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Iran threatened with targeted strikes

But Trump claims 'great progress' in negotiations

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President Donald Trump on March 30 said the United States was engaged in "serious discussions" with Ira-

nian officials on a deal to end the war – but threatened to launch strikes on the country's power, oil and water facilities if negotiations fail.

"Great progress has been made" Trump said on Truth Social. However, he continued, if a deal is not reached shortly and the Strait of Hormuz remains effectively closed, the United States will "conclude our lovely 'stay' in Iran by blowing up and completely oblit-

erating all of their Electric Generating Plants, Oil Wells and Kharg Island (and possibly all desalination plants!), which we have purposefully not yet 'touched.'"

Experts say intentionally targeting civilian infrastructure, such as water desalination plants, may constitute a violation of international humanitarian law.

More than a month into the war, Iran

has maintained its grip on the critical trade route, raising energy prices globally.

The president told reporters March 29 that Iran had responded favorably to 15 points the United States proposed to end the war. Trump hasn't detailed the demands. As an indication Tehran is moving toward a peace

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People gather on the Worcester Common March 28 for a No Kings protest against the Trump administration. Two protests in Worcester were coordinated with events across the country. PHOTOS BY RICK CINCLAIR/TELEGRAM & GAZETTE

MENTAL HEALTH

Councilor seeks report on police calls

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WORCESTER – Councilor-at-Large Kathleen M. Toomey is requesting the City Council be provided with a report on how the Police Department and the Emergency Communications and Management Department respond to "mental health-related emergencies."

Toomey's order comes two weeks after three mental health nonprofits filed suit against the city in a 52-page federal lawsuit that argued sending

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One-two punch

Dual 'No Kings' rallies held at Common, Institute Park

Richard Duckett Worcester Telegram & Gazette | USA TODAY NETWORK

WORCESTER – Several thousand people gave their presence and voices to two separate "No Kings" rallies against the Trump administration held Saturday, March 28, at Worcester Common behind City Hall downtown and a little later at Institute Park. • They joined millions across the nation who joined the "No Kings National Day of Nonviolent Action."

It was a sign of the times at both Worcester protests where hand-made signs carried such messages as "No Kings/No Oligarchs/No Tyrants/No Felons," "Democracy Dies In Silence" and "Invoke the 25th Amendment."

Full speaking programs includ-

ed U.S. Rep. James P. McGovern, D-Worcester, addressing both protests.

"Democracy is not a destination, it's a decision. It's a decision each of us made to be here,"

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U.S. Rep. James P. McGovern, D-Worcester, speaks on the Worcester Common March 28 for a No Kings protest against the Trump administration.

MBTA to offer cheaper summer train rides

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Summer in Massachusetts this year means trips to the Cape, World Cup soccer games and free train rides on the commuter rail.

Massachusetts Gov. Maura T. Healey March 30 announced four promotions on the commuter rail this summer including "Free Fridays," where commuter rail service will be free Fridays in June, July and August.

Other deals include a 50% discount

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