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MIDDLE EAST

U.S., Iran reach deal to end war

Strait of Hormuz to reopen under agreement to be signed Friday; Trump halts naval blockade

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ISLAMABAD — The United States and Iran have reached an agreement to end the war and open the Strait of Hormuz, offering relief to the global economy more than three months since fighting began.

Full details of the deal were not immediately available. The signing will be Friday in Switzerland.

President Donald Trump confirmed a deal had been reached and said he had authorized an end to the U.S. naval blockade of Iranian ports in the Strait of Hormuz.

“Congratulations to all!” he wrote on social media, without providing details. He added, “Ships of the World, start your engines. Let the oil flow!”

The U.S. previously said it would ease its blockade of Iranian ports as the strait

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Azmoun’s stance against country’s regime cost him World Cup spot on Iranian team

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A few minutes after 5 a.m. on June 7, a charter flight carrying Iran’s World Cup team touched down at Tijuana’s international airport, the light on the horizon providing only a hint of the day — and weeks — ahead.

Ehsan Hajsafi, Iran’s 36-year-old captain, led the team off the white plane with blue markings of the German carrier USC after

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an overnight flight from Turkey where the team had trained in recent weeks.

Hajsafi and his teammates wore gray slacks and fashionable white collarless shirts beneath navy blazers with gold #168 pins on their left lapels. The pins are a tribute to the 168 people, mostly children, who

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WASHINGTON

Trump turns 80 with peace pact, UFC fight



Diego Lopes celebrates during a featherweight bout Sunday against Steve Garcia during the UFC Freedom 250 cage-fighting show on the South Lawn of the White House. **MARK SCHIEFELBEIN — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

President says deal ‘complete’; allies pack ‘The Claw’ for cage matches

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump marked his 80th birthday on Sunday by hailing an initial agreement to end the war in Iran and staging a once unfathomable cage-fighting show on the storied South Lawn of the White House.

Trump had been touting the emerging deal for weeks, and last-minute strikes in the conflict had threatened to overshadow the ostentatious UFC mixed martial arts extravaganza — where combatants inside a wire-mesh octagon tried to punch, kick, chop and pummel each other into submission.

Ahead of the fight starting, however, the president said an agreement to end the conflict “is



President Donald Trump and Dana White, UFC president and CEO, arrive for UFC Freedom 250 on the South Lawn of the White House on Sunday. **ALEX BRANDON — AP**

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MISSOURI

12 killed as skydiving plane crashes after takeoff

Some family members witness aircraft go down in nearby field

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BUTLER, Mo. — A plane carrying a pilot and 11 passengers on a skydiving outing in Missouri crashed in a field and was engulfed in flames Sunday, killing all aboard, authorities said.

The crash occurred shortly after the plane took off from a local airport around 11:30 a.m., and some of the occupants’ family members witnessed the crash, said Bates County Sheriff Chad Anderson.

A heap of blue and silver mangled metal lay in the grass near Butler Memorial Airport with a massive lineup of emergency vehicles gathered on a nearby street. Clergy and volunteers went to the site to assist relatives, Anderson said, and officials were working Sunday afternoon to identify all victims and notify their next of kin.

Officials with the Federal Aviation Administration were also on scene Sunday afternoon, Anderson said, and a team from the National Transportation Safety

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LA PUENTE

Grandfather, 91, earns high school diploma

Soo Hak Kwon emigrated from South Korea to U.S. in the 1970s

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This, Soo Hak Kwon believes with quiet humility: He isn’t anything special.

The son of farmers in Seoul, South Korea, his family was “not too rich, not too poor.” His solo flight in 1972 to start life anew in America he shrugs off with a smile. But on Thursday, the 91-year-old long-time La Puente resident will walk across the stage at Bassett Adult School in his cap and gown and accept his high school diploma.

On that day, his family wants him to know this

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