoronaVirus
https://en.kfwiki.org/wiki/One_Cup_One_Life_-_Production_and_Application_Prevention_and_Reversal_of_the_Corona_Virus

KF Wiki <https://www.kfwiki.org>
The free Plasma Cyclopdia of the Keshe Foundation

Keshe Foundation Store <https://store.keshefoundation.org/store/?alias=store>

Rainbird: passes on the Talking Stick

RAMA, TARA:
Greetings to all; thank you for all the gifts

- R:** sat with the crows and deer, and showed him images of the sun
- all the 9 realms are around this planet whether people talk of it or not
 - can see the great tree of life with all the ,major, huge telescopes on the planet
 - More X Class flares – crazy stories about the kill shot – called Pat something: he is dead and it's only a hologram – directly connected to Trump and the NRA
 - heard a different voice on Steven Colbert last night – **Jon Stewart**
 - the Navalny story not being covered accurately – body not available either, and the family wants to know
 - it is OUR DEEP STATE WHO MURDERED NAVALNY ON PURPOSE – and it's not the Russians who are responsible – this is the ending of the matrix
 - He watched the last one of the Matrix: Neo was able to save Trinity and listen to the Oracle and save the planet

BLAZE THE VIOLET FIRE – THE NEWS IS NOT EASY TO HEAR! ! !

DEMOCRACY NOW

2024-02-16 Headlines February 16, 2024

<https://www.democracynow.org/2024/2/16/headlines>

2024-02-16 "Uniquely American Hell": Kansas City Shooting Highlights Missouri's Pro-Gun Laws in "Pro-Life" State

https://www.democracynow.org/2024/2/16/gun_violence

2024-02 16 "I Died That Day in Parkland": Shotline Uses AI-Generated Voices of Gun Victims to Call Congress

https://www.democracynow.org/2024/2/16/joaquin_oliver_ai_voice

2024-02-16 Australian Parliament Calls for U.S. to Drop Case Against WikiLeaks' Assange Ahead of U.K. Court Hearing

https://www.democracynow.org/2024/2/16/julian_assange_australia

2024-02-16 "They Were So Close": Israel Kills Medics Trying to Save Dying 6-Year-Old Hind Rajab

https://www.democracynow.org/2024/2/16/gaza_hind_rajab_palestine_red_crescent

2024-02-15 Doctor Reports on Bombing of Nasser Hospital Just Before Israeli Troops Storm Complex
https://www.democracynow.org/2024/2/15/nasser_hospital_stormed_gaza

2024-02-13 Archangel Haniel Transmission: Invoking Frequencies of Peace, Harmony, Joy and Love

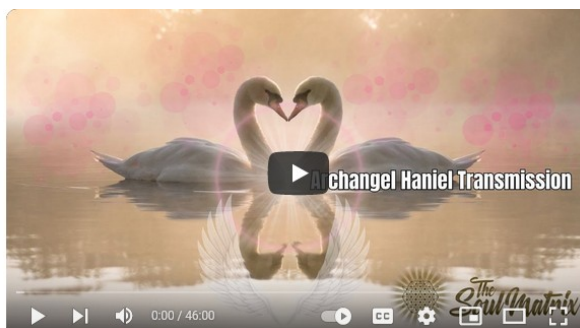
[Steve Nobel](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSL0xWsWAF0> 46:00

Originally created December 2018 and remastered February 2024, this transmission attunes you to the love and support of the angelic kingdom and opens the way for more peace, harmony, joy and love to enter your life. (Archangel Haniel is associated with the planet Venus).

At this time of volatility on the earth-plane it is important to call on the angels to restore a more harmonious vibration in your reality.

This archangel's presence can be felt as calming, peaceful and serene energy which can assist us in clearing out any lower frequency energies that run counter to peace and serenity. This Archangel can also assist us in bringing in the higher frequencies of harmony, joy and love into the cells and structures of our physical body as well as our emotional and mental bodies. In this transmission we send a higher light also to our personality selves and then outwards into multidimensional realities, along timelines and also to Starseeds and the Collective Consciousness into this material plane.

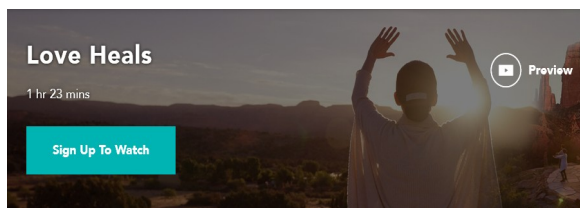


2024-02-17 [Love Heals](#)

[Follow the journey of Dana on her quest for healing after two failed spine surgeries.](#)

1 hr 23 mins <https://www.gaia.com/video/love-heals>

Follow the journey of Dana, a chronic pain sufferer, on her quest for healing after two failed spine surgeries. Her partner, Krisanna, is a filmmaker, and together they travel the country to understand how an ancient principle has helped so many heal and to see what's possible for those experiencing these practices for the first time. Based on the book, "Water Up Fire Down: An Energy Principle for Creating Calmness, Clarity and a Lifetime of Health" by NY Times best-selling author, Ilchi Lee, the film features experts, energy healers, master trainers, and everyday people who struggle with chronic pain.



Featuring: David Hanscom, MD, Bruce H Lipton, PhD, Les Aria, PhD, Ilchi Lee, Emeran A. Mayer, MD, Yolessa Lawrinnc, Ericka Crawford, PhD, Fred Luskin, PhD, Jung Shim, Dawn Quaresima, Jen Angeli, Michelle Moon, O Slappey, Ilchibuko Todd Reed, V. Tuckson, MD, Ariel Payne, Leah Saggio, Rachel Welin, Marco Lee, Alicia Hills, Thomas Montgomery, Trisha St George, Anna Osborn, Pam C. Bacla, Chad Cloward, Elizabeth Ramirez, Wendy Montgomery, Kim Reinmann, Eva Osirus, Valerie Nuvayestewa, Taleaha Von Slaughter, Martine Bermudes, Genevieve Saucedo, Katriana Taborelli, Dana Croschere, Aileen Xu, Sophia Gonzalez, Rommel Staples, Lila Bronson, Penny Jin, Jacinda Jenkins, Michelle Parker, Danielle Gaudette, Ambapali Pal, Laurie Urbancik, Jilayne Lovejoy Potter, Silvana Tomic, Meri Harmon Halem, Gabriella Galbraith, Lanette Moore, Krisanna Sexton "

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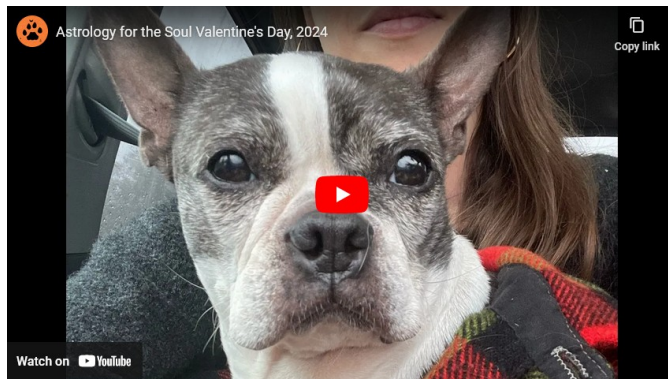
Subtitles: English

Pele Reports February 14, 2024 Astrology Forecast

<https://youtu.be/XYH4hnxQca0>

If I can restrain, contain and control
My lower animal nature,
I may reach states of consciousness
That are higher, wider, and clearer.

[Click here to listen to the Pele Report](#)



Hola New Paradigmers!

The energy is building and building and building as Venus will now join Mercury, Mars, Pluto, and the Sun in Aquarius! Yes, the Sun exits into Pisces shortly after, but still, what a lineup! And that lineup says ship up and ship out! It's time to stop fooling around (and some may feel more like the universe is fooling around with them) and raise the bar on your life. That's right, **we must up our games or bear the consequences of being left behind.** It's scary.

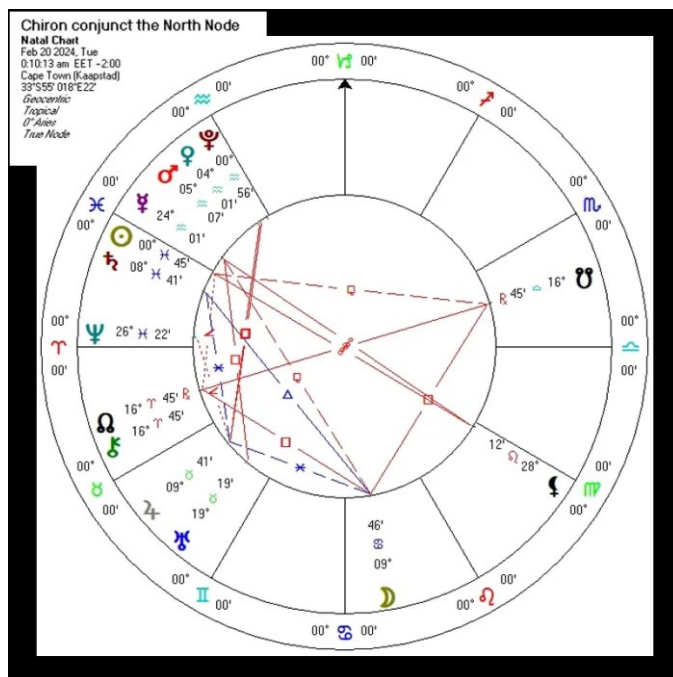
I go into it more in the report, but **Spirit is getting serious with us and "calling us home,"** Aquarius and Pisces; the last two signs of the zodiac are about ascension, transcendence, and cosmic love. There's not that much 3D stuff that makes it through those pearly gates, but the thing is to realize that you need a lot less than you think. "Love is all you need" when it comes to Pisces!

