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Will Trump blink on Iran as pressure mounts?

Experts say advisers may halt president's push if economic pain threatens US midterms

AFP, Washington

US President Donald Trump has built a potential off-ramp by suggesting the Iran war could end soon, but the world is still guessing about whether he will take it -- and whether Tehran will let him.

With surging oil prices threatening the global economy and his political fortunes at home, Trump's tone appeared to shift abruptly on Monday as he called the war "very complete" and a "short-term excursion."

But the 79-year-old commander-in-chief continued to send mixed messages about when the war could end -- and what his goals are -- leaving it far from clear what he will ultimately settle for.

For Trump, that calculation will almost certainly involve November's US midterm elections, with gas prices likely to fuel voter anger over the cost of living.

Polls so far show historically low support among Americans for the war. "I think he's going to keep going until his advisers tell him that the economic pain is going to risk the midterms," Colin Clarke, executive director of the Soufan Center in New York, told AFP.

"He's going to make a political decision about a military operation." For some, Trump's comments on a short Iran war timeline were evidence of what observers have dubbed the TACO phenomenon -- "Trump Always Chickens Out."

"What they did communicate clearly, to the delight of markets, was that Trump is looking for an exit," wrote Robert Armstrong, the Financial Times journalist who first coined the term TACO.

In the opening days of the US-Israeli strikes, Trump suggested the war could last four or five weeks, but markets surged at his hints on Monday that it could be shorter.

Clarke said he believed Trump

would "go hard for the next two weeks tops, then things are so messy he's going to declare victory." Victory will then be in the eye of the beholder. Both Trump and his administration have publicly given a panoply of shifting goals for the war, ranging from unconditional surrender, to regime change in all but name, to

supplies. Israel meanwhile has its own timeline, which Trump also has only limited control over. Differences have already emerged over both the long-term goals and Israel's strikes on Iranian energy infrastructure.

And while Trump insists he must have a role in choosing Iran's new leader, there is no sign yet of



securing the flow of Gulf oil.

But on paper it has listed some core military objectives -- ensuring Iran has no nuclear weapon, eliminating its ballistic missiles and its navy, and curbing its regional proxies -- that could be easier for Trump to sign off on.

"President Trump will determine when Iran is in a place of unconditional surrender, when they no longer pose a credible and direct threat to the United States of America and our allies," White House spokeswoman Karoline Leavitt told a briefing.

But Iran will likely see any such declaration as Trump blinking first. Despite the significant damage from the US-Israeli air campaign, Tehran has stepped up its defiant tone since Trump's remarks, vowing to block Gulf oil

large-scale internal resistance to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, chosen at the weekend to replace his slain father.

If Mojtaba Khamenei and the regime survive, Operation Epic Fury would be "remembered as the Mother of All Lawnmowers" for having only skimmed the surface of things, Walter Russell Mead wrote in The Wall Street Journal.

Trump could then leave an even more dangerous situation, the Soufan Center's Clarke said, with a "rump IRGC" going all out for a nuclear bomb, and the risk of various ethnic groups launching a huge insurgency in Middle East.

"If it's Khamenei's son or another hardliner, what's different?" said Clarke. "It's now like a wounded animal, which is arguably more dangerous."

AI military use can create 'Terminator' world
China warns US
AFP, Beijing

China warned the United States yesterday that the excessive use of artificial intelligence (AI) in its military could plunge the world into a "Terminator"-like dystopian future.

US President Donald Trump's administration has sought the unconditional use of AI startups in the military.

The Pentagon has confirmed Elon Musk's Grok system is cleared for use in a classified setting, and blacklisted Anthropic after it refused to allow its Claude AI model to be used for mass surveillance and autonomous lethal warfare.

"Such choices as the unrestricted application of AI by the military, using AI as a tool to violate the sovereignty of other nations, allowing AI to excessively affect war decisions, and giving algorithms the power to determine life and death, not only erode ethical restraints and accountability in wars, but also risk technological runaway," a spokesman for China's defence ministry, Jiang Bin, said yesterday.

"A dystopia depicted in the American film 'The Terminator' could one day come true," he said.

"The Terminator", released in 1984 and starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, depicts an apocalyptic future in which AI-controlled robots fight humans.

The Pentagon's row with Anthropic erupted days before the US military strike on Iran.



