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Trump warns of "critical period" in Iran war, threatening severe strikes if there's no deal by Tuesday night

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- U.S.-Israeli strikes continue, with the intelligence chief of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guards among dozens killed on Monday. Israel and America's Persian Gulf allies are bearing the brunt of Tehran's retaliatory fire. Four people were killed by an Iranian missile attack in Israel, the military confirmed.

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Iran calls for human chains around power plants to protect them

An Iranian official urged youths to form human chains around power plants to protect them as President Trump's latest deadline for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz drew closer.

The official called on "all young people, athletes, artists, students and university students and their professors" to form human chains around power plants ahead of the threatened strikes.

"Power plants that are our national assets and capital, regardless of any taste or political viewpoint, belong to the future of Iran and to the Iranian youth," Alireza

Rahimi, head of the Islamic Consultative Assembly's Council of Youth Affairs, said in a speech.

Iran has faced heightened tensions since the U.S. launched strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities in October 2024.

Later, a Reuters reporter said that Iranian forces were closing checkpoints in the Strait of Hormuz.

By The Associated Press

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Iran's ambassador to the U.S. calls for "critical period" in Iran war

Iran's ambassador to the United States said Tuesday that the country is in a "critical period" as it faces a deadline to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

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"Positive and productive endeavors in Good Will and Good Office to stop the war is approaching a critical, sensitive stage," Ambassador Reza Amiri Moghadam wrote on X, without giving details.

The message came hours before a deadline set by President Trump for Iran to open the Strait of Hormuz to shipping or face attacks on key infrastructure.

Meanwhile, The Wall Street Journal is citing senior American negotiators and officials as saying chances of an agreement with Iran by tonight's deadline are slim.

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Saudi Arabia shuts only road linking it to Bahrain after Iran strikes energy facilities

Saudi Arabia closed the only road linking it to Bahrain on Tuesday after Iran fired missiles at its oil-rich Eastern Province.

Tehran launched seven ballistic missiles at Saudi Arabia that authorities said rained debris on the ground near energy facilities as they were intercepted. Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Turki al-Malki said the damage was being assessed.

In the meantime, Saudi Arabia said it was closing the King Fahd Causeway, a 15.5 mile series of bridges linking it to the island kingdom of Bahrain due to the threat of more Iranian attacks.

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In a post titled "Urgent Warning to Users and Train Passengers in the Country of Iran," the IDF said, "Dear Citizens, for the sake of your security, we kindly request that from this moment until 21:00 Iran time (1:30 p.m. EDT), you refrain from using and traveling by train throughout Iran. Your presence on trains and near railway lines endangers your life."

The IDF seemed to be signaling upcoming strikes on Iran's railways.

By Brian Dakss



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Saudi Arabia, UAE, Israel report Iranian drone and missile attacks

The United Arab Emirates said early Tuesday morning local time that its air defenses were working to intercept Iranian drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles, marking a fresh round of apparent attacks on U.S.-allied countries.

Saudi Arabia's defense ministry said...

The Israel Defense Forces said it shot down an Iranian drone from Iranian airspace. The IDF said it shot down another Iranian drone from Iranian airspace.

By Joe Walcott

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Israel says it shot down Iranian drone

The Israel Defense Forces said it shot down an Iranian drone from Iranian airspace. The IDF said it shot down another Iranian drone from Iranian airspace.

Hours earlier, the U.S. Coast Guard said it shot down an Iranian drone from Iranian airspace.

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As he waited, Hegseth told those around him he wanted to read a prayer because it felt appropriate for what the weapon systems operator was going through.

It was from Exodus: "Then the Lord said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.'"

The Army's Delta Force used a rudimentary airfield on agricultural land to bring in transport planes.

Ten miles away, members of the Navy's SEAL Team Six plucked the missing weapons system officer from the mountainside.

Enemy forces had moved within two miles of the airman's position. But there was no firefight.

Some 339 munitions were expended during the entire mission, sources said: 123 for the pilot's rescue and 216 during the rescue of the weapons system officer.

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The White House warned in a statement Monday that "Iran will be sent back to the stone ages tomorrow night if they fail to engage in a serious way" with negotiations.

President Trump had previously said Iran needs to reach a deal by Tuesday night to avoid sweeping airstrikes on infrastructure targets, including power plants and bridges.