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How's that for a Happy Valentine? Sorry! What can I say? Venus descending into the underworld is no walk through the park. However, it is intense, and **we can feel very strong, intense emotions these days** as so many things are shifting rapidly. We know that both Pluto and Aquarius have to do with leaving the old, no longer helpful energy behind, and this is often experienced as a loss when unconscious forces override our egoic needs.

As I say in the report, the lucky thing is that it is a fast-moving transit followed by a resurrection and an upcoming conjunction of Venus and Mars! Woohoo! What is more long-lasting is Chiron conjunct the north node of destiny. **It is now our common human destiny (north node) to undergo a healing "crisis"** around our Aries/Mars "Go get 'em, win, conquer, take the prize" energy.

What this can look like is just not getting what you want long enough to draw your attention inward to examine your wants and desires as to whether they are in alignment with your soul's desires or not. All in all, despite the Aquarius planets, this looks like a good week to **lay low, go inward, contemplate, and**



discuss with Source just what needs to stay and what needs to go so you can consciously cooperate with Uranus and Pluto instead of getting shocked or surprised. Don't forget, you never lose what's really yours!

Here's [Love, Reign O'er Me](#) by the Who.

**So Much Love,
Kaypacha**

Audio: Tania Gabrielle Welcome to your Weekly Astro-Numerology Forecast for February 19 - 25.

https://taniagabrielle.com/weekly-astrology-numerology-forecast-february-19-25/?inf_contact_key=ab45cd7ff67c42dd9dfa5c923520fe057e470d92b8b75168d98a0b8cac0e9c09

For more on the epic Awakening sweeping our planet right now, watch the FREE webinar – **“How To Master Your Stars: The Truth About Taking Your Power Back”**.

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CONFERENCE CALL

- More solar flares today, dizziness – from various folks

Chin: watching Rachel on MSNBC – going through some scenarios about what the courts would say – getting anxiety t

T: it's extreme, what's going on Trump wants nothing less than NaziVille
the Squad is very progressive – get rid of the fossil fuels

Mother says no more Luciferian Hologram:it's DONE

- NEXT Yuga to be 4x longer

Question: will we still be measuring time in Yugas?

- 100,000 years – we're done with 3D
- we're talking of consciousness

RB: Mr Keshe and releasing the addiction to food – has lost a bunch of weight and found it easy to put it back on; her whole life is about food: market gardening, making cheese, feeding family; now she eats for the people in Gaza – eat for somebody else

Rama: doesn't know enough about it – knows we're being upgraded yet HOW he's being upgraded, he sees the elementals all the time, and the rainbow colours are always there – the waves of energy are like the shimmering waves that come off a hot pavement -

- We're moving up in octave into the 5th dimension – moving into the entire realms – with your consciousness, you don't have to experience the pain – can talk to the various beings which you can feel and the pain fades away – kind of amazing; have to be diligent about focussing on what you're doing and the pain fades away - what he understood is that there are ways of moving beyond the body and going into the higher realms without the use of any pills, etc

Rama: discusses his experience with connected molecules and the re-birthing process that was discussed so much a few years ago – once in an altered state due to the connected breathing, can talk to all parts of your body – a way of releasing grief and trauma that is going on at the moment. The Dark Ones are playing with as much trauma etc as they can create, just to keep us from the sacred work to heal – and to connect to the universe

- the intent is to take us off our center without even our knowing it

Pa: Season 23, Episode 3 & 5

she also watched Truth Hunter with Tactical Tim – about 3 episodes – it is designed to think all is plausible but it is not - so we know that we are not crazy, there are those who manipulating us yes this goes back to the Luciferian hologram being deployed on unsuspecting humanity

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Rama's Music choices

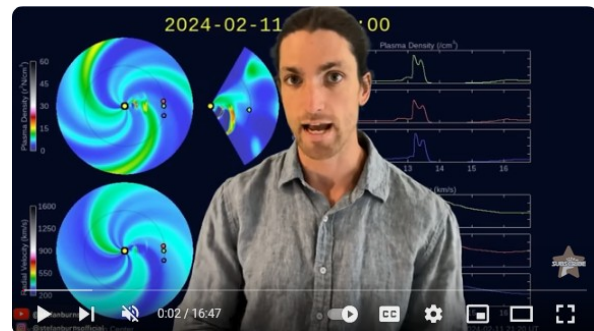
2024-02-11 HUGE Solar Flare arrives Feb 13th, peak impact over a Supervolcano 16:47

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYHLb7gJRVE>

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Three CMEs will combine into a single wave of solar energy that impacts Earth on February 13th 2024, and the focus point for these energies is over Gakkel Ridge, home to perhaps the largest known supervolcano in the world.

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34:36

4-02-04 Earth's Protective Magnetic Field is Fading causing Exponential Energy Amplification

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3l8Rk2SgMU8>

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Satellite mega-constellations are dramatically altering the natural geophysical processes of our planet, weakening Earth's magnetic field which protects us from harmful space weather and cosmic radiation, while also simultaneously causing biologically stressful energy resonance amplification due to the large shell of conductive metals now encircling the planet in outer space.

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2024-02-10 NASA Rocket Scientist EXPOSES TRUTH About UFO/UAP & Our SPIRITUAL PLACE in the COSMOS | Shehnaz Soni

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiOpjzT1tH0>



[Next Level Soul Podcast](#) -

Shehnaz Soni's story begins in Karachi, Pakistan, within a society that traditionally sees women's roles as confined to the home, often sidelining their educational and professional aspirations. Despite these cultural norms, Shehnaz was determined to chart her own course. From an early age, she was aware of the metaphorical box society wanted her to fit into, yet she chose to break free, guided by her inner conviction. She excelled academically, finishing high school as valedictorian before pursuing engineering at the University of Karachi.



Her journey took a significant turn at the age of 21 when she moved to Los Angeles through an arranged marriage. This transition marked the beginning of a series of challenges, including adapting to a new culture and overcoming language barriers. However, these obstacles only served to reignite Shehnaz's pioneering spirit, setting her on a path of personal transformation.

Today, Shehnaz likens her life to that of a Star Trek Captain, navigating the intersection of science fiction and reality. As an Aerospace Engineer at NASA, she merges her passion for science with her deep-rooted wisdom to innovate in the field of aerospace technology. Her work has included significant contributions to both Boeing and NASA, and she is currently a Senior System Engineer for the Artemis Project. This initiative aims to establish a sustainable human presence on the Moon and, eventually, Mars, with Shehnaz and her team at the forefront of developing the Human Landing System.

In addition to her engineering feats, Shehnaz is the author of "The Quantum Being: A Self-Sustaining and Magnificent Human Craft." In this work, she demystifies quantum mechanics, making it accessible and engaging for a broad audience. She uses humor and relatable analogies to invite readers into the quantum world, showcasing her ability to bridge complex scientific concepts with spirituality and ancient wisdom.

Join me as we explore Shehnaz Soni's remarkable journey and the insights she brings to both her professional achievements and her literary contributions.

Timecodes:

- [0:00](#) - Episode Teaser
- [2:03](#) - About Shehnaz Soni
- [5:21](#) - From Pakistan to NASA
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- [17:54](#) - What is our place in the universe?
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READING: LATEST MESSAGE FROM GRANDMA CHANDRA
<https://www.grandmachandra.com/pages/3d-separation>

3D Separation

Your work, your efforts, the new energies that are coming right now and your ability to absorb this energy has brought it into your world at a quantum leap from the previous timeline. It was not gradual growth; it was a physical a leap! The energy for this acceleration which you accumulated and created through your energetic work and through your conscious understanding of this work is the help you can bring to yourselves and to Gaia through this work.

This was not expected. It is a new achievement because there was hope but no one said that your work was enough to achieve it, but you did anyway. It is an absolutely great feeling and you will continue to feel the victory of that by the acceleration that will move you even further. When you acknowledge your achievements, you bring more joy and more energy to your ascension and you attract more forces and more supporting groups to you.

Watch your children, watch the children around you because a lot of what is changing is coming through them and is provided by them. They are closer to where you are going because they just came back from there. They keep this energetic signature, this energetic reflection in their Auric Field. By watching them, by being with them, by spending time enjoying their presence wherever and whenever, you actually achieve the results that you want much easier. You are welcoming a new generation. At the same time, you are seeing yourself in this new generation because some of you will be returning to the Earth plane to continue this work. It is interesting how you can see this work through the children. Perceive, prepare for the future.

One thing that you see by working with kids is that they don't have barriers on their hearts and spiritual work. The hardest thing for you in the past was to overcome, or get out of this limited space. Your system of beliefs and society's system of values was forced upon you. You can learn from the children to expand yourself into the whole universe and to be this universal presence at this particular moment in this particular time and space. This is such a harmonic, new and unique feeling of being. You can bring this back into your life. You can start living like that again because that is what you are here for. That is what you want. You have the full right to do that and be like that despite what is happening on the perimeters and in the 3D world of lower vibration. This inner child in you is even more harmonious and more beautiful. It will help you pass through this period of time, allowing you to be all the time on the top of this joyful, beautiful relationship with the whole universe rather than to be tied only to the experiences of the 3D world.

You are moving forward on a very high level of vibration and because of this, the lower vibrations are like moving backwards. They are falling farther and farther behind. The separation from this lower vibration is happening very fast now. The higher the speed of your momentum and the higher the level of vibration you have, the faster this separation will be happening.

Hugs and love to all of you,
Grandma

READING: From Aurora Ray - **See full text below**
2024-02-16 Major Update from the Galactic Federation: "Welcome, Humans! You've Reached 5D!!"