US-ISRAEL WAR ON IRAN Regional casualty count rises

AFP, Dubai

Since the US and Israel unleashed strikes on Iran on February 28, war has spread across the region and casualties have been reported in countries around the Middle East. The United States has confirmed that around 140 of its service members have been wounded since the start of the war. The figures are based on numbers released by governments, militaries, health authorities and rescue organisations in the affected countries.

IRAN
Iran's health ministry said on March 8 that more than 1,787 people had been killed, including around 200 women and 200 children under the age of 12, with more than 10,000 civilians injured.

ISRAEL
Israel's first responders and the country's authorities have reported 14 people in total killed on the Israeli side. First responders and local authorities say Iranian missile fire killed 12 people in Israel, including four minors, since the start of the war, according to an AFP tally based on their announcements.

LEBANON
Lebanon's health ministry said on Monday that 486 people had been killed and 1,313 wounded during a week of strikes. On Sunday it said that an earlier death toll of 394 people included 83 children and 42 women. The Lebanese army said three of its soldiers had been killed. Hezbollah has not announced its losses.

THE GULF
Authorities in Gulf states and the US Central Command (CENTCOM) have reported 24 people killed in neighbouring states since the start of the Iranian attacks. Most of those killed were military or security personnel, including seven US service members, and 11 civilians.

CENTCOM has confirmed six US service personnel killed in Kuwait and one killed in Saudi Arabia.



during the day with local media reporting that cities like Isfahan and Karaj were also targeted. US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said Tuesday would be "our most intense day of strikes since Iran".

Sima, a 38-year-old who lives with her family in Tehran, said of overnight strikes: "It felt like tens of fighter jets were flying right above our heads for 15 minutes straight at first, then a few minutes of pause before the next rounds of strikes came in."

"The ground and windows and our hearts were shaking, but we took shelter in bathroom and got through it," she said.

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ঃ বিধি মোতাবেক প্রদেয় অন্যান্য ভাতাদিসহ টাঃ ২২,০০০-৫৩,০৬০/-বেতন কেলে (জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল-২০১৫) ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের কমিউনিকেশনস ডিজিটাল বিভাগ-এর ০১টি শূন্য স্পীচ এন্ড ল্যান্ডমোবাইল থেরাপিস্ট পদ পূরণের জন্য ৫০/- (পঞ্চাশ) টাকার বিনিময়ে রেজিস্ট্রারের দপ্তরে প্রাপ্ত্য নিৰ্ধারিত ফরমে বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। প্রার্থীকে এস.এস.সি. ও এইচ.এস.সি./সমন্বিত পরীক্ষায় ন্যূনতম ২য় বিভাগ/জিপিএ ৫ কেলে ন্যূনতম ৩.৫ এবং কমিউনিকেশনস ডিজিটাল বিভাগে জিপিএ ৪ কেলে ন্যূনতম ৩.০০সহ স্নাতক ও স্নাতকোত্তর পাশ হতে হবে। সরকারি বা সরকার অনুমোদিত প্রতিষ্ঠান থেকে কমপক্ষে ০৬ (ছয়) মাসের কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণসহ কম্পিউটার পরিচালনা দক্ষ হতে হবে। শিক্ষাজীবনের কোন পর্যায়ে ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণি/জিপিএ/সি/জিপিএ গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণ ও অন্যান্য যোগ্যতার (যদি থাকে) সনদসমূহ আবেদনের সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া যেতে পারে। অভ্যন্তরীণ প্রার্থীর গোপনীয় প্রতিবেদন সন্তোষজনক সাপেক্ষে চাকরির অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া যেতে পারে। প্রার্থীর বয়স অনূর্ধ্ব ৩২ (বত্রিশ) বছর হতে হবে। অভ্যন্তরীণ প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে যে কোনো একটি শর্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।

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Russia, Ukraine trade drone strikes

AFP, Kyiv

Ukraine hit a "key" military factory in a missile strike Tuesday on Russia's western city of Bryansk, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said after Moscow gave a toll of six dead in the attack.

"Our soldiers struck one of the key Russian military factories in Bryansk. This factory produced electronics and components for Russian missiles. The very ones that are striking our cities," Zelensky said in a daily address.

Meanwhile, Russian drone strikes on the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv killed two people and wounded seven more, local authorities said yesterday. Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, which lies close to the Russian border, was encircled at the beginning of Russia's invasion four years ago.

বাংলাদেশ সিকিউরিটিজ অ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন

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