In the statement, White House principal deputy press secretary Anna Kelly wrote that Mr. Trump's national security team is "working together to see if a peace deal is possible." The team includes Vice President JD Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Special Envoy Steve Witkoff and the president's son-in-law Jared Kushner, Kelly said.

"The Vice President has always been a trusted voice on all foreign policy topics, and the President appreciates his work to see whether the Iranians can meet the reality of this current moment," said Kelly.

By [Sara Cook](#)



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15 Americans injured in Iranian attack on Kuwaiti air base

An Iranian drone strike on Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait overnight injured 15 Americans, two U.S. officials told CBS News.

Most have returned to duty, one of the sources said.

By [James LaPorta](#)



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373 U.S. service members injured

As of Monday, 373 American service members have been injured in the Iran operation. Those who have returned to duty are those who were not injured.

By [Eleanor](#)

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In recent weeks, markets have frequently moved in reaction to clues about how close the U.S. might be to ending its war with Iran and whether oil exports will return to normal.

President Trump is pressing Iran to either reach a deal by Tuesday night or face massive strikes on its power plants. He told CBS News' Weijia Jiang in a press conference Monday that "we have to have a deal that's acceptable to me," including ensuring "free traffic of oil."

Earlier Monday, Iran rejected the U.S.'s 15-point peace proposal and responded with its own set of terms. Mr. Trump told reporters Iran's offer was "not good enough" but a "significant step."

Mediators from Pakistan presented the U.S. and Iran with a 45-day ceasefire proposal, Reuters reported. A White House official called it "one of many ideas" being considered by the Trump administration, but the president "has not signed off on it."

By [Joe Walsh](#)



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Trump says Iran is negotiating, "we think in good faith"

In response to a question about whether the war is about to escalate or nearing an end, President Trump said it depends on how Iran responds to the deadline he set of 8 p.m. ET Tuesday.

"This is a critical period," he said. "They have till tomorrow. Now we'll see what happens. I can tell you they're negotiating, we think in good faith."

He added, "We're getting the help of some incredible countries that want this to be ended because it affects them also."

By Paula Cohen



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Iran's new supreme leader issues rare public statement to mourn

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Trump says reopening Strait of Hormuz is a "very big priority"

Asked whether he would be willing to make a deal with Iran that does not include reopening the Strait of Hormuz, Mr. Trump said the strait is a "very big priority."

"We can bomb the hell out of them. We can knock them out for a loop. But to close the Strait, all you need is one terrorist that somehow has a truck loaded" with mines to plant in the water, he said.

By [Melissa Quinn](#)



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Trump says there have been 10,000 combat flights striking more than 13,000 targets during Operation Epic Fury

The president called the rescue operation for the downed U.S. airmen "historic."

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President Trump said that some officials in the military were wary of the rescue operation and concerned about going into Iran to extract the weapons systems officer.

When Mr. Trump asked Caine how many people were part of the operation, Caine said he would "love to keep that a secret."

Still, the president estimated there were "hundreds" who participated.

By [Lucia I Suarez Sang](#)



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Gen. Caine details timeline of mission to rescue F-15E crew

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Dan Caine provided a more detailed timeline of the mission to rescue the crew from the downed fighter jet, call sign Dude 44.