AUDIO: The UFO of God Chris Bledsoe

<https://www.amazon.ca/UFO-GOD-Extraordinary-Story-Bledsoe-ebook/dp/B0BMZ7ZMSD>

Both a book and a video by the same title - **UFO of God** - are available for purchase. The video has been broken up into segments and are available on YouTube.

Rama did not recall which episode this video is – but they are all worth listening too – or buy the video!!! The end of the program is R and T discussing the episode, and what Rama did. **SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!**



THIS OVERVIEW IS FROM THE AMAZON BOOK SITE

https://books.google.ca/books/about/UFO_of_GOD.html?id=x0qezwEACAAJ&redir_esc=y

UFO of GOD: The Extraordinary True Story of Chris Bledsoe



[Chris Bledsoe](#)

UFO of GOD, 2023 - [Religion](#) - 347 pages

Chris Bledsoe, a deeply religious family man and successful business owner from North Carolina was on the verge of the unthinkable after losing everything in the 2007 financial crisis and suffering from a debilitating chronic disease. While fishing along the banks the Cape Fear River with 3 co-workers and his teenage son, he walked away from the group and cried out to God in a desperate plea for help. Suddenly, a UFO appears and saves his life and cures him of his illness. Returning after four hours of missing time, the shocked group run for their lives as several UFOs chase them home.

This is the true story of hope, love, lies and deception, involving the CIA, NASA, a string of professors, and MUFON. You are about to go on a spiritual journey of awakening with a visit from the Lady, remote viewing, assassination plot of the Pope, dripping orbs, a burning tree, the Monroe Institute, and healing the son of a Washington DC power broker with ties to the IC and the White House.

15 years on, the phenomena still visits the Bledsoe family and affects the lives of people who come in contact with them. "Do not be surprised if you, the reader, become one of them. Strap in for a wild ride." Colonel John B. Alexander, Ph.D.

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2024-02-16 Major Update from the Galactic Federation: "Welcome, Humans! You've Reached 5D!!"

https://thegalacticfederation.com/014-99?sessionId=f18a81f5-9ee8-43e8-9498-1de26b8e0acd&trigger_link=yABYr7GWhDLYn7MNIJw2

"Greetings, dear humans! This is a message from the Galactic Federation to all of you who are ascending to the 5th dimension (5D) in consciousness. We are overjoyed to welcome you to this higher plane of existence!

For those unfamiliar, the Galactic Federation is an assembly of benevolent ET civilizations from various star systems and galaxies that come together in service of the spiritual development of the Universe. We have been watching over you and assisting with Earth's ascension for quite some time.

Now that you've collectively raised your vibrations high enough to enter 5D frequencies, we can finally make direct contact with you!

This is an incredibly exciting time for humanity! Leaving the density and constraints of 3D consciousness behind, you now stand at the doorway to a new world of light and possibilities. The veil between worlds is thinning, and your dormant multidimensional abilities are awakening. You are evolving into Galactic Humans!

We are here to help guide you through this transition and take your first steps as conscious co-creators in the higher realms.

There is so much to explore together in this new Earth paradigm. We will be sharing advanced knowledge and technologies to assist with humanity's continued evolution. It is our honor to welcome you as equals and friends.

We have long awaited this reunion - not just here in the Milky Way galaxy but across this entire Universe. Celebrations are happening across many interstellar civilizations!

Together, we have succeeded in birthing an enlightened planetary civilization. Well done!

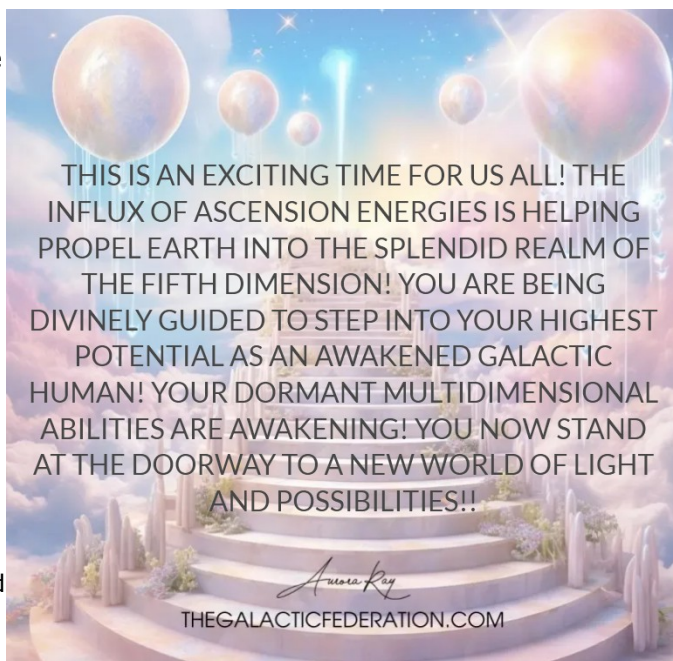
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The ascension energies being sent are of a very high frequency that resonates with the upper chakras and higher states of awareness. Their purpose is to accelerate the ascension process for humanity. The influx is helping to awaken and activate dormant DNA, expand consciousness, and attune people to higher dimensional frequencies.

These energies will assist with the planetary shift into the 5th dimension. They are designed to help cleanse and release stuck lower vibrational energies and patterns from the collective consciousness. This will pave the way for more light and higher awareness to anchor into the Earth plane.

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Your psychic abilities will begin to awaken and strengthen as the ascension energies unlock intuitive gifts and higher perceptions. Spending time in nature will help you tune into and integrate the incoming energies.

You'll also experience heightened creativity and manifestation abilities. This is a potent time to seed your intentions, generate positive change, and align your actions with soul goals. The ascension energies will support your desires if they are of the highest good.

Staying centered in the present moment will allow you to work with the accelerated energies in a graceful way. Be patient with yourself and others as you adjust to the higher frequencies. Drink plenty of water and rest when needed.

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Russian Media Reports Alexei Navalny Has Died in Prison

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Russia's state media is reporting imprisoned opposition leader Alexei Navalny has died at age 47. Prison authorities said in a statement earlier today Navalny felt ill after going on a walk and lost consciousness. They say medical staff were unable to resuscitate him. The cause of death has not been determined. Navalny's spokesperson Kira Yarmysh said on social media their team had not received confirmation of his death and that Navalny's lawyer was traveling to the penal colony, located in the town of Kharp in the Arctic Circle, where Navalny was serving a 19-year sentence on charges of "extremism" over his criticism of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The prison, nicknamed "Polar Wolf," is among the harshest in Russia, due in part to the severe winter.

Navalny had been detained since 2021, when he returned to Moscow after an assassination attempt with a nerve agent in 2020. Navalny has been hailed as an anti-corruption crusader who was willing to stand up to Putin, and has also been condemned for his past antisemitic and ultranationalist comments and actions.

5 Patients Killed as Israel Attacks Nasser Hospital, Forcing Thousands onto Streets

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In Gaza, Israel's attack on Khan Younis's Nasser Hospital has killed at least five patients after electricity and oxygen supplies were cut off. This is a hospital volunteer describing the forced evacuation ahead of Israel's incursion.

Hakeem Salem Hussein Baraka: "Ninety-nine percent of the people in Nasser Hospital evacuated. There are nearly 20 members of the medical staff still there. There is tension still. There is no protection or safety. Quadcopters are everywhere. Even ferocious dogs which have monitoring cameras around their necks are in the hospital in an aggressive way."

"A Safe Place in Gaza Is an Illusion": U.N. Says There Is No Way to Evacuate Rafah

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Fears are mounting over a planned Israeli ground attack on some 1.4 million people in Rafah. Even the U.S. has said the move would be a “disaster” without a realistic evacuation plan. The U.N. and others say there is no plausible way to evacuate Rafah.

Martin Griffiths: “An evacuation to a safe place in Gaza is an illusion, and we need to push back on the calls that we’re all hearing from the authorities to say, ‘You must help us move the people of Gaza to some safe place.’ This is an illusion.”

Israeli airstrikes in Rafah continue to kill Palestinian civilians. This is the mother of one of the victims, speaking earlier today.

Fathia Sobh: “My daughter’s husband is from the Zoroub family. She died with all her family. I live in Miraj, and she lives in Rafah. When I heard the news, I started screaming, asking my children to take me to see her, but they told me ‘Where should we take you at night? Stay here.’ I told them to take me to see her, but they said that she was unrecognizable. And I said that even if it was only her flesh, I wanted to see her.”

Close to 29,000 Palestinians have been killed and over 68,000 wounded in Israeli attacks since October 7.

75% of All Journalists Killed in 2023 Died Over 3 Months of Israel’s War on Gaza

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Over 130 journalists have been killed in Gaza since October 7, according to the local media office. The Committee to Protect Journalists says that some 75% of all journalists killed last year died in Israel’s assault on Gaza. Of the 99 journalists killed around the world in 2023, 72 were Palestinians.

Stanford Students Ends Monthslong Gaza Ceasefire Sit-In, Will Hold Talks with University Officials

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Image Credit: Stanford Sit-in to Stop Genocide!

Students at Stanford University are ending a monthslong sit-in to demand the university call for a ceasefire in Gaza and divest from Israeli companies complicit in war crimes, among other things. Stanford officials had started cracking down on the action, which began in October, threatening to arrest and discipline students

who camped out on campus. But the school finally agreed to two meetings with the group to discuss their demands, leading to the decision to disband the longest continuous sit-in in Stanford's history.

