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## After 60 Years, Arabs in Israel Are Outsiders

### Anger Grows Over Role in the Jewish State

By ETHAN BRONNER

JERUSALEM — As Israel toasts its 60th anniversary in the coming weeks, rejoicing in Jewish national rebirth and democratic values, the Arabs who make up 20 percent of its citizens will not be celebrating. Better off and better integrated than ever in their history, freer than a vast majority of other Arabs, Israel's 1.3 million Arab citizens are still far less well off than Israeli Jews and feel increasingly unwanted.

On Thursday, which is Independence Day, thousands will gather in their former villages to protest what they have come to call the "nakba," or catastrophe, meaning Israel's birth. For most Israelis, Jewish identity is central to the nation, the reason they are proud to live here, the link they feel with history. But Israeli Arabs, including the most successfully integrated ones, say a new identity must be found for the country's long-term survival.

"I am not a Jew," protested Eman Kassem-Sliman, an Arab radio journalist with impeccable Hebrew, whose children attend a predominantly Jewish school in Jerusalem. "How can I belong to a Jewish state? If they define this as a Jewish state, they deny that I am here."

The clash between the cherished heritage of the majority and the hopes of the minority is more than friction. Even more today than in the huge half-century festivities a decade ago, the left and the right increasingly see Israeli Arabs as one of the central challenges for Israel's future — one intractably bound to the search for an overall settlement between Jews and Arabs. Jews

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A Long Island philanthropist and fund-raiser has emerged as a figure in a possible scandal involving the Israeli prime minister, Ehud Olmert. Page A16.

## AID FOR MYANMAR MOBILIZES, MIXED WITH CRITICISM

### JUNTA LIMITING ACCESS

#### Government Says Tally of Deaths in Cyclone Reaches 22,500

By SETH MYDANS and HELENE COOPER

BANGKOK — A powerful cyclone that destroyed a vast swath of coastal Myanmar and left many thousands of people dead prompted the country's military leaders to allow some foreign aid groups to deliver relief supplies on Tuesday. But the ruling junta came under increasing pressure to further open its doors — and even relax its tight political grip — to grapple with the growing disaster.

The Myanmar government put its tally of deaths since Cyclone Nargis struck early Saturday at 22,500 and said 41,000 people were missing. Such early estimates often prove inaccurate, and the wide path of this cyclone, which destroyed homes across the fertile Irrawaddy Delta and into Yangon, the nation's main city, left a large area of destruction, complicating rescue efforts and damage assessments for days or weeks to come.

Foreign governments and aid organizations worldwide began mobilizing a major relief operation, and some aid began flowing into the country. But President Bush, speaking in Washington, continued a campaign to pressure the military government to allow fuller access to international relief teams and private charity groups.

His message mixed a new offer of American help with renewed criticism of a government the United States has denounced as one of the world's most repressive. But some international aid workers and foreign leaders said they feared that political pressure could make it more difficult to deliver aid in a timely manner. "Our message is to the military

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# OBAMA WINS NORTH CAROLINA AND WIDENS GAP IN DELEGATES



Senator Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, celebrating Tuesday night in Raleigh, N.C.



Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and former President Bill Clinton at a rally in Indianapolis.

### NEWS ANALYSIS

## For Clinton, Options Seem to Dwindle

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

In this case, even a split would not be a draw.

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's loss in North Carolina on Tuesday night, combined with a tight race in Indiana, where the counting continued deep into the night, did nothing to improve her chances of securing the Democratic presidential nomination. If anything, Mrs. Clinton's options for overtaking Senator Barack Obama may have dwindled further.

For Mr. Obama, the outcome came after a brutal period in which he was on the defensive over the inflammatory comments of his former pastor. That he was able, at a minimum, to hold his own under those circumstances should allow him to make a case that he has proved his resilience in the face of questions about race, values and patriotism — the very kinds of issues that the Clinton campaign has suggested would leave him vulnerable in the general election.

When paired with Mr. Obama's comfortable victory in North Car-

olina, a bigger state, Mrs. Clinton's performance in Indiana did not seem to be enough to cut into Mr. Obama's lead in pledged delegates or in his overall lead in the popular vote. And because Mrs. Clinton did not appear to come particularly close in North Carolina, despite a substantial effort there, she lost an opportunity to sow new doubts among Democratic leaders about Mr. Obama's general-election appeal.

In the last several weeks, Mrs. Clinton, seizing on the cam-

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## INDIANA IS CLOSE

### Clinton Leading There — 6 Contests Left for Democrats

By JEFF ZELENY

Senator Barack Obama won a commanding victory in the North Carolina primary on Tuesday and narrowly trailed Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in Indiana, an outcome that injected a boost of momentum to Mr. Obama's candidacy as the Democratic nominating contest entered its final month.