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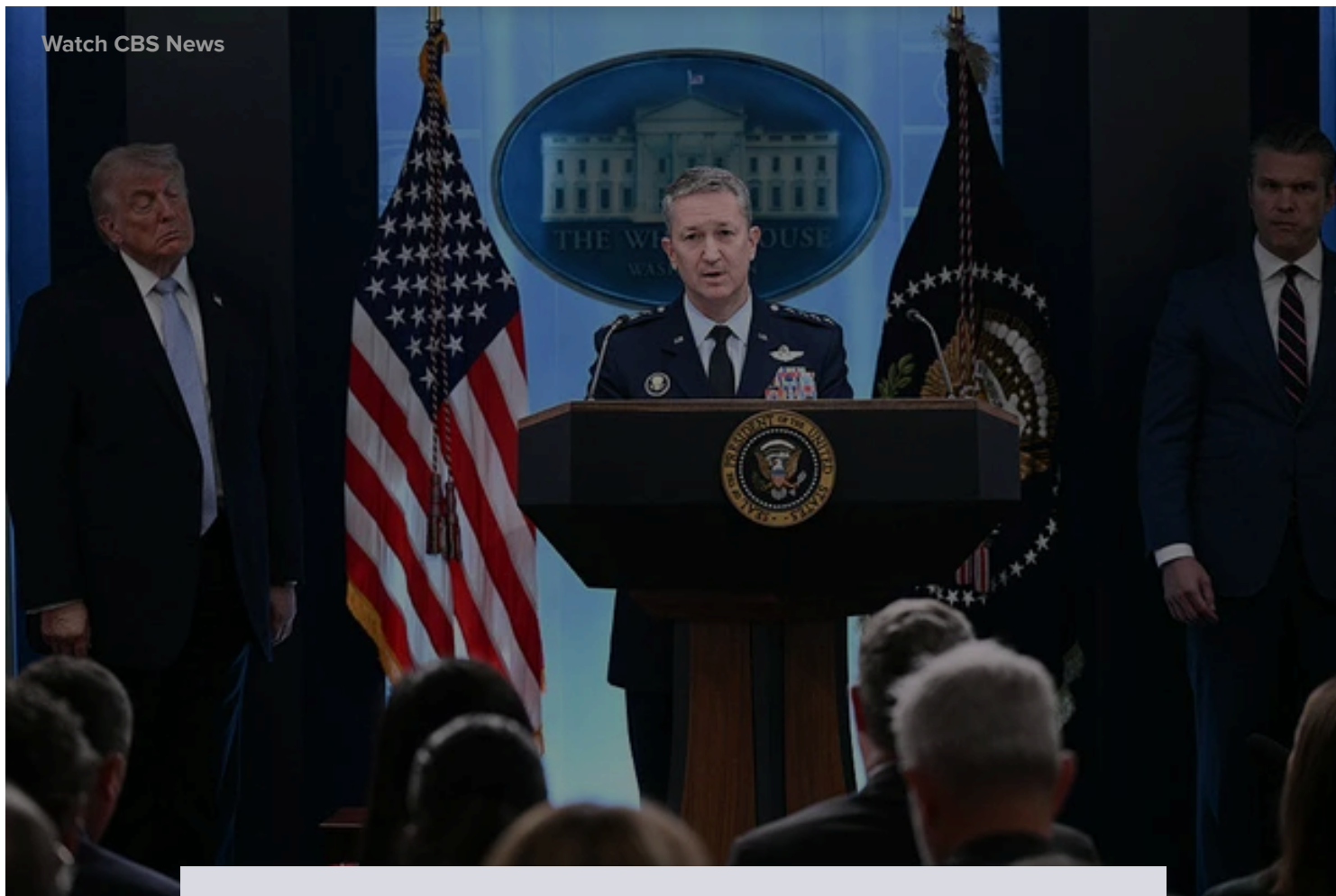
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Caine said that around 12 a.m. ET on Easter Sunday, more than 50 hours after the start of the operation, both crew from Dude 44 were declared returned to friendly territory.

"This operation serves as a clear reminder of the capability and will of America's joint force," he said. "The United States of America will recover our war fighters anywhere in the world under any conditions, when we want to."

By [Melissa Quinn](#)



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Soleimani's niece held at ICE detention center in Texas after arrest

Hamideh Soleimani, the niece of former Iranian Revolutionary Guard Major Gen. Qasem Soleimani, is being held at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Pearsall, Texas, CBS News confirmed on Monday.

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Iran's powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps vowed Monday to avenge the death of the group's intelligence chief, Major General Majid Khademi, who was killed earlier in the day in an Israeli airstrike.

"The malicious and desperate enemy should know that a major retaliatory strike by the IRGC Intelligence Organization, under Operation 'Crushing Revenge,' awaits the planners and perpetrators of this crime," the IRGC said in a statement on its official Sepah News site.

Israel's defense minister lauded the assassination of Khademi in an intelligence-led airstrike as a major blow to the regime, calling him a "key figure" in Iran's war effort who had planned strikes against Israeli and U.S. targets.

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CIA chief says Iranians "embarrassed and ultimately humiliated" by success of rescue mission

CIA Director John Ratcliffe walked through the agency's role in the mission to rescue the downed weapons systems officer, calling it a "no-fail mission."

The CIA deployed human assets and technology to respond to a "daunting challenge compared to hunting for a single grain of sand in the middle of a desert," he said.

Ratcliffe said the CIA launched a "deception campaign" designed to confuse Iranians who were searching for the airman and, on Saturday morning, found and confirmed that the weapons systems officer was alive and hidden in a mountain crevice.

The CIA director said the airman was "still invisible to the enemy, but not to the CIA."

