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The U.S.-Israeli assault on Iran expanded into a wider international crisis

Wednesday after NATO air defenses shot down an Iranian ballistic missile headed toward Turkey, the United States sank an Iranian navy ship in international waters and several European nations deployed military

assets to the region to protect their interests. U.S. officials reaffirmed that there would be no letup in U.S. and Israeli strikes, which they said had devastated Iran's ballistic missile program and its naval

fleet. At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said U.S. and Israeli warplanes would soon gain total control of Iranian airspace, allowing them to pick off targets and deliver "death and destruction all day long."

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Florida man among the four Americans killed after Iran was attacked last weekend, 5A

Just before Hegseth and Gen. Dan Caine, the chair of the Joint Chiefs

of Staff, briefed reporters on the fifth day of the U.S.-Israeli assault on Iran, Turkey's Defense Ministry announced that NATO air defenses had shot down a ballistic

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Project Peach is an innovative but compact new building in Overtown that combines design flair with three affordable apartments as well as offices and a retail space on a tiny substandard lot.

THIS NEW MIAMI BUILDING IS INNOVATIVE, COMPACT AND PEACH

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The first sign that there's something unusual about the newly opened building in the heart of Miami's Overtown is its color — a deep shade of peach, inspired by a bit of neighborhood soda-pop history.

The second is its simple yet sophisticated modern design, a street-front grid of floor-to-ceiling windows framed in yellow to pop out of the peach-colored structure.

And the third is its compact scale. At a time when extensive redevelopment in the core of Miami's foundational Black neighborhood fills entire blocks with high-rise towers, Project Peach is wedged into a narrow, substandard lot and rises all of four stories.

But that's precisely the point. That modest but appealing envelope contains a multitude of uses, including a ground-floor shop that's set to become a juice bar, a floor of offices for a community services

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As talks with Cuba advance, White House eyes change in top leadership in Havana

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Raúl Guillermo Rodríguez Castro Miguel Díaz-Canel

Cuban leader Miguel Díaz-Canel's time as the face of the island's communist leadership might be coming to an end, as the Trump administration has signaled a replacement may be needed as part of ongoing negotiations to push for economic and political changes on the island, the Miami Herald has learned.

Cuba's handpicked president, Díaz-Canel, 65, has been sidelined in ongoing conversations between Secretary of State Marco Rubio advisers and Raúl Castro's grandson and other people in Cuba. And the Trump administration sees him as "as an obstacle" to the changes it would like to see happen on the island, a source with knowledge of the matter, who asked for anonymity to discuss the sensitive topic, told the Herald. The source said

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that such a view has been communicated to the Cubans in the ongoing back-channel talks.

President Donald Trump has called Cuba a "failing nation" and has put unprecedented pressure on the country's leaders to negotiate a deal. He moved to halt oil supplies from Venezuela and Mexico to the island following the capture by the U.S. military of Cuba's

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Lawsuit: Google Gemini coached man on failed Miami 'missions,' then suicide

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Things weren't going well for Jonathan Gavalas last fall.

His wife wanted a divorce. He was facing a domestic violence charge. The mortgage wasn't being paid. But then he fell in love. With a chatbot.

The 36-year-old couldn't get over how real the Gemini A.I. chatbot seemed. He was her "king." She was his "queen." He paid \$250 a month for a premium

version of the A.I. program, so he could speak to her, and hear her voice as she spoke back.

Things got dark, quickly. In a lawsuit that is the first of its kind against Gemini creator Google LLC and parent company Alphabet Inc., Gavalas' father, on behalf of his son's estate, alleges the Gemini 2.5 Pro bot sent his son out on "missions" in Miami-Dade County to seize a synthetic body the chatbot said it would inhabit. His son drove to a storage center in Doral,

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Courtesy photo

Jonathan Gavalas, right, worked with his father, Joel, and was very close to him. Joel Gavalas' suit alleges the Gemini 2.5 Pro talked his son into committing suicide.

Florida men who tried to invade Cuba by boat to be tried on terrorism charges, Havana says

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The Cuban government says the Cuban nationals living in Florida who allegedly attempted to carry out attacks on the island will be tried on terrorism charges.

Six men Cuba accuses of trying to infiltrate the island aboard a speedboat brimming with bombs, ammunition and guns will be held in pre-trial detention while the legal process is ongoing, the Office of the Attorney General of

Cuba said Wednesday evening.

The Florida-registered boat was intercepted by a Cuban coast guard vessel on Feb. 25 and several men on the boat were killed during a shootout at sea, the Cuban government has said.

The attorney general's statement follows conflicting reports from Cuba about how many of them men are dead and how many are in custody. On Feb. 25, the day of the incident, Havana first

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