

US-ISRAELI ATTACKS ON IRAN Trump aides debate exit vs escalation

REUTERS, Washington

A complex tug-of-war inside the White House is driving US President Donald Trump's shifting public statements on the course of the Iran war, as aides debate when and how to declare victory even as the conflict spreads across the Middle East.

SHIFTING MESSAGES

Economic advisers and officials, including from the Treasury Department and the National Economic Council, have warned Trump that an oil shock and rising gasoline prices could quickly erode domestic support for the war, said the adviser and two others close to the deliberations, speaking on the condition of anonymity to disclose internal discussions.

Political advisers, including Chief of Staff Susie Wiles and deputy chief James Blair, are making similar arguments, focusing on the political fallout from higher gas prices and urging Trump to define victory narrowly and signal the



A firefighter extinguishes a blaze in a vehicle following a projectile impact from an Iranian strike in southern Tel Aviv, Israel yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Israel running critically low on interceptors Report says, citing US officials

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Israel has warned the United States that its supply of ballistic missile interceptors is running dangerously low as its war on Iran enters its third week, according to US officials who spoke to Semafor.

Israeli defence systems entered the current conflict already depleted after last year's fighting with Iran, when large numbers of interceptors were used to block incoming missiles. Iran's sustained barrage has placed further strain on Israel's long-range air defence network.

Reports indicate that Iran has also equipped some of its missiles with cluster munitions, complicating interception efforts and accelerating the depletion of Israel's stockpile, reports Middle East Eye.

Washington has been aware of the problem for months. One US official told Semafor, "It's something we expected and anticipated". The same official stressed that the United States is not facing similar shortages and retains significant interceptor reserves. The comment comes amid growing concern that a prolonged war with Iran could rapidly drain missile defence supplies.

It remains unclear whether Washington will transfer additional interceptors to Israel. Previous US military aid packages have included missile defence systems, and any further transfers could place pressure on American inventories.

"We have all that we need to protect our bases and our personnel in the region and our interests," the US official said.

US MILITARY Swiss reject two flyover requests

REUTERS, Frankfurt

The Swiss government said on Saturday that it discussed requests by US military and official aircraft to fly over the country, and based on its law of neutrality, rejected two Iranian-related war flights but permitted three others.

The three approved requests were applicable to two transportation and one maintenance aircraft.

Russia supplies Iran with Shahed drones

Says Ukraine's Zelensky

REUTERS

Russia is supplying Iran with Shahed drones to use against the US and Israel, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told CNN in an interview excerpt aired on Saturday.

Zelensky told CNN's Fareed Zakaria that it is "100% facts" that Iran has used Russian-made Shaheds to attack US bases. Shahed drones have been linked to other attacks on countries in the region, although their manufacturers are not always clear.

Ukraine wants money and technology in return for helping Middle Eastern nations defend against Iranian kamikaze drones, Zelensky said, after Kyiv sent specialists to four countries in the region.

He told reporters in comments cleared for release yesterday that each of the three teams sent to the Middle East consisted of dozens of people, who will conduct expert assessments and demonstrate how drone defences should operate.

NEGATIVE WAR COVERAGE US regulator warns broadcasters

AFP, Washington

The top US broadcast regulator on Saturday threatened media outlets over negative coverage of Middle East war, after President Trump slammed critical headlines from the "Fake News Media."

The president since his first term has derided mainstream media as "fake news" and has sued major outlets over what he sees as unfair coverage.

Brendan Carr, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission -- which oversees US radio, television and internet media -- said broadcasters risked losing their licenses over news coverage. "The law is clear. Broadcasters must operate in the public interest, and they will lose their licenses if they do not," Carr said in a post on X.

operation is limited and nearly finished, the sources said.

Pushing in the other direction are hawkish voices urging Trump to sustain military pressure on Iran, including Republican lawmakers such as US Senators Lindsey Graham and Tom Cotton, and media commentators such as Mark Levin, according to people familiar with the matter.

LOOKING FOR AN EXIT

On Saturday, Trump has called on countries to send warships to the Strait of Hormuz to keep shipping traffic open amid soaring oil prices. Trump said he hoped China, France, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom and others would join the United States in sending ships to the strait between Iran and Oman.

The shifting reasons for launching the conflict, which has spilled over into more than half a dozen other countries, have only made it more difficult to predict what comes next.

For their part, Iran's rulers will claim victory, analysts say, for simply surviving the US Israeli onslaught, especially after demonstrating their ability to fight back and inflict damage on Israel, the US and its allies.

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OCCUPIED WEST BANK Israeli troops kill 2 children, parents

AFP, Ramallah

The Palestinian health ministry said Israeli troops shot and killed a Palestinian husband and wife and their two young children in the north of the occupied West Bank yesterday.

The Palestinian Red Crescent also said its teams had recovered the bodies of two adults and two children from a vehicle that had been fired on by Israeli forces in the town of Tammun. The Israeli military said it was looking into reports of the incident in response to AFP's request for comment.

The Ramallah-based Palestinian health ministry said in a statement that "four martyrs from one family arrived at the Turkish Public Hospital in Tubas after the occupation army shot at them in Tammun".

It said the hospital had received the bodies of the man, aged 37, the woman, 35, and two boys aged five and seven, adding that all had gunshot wounds.

SOUTH AFGHANISTAN Pakistan hits military facilities, terror hideouts

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday its forces had attacked military facilities in southern Afghanistan, as well as "terrorist hideouts", in the latest strikes between the two sides.

Security sources said troops "effectively destroyed technical support infrastructure and equipment storage facility in Kandahar", which is home to the Taliban administration's supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada. Another strike targeted a tunnel in Kandahar purportedly used by the Afghan Taliban and the Pakistani Taliban militant group or TTP, which Islamabad blames for a wave of strikes, they added.

Local residents in Kandahar told AFP they saw jet planes flying over the city and heard explosions during the night. "Military planes flew over the mountain where there is a military facility, and an explosion followed," one said, adding flames could be seen.

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সীমিত দরপত্র (LTM)-এ অংশগ্রহণের জন্য তালিকাভুক্তকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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২	এজেন্সী/প্রতিষ্ঠান	বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড।
৩	প্রকৃতির এনটিটির নাম	বিক্রয় ও বিতরণ বিভাগ-সম্বন্ধে, বিউবো, চট্টগ্রাম।
৪	প্রকৃতির এনটিটি জেলা	চট্টগ্রাম।
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৬	ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা	বিউবোর হালনাগাদ তালিকাভুক্ত এ, বি ও সি শ্রেণির বৈদ্যুতিক ঠিকাদার এবং শর্তাবলীতে বর্ণিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে।
৭	তালিকাভুক্তির ফি	পিপিআর-২০২৫ এর বিধি মোতাবেক শ্রেণি ভিত্তিক তালিকাভুক্তির ফি ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) এবং শ্রেণি ভিত্তিক নবায়ন ফি ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার টাকা) এবং একক মালিকানাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারী নারী হইলে তালিকাভুক্তির ফি ৩,০০০/- (তিন হাজার) এবং শ্রেণি ভিত্তিক নবায়ন ফি ১,৫০০/- (এক হাজার পাঁচশত টাকা) মাত্র।
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