Ratcliffe said the CIA used its intelligence to track the airman, and by the success of the mission, he said, the CIA was "embarrassed and ultimately humiliated."

By [Melissa Quinn](#)

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U.S. has no intention of sending a rescue crew

The Pentagon said it has no intention of sending a rescue crew to the site of the downed weapons systems officer, a CIA official said.

Hegseth said the CIA was "embarrassed and ultimately humiliated" by the success of the mission.

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The weather was also a factor. The low cloud ceiling made rotary-wing insertion difficult.

They debated between two landing zones and ended up choosing an agricultural landing strip that was 10 miles from the crew member's location.

The plan was to land the fixed-wing aircraft on the agricultural landing strip, secure the runway and offload the helicopters off the back of the MC-130s. They would assemble the helicopters on the runway. That would take about 15 minutes.

Once assembled, operators would board the Little Bird MH-6 helicopters, fly them on a 7-minute flight to the ridgeline in the cliff face where the weapons system officer was located, load him up and fly back another seven minutes.

They would land, disassemble the helicopters, load them back on the two MC-130s and then fly out of there.

By [Jennifer Jacobs](#)



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Trump says mission to rescue downed airman "one of the largest, most complex, most harrowing"

In remarks to the press from the White House, the president called the mission to rescue the downed weapons system officer "one of the largest, most complex, most harrowing combat searches ... ever attempted by the military."

He said the F-15E fighter jet was downed Thursday night "deep inside enemy territory" while participating in Operation Epic Fury, and both crew members ejected and landed on Iranian soil.

Mr. Trump said he made the decision to rescue the airmen because "in the United States military, we have a tradition of rescuing our people."

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Netanyahu says Trump thanked him for help in rescuing downed fighter jet crew

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that he spoke the previous day with President Trump about "the heroic rescue operation of that US aircrew member, and President Trump, for his part, thanked me for the assistance Israel provided in this mission."

Netanyahu said Mr. Trump lauded Israel during the call as a steadfast, determined ally that fights shoulder-to-shoulder alongside the U.S., "and together, we are continuing to crush Iran's regime of terror."

Netanyahu said Israel had, in strikes Monday, "destroyed the largest petrochemical plant in Iran," part of efforts aimed at "systematically dismantling the IRGC's [Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps] presence in the region," he said. Netanyahu is the chief.

"Israel is so grateful for the support of the president," said Netanyahu. "The president's leadership is a source of strength and inspiration for the Jewish people and the State of Israel." Netanyahu said the president's "power. We are grateful for the support of the president."

By Tucker Carlson

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The president said it would be a war crime to allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon.

Mr. Trump said Iran is seeking a ceasefire because it is "getting obliterated," adding that he has given the Iranians opportunities to end the war, but "they haven't taken them."

"The only one that is going to set a ceasefire is me," he said. "I haven't set any ceasefire."

By [Melissa Quinn](#)



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Trump says rescued U.S. airmen from downed fighter jet "recovering very well"

President Trump spoke briefly Monday about the two U.S. airmen who were rescued from Iran after their F-15E fighter jet was shot down late last week, calling them

"incredibly brave." "I think they're going to be back in the States by the end of the Easter Egg Roll."

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"They don't want to cry, as the expression goes, 'uncle.' But they will, and if they don't, they'll have no bridges. They'll have no power plants. They'll have no anything," Mr. Trump said.

The president said the war was about "one thing," which he said was preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. But he also said he would like to seize Iran's oil.

"If I had my choice? What would I like to do? Take the oil, because it's there for the taking. There's not a thing they can do about it," he said. "Unfortunately, the American people would like to see us come home. If it were up to me, I'd take the oil. I'd keep the oil and would make plenty of money. And I'd also take care of the people of Iran."

By [Melissa Quinn](#)



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Iran formally rejects Trump admin's 15-point peace plan, offers its own terms

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President Trump has not endorsed that proposal, but it is among many ideas he's considering, a White House official told CBS News on Monday.

By Tucker Reals



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Operation to rescue "Dude 44" U.S. fighter jet crew in Iran involved more than 150 aircraft, 200 munitions

The U.S. scrambled a massive clandestine and fighting force to rescue a weapons systems operator who had to eject from an F-15E over southwest Iran last week, eventually sending more than 150 aircraft to find the Air Force colonel as the effort stretched from hours into days, sources familiar with the situation told CBS News.

