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Iran appears to test latest U.S. pause



Vessels travel the Strait of Hormuz near the beach of Bandar Abbas, Iran, on July 27. Iran has indicated it was still in control of the strait. RAZIEH POUDAT/ISNA/WEST ASIA NEWS AGENCY VIA REUTERS

Multiple countries in area report drone attacks

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REUTERS

DUBAI – Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Iraq reported drone attacks on July 27, two days after the United States abruptly suspended a two-week campaign of air strikes against Iran, as Tehran appeared to put President Donald Trump’s latest strategic U-turn to the test.

Saudi Arabia said it shot down drones aimed at petroleum targets, some in its eastern province and oth-

ers in the capital Riyadh. It said the drones had been launched from Iraq by Iran-backed militia, and it reserved the right to respond.

Separately, Iran’s Houthis allies in Yemen said they had targeted transit sites carrying oil to Saudi Arabia’s main Red Sea oil port of Yanbu, in retaliation for what it said were Saudi drone incursions into Yemeni air space.

Earlier, Jordan reported shooting down two drones, and Iraqi security sources reported a series of drone attacks on camps housing Iranian oppo-

sition Kurdish forces in northern Iraq. Officials did not identify the sources of those drones.

Jordan and northern Iraq were the locations where four U.S. service members were killed during the two-week air campaign, which Trump suspended abruptly over the weekend after his top brass advised him that the strategy had run its course. Iran has said it will pause its own attacks for as long as Trump’s self-imposed cease-fire continues.

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Senator criticizes CDC over vaccines, autism site

Cassidy calls it ‘almost an insult’ to Americans

Jay Stahl
USA TODAY

Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-Louisiana, who has repeatedly criticized President Donald Trump’s administration over health issues, slammed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over a website related to autism and vaccines.

During a July 26 interview on CNN’s “State of the Union,” Cassidy, a gastroenterologist, called out the health authority for saying online that it’s “not an evidence-based claim” that vaccines don’t cause autism.

“That is what gives some parents hesitancy regarding having their children vaccinated,” the physician told CNN co-anchor Dana Bash. Cassidy added the claims will make parents hesitant to do “the right thing, which is to have their child vaccinated,” and later noted there are decades of scientific studies showing “vaccines do not cause autism.”

Many public health groups and physicians across the country have also denounced language on the CDC website about vaccines and autism spectrum disorder, despite decades of evidence showing approved immunizations are safe.

By July 24, the United States had recorded 2,318 confirmed cases of measles in 2026, surpassing the entire 2025 U.S. tally of 2,289 confirmed cases and marking the highest level since 1991, Reuters reported July 26, citing the CDC.

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Another suspect sought after Seattle shooting

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USA TODAY

Authorities were searching for a second suspect who they believe opened fire at a food festival in Seattle, killing three people and injuring four others.

Police said the gunfire erupted when at least two people began firing at one another on July 26 at the Bite of Seattle event, a three-day festival at the Seattle Center, an outdoor park home to the Space Needle.

Authorities took one suspect into custody, while another fled the area and was being sought by police, said Assistant Seattle Police Chief Tyrone Davis. He added that there “may be more” suspects involved and urged witnesses to come forward with information.

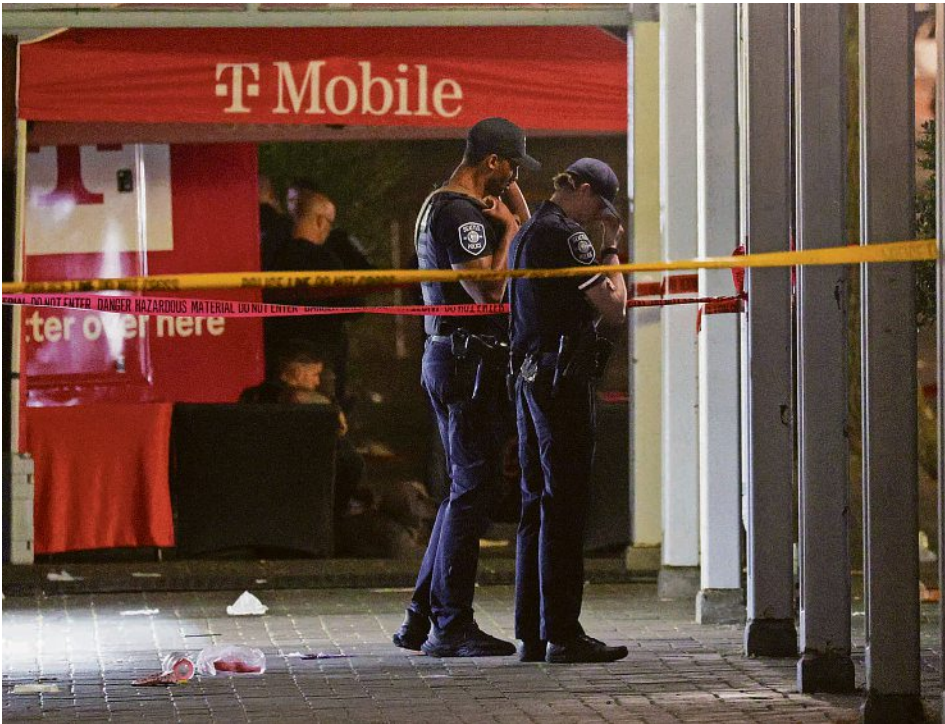
“We’re still trying to figure this out,” Davis said. “We know that there were people out there when this incident occurred that saw what happened and know some of the people that might be involved.”

Police said the shooting took place at about 6 p.m. PT and, despite lifesaving efforts, two people were pronounced dead at the scene. Emergency responders took four other people to nearby hospitals. One woman later died from her injuries. The others, including a 2-year-old boy, were listed in stable condition and most have been released.

Officials said a woman with minor injuries refused to be taken to a hospital.

Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson

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Two people were pronounced dead at the scene despite lifesaving efforts, police said. JASON REDMOND/REUTERS

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