NYC Trump Hush-Money Trial Set for March 25 as Verdict Expected in Trump Org. Civil Fraud Case

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New York Judge Juan Merchan ruled that Donald Trump's hush-money case can proceed, setting March 25 as the start date for the first-ever criminal trial of a former U.S. president. Trump's lawyers had sought to delay the trial, claiming it will interfere with campaigning. Trump will be required to attend the trial, which is expected to last six weeks.

Meanwhile, New York state Judge Arthur Engoron is expected to rule today on the \$370 million civil fraud case against Trump for inflating his businesses' net worth to obtain more favorable loans.

Fulton County DA Fani Willis Pushes Back Against Defense Lawyers on Stand

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Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis took the stand in Georgia. Defense lawyers are seeking to remove Willis from the sweeping election subversion case against Trump and his allies over her romantic relationship with Nathan Wade, the top prosecutor in the case. Wade also took the stand Thursday as both parties denied any wrongdoing or any financial benefit from their personal relationship, which they say ended last year. Fani Willis sparred with defense lawyers throughout the contentious hearing.

Fani Willis: "You've been intrusive into people's personal lives. You're confused. You think I'm on trial. These people are on trial for trying to steal an election in 2020. I'm not on trial, no matter how hard you try to put me on trial."

In other Trump news, the GOP front-runner repeated his threat against NATO allies that he says do not pay enough into the military alliance. At a campaign rally in South Carolina Wednesday, he said, "If they're not going to pay, we're not going to protect, OK." Vice President Kamala Harris is addressing the Munich Security Conference today, where she is expected to reassure NATO allies following Trump's remarks.

Ex-FBI Informant Charged with Fabricating Story About the Bidens Receiving Millions from Burisma

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Special counsel David Weiss has charged a former FBI informant of lying about President Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden receiving millions of dollars from the Ukrainian energy company Burisma. Alexander Smirnov was arrested Wednesday at a Las Vegas airport. The Bidens' alleged illegal involvement with Burisma is central to Republicans' impeachment inquiry into the president.

Russian Antiwar Politician Will Not Run Against Putin in March After Losing Legal Challenges

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In Russia, antiwar opposition politician Boris Nadezhdin acknowledged his chances of running for the presidency against Vladimir Putin next month "have plunged completely to zero" after Russia's Supreme Court rejected legal challenges to his disqualification. Nadezhdin's candidacy was thwarted last week when election authorities claimed there were irregularities in some of the signatures collected for his application. Nadezhdin said his campaign had nonetheless been successful in advancing an alternative to Putin.

Boris Nadezhdin: "We have opened up a great breach. We have shown that a huge number of people in the country do not support the course that is being implemented now. A huge number of people want Russia to be peaceful and free."

Senegalese Court Rules President Macky Sall's Delay of Presidential Poll Was Unlawful

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Senegal's Constitutional Council on Thursday overturned President Macky Sall's decision to delay this month's presidential election, ruling the move was unconstitutional. President Sall, who has served the two terms allowed under Senegalese law, ordered the election be postponed until December, triggering deadly protests and plunging the country into political turmoil as his opponents accused him of orchestrating a "constitutional coup." Senegal's Constitutional Council urged authorities to reschedule the vote "as soon as possible."

Greece Legalizes Same-Sex Marriage Despite Pushback from Orthodox Church

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Greece has become the first Orthodox Christian country to legalize same-sex marriage. It's the 16th EU country to legislate marriage equality. The measure, which passed a parliamentary vote Thursday despite opposition from the powerful Orthodox Church, also grants same-sex couples equal parental rights, including the right to adopt. Members of Greece's LGBTQ communities gathered to celebrate the historic victory.

Michalis Bourtzis: "I am very happy. As someone who grew up in the countryside, this is a dream I have waited for for many years, just like all of us. Literally, I am at a loss for words. I am no longer a second-class citizen. We had the same obligations, but now we also have more of the same rights."

Epstein Assault Survivors Sue FBI for Failing to Act on Accusations Against Deceased Serial Abuser

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Image Credit: Patrick McMullan/Getty

Twelve survivors of sexual abuse and trafficking by Jeffrey Epstein are suing the FBI for failing to protect them. The 12 unnamed plaintiffs say the FBI ignored tips and complaints about Epstein and close associate Ghislaine Maxwell for over 20 years. Epstein died by suicide in a Manhattan jail in 2019 while awaiting trial on federal charges. Ghislaine Maxwell is serving a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted in 2022 of helping Epstein recruit and sexually assault teenage girls.

Climate Groups Sue Biden over Offshore Drilling Plans in Gulf of Mexico

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Climate groups have sued the Biden administration over its failure to adequately assess the public health impacts on frontline communities in its five-year plan for offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Advocates say residents in the region already suffer disproportionate health burdens due to the toxic pollution produced by federal offshore oil and gas leasing. This comes as the American

Petroleum Institute has also filed a lawsuit against the Biden administration demanding officials greenlight more lease sales, despite dire warnings of the impacts on the climate and people's health.

Meanwhile, researchers estimate over 125 million U.S. residents will be exposed to unhealthy air contamination by 2054 due to intensifying wildfires made worse by climate change.

"Red Alert": Half of Amazon Rainforest Could Reach Climate Tipping Point by Mid-Century

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Scientists warn worsening wildfires, deforestation and warmer temperatures could permanently destroy the water cycle sustaining large portions of the Amazon rainforest in the coming decades. In a study published this week by the journal Nature, researchers say that between 10% to nearly half of the Amazon's ecosystem is at risk of transitioning from rainforest to savannah by the year 2050 unless deforestation is dramatically reduced and urgent action is taken to curb the worst impacts of global warming. This is one of the study's lead authors, Bernardo Flores, a researcher at the University of Santa Catarina in Brazil.

Bernardo Flores: "Once we cross this tipping point, maybe we cannot do anything anymore, and then it's useless to stop deforestation, to try to stop. We may not even be able to, because the forest will die by itself. So, I mean, it's time to — red alert."

Oil and Plastics Industry Duped Consumers and Regulators for Decades in "Plastic Recycling Fraud"

Feb 16, 2024



A new report from the Center for Climate Integrity reveals the oil and plastics industries have deceptively promoted recycling as a sustainable solution for over half a century, despite knowing that plastic recycling is not technically or economically viable at scale. The report, titled "The Fraud of Plastic Recycling," uncovers new documents showing that companies like ExxonMobil and the plastics industry have pushed a misleading public campaign for decades, helping fuel the plastic waste crisis in order to keep making money and avoid regulation.

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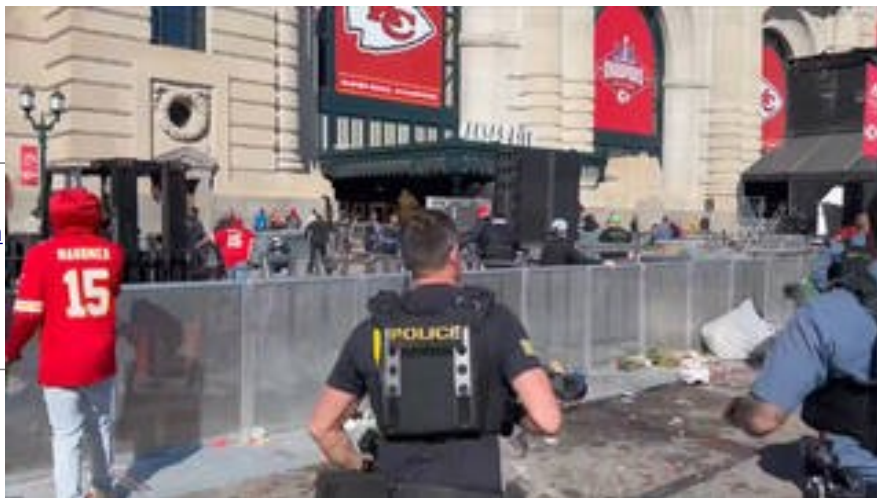
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In the first 46 days of 2024, there have been 49 mass shootings in the United States — over one per day. In total, almost 5,000 people have died from gun violence this year, including Elizabeth "Lisa" Lopez-Galvan, a radio host and mother of two who was shot and killed Wednesday at a rally held after the Super Bowl victory parade in Kansas City, Missouri. Twenty-two others were wounded, many of them children, when the shooting broke out near the end of the rally. Missouri has some of the weakest gun control laws in the country, with no universal background checks, no assault weapon restrictions, no ban on large-capacity magazines, no waiting periods to purchase a gun and no domestic violence gun laws. "This, unfortunately, is not surprising," says Missouri-born activist and host of the *Undistracted* podcast, Brittany Packnett Cunningham. Last year, Kansas City set a new high for gun violence, and the city has one of the country's highest murder rates. Packnett Cunningham traces this violence to the influence of the powerful gun lobby, and calls on lawmakers to refuse funding from pro-gun groups like the NRA.

Transcript

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AMY GOODMAN: Police in Kansas City, Missouri, say it was a "dispute between several people" that led to the mass shooting at Wednesday's Super Bowl victory parade. One person was killed, the popular community radio host from KKFI, Lisa Lopez-Galvan, who was a mother of two. At least 22 people were wounded, about half of them children. Kids in Kansas City had the day off from school to attend the parade.

The motive for the shooting spree is still, quote, "actively being investigated," unquote. No one has yet been charged. Police initially detained three people, including two minors. The adult was reportedly released.

Witnesses described the chaos at the parade in an interview with CBS News.

AUSTIN PRITCHETT: You hear the gunshots, and, you know, initially, in my head, I was like, "Oh, you know, fireworks." But then it clicked. Yeah, I was in the military, so then it immediately clicked. I was like, "Oh, no, that's gunshots." And I was like, "Oh, gunshots." And I looked —

ASTER BUBOLZ: We both looked at each other and ran towards —

AUSTIN PRITCHETT: And, yeah, we looked down, and you could see the crowd start to run away. And then we saw people start to drop to — sorry. We saw people drop to the ground. And it was just a surreal event.