More than 200 munitions were used in the operation. About 20 aircraft were dispatched to pick up the two-person crew of the F-15E Strike Eagle, a plane whose call sign was Dude 44, after it was hit by a surface-to-air missile just before 10 p.m. Eastern o

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The president of the European Union's governing body, the European Council, called for a diplomatic resolution to the Iran war Monday and warned that "any targeting of civilian infrastructure, namely energy facilities, is illegal and unacceptable."

President Trump has threatened to destroy Iran's civilian power plants and its bridges if it doesn't agree to a deal to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz by Tuesday night.

"The Iranian civilian population is the main victim of the Iranian regime. It would also be the main victim of a widening of the military campaign," EC President Antonio Costa said in a social media post, adding a call from the European Union for Iran "to immediately put an end to its attacks against countries in the region and to allow for the reestablishment of full freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz. Escalation will not achieve a ceasefire and peace. Only negotiations will, namely the ongoing efforts led by regional partners."

Pakistan has offered a 45-day ceasefire proposal which both the White House and Tehran are currently considering.

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Tehran would retaliate by targeting energy infrastructure in U.S.-allied Persian Gulf states.

"The foolish President of the #United_States has threatened to strike Iran's electrical infrastructure! The rulers of #Arab_countries should, in order to prevent the region from going dark, make Trump understand that the #Persian_Gulf is not a place for gambling," said Aliakbar Velayati in his [social media post](#).

Velayati is a former Iranian foreign minister and current senior advisor to the nation's supreme leader, Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, who has not been seen or heard from directly since sustaining unspecified injuries in the same airstrike that killed his father, who was also his predecessor, on Feb. 28.

By [Tucker Reals](#)



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The spokesperson said the U.S. had "consistently urged the Iraqi government to immediately live up to its responsibility to stop attacks on U.S. facilities and to prevent terrorist militias from using Iraqi territory to launch attacks," adding that U.S. forces would "not hesitate to defend our personnel and facilities should the Iraqi government be unable to fulfill its obligations."

The State Department has offered a monetary reward for any information regarding planned or previous attacks against U.S. diplomatic facilities worldwide.

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Iranian officials say situation "under control" after fire at huge petrochemical complex caused by Israeli strike

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Israeli military says death of 4 people in Iran missile strike brings total toll during war to 21 civilians

Israel Defense Forces international spokesperson Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani acknowledged on Monday a "hard incident" in the northern city of Haifa, confirming that four Israeli civilians were killed when a residential building was hit by an Iranian ballistic missile the previous day.

Two of the victims were found amid the rubble after the strike on Sunday, while the two others were found Monday morning.

Shoshani said rescuers spent 18 hours using special equipment in "a highly complex rescue" operation complicated by the fact that, while part of the Iranian missile hit the building, there was no sign of an explosion, so crews had to be careful due to the possibility of an "active explosive device still in their arena."

"The Iranian regime with their attack killed 21 Israeli civilians. While the IDF and our American counterparts take every possible step to mitigate harm to civilians, Our enemies, Iranian regime, targets civilians purposely daily both in how they target and with the r

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It said the UAE's air defenses had intercepted a total of 519 ballistic missiles, 26 cruise missiles, and 2,210 drones launched by Iran.

Jordan's military said Monday that Iran had targeted the kingdom with missiles and drones over the last 24 hours, including one of each that were "not intercepted and fell within Jordanian territory."

"Two people were injured, both with moderate injuries; one was taken to a hospital for treatment, while the other received first aid on site," the military said in its statement, adding that some, unspecified "material damage was also reported."

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U.N. nuclear watchdog warns of radiological risk as U.S.-Israeli strikes hit near Iran's Bushehr nuclear plant

The International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations' nuclear watchdog agency, warned Monday of the potential for a "severe radiological accident with harmful consequences for people and the environment in Iran and beyond" after U.S.-Israeli strikes near an Iranian nuclear facility.

"Based on its independent analysis of new satellite imagery and detailed knowledge of the site, the IAEA can confirm recent impacts of military strikes close to Iran's Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant (BNPP), including one just 75 metres (yards) from the site perimeter," the agency said in a [statement shared on social media](#), adding that the facility itself had not yet been damaged as of Sunday.

"Once again, IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi warns that continued military activity near the BNPP – an operating plant with large amounts of nuclear fuel – could cause a severe radiological accident with harmful consequences for people and the environment."

