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Inflation jumps as Iran war intensifies

Trump launches strikes against Iran, vows more

By LARA JAKES, LEO SANDS, ADAM RASGON and MAX BEARAK
The New York Times

Just a day ago, President Donald Trump said a peace deal with Iran was imminent. Hours later, the United States and Iran attacked each other. On Wednesday, Trump said Iran was taking "too long to negotiate" peace, and later said, "We're going to hit them hard again today."

As Trump alternates between promising peace and threatening to return to full-scale war, neither has happened. Since a ceasefire was declared two months ago, U.S. and Iranian forces have continued to trade strikes while blaming each other for the violence and the lack of

a peace deal.

With no end to the turmoil in the Middle East, U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres lamented Wednesday that the ceasefire announced in April "is more like a lesser-fire, as we have seen with the escalating attacks and rhetoric over the last 48 hours." Speaking to the Security Council, he pleaded with all parties to negotiate a lasting peace agreement and warned that the ongoing attacks could mushroom into a wider war.

Trump chastised the Iranians for, he said, not agreeing to a peace deal after weeks of indirect talks. "They've taken too long to negotiate a deal that would have been great for them,

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Gas prices, here in Pasadena, Calif., in May, are up. The U.S.-Israeli war on Iran has snarled the world's energy supply, raising oil and gas costs.

"No, I love it, the numbers were great. I love the inflation."

President Donald Trump

Energy drives 4.2% rise in prices, worst since 2023

By TONY ROMM
The New York Times

Prices jumped in May for the third straight month, leaving U.S. families and businesses to suffer the sting from the war on Iran.

And for the third time, the White House largely shrugged off the news, insisting that the problem was temporary – and that President Donald Trump's agenda was working.

"No, I love it, the numbers were great," the president said Wednesday. "I love the inflation."

It was a familiar pattern, one that appeared to underscore the widening chasm between Trump and the majority of Americans who say they are frustrated with the direction of

the economy. The president's comments perfectly framed both the political strategy and the stakes for Republicans entering an election season that may well hinge on the state of voters' finances.

The latest gauge of the consumer price index, released Wednesday, showed that goods overall became more expensive last month, rising 4.2% compared with a year earlier. That marked the fastest pace since April 2023, and as a result, offered renewed evidence that prices are rising faster than Americans' wages.

The acceleration largely stemmed from the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran, which has snarled the world's energy supply,

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City leaders say Metro Surge did over \$700M in damage



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Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey speaks with city leaders and business owners Wednesday at Colonial Market and Restaurant on E. Lake Street.

Frey says Minneapolis will need more state, federal help to move forward.

By DEENA WINTER and EMMA NELSON
The Minnesota Star Tribune

Minneapolis officials say the Trump administration's federal immigration crackdown cost the city, residents and businesses nearly \$700 million, according to their latest estimates.

City officials announced the new figures – which cover the months of December through April – during a Wednesday morning news conference.

The report is the latest data point to consider as the city and state try to understand and recover from the impact of the federal immigration operation that cost people jobs, emptied out businesses and hotel rooms and left people fearful to leave their homes.

Standing inside Colonial Market and Restaurant in south Minneapolis, Mayor Jacob Frey said the city will need help from the state and federal government in order to recover.

"As we move forward, our

shared responsibility is not only to acknowledge what happened, but to also invest in the people and neighborhoods that carried the burden of it," he said.

Minneapolis Director of Emergency Management Rachel Sayre, who led the analysis of damage to Minneapolis after doing similar work with the U.S. Agency for International Development, said these are conservative estimates and the actual damage is likely higher.

The new numbers are higher than a mid-February estimate, when city officials said Operation Metro Surge caused more than \$203 million in damage to Minneapolis in the preceding 11 weeks.

To compile the estimate released Wednesday, the city used data from city records, the U.S. census, the American Community Survey, city and partner organization surveys, public reporting and information from community groups.

Researchers from the city

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Federal agents holding cans of chemical irritant knock on the door of a home on Portland Avenue near 36th Street on Jan. 28.

\$70 billion for immigration enforcement

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Social Security is facing cliff in 2032

Financial forecast for the program worsens.

By TARA SIEGEL BERNARD and MARGOT SANGER-KATZ
The New York