The results from the largest remaining Democratic primaries assured that Mr. Obama would widen his lead in pledged delegates over Mrs. Clinton, providing him with new ammunition as he seeks to persuade Democratic leaders to coalesce around his campaign. He also increased his lead in the popular vote in winning North Carolina by more than 200,000 votes.

"Don't ever forget that we have a choice in this country," Mr. Obama said in an address in Raleigh, N.C., that carried the unity themes of a convention speech. "We can choose not to be divided; that we can choose not to be afraid; that we can still choose this moment to finally come together and solve the problems we've talked about all those other years in all those other elections."

In winning North Carolina by 14 percentage points, Mr. Obama — whose campaign had been embattled by controversy over the incendiary remarks of his former pastor — recorded his first primary victory in nearly two months. His campaign was preparing to open a new front in his battle with Mrs. Clinton, intensifying the argument to uncommitted Democratic superdelegates that he weathered a storm and that the time was dawning for the party to concentrate on the general election.

But as Mrs. Clinton addressed

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## Releases From Death Row Raise Doubts Over Quality of Defense

By SHAILA DEWAN

RALEIGH, N.C. — The release of the third death row inmate in six months in North Carolina last week is raising fresh questions about whether states are supplying capital-murder defendants with adequate counsel, even as an execution on Tuesday night in Georgia ended a seven-month national suspension.

In all three cases, North Carolina appeals courts found that evidence that would have favored the defendants was withheld from defense lawyers by prosecutors or investigators. In two of the cases, including that of Levon Jones, who was released on Friday after 14 years on death row, the courts said the defendants' lawyers had failed to mount an adequate defense. Nationwide, Mr. Jones's release was the sixth in a year.

John Holdridge, director of the A.C.L.U. Capital Punishment Project, which provided representation for Mr. Jones, said the successful appeals showed that the problem with the death penalty was not the method of execution — the issue ruled on by the Supreme Court last month — but instead "poor people getting lousy lawyers."

"All these states are gearing up to start executing people



Levon Jones, one of three row inmates recently freed from North Carolina's death row.

again, and nobody seems to be concerned about these systemic problems," Mr. Holdridge said.

On Tuesday evening, after the Supreme Court declined to stop it, the State of Georgia conducted the first execution since the court ruled last month that a method of lethal injection was not unconstitutional. William E. Lynd, 53, was put to death by injection for the 1988 killing of his girlfriend, Ginger Moore. No prisoners had

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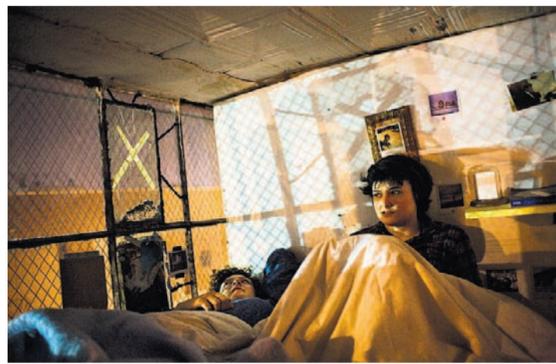
## Young Artists Find a Private Space, Only Without the Privacy

By CARA BUCKLEY

One "room" is a cramped cubby that measures, in all, perhaps 25 square feet, just enough for a full-size mattress and whatever can be stashed beneath. The first-floor rooms, in the basement, are musty and windowless, like caves. The second-floor rooms have plywood walls but no doors, only cut-out windows that overlook a kitchen cluttered with day-old dishes, a chore wheel and the odd paintbrush.

One of the residents likens her home to a "giant treehouse." Another says it is like "living in a public bathroom."

"Where the stalls are just superficial sight lines that block the other person, but you can hear everything they do," said Robyn Frank, a 23-year-old artist. She had just moved in to the McKibbin lofts in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and sometimes they literally become bathrooms. They are known for their giant,



Tryn Collins, left, and Mary Hill share small quarters at a loft building in Brooklyn that was transformed from a factory.

raucous parties; revelers occasionally urinate in the halls.

This is life in what some refer to as the McKibbin "dorms," a landing pad for hundreds of post-collegiate creative types yearning to make it as artists, and live

like them too, in today's New York.

Newcomers marvel that such a place exists: two sprawling, almost identical five-story former factories filled with mostly white hip young things, smack in the

middle of a neighborhood that has little in common with Williamsburg proper, its cocktail-mixing neighbor to the west.

Perhaps 300 people live in each building, which face each other and sit, respectively, at 248 and 255 McKibbin Street. Between one and eight people live in each loft. Few were born before the mid-1980s. Rents can range from \$375 for one person to roughly \$800 for a space. Perhaps not surprisingly, there have been citations for more than a few housing violations at one of the buildings.

To spend a few days at the McKibbin lofts is to experience what it is to be young, hungry for acceptance, and willing to put up with just about anything in order to gain a foothold in the city's competitive, and thriving, underground art and music scenes. This could have been Greenwich Village 60 years ago, or SoHo 30 years ago, or the East Village in the 1990s.

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