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Displaced Palestinian women walking under the cover of an improvised white flag and carrying their belongings pass Israeli troops while fleeing the Hamad City area of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip on Tuesday.

Gaza cease-fire talks fail to achieve a breakthrough, Egypt says, with month of Ramadan just days away

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CAIRO
Three days of negotiations with Hamas over a cease-fire in Gaza and the release of Israeli hostages failed to achieve a breakthrough on Tuesday, Egyptian officials said, less than a week before the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the informal deadline for a deal.
The nearly five months of fighting has left much of the Gaza Strip in ruins and created a worsening humanitarian catastrophe, with many, especially in the enclave's devastated

northern region, desperately searching for food.
"We must get more aid into Gaza," President Joe Biden said Tuesday. "There's no excuse. None."
Aid groups have said it has become nearly impossible to deliver supplies within most of Gaza because of the difficulty of coordinating their movements with the Israeli military, the ongoing combat and a breakdown of public order.
The United States, Qatar and Egypt have spent weeks trying to broker an agreement in which Hamas would release up to 40 hostages in return for a six-week cease-fire, the

release of some Palestinian prisoners held by Israel and a major influx of aid to the isolated territory.
Two Egyptian officials said that the latest round of discussions ended on Tuesday. They said Hamas presented a proposal that mediators would discuss with Israel in the coming days.
One of the officials said that mediators would meet Wednesday with the Hamas delegation, which did not leave Cairo.
Hamas has refused to release all of the estimated 100 hostages it holds, and the remains of around 30 more, unless Israel ends its offensive, withdraws from Gaza and releases a large

number of Palestinian prisoners, including senior militants serving life sentences.
U.S. officials have said that they are skeptical that Hamas actually wants a deal, because the group has balked at a number of what the U.S. and others believe are legitimate requests, including giving the names of hostages to be released.
"It is on Hamas to make decisions about whether it is prepared to engage," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Tuesday.
"We have an opportunity for an immediate cease-fire that can bring hostages home, that can dramat-

ically increase the amount of humanitarian aid getting in to Palestinians who so desperately need it, and can set the conditions for an enduring resolution," Blinken said.
Senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan said Tuesday that his group demands a permanent cease-fire, rather than a six-week pause, and a "complete withdrawal" of Israeli forces.
"The security and safety of our people will be achieved only by a permanent cease-fire, the end of the aggression and the withdrawal from every inch of the Gaza Strip," Hamdan told reporters in Beirut.
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly rejected Hamas' demands and repeatedly vowed to continue the war until Hamas has been dismantled and all of the hostages returned. Israel did not send a delegation to the latest round of negotiations
Israel was still waiting for Hamas to hand over a list of hostages who are alive as well as the hostage-to-prisoner ratio it seeks in any release deal, an Israeli official said. It was not clear whether that information was included in the latest proposal.
The Israeli and Egyptian officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media on the negotiations.
When asked whether Hamas has a list of the surviving hostages, Hamdan said that the matter was not relevant to the talks and accused Israel of using it as an excuse to avoid engaging in the negotiations.
Benny Gantz, a member of Netanyahu's war cabinet and his main political rival, met with senior U.S. officials in Washington on a visit that drew a rebuke from the prime minister, the latest sign of a growing rift within Israel's lead-

ership.
Mediators had hoped to broker an agreement before Ramadan, the month of dawn-to-dusk fasting that often sees heightened Israeli-Palestinian tensions linked to access to a major holy site in Jerusalem. Ramadan is expected to begin around March 10, depending on the sighting of the moon.
"The negotiations are sensitive. I can't say there is optimism or pessimism, but we haven't yet reached a point at which we can achieve a cease-fire," Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry said Monday.
The war began with a Hamas attack inside southern Israel on Oct. 7 in which Palestinian militants killed around 1,200 people and took about 250 hostages into Gaza. More than 100 of the hostages were released during a week-long cease-fire in November.
The attack sparked an Israeli invasion of the enclave of 2.3 million people that Gaza's Health Ministry says has killed more than 30,000 Palestinians. Aid groups say the fighting has displaced most of the territory's population and pushed a quarter of it to the brink of famine.
The U.N. children's agency said Monday that at least 10 children have reportedly died in isolated northern Gaza because of dehydration and malnutrition.
"There are likely more children fighting for their lives somewhere in one of Gaza's few remaining hospitals, and likely even more children in the north unable to obtain care at all," Adele Khodr, the UNICEF regional director for the Middle East and North Africa, said in a statement.
"These tragic and horrific deaths are man-made, predictable and entirely preventable," she added.



CITY OF DORAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a **COUNCIL ZONING MEETING** on **March 20, 2024** beginning at **6:00 PM** to consider a special exception for Lithia Motors. The meeting will be held at the **City of Doral, Government Center, Council Chambers located at 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, Florida, 33166.**

The City of Doral proposes to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, APPROVING/DENYING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR DORAL-K, LLC TO PERMIT TRANSACTIONS FOR AN AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP IN AN OFF-SITE OFFICE LOCATION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 74-152(5) OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

HEARING NO.: 24-03-DOR-06
APPLICANT: Doral-K, LLC (the "Applicant")
PROJECT NAME: Lithia Motors Special Exception
PROPERTY OWNER: 325 Doral, LLC
LOCATION: 10603 NW 12 Street, Doral, Florida 33172
FOLIO NUMBER: 35-3032-008-0125
SIZE OF PROPERTY: ±1.33 acres
FUTURE LAND USE MAP CATEGORY: Business
ZONING DISTRICT: Commercial Corridor (CC)
REQUEST: The Applicant is requesting a Special Exception pursuant to Section 74-152(5) of the City's Land Development Code to provide customers the ability to process vehicle lease and sale transactions in an off-site office location.

Location Map