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Iran is still seeking negotiated end to war



A U.S. official said forces had attacked Iranian launchers on Larak Island, a small island in the Strait of Hormuz near the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, on Aug. 30. REUTERS

Hostilities resume as U.S. hits Iranian island

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REUTERS

DUBAI – Iran is still seeking a negotiated solution to its conflict with the United States, President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Aug. 31, a day after the two countries resumed hostilities for the first time since late July, driving oil prices up more than 3.5%.

Pezeshkian’s comments also came after President Donald Trump posted an AI-generated video clip that he said showed Iran’s oil hub Kharg Island being destroyed. There was no evidence of any such attack, and a U.S. official said on Aug. 31 the military had not targeted Kharg Island in overnight strikes. An Iranian official dismissed Trump’s post as “laughable.”

U.S. forces on Aug. 30 struck two Iranian launchers on Iran’s Larak Island, some 410 miles east of Kharg, a U.S. official said, prompting Iran to strike two U.S. bases in Jordan, according to Iranian media.

Two people were killed and others were injured in the attack on Larak Island, Iran’s IRNA news agency quoted the local governor as saying on Aug. 31.

The return to hostilities followed weeks in which Trump’s administra-



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, left, accused the United States of failing to fulfill its commitments under past agreements.
MOHAMMED SALEM/REUTERS FILE

tion has stepped up efforts to punish Tehran and its business partners with costly economic sanctions, shifting away from military options. Diplomacy remains in stalemate.

Pezeshkian, speaking to India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of a regional security meeting in Kyrgyzstan, accused the United States of failing to fulfill its commitments under past agreements.

“Nevertheless, we are still trying to

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Climate change makes fall in GA feel like summer

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As summer heat increasingly stretches into autumn, Georgia is experiencing warmer falls, fewer cool mornings and a longer warm season.

Research shows that climate change is raising temperatures across the South and altering many of the seasonal patterns people associate with fall.

Georgia’s warmest five-year period on record occurred from 2016 to 2020. Future warming is expected to increase extreme heat while reducing cold-weather events, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s State Climate Summary.

Here are seven ways climate change is changing fall in Georgia.

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Study links medical debt to getting less sleep

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Medical expenses are one of the most common sources of credit for U.S. households, with medical debt affecting at least 36%, according to 2024 data.

Not only does this carry a significant financial burden, but it could also contribute to negative psychological and even physical impacts for those facing medical indebtedness.

In his recently published study in *Sleep Epidemiology*, “Medical debt and insufficient sleep among U.S. adults,” Dr. Biplab Datta, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Management, Economics and Policy within the School of Public Health at Augusta University, worked with Dr. Murshed Jahan, an assistant professor of economics at Valdosta State University, to uncover the link between medical debt and insufficient sleep.

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