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Katz said in his video statement that he and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had instructed the Israeli military "to continue striking the Iranian regime's national infrastructure with full force."

Iranian state media reported explosions from attacks on several major petrochemical facilities across the country, including the South Pars facility in Asaluyeh, where smoke was reported rising after blasts explosions.

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Trump "has not signed off" on Pakistani ceasefire proposal

A White House official told CBS News on Monday that a ceasefire proposal from Pakistan was "one of many ideas" being considered by the Trump administration, but that Mr. Trump "has not signed off on it."

"Operation Epic Fury continues," the official said, noting that Mr. Trump is due to speak at 1

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As reports said Pakistan had handed Tehran and Washington a proposal for a 45-day ceasefire, foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said it was "not unusual for intermediaries to convey the positions of the parties ... and naturally, this process continues."

"However, negotiation can in no way be compatible with ultimatums, crimes, or threats to commit war crimes," Baqaei added in remarks conveyed by Iranian state media.

"Regarding threats against us, there is no doubt: issuing such threats constitutes war crimes, encourages war crimes, and normalizes war crimes. Repeatedly threatening a country with the destruction of energy and industrial infrastructure, while signaling to the Israeli regime to attack civilian targets either alone or with your cooperation, constitutes a war crime under both international humanitarian law and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court," Baqaei said.

Others have warned that attacking civilian infrastructure would constitute a war crime.

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Trump to speak about rescue of F-15 crew at White House news conference on Monday

President Trump is scheduled to hold a news conference at the White House later Monday about the successful mission over the weekend to rescue the second member of a U.S. F-15E fighter jet crew from inside Iran, among other topics.

Mr. Trump said in a Truth Social post over the weekend that members of the military would join him to speak with the media at 1 p.m. Eastern on Monday afternoon.

The F-15's pilot was rescued Friday after the jet was shot down over a remote area of Iran, but the second crew member wasn't rescued by U.S. forces until early Sunday morning local time.

"We have rescued the seriously wounded, and really brave, F-15 Crew Member/Officer, from deep inside the mountains of Iran," Mr. Trump wrote in a Truth Social post on Sunday, calling him "a highly respected Colonel."

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Iran has allowed some ships to traverse the strait in recent days, but none belonging to the U.S. or Israel, and it is believed to be using its Larak Island as a "toll booth" to collect fees that other countries say amount to extortion.

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Pakistan reportedly offers U.S. and Iran a last-ditch proposal for a ceasefire

Pakistan has presented the U.S. and Iran with a last-ditch proposal to immediately halt fighting and reopen the Strait of Hormuz, a source aware of the ongoing indirect negotiations told the Reuters news agency on Monday. Axios first reported on Sunday a bid for a potential 45-day ceasefire, intended to be the first part of a two-phase deal aimed at launching broader, direct negotiations to permanently end the war.

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have even suggested Iran must be paid reparations for the damage done during the war, reparations that could come in the form of "tolls" charged by Iran to let ships through the strait.

Reuters said a final agreement under the proposal would be expected to include Iranian commitments not to pursue nuclear weapons in exchange for the U.S. and other countries lifting sanctions and releasing billions of dollars of frozen Iranian assets.

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Iranian intel chief among 25 killed in new U.S.-Israeli strikes, as Iran's retaliatory fire kills 4 in Israel

Israel and the United States carried out a wave of attacks on Iran on Monday, killing more than 25 people, and Iran responded with missile fire on Israel and its Gulf Arab neighbors.