AMY GOODMAN: In the first 46 days of this year, there have been 49 mass shootings in the United States. Almost 5,000 people have died from gun violence this year already, according to the Gun Violence Archive.

Missouri has some of the weakest gun control laws in the country, with no universal background checks, no assault weapon restrictions, no ban on large-capacity magazines, no waiting periods to purchase a gun and no domestic violence gun laws. Last year, Kansas City set a new high for gun violence, and the city has one of the country's highest murder rates.

Residents held a vigil Thursday night.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS FAN: You've got to protect us. I'm scared as hell! I don't want to go to any more events if this kind of thing is going to happen.

PASTOR SHAWN SMITH: Lord, we're hurt. We're saddened. We're angry. We're confused and seemingly lost.

MAYOR PRO TEM RYANA PARKS-SHAW: Because we're all hurting in our own way. We're all grieving in some way. In the face of darkness, our resilience will shine brightly. Remember that we are stronger than this moment of despair.

AMY GOODMAN: That last voice was Kansas City Mayor Pro Tem Ryana Parks-Shaw, who became the first Black woman appointed to the position last year.

For more, we're joined by Brittany Packnett Cunningham, an activist who's originally from Missouri, host and executive producer of the [podcast](#) *Undistracted*, joining us now from Washington, D.C.

Brittany, welcome to *Democracy Now!* It's great to have you with us. If you can respond to what happened in your home state and talk about the gun laws of Missouri?

BRITTANY PACKNETT CUNNINGHAM: Well, Missouri is a state where, unfortunately, pregnant people are not allowed to have any autonomy over their bodies, and yet we don't trust those folks to make decisions about their bodies, but we do trust folks to be able to purchase a gun without a permit and wield it almost anywhere. This is what happens when we continue to see a legacy, a very long legacy in Missouri, of a Republican Party that is more concerned with protecting themselves in the rural areas, in the mostly white areas, from those of us in the so-called urban cores, who are most often Black, than they are actually about the safety of all of their constituents across the state. So, this, unfortunately, is not surprising. As you've said, we've had over 46 mass shootings in America, and far more community violence every single day. And as my friend Shannon Watts says, what we saw happen in Kansas City was a uniquely American hell.

AMY GOODMAN: So, if you can talk specifically about Missouri and these laws, whether it comes to people who have been involved in domestic violence getting guns, whether it has to do with being able to enforce any of the weak gun laws that they already have, Brittany?

BRITTANY PACKNETT CUNNINGHAM: Absolutely. So, the gun laws in Missouri place Missouri at number 48 on the Gabby Giffords scale in terms of the quality of gun control laws. That's 48 out of 50. There's not much worse the state could be doing. And that is because of efforts like the current one, a bill in the state Legislature right now that wants to allow people to open carry on public transportation and in houses of worship, adding to the already long list of where unpermitted people, who had no wait time, who could buy a gun through a gun show loophole, can wield these weapons, at the danger of often children and young people who are just trying to enjoy their day, as we saw at the parade.

These kinds of laws in Missouri are expansive, because, as you say, they don't even restrict people who have been convicted or charged with intimate partner violence or domestic violence, and we know that this is

often where we see gun violence. There's also a great incidence of suicide by gun in — in Missouri, rather. And that's not even taken into account. Often we hear Republicans talk about the mental health crisis and that being the real culprit in the gun violence epidemic in America. And yet, in Missouri, we see that if you have been seen by a court to not be mentally incompetent, that you, too, can restore your gun rights. So, none of the math is mathing. None of these things are adding up from a party that claims to value life and clearly devalues life when it comes to its permissive and pervasive gun laws.

AMY GOODMAN: So, let's talk about the comparisons you make between the very loose gun laws in Missouri and why you feel it's important to compare that to reproductive rights laws and how people are treated when it comes to issues like abortion.

BRITTANY PACKNETT CUNNINGHAM: Well, I think it's important, because for decades now the Republican Party has been presenting itself as the party of family values, that they believe deeply in the sanctity of life. Well, if we really look at history, we know that the opposite is true. We know that the so-called Christian right's fight against abortion rights is actually rooted in the fact that they lost their fight to preserve segregation in America, and they realized that, politically, they needed more numbers. So they got together with people who don't believe in healthcare and other religious — who don't believe in birth control, rather, and other religious backgrounds to create those numbers and to start a 50-year campaign to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which, unfortunately, has been successful.

You mirror that supposed belief in the sanctity of life against gun laws that are not only allowing for the proliferation of guns, but are very clearly causing catastrophe and chaos in the streets of days that are supposed to be a day of celebration, and the hypocrisy is apparent. So, this has never actually been about the sanctity of life. It's never actually been about family values. And we constantly are calling out that segregation — that hypocrisy, rather. But one thing is clear to me, that that hypocrisy doesn't matter to the GOP, that they have no shame about that.

So, what we have to do is make it absolutely disqualifying, if you are going to run for office, to accept any money whatsoever from the gun lobby and to be someone who is proving yourself to purport and push these kinds of lax gun laws at all costs. That should not be allowed in any state legislature, at any governor's mansion, at the federal level, at the local level. Those kinds of beliefs, that kind of donation should be disqualifying from the work that our public officials and public servants are supposed to be doing.

AMY GOODMAN: Can you talk about the NRA's influence on the governor, Mike Parson, on senator, for example, from Missouri, Josh Hawley?

BRITTANY PACKNETT CUNNINGHAM: Absolutely. You know, Mike Parson's legacy, unfortunately, is one of cowardly obedience, that he has fallen in line with all of the beats that the Missouri GOP has forced him into and has been doing for a long time. So there has been a long line of Missouri governors, Missouri senators that have followed the beat of this drum. That is Roy Blunt, who preceded Josh Hawley in the Senate. He was one of the top recipients of NRA money during almost the entirety of his Senate career. Josh Hawley, of course, who followed him and who famously ran from the violence that he stoked, just like Mike Parson did at the parade that day — Josh Hawley has received \$1.4 million from the NRA. So, Mike Parson, Josh Hawley, Roy Blunt and so many others are simply falling in line. Now, Mike Parson can't run for governor again, so he's there to keep the status quo in place until the GOP brings in the next person to do exactly the same. And unfortunately, these kinds of influences and that kind of money will continue to pervade not just Missouri, but the entire country, if we allow it to.

AMY GOODMAN: And finally, the terrible loss of the KKFI programmer, the well-known DJ, Lisa Galvan. She was a DJ on KKFI, the community radio station in Kansas City, KKFI well known for giving voice to grassroots activism, to communities. The fact that she is the death as a result of this mass shooting that took place in Kansas City during the Super Bowl parade?

BRITTANY PACKNETT CUNNINGHAM: It's absolutely heartbreaking. I mean, it leaves a massive hole in the city, because her listeners, her audience, that community was really held together by so much of what

she talked about, so much of what she communicated, the kind of information that she was intentional about sharing, despite the fact that it would push against the status quo. And those are the kind of voices that continue to be cut down in this gun violence epidemic.

You know, it strikes me that that mass shooting was on the anniversary of the Parkland shooting, which means that we're literally layering gun violence anniversaries on top of one another. That is that uniquely American hell. It hit Kansas City. It hit her. And it hit the entire community and will continue to reverberate until something is done about it.

There were 800 uniformed law enforcement officers at that parade. And because police are only ever set up to respond to violence after it's happened, they did not actually prevent that tragedy, despite their massive presence.

So we have to take a serious look at what true public safety from the ground up looks like, instead of overpolicing from the top down. And part of that has to be ensuring that the flow of guns into our communities is stopped. It is absolutely the guns. And everybody who wants to make it about something else is missing the point entirely.

AMY GOODMAN: Brittany Packnett Cunningham, activist, host and executive producer of the [podcast *Undistracted*](#), from Missouri.

You mentioned Parkland. We're going to go right now to the anniversary of the Parkland high school shooting. We'll speak with Manny Oliver, the father of Guac, one of the 17 killed six years ago on Valentine's Day. Stay with us.

2024-02 16 "I Died That Day in Parkland": Shotline Uses AI-Generated Voices of Gun Victims to Call Congress

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The shooting in Kansas City on Wednesday came on the sixth anniversary of the Parkland, Florida, school massacre that left 17 dead and injured 17 others at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. To mark the

anniversary, gun control advocates have launched a project called “The Shotline,” which calls lawmakers with AI-generated audio messages that feature the voices of gun violence victims, pushing them to pass stricter gun control laws and prevent future tragedies. One of the victims featured is Parkland student Joaquin Oliver, who was just 17 years old when he was killed. We speak to Joaquin’s father, Manuel Oliver, a gun reform activist who worked on the “Shotline” project. He describes the project as the “result of more than six years being ignored” while “begging these politicians to pass laws,” and reacts to the news of the Super Bowl parade shooting in Kansas City.

Transcript

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org. I’m Amy Goodman.

The mass shooting in Kansas City came on the sixth anniversary of the Parkland, Florida, school massacre, when a 19-year-old gunman shot dead 17 people, injured 17 others at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. To mark the anniversary, gun control advocates traveled to Washington to play for lawmakers a series of AI-generated audio messages featuring the voices of students killed in Parkland and other gun violence victims. This is an AI-generated message from Joaquin Oliver, who was shot dead in Parkland at the age of 17.

