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Iran vows to respond to U.S. strikes

Threatens American energy companies' facilities in the region

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DUBAI – Iran threatened on Sept. 7 to retaliate against any new U.S. attacks on its assets, warning that the energy production chain in the region was “sprawling, accessible and exposed” and that U.S. oil and gas companies there shared that exposure. “Strike our assets and you get struck,” Iranian Parliament Speaker

Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said after recent U.S. and Iranian strikes on shipping pushed oil prices up to six-week highs at one point on Sept. 7. On Sept. 6, senior Iranian security official Mohsen Rezaei said Iran would announce plans for a new restricted zone in the Gulf in the coming days and that it would soon approve maps of a new shipping corridor through the Strait of Hormuz. Iran has throttled traffic through the strait, a vital global oil and gas supply route, since the war with the United States began with U.S. and Israeli strikes on Feb. 28. Rezaei said the new restricted zone

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An average of 10 commodity ships transited the Strait of Hormuz per day in the past 10 days, the lowest since May, contributing to a rise in oil prices on Sept. 7. ATTA KENARE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



A 3D rendering shows an aerial view of how Bubbling Wells Elementary in Desert Hot Springs could look after its planned modernization. PROVIDED BY PALM SPRINGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

PSUSD to spend \$400M to overhaul schools

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An elementary school in Desert Hot Springs will soon undergo a \$105 million transformation that will replace its aging buildings and remake much of its early 1990s campus. Construction at Bubbling Wells Elementary could begin in early 2027 and take until 2030, although some of the new buildings will be ready in 2028. It's among the largest of many renovations underway or planned at Palm Springs Unified School District around the western Coachella Valley. The modernization will be funded by Measure S, the \$465 million bond measure voters living within the boundaries of Palm Springs Unified School District approved in 2024. The first series of funding from the bond measure is also expected to cover the completion of renovations at Cathedral City High School and improvements at Desert Hot Springs High School. The district initially budgeted around \$90 million for Bubbling Wells Elementary in 2024. Since then, construction costs have increased by an estimated \$11 million, contributing to a



Plans for upgrades to classrooms at Cathedral City High School are laid out at the school in 2024. JAY CALDERON/THE DESERT SUN

new total estimate of about \$105 million. Some details of the project are still being refined, with changes already made and more possible before construction starts in January, according to Joan Boiko, the district's public information officer. The need for major upgrades at Bubbling Wells was identified nearly a

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MT. SHASTA

Three novice climbers stranded after relying 'too much on AI'

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Three novice climbers found themselves stranded on a perilous California mountain after they say they “relied too much on AI” to plan their climb. The group of climbers set out to climb Mount Shasta from the Clear Creek Trailhead on Saturday, Aug. 29, the U.S. Forest Service - Shasta-Trinity National Forest said in a Sept. 1 Facebook post. The massive stratovolcano has a summit elevation of 14,179 feet, according to the Mount Shasta Avalanche Center. They did not reach the head springs of Clear Creek until about 8 p.m., Forest Service officials said. The three Roseville men set up camp there, at about 8,400 feet, even though it was a prohibited site, according to Forest Service and Siskiyou County Sheriff officials.

At about 3 a.m. the next day, the group started their ascent up the mountain from the base camp equipped with enough food and water for an 8-hour climb. They progressed slowly, reaching 11,000 feet at about 1 p.m., and considered turning around before deciding to continue, officials said. About two hours later, as the party rested at Mushroom Rock at 12,800 feet, they spoke with two other climbing groups, officials said. One group advised the party to turn around, while another encouraged them to continue to the summit. The group told officials they did not feel “great” but decided to press on. At 7 p.m., 16 hours after they set out on their trek, the group reached the summit of Mount Shasta, “well after the recommended turnaround time of 12:00 pm,” deputies said.

Mountain descent after dark

They began their descent after dark near 12,800 feet and called 911 for directions, according to officials. As the climbers continued their descent, they “ended up well off-route,

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