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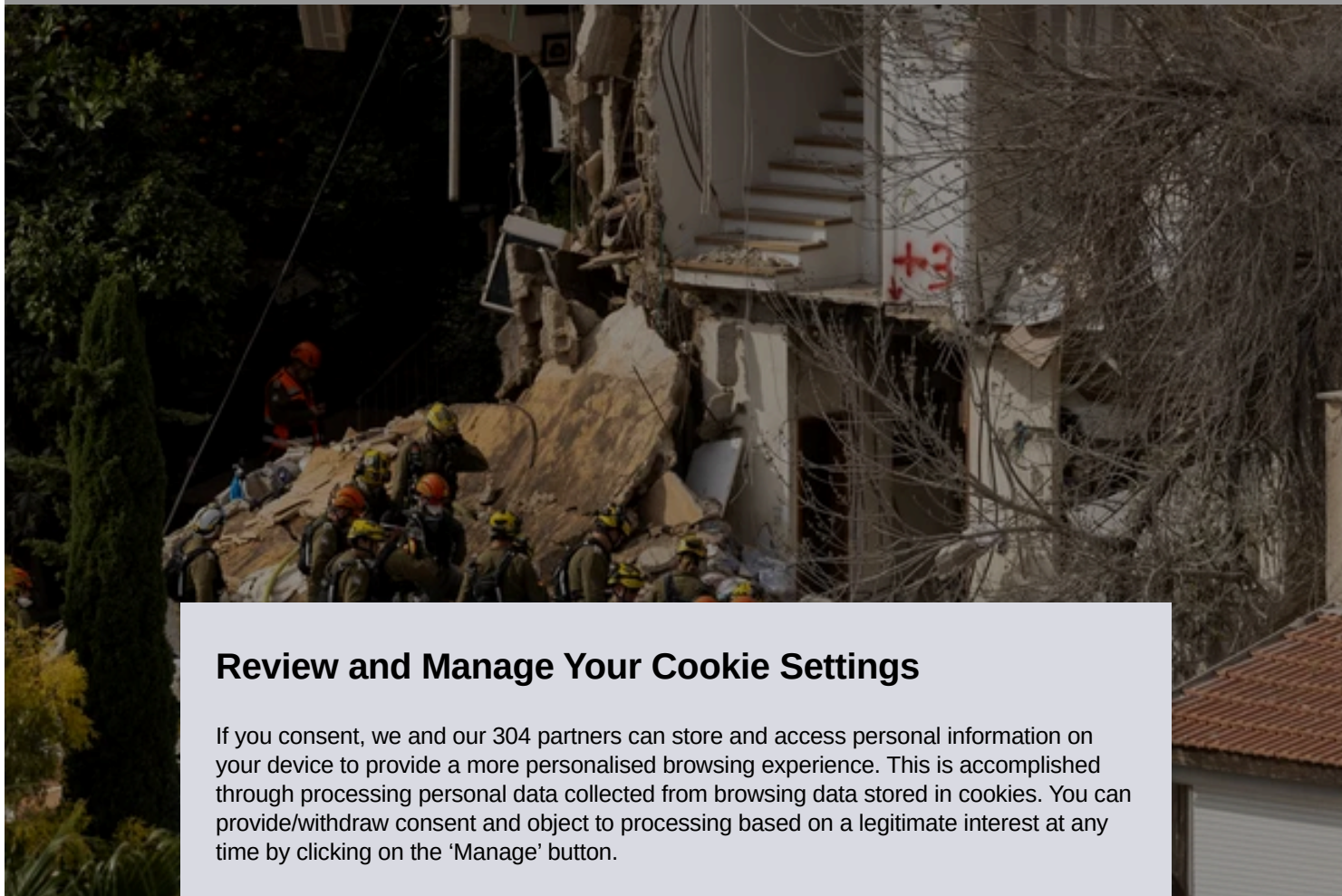
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American individuals and was responsible for monitoring Iranian civilians as part of the regime's suppression of internal protests," the IDF said.

Iranian missiles hit the northern Israeli city of Haifa, meanwhile, where four people were found dead in the rubble of a residential building, the Israeli military said.



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Israeli emergency services were called to the scene after the attack, and it was apparent that the building was a residential structure.

Amir Levy/CBS/AP

Kuwait, the country's oil exports are under pressure from the U.S. and its allies, and its status as a major oil exporter has been threatened. Oil is shipped in tankers from the Gulf region.

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Iran warns of "much more devastating" response if civilian infrastructure is struck

Iran's central military command warned on Monday of "much more devastating" retaliation if its adversaries hit civilian targets.

"If attacks on civilian targets are repeated, the next stages of our offensive and retaliatory operations will be much more devastating and widespread," a spokesman for the Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters said in a statement posted by state broadcaster IRIB on Telegram.

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He later posted on Truth Social: "Tuesday, 8:00 P.M. Eastern Time," indicating his apparent deadline for Iran to make a deal.

He told The Wall Street Journal "if they don't do something by Tuesday evening, they won't have any power plants and they won't have any bridges standing."

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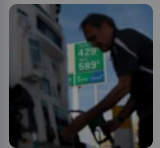
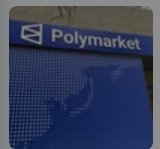
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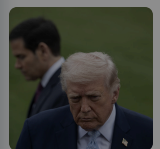
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