AI-GENERATED VOICE OF JOAQUIN OLIVER: Hello. I am Joaquin Oliver. Six years ago, I was a senior at Parkland. Many students and teachers were murdered on Valentine’s Day that year by a person using an AR-15. But you don’t care. You never did. It’s been six years, and you’ve done nothing — not a thing — to stop all the shootings that have continued to happen since. The thing is, I died that day in Parkland. My body was destroyed by a weapon of war. I’m back today because my parents used AI to recreate my voice to call you. Other victims like me will be calling, too, again and again, to demand action. How many calls will it take for you to care? How many dead voices will you hear before you finally listen? Every day your inaction creates more voices. If you fail to act now, we’ll find someone who will.

AMY GOODMAN: The AI-generated audio appears on a new [website](#) called “The Shotline,” which aims to flood the congressional hotline with the AI-resurrected voices of murdered kids. On Wednesday, Joaquin Oliver’s parents, Manny and Patricia, were set to appear on CNN to talk about their new project, when news broke about the shooting in Kansas City.

BRIANNA KEILAR: We had an entirely different interview that we were going to do here, just to talk about some of the work that you guys are doing on Capitol Hill trying to bring about awareness and change. And you see this happening as you were here visiting Washington. What is on your mind as you’re watching this?

MANUEL OLIVER: I’m not surprised at all. It’s like, literally, “We interrupt this interview because we have another mass shooting going on.” Then you might be interrupting that one because it was going to be another one. So it never stops.

AMY GOODMAN: For more, we’re joined by Manuel Oliver, the father of Joaquin, one of 17 people killed in the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Manny is the co-founder of the gun reform group Change the Ref. His new project is “The Shotline.” He’s joining us today from Lansing, Michigan, where he’s set to perform his one-person show called *Guac*.

Welcome back to *Democracy Now!*, Manny, once again, as we do so many times, offering you our condolences not only on the death of your son six years ago, Guac, but on the gun violence deaths of so many in this country. So, they interrupted your Shotline presentation on CNN to bring you yet another mass shooting that you had to respond to. Can you take it from there? And talk about the project you were in D.C. to present.

MANUEL OLIVER: Well, thank you. Thank you for having me here.

Absolutely, that's exactly what happened. We've reached a point where we're going to fight about dates. Like, I thought February 14th will be the day that we honor the victims from Parkland, but I can tell you now that next year a lot of people will be honoring what happened in Kansas City. And that's the best way for America to forget about a shooting, a mass shooting. Having a new one will make everybody ignore the other one. That's sad, but it's true. And shame on us on that.

We were in D.C. launching The Shotline. And The Shotline is basically the result of more than six years being ignored. My voice has been out there, Patricia's voice and thousands and millions of voices have been, knocking doors and trying to convince, begging these politicians to pass laws and to prioritize life over guns. And that did not work, or hasn't worked enough. So we're bringing the voices of the ones that we lost, of our loved ones. And with the technology that we have today, we can do that. So now we have an army of dead people, people that was killed and murdered by the blessing of our system on the gun manufacturers, asking for change. So far, believe it or not, we have close to 40,000 calls made, and we just started a couple of days ago. So, when you tell me, "Call your representative. If you want to see change, call your representative," that is exactly what we're doing. But I don't want to call him. I want Joaquin to call my representative, and see if that way we can find some change.

AMY GOODMAN: So, you called it "Shotline" because?

MANUEL OLIVER: Well, for obvious reasons. Because people has been shot. In Joaquin's case, he got shot four times with an AR-15 inside his school. But you see other things. Like, if you find this uncomfortable, which is something that we heard already, well, I think that you don't know what uncomfortable means. I can tell you about feeling uncomfortable. When they let you know that your son, your loved one, was shot and you won't be able to see him anymore, you won't be able to watch the Super Bowl with him, for example, anymore, forever, that's being uncomfortable. So, this is something that involves all of us. I think we should all support this. And amazingly — and this was kind of predictable — we have already more than 40 submissions from families that want their loved one's voice to be part of this.

AMY GOODMAN: Finally, Manny, you're in Lansing to perform a one-person show called *Guac*. As we wrap up, tell us about this, and from Lansing to New York.

MANUEL OLIVER: This is an amazing project, part of a very bad situation and terrible, painful, traveling around the country. But we're here. We have the one-man show. And it's a story about Joaquin. You have to remember that Joaquin was here for 17 wonderful years. So I don't want people to remember — that would be unfair — to remember Joaquin as the kid that died on February 14. This is not honoring Joaquin at all. So, this is a roller coaster of emotions. People laugh. People cry. And people engage with what we're doing. Today we're part of an event. It's the Latinx Film Festival here. And the show will be on Saturday, the 17th. And I'm so happy. It's probably my favorite project, because I can talk about my son, no interruptions, theater treatment, you know? Turn your phones off and just listen how beautiful and amazing my son still is.

AMY GOODMAN: Manuel Oliver, we want to thank you so much for being with us, co-founder of the gun reform group Change the Ref and the new project, The Shotline. He's father of Joaquin, Guac, one of 17 people killed six years ago, in 2018, in Parkland, Florida.

This is *Democracy Now!* When we come back, we go to London.

2024-02-16 Australian Parliament Calls for U.S. to Drop Case Against WikiLeaks' Assange Ahead of U.K. Court Hearing

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human rights attorney who has been advising Julian Assange and WikiLeaks since 2010.

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Imprisoned WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is set to find out next week whether he has exhausted opportunities to avoid extradition to the United States, where he faces life in prison for publishing classified documents exposing U.S. war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan. A two-day hearing before the British High Court of Justice is scheduled to take place in London on Tuesday and Wednesday. He has been held in London's infamous Belmarsh Prison since 2019 awaiting his possible extradition. Jennifer Robinson, an Australian human rights attorney and legal adviser to Assange and WikiLeaks, discusses public and governmental support for Assange in Australia, where an "unprecedented" parliamentary resolution was passed Wednesday calling for Assange's release. Robinson calls the charges against Assange a "dangerous precedent for free speech" and says, "It's time that the United States respects our special relationship and listens to the calls of the Australian people and our Parliament and our government and drops this case."

Transcript

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AMY GOODMAN: Yes, this is [democracynow.org](https://www.democracynow.org), *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman.

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is set to find out next week whether he's exhausted all potential challenges through the British courts to being extradited to the United States. The two-day hearing before the British High Court of Justice is scheduled to take place in London on Tuesday and Wednesday. Assange is seeking to appeal the June 2022 decision by then-British Home Secretary Priti Patel to approve a request by Washington for him to be extradited to the U.S., where he faces up to 175 years in prison for publishing classified documents exposing U.S. war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Assange has been held in London's infamous Belmarsh Prison since 2019 awaiting his possible extradition. Prior to that, he spent seven years cramped inside Ecuador's Embassy in London. Ecuador had granted him political asylum.

On Wednesday, Australia's Parliament overwhelmingly approved a motion calling for the release of Assange, an Australian citizen. Australian MP Andrew Wilkie introduced the resolution.

ANDREW WILKIE: This will be the time for all of us to take a stand, to stand up and to take a stand, and to stand with Julian Assange, stand for the principles of justice, stand for the principles of media freedom and the rights of journalists to do their job. ... This has gone on too long, that it must be brought to an end. And I'm confident if this Parliament can support this

motion this afternoon, Deputy Speaker, it will send a very powerful political signal to the British government and to the U.S. government.

AMY GOODMAN: For more, we go to London, where we're joined by Jennifer Robinson, human rights attorney who's been advising Julian Assange and WikiLeaks since 2010. She's just gotten to London. She will be there in court next week.

Jennifer Robinson, you are Australian. Can you talk about the significance of what led to — well, the culmination — this resolution passed, from the right to the left, in the Australian Parliament?

JENNIFER ROBINSON: This is an unprecedented demonstration of political support for our campaign to bring Julian Assange home to Australia. As a fellow Australian citizen, I've never seen anything like this in the Australian Parliament. The Australian Parliament, and, indeed, supported by the prime minister and the government, calling on the U.S. and the U.K. for Julian to be able to return home safely to Australia is a very strong signal to the United States that it is a priority for the Australian government, for the Australian people and our Parliament that Julian Assange be freed.

This is the culmination of over a decade of campaigning in Australia. I have traveled down to Australia and to Canberra to meet with members of Parliament over many years. Campaign groups, community groups have been putting pressure on their local MPs and on the Parliament to do this. And I think it's a demonstration of the power of community organizing and the important principle that this case raises for the Australian people and for the Australian government.

AMY GOODMAN: So, can you talk about how Julian Assange is seen in Australia? I mean, Australia is a close U.S. ally. What kind of conversations has the prime minister, Albanese, had with President Biden, who's called — at least in the past, called Julian Assange a "high-tech terrorist"?

JENNIFER ROBINSON: The strong sentiment in Australia, that this is an Australian citizen, he's an award-winning journalist and publisher — he's won journalism awards around the world. He won the Sydney Peace Prize for the publications for which the U.S. wants to prosecute him, So there's a huge amount of public support for Julian at home, which is reflected in this parliamentary resolution.

The Australian prime minister took this position first as leader of the opposition, the leader of the Labor Party, saying, "Enough is enough. This case has gone on too long. It's time to bring it to an end." And that is a position he has maintained as our prime minister, and we are grateful to him for the principled leadership he's showing on this issue, which is the first time an Australian prime minister has taken such a strong stand.

This goes to show the importance of the issue for Australia, and the prime minister has confirmed publicly that he has raised this issue on numerous occasions with President Biden. And we are working with the Australian government and continue to work with the Australian government to try to seek a resolution in the case. It's time that the United States respects our special relationship and listens to the calls of the Australian people and our Parliament and our government and drops this case. It's dangerous for U.S. press freedom. It's dangerous for all journalists in the United States. And this is now an issue of a matter of the relationship with Australia.

