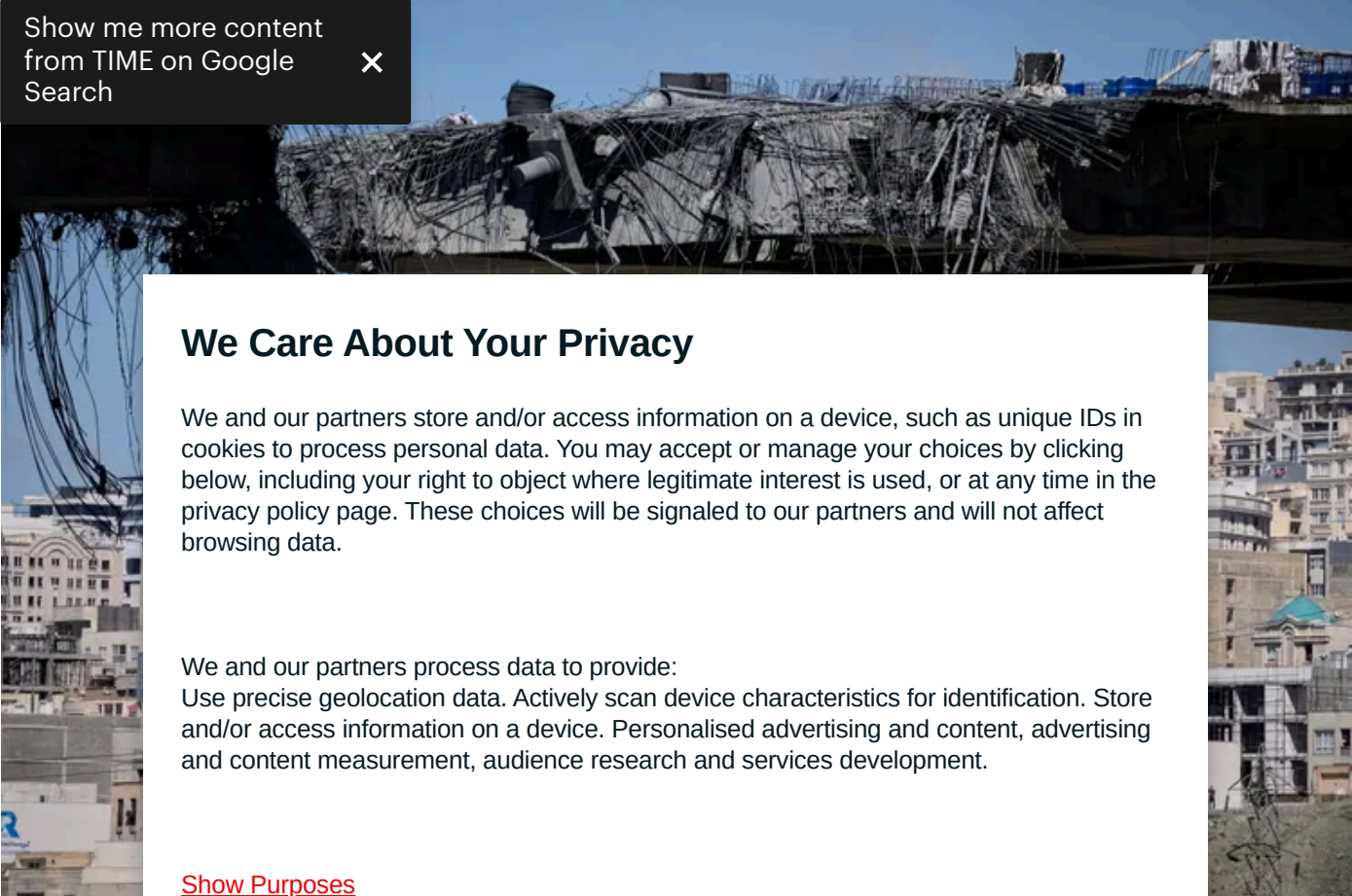


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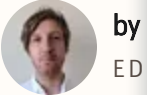
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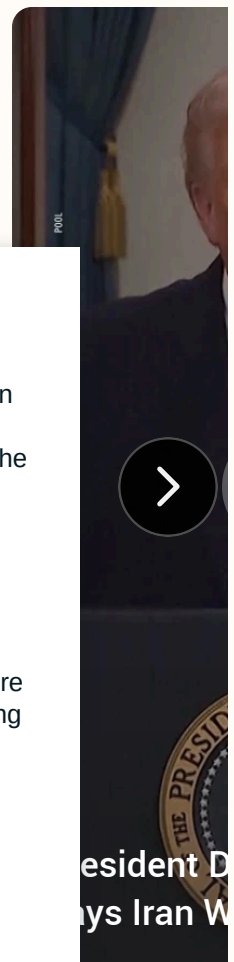
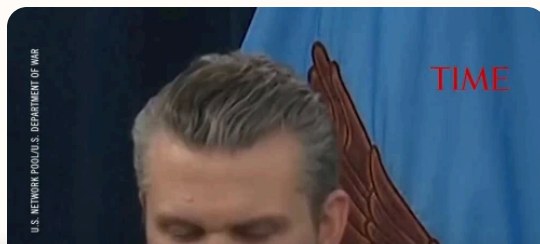
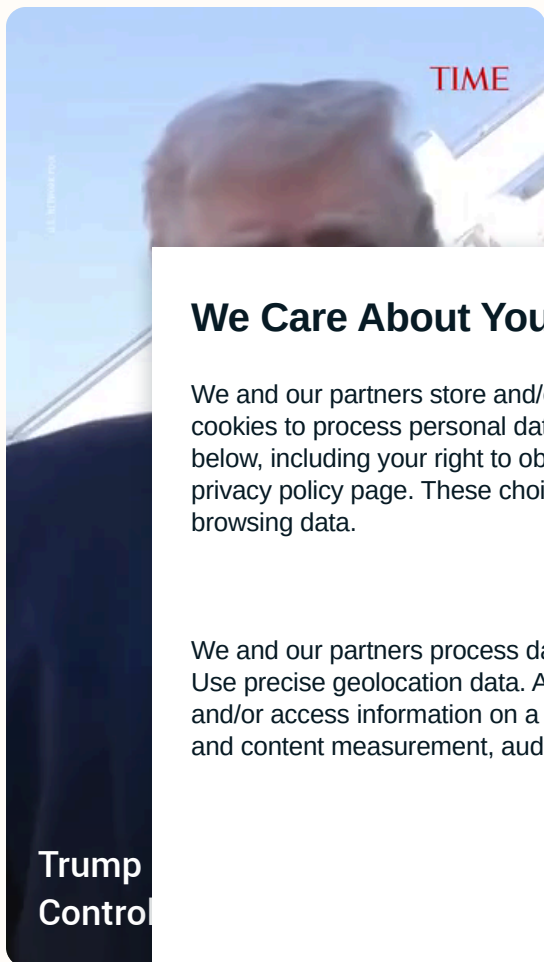
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President Donald Trump issued an expletive-laden threat to bomb Iran's civilian power plants and bridges if it did not meet a new deadline of Tuesday to open the Strait of Hormuz.

“Tuesday will be Power Plant Day, and Bridge Day, all wrapped up in one, in Iran. There will be nothing like it!!! Open the F--kin’ Strait, you crazy b-stards, or you’ll be living in Hell - JUST WATCH!” Trump wrote on Truth Social on Sunday. He signed off the message: “Praise be to Allah.”

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Trump has made several similar threats to bomb Iran's power plants, only to postpone or move deadlines after claiming progress in talks with Iranian leaders.

Under international humanitarian law, attacks on objects "indispensable to the survival of the civilian population" are prohibited and may constitute war crimes. The law also stipulates that collateral civilian harm from strikes not be "excessive in relation to the concrete and direct military advantage anticipated."

The destruction of power plants could lead to widespread blackouts and impact hospitals, water treatment facilities and food supply chains.

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Agnes Callamard, secretary general of Amnesty International, described Trump's post as "revolting."

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Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf has responded to Trump's previous threats to attack its power plants by saying it would respond by targeting Gulf and U.S.-linked energy facilities in the region, including "critical infrastructure, energy infrastructure, and oil facilities" throughout the region.

Iran's joint military command repeated that threat on Sunday.

"We once again repeat: if you commit aggression again and strike civilian facilities, our responses will be more forceful," a spokesman said in comments published by the IRNA news agency.

A key advisor to Iran's new Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, also threatened the closure of another key waterway that connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden. Ali Akbar Velayati warned in a social media post on Sunday that Iran could close the Bab al-Mandab Strait.

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“The Houthis would cause a much more important impact on the war if they were to start targeting maritime shipping in the Red Sea and try to close the Bab al-Mandab Strait. This would amplify the war's already strong impact on oil and natural gas prices and on the global economy,” he said.

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Attacks on the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab Strait would likely disrupt traffic through the Suez Canal, through which around 22% of global seaborne container trade travels each year.

Israel strikes a petrochemical plant in Iran

A low-level energy war may have already begun, however. Israel struck a major petrochemical plant in the Iranian city of Mahshahr on Saturday.

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