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Artemis II ready to return: What steps to expect



Official: Recovery of crew will look similar to that of Apollo mission

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After a 10-day mission of flying around the moon and venturing deeper into space than any humans in history, the Artemis II crew are set to return to Earth on April 10 — triggering a full-scale recovery operation that involves a U.S. Navy ship and four helicopters. • The Orion spacecraft is expected to descend under parachutes before a splashdown off the California coast near San Diego at approximately 8:07 p.m. Eastern time, within a geographic area spanning nearly 550 miles.

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From left, mission specialist Christina Koch, mission specialist Jeremy Hansen, pilot Victor Glover and commander Reid Wiseman pause for a group photo inside the Orion spacecraft on their way home. They are headed back to Earth for a splashdown in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of California on April 10. PROVIDED BY NASA



Rescuers search through wreckage in Beirut on April 8 after Israeli strikes killed and injured hundreds. MOHAMED AZAKIR/REUTERS

U.S.-Iran ceasefire remains tenuous

Israel continues attacks on Lebanon

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President Donald Trump's ceasefire with Iran was on tenuous ground on April 9 after Israel launched its deadliest day of strikes on Lebanon yet and Tehran vowed not to desert its allies.

A day after announcing the Iran war ceasefire, Trump took to social media to warn the country that if the "REAL AGREEMENT" was not complied with, all U.S. military assets would remain in place ready for a military response.

He warned Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open but did not address the strikes in Lebanon in the post.

"If for any reason it is not, which is highly unlikely, then the "Shootin' Starts," bigger, and better, and stronger than anyone has ever seen before," he wrote.

Meanwhile, strikes on Lebanon, which borders Israel came on April 8, a day after United States and Iranian leaders announced a break in hostilities to hold peace talks and for oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz to resume, a key breakthrough in the agreement. But in the wake of Trump's announcement, parties involved were soon at odds over whether the break in fighting included Lebanon.

"The Iran-U.S. Ceasefire terms are clear and explicit: the U.S. must choose — ceasefire or continued war via Israel. It cannot have both," Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said in a statement as bombs hit Beirut.

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Global market affects U.S. oil prices

'There's no going back to what we had'

Daniel de Visé
USA TODAY

In a speech to the nation on April 1, President Donald Trump spoke of the Iran war, and the contest for control of the Strait of Hormuz, as if these outcomes had little bearing on the market

for oil and gasoline in the United States.

"The United States imports almost no oil through the Hormuz Strait and won't be taking any in the future," Trump said. "We don't need it. We haven't needed it and we don't need it."

It's true that the United States is less reliant on foreign oil now than at times in the past. And of the oil we do import, only 8% comes from the Middle East.

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"Everybody's competing for the same barrel of oil. It doesn't matter whether it's produced in Texas or Iran or Saudi Arabia or Russia."

James Cox
Managing partner at Harris Financial Group

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