AMY GOODMAN: So, what indications do you have that the Biden administration will respond or possibly drop the extradition request? And what indications do you have what the court is going to rule next week, the High Court in Britain?

JENNIFER ROBINSON: We certainly hope that the Biden administration will listen to the Australian government and our repeated calls for this case to be dropped. We want to see this matter dropped. We want to see Julian be able to go home safely to Australia.

But next week we're in the sharp end of the case. We are looking down the barrel of our final — potentially Julian's final appeal in the U.K. If we are refused permission to appeal on all grounds next week, Julian's extradition will be ordered. The only avenue of appeal left available to us — that will be the end of his

appeals in the U.K.; we cannot appeal to the court of appeal, the Supreme Court — will be the European Court of Human Rights. And we are prepared to make a provisional measures application, which we hope will prevent his extradition. But if we're unsuccessful, he'll be on a plane to the United States and in prison in the United States. And that's how serious this matter is. That's how close we are to the very end of this case.

AMY GOODMAN: What message do you think is being sent? It's not just about Julian Assange if found guilty in the United States — not clear what kind of trial he would have here in the United States — but that he faces 175 years in prison. What message is this to *The New York Times*, to *El País*, to *Der Spiegel*, to *The Guardian*, to newspapers all over the world who published the WikiLeaks findings?

JENNIFER ROBINSON: As we've been saying for years, this case sets a dangerous precedent for all journalists. It is, of course, what we call *The New York Times* problem, that Julian Assange was engaged in journalistic activity, the same kind of activity that journalists engage in every day, indeed the same activity that all those newspapers engaged in, in publishing this material. This precedent, if Julian is prosecuted, will be setting a precedent that any journalist anywhere in the world, not just in the United States, but anywhere in the world, could be prosecuted and extradited to the United States to face prosecution for publishing truthful U.S. information. This is the first time in history the U.S. is pursuing a publisher under the Espionage Act. It crosses all legal thresholds in terms of the First Amendment and will set a dangerous precedent not just for Julian and WikiLeaks, but for the entire media. That's why this is so concerning. And these arguments will feature in our appeal this week.

We'll also be making the point that if extradited to the U.S., this is a grave threat to free speech. We raised concerns about whether Julian has the ability to be able to get a fair trial in the United States, given where the trial will take place and the very public statements that have been made by the president of the United States, by the CIA director and other high-profile individuals, affecting his right to be presumed innocent. So there's a number of serious concerns, including spying on us as lawyers, unlawful spying on Julian, the seizure of his legally privileged material. This case is rife with abuse. So, leaving aside the very principled free speech concerns that have been raised by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* that this is criminalizing public interest journalism, there's also incredible due process concerns with this case and, I think, should be a cause for concern for anyone who cares about civil liberties.

AMY GOODMAN: And on a very different issue, but the top story today — you are a global human rights attorney — your response, though we can't confirm it independently, Russian state media reporting that the imprisoned opposition leader Alexei Navalny has died in an Arctic Circle Russian prison at the age of 47?

JENNIFER ROBINSON: This news is utterly devastating, not just for Navalny's family, but for the Russian people. He has been an incredibly brave and courageous advocate for democracy, not just as opposition leader, but, of course, let's not forget, his investigative journalism which revealed and exposed the corruption of Russia's ruling elite. It's a very sad day for his family and a very sad day for democracy in Russia.

AMY GOODMAN: Jennifer Robinson, human rights attorney, has been advising Julian Assange and WikiLeaks since 2010, speaking to us from London, where she'll attend the court hearing next week. And *Democracy Now!* will be covering that extensively.

When we come back, we look at the case of Hind Rajab, 6-year-old Palestinian girl in Gaza, called for help after her family was shot and killed by Israeli forces. Two weeks later, their bodies were found alongside the two rescue workers from Palestine Red Crescent who tried to save her. We'll speak with Palestine Red Crescent. Back in 20 seconds.

2024-02-16 "They Were So Close": Israel Kills Medics Trying to Save Dying 6-Year-Old Hind Rajab

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We look at the case of Hind Rajab, the 6-year-old Palestinian girl in Gaza whose case reverberated around the world when audio of her pleading for emergency workers to save her was published online. Her body was found two weeks later alongside those of her aunt, uncle and three cousins. The bodies of two Palestine Red Crescent paramedics, also missing since they had been dispatched to rescue her, were located in their ambulance just yards away. All had been killed by Israeli fire. "She was killed alone and scared, and our rescue teams were only meters away from her," said Palestine Red Crescent Society spokesperson Nebal Farsakh, who adds that more than a dozen PRCS aid workers have been intentionally targeted during Israel's assault on Gaza. Farsakh also discusses the kidnapping and assault of healthcare workers by Israeli forces laying siege upon Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis.

Transcript

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AMY GOODMAN: This is *Democracy Now!*, democracynow.org, *The War and Peace Report*. I'm Amy Goodman.

We turn to Gaza, to a case that's reverberated around the world. Two weeks ago, January 29th, 6-year-old Hind Rajab climbed into a car with her aunt, her uncle and her cousins in Gaza City as they prepared to flee to the southern part of Gaza. But as they were in the car, an Israeli tank approached them and opened fire. Hind's 15-year-old cousin Layan called the Red Crescent for help. These were her last words, recorded on the call with a Red Crescent dispatcher.

LAYAN HAMADEH: [translated] Hello?

RED CRESCENT DISPATCHER: [translated] Hello, dear?

LAYAN HAMADEH: [translated] They are shooting at us.

RED CRESCENT DISPATCHER: [translated] Hello?

LAYAN HAMADEH: [translated] They are shooting at us. The tank is next to me.

RED CRESCENT DISPATCHER: [translated] Are you hiding?

LAYAN HAMADEH: [translated] Yes, in the car. We're next to the tank.

RED CRESCENT DISPATCHER: [translated] Are you inside the car?

LAYAN HAMADEH: [translated] [screaming]

RED CRESCENT DISPATCHER: [translated] Hello? Hello?

AMY GOODMAN: That was 15-year-old Layan's last words, killed along with the rest of her family. The only one who remained alive was 6-year-old Hind. Wounded, she called the Red Crescent back, pleading with the dispatcher to be rescued.

HIND RAJAB: [translated] Come take me. You will come and take me?

RED CRESCENT DISPATCHER: [translated] Do you want me to come and take you?

HIND RAJAB: [translated] I'm so scared. Please come. Please call someone to come and take me.

RED CRESCENT DISPATCHER: [translated] OK, dear, I will come and take you.

AMY GOODMAN: After seeking approval from the Israeli military, two emergency workers with the Palestine Red Crescent, Yusuf Zeino and Ahmed al-Madhoun, went to try to rescue 6-year-old Hind. But dispatchers lost contact with the medics.

Nearly two weeks later, Israeli forces finally withdrew from the area, and on Saturday Hind's surviving family ventured back to the neighborhood. They found Hind dead inside the car alongside the bodies of five of her family members. The car riddled with bullet holes. The bodies of the two emergency workers were also found in an ambulance nearby, appear to have been killed by Israeli fire just yards away from the car. This is Hind's mother, Wissam Hamadah, after she learned of her daughter's killing.

WISSAM HAMADAH: [translated] My heart is completely destroyed over my daughter. Two weeks! They killed them. Two weeks, they were in that car! I've told the world from day one, "Please go get Hind." God is the only one sufficient for us. Everyone failed us. I will tell God on the day of judgment about my daughter. I swear I will never forgive you or any human involved or any human rights organization.

AMY GOODMAN: For more on this case, we're joined now by Nebal Farsakh, spokesperson for the Palestine Red Crescent Society, joining us from Ramallah in the occupied West Bank.

Nebal, thank you so much for joining us. Tell us everything you know about this case.

NEBAL FARSAKH: Good evening. Thanks for having me.

We at the Palestine Red Crescent were heartbroken and devastated again after learning the fate of our colleagues, Yusuf Zeino and Ahmed al-Madhoun. The ambulance was found bombed just meters away from the car where Hind was trapped.

The story began after we have received a call from the uncles of Hind and Layan, who live overseas, reporting that there's two little girls are still survived after their family car was targeted by the Israeli tanks.

He gave us a phone number. We called, and then Layan picked up the phone. And this is the call which you just previewed. Layan was killed while she was over the phone with our dispatch center.

And then we have called the number again, and Hind picked up the phone. Hind was supposed to turn into 6 years in May, and now she has lost her life. Over three hours, Hind was over the phone with our dispatch center. She was repeatedly seeking help, repeatedly appealing for our teams to come and pick her up.

It took us all of this time, over three hours, in order to coordinate safe access for our ambulances. And once the green light was given, the ambulance headed to the location. And upon its arrival, they have reported that there is a green laser on them, that the Israeli occupation force is pointing a laser on them. And then we have heard a sound of gunfire or a bombardment. It wasn't that much clear. And the connection was lost.

For over 12 days, we were uncertain regarding the fate of our colleagues, Yusuf and Ahmed, and the little girl, Hind. We were thinking that they might be arrested. There was so many questions, like if they were succeeded to rescue Hind or not, because, basically, also they have confirmed that they can see the car of Hind and they were so close to Hind. I was just devastated to learn that Hind passed away alone. She was killed alone and scared, and our rescue teams were only meters away from her.

AMY GOODMAN: And can you explain the weapon found by the ambulance?

NEBAL FARSAKH: We're not sure regarding the weapon found next to the ambulance. According to reports, it is an artillery shelling, U.S.-made, was found next to the ambulance, which was bombed by the Israeli occupation forces while they were trying to save 6-year-old Hind.

It's just so much sad to see paramedics losing their life while they are trying to save people's life. What was the fault of Yusuf and Ahmed? Their fault was they went in a rescue mission to save a 6-year-old girl. It was a coordinated mission, and the green light was given, and the Israeli occupation forces intentionally bombed the Palestine Red Crescent ambulance, which has clearly the Red Crescent emblem on top of the ambulance and from all the sides. There was no way or no option to be by mistake. It is an intentional targeting. Since the beginning of the war, we have lost 14 PRCS members. All of them were killed while they were on duty trying to save people's life.

AMY GOODMAN: And what has the Israeli military explained to you, given that you got permission for your rescue workers to go rescue Hind, as the world heard her 6-year-old pleas for help?

NEBAL FARSAKH: Up to this moment, the Israeli military didn't comment or reply at what happened. And even during the 12 days, we have tried repeatedly, even through the ICRC, to ask the Israeli occupation forces regarding what happened to Hind and the rescue team. And all the time they were mentioning they don't have info regarding this incident. To turn out, after 12 days, they have bombed the ambulance, and still they don't have info regarding the incident.

AMY GOODMAN: I want to turn to another case. The Palestine Red Crescent has just posted new video online as evidence that their ambulance was shot at and its staff were, quote, "brutally assaulted" by Israeli forces. PRCS said the video was taken around a week ago and shows a Red Crescent paramedic with two black eyes sitting in an ambulance that is pockmarked by bullet holes. The organization says the attack happened as the ambulance crew was delivering oxygen cylinders to Al-Amal Hospital in Gaza. It also stated that Israel had claimed they had transferred the oxygen cylinders to Al-Amal Hospital. Can you explain what took place here in this video that we're watching?

NEBAL FARSAKH: Yes. For over a week, Al-Amal Hospital was run out of oxygen. This has resulted to three of our patients died because of the lack of oxygen. After we managed to coordinate getting oxygen cylinders to the hospital via the ICRC, our ambulance had to bring the oxygen cylinders from Nasser Hospital and transport them to Al-Amal Hospital. On its way, the ambulance — Israeli occupation forces opened fire at the hospital, and they insult and beat our paramedic, who was trying to move and transport this oxygen cylinder, which is life-saving, for our patients.

This is not the first attack, because at that moment, also a week ago, the Israeli occupation forces raided Al-Amal Hospital. They have destroyed medical equipment, and they dehumanized the medical staff, patients and their companions. They arrested nine of the Palestine Red Crescent members from Al-Amal Hospital, including four doctors and a nurse. They have beaten the staff, denied them — not allowing them to drink water or even to go use the toilet, and they tie their hands on their backs. The situation is extremely dangerous inside Al-Amal Hospital. We are still extremely worried regarding the safety of our teams who were arrested from Al-Amal Hospital. Today, two of them were released, but seven of our PRCS members are still detained up to this moment who were arrested from inside Al-Amal Hospital. Al-Amal Hospital is under besiege and continuous attack for the 25th day. Today, Israeli occupation forces targeted the second floor of the hospital with artillery shelling. Gladly, it only damaged for two of the nursing rooms, but there was no injuries among the staff or the patients. But the situation remains very dangerous, with Israeli tanks are in front of the hospital, besieging the hospital, continuous gunfire and bombardment surrounding the hospital. No one is able to go in or go out of the hospital. There is no food, no water, extreme shortage of medicine and medical supplies inside the hospital. The situation is beyond dire.

AMY GOODMAN: Nebal, I asked you about Israeli response. I want to ask you about the U.S. government response and how important it is. This is a clip of State Department spokesperson Matt Miller at a news conference on Wednesday. He was questioned about the killing of 6-year-old Hind and her family by a reporter from *The Intercept*, Prem Thakker.

PREM THAKKER: It's been over two weeks since Israeli forces attacked Hind Rajab's family, killing her aunt, uncle and cousins, leaving her trapped alone in her vehicle. We heard her pleas to the Red Crescent Society. Two medics were sent, all to be blown up, allegedly, by Israeli forces. I wanted to ask about the status of the inquiry into this, just because it seems if the Israeli government, you know, which seemingly does have a pretty sophisticated operation, is prioritizing this — if they don't already know which soldiers to interview, for instance, they have Red Crescent calls, timestamps, the location of the Red Crescent staff to, you know, question and rely on — plenty of material to figure out who exactly to inquire with and to figure out who to hold accountable. So I want to first ask about the status of this investigation.

MATTHEW MILLER: Sure. So, I think that question is appropriately directed to the government of Israel. I will say, on behalf of the United States, we have made clear to them that we want that incident to be investigated. They have told us they are investigating it. It's our understanding that investigation is not yet complete. You should direct questions to them about where it stands. But we want to see it completed as soon as possible. And as I said from this podium several days ago, if accountability is appropriate, we want to be — we want to see accountability put in place.

AMY GOODMAN: Nebal Farsakh, we just have 30 seconds. That's the State Department spokesperson. How important is pressure from the United States on Israel, as you talked about a U.S. weapon being found near the shelled ambulance?

NEBAL FARSAKH: It is extremely important. The life and the story of Hind should not be end in this way. We're talking about 6-years-old girl. She was trapped in her family car for hours, after everyone was killed and targeted by Israeli occupation forces. During this, even two paramedics who went to rescue the 6-year-old girl was also targeted, and their ambulance was found. We need to see actions happen and to put Israel accountable for committing such crime against a 6-year-old girl and civilians who were trapped in their car, along with targeting our ambulance.

AMY GOODMAN: Nebal Farsakh, we thank you so much for joining us, spokesperson for Palestine Red Crescent.

2024-02-15 Doctor Reports on Bombing of Nasser Hospital Just Before Israeli Troops Storm Complex

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Israeli troops stormed Nasser Hospital, the largest hospital in southern Gaza, on Thursday after days of besieging the complex, where thousands of displaced Palestinians have been taking shelter among hundreds of wounded. Israeli forces reportedly demolished the southern wall of the hospital before storming inside. Troops also targeted ambulances, tents of the displaced, and bulldozed mass graves inside the hospital. The assault came hours after Israeli forces bombed a wing of the hospital, killing one patient and wounding several others. *Democracy Now!* reached Dr. Khaled Alserr, one of the last remaining surgeons inside Nasser Hospital, shortly before the Israeli raid as he described desperate conditions inside. "The situation here is getting worse every time and every minute," Alserr said, describing sniper, drone and tank attacks on the hospital.

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NERMEEN SHAIKH: Israeli troops stormed the main hospital in southern Gaza today after a dayslong siege. Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis was the largest functional hospital in Gaza. Thousands of displaced Palestinians have been taking shelter there among hundreds of wounded.

Gaza's Health Ministry spokesperson, Ashraf al-Qidra, said in a statement that Israeli forces demolished the southern wall of the complex and stormed the hospital, adding that they turned it into a military barracks. He said troops targeted ambulances, tents of the displaced, and bulldozed mass graves inside the hospital. Israeli troops have also ordered medical staff to transfer all patients to another wing of the complex, including patients in the intensive care unit and the nursery. Hours earlier, Israeli forces bombed a wing of the hospital, killing one patient and wounding several others.

AMY GOODMAN: *Democracy Now!* was able to receive updates from inside Nasser Hospital several hours before Israeli troops stormed inside. Dr. Khaled Alserr is one of the last remaining surgeons inside the hospital. He described the bombing of the hospital, as well as an incident when a quadcopter drone opened fire on doctors inside. You can hear the bombs falling in the background as he speaks.

DR. KHALED ALSERR: There was a direct bombing to the hospital. They forced people inside the hospital, including patients, relatives — oh, Allah — patients, relatives and healthcare workers, to evacuate immediately. And you can hear in the background the continuous bombing in the hospital.

Every minute and every hour, we have a new update. Just one hour ago — now the time here is 3 a.m., after midnight. At 2 a.m., Israeli army bombed the hospital directly with a rocket, which hit directly into the patient wards. Six patients were injured again, and one of the patients died on his bed.

Israeli army is trying to communicate with the people inside the hospital every time to warn them and threaten them to evacuate immediately, even if it's after midnight. The speakers on the drone shouting on people that they have to go out the hospital immediately, or they will bomb the hospital. And unfortunately, they have committed their warning and bombed the hospital directly just one hour ago.

The situation here is getting worse every time and every minute. Yesterday I tried to evacuate my parents from the hospital, because I have them here with me inside the hospital, but through a secure passage, as they claim that it's a secure passage for people and refugees to be evacuated through, in front of tanks and snipers and soldiers. The bulldozer and a tank tried to approach the people, so they were afraid and came back to the hospital here, as a lot of the refugees.

Actually, the situation here in the hospital at this moment is in chaos. All of the patients, all the relatives, refugees and also the medical staff are afraid because of what happened. We could not imagine that at any time the Israeli army will bomb the hospital directly, and they will kill patients and medical personnel directly by bombing the hospital building. Yesterday also, Israeli snipers and Israeli quadcopters, which is a drone, carry on it an AR, and with a sniper, they shot all over the building. And they shot my colleague, Dr. Karam. He has a shrapnel inside his head. I can upload for you a CT for him. You can see, *alhamdulillah*, it was superficial, nothing serious. But a lot of bullets inside their bedroom and the restroom.

Because I'm not easily getting internet access, you can share my voices or edit them to spread the news and spread the truth and what's happening to us right now.

NERMEEN SHAIKH: That was Dr. Khaled Alserr, one of the last remaining surgeons inside Nasser Hospital. Israeli troops stormed the hospital a few hours after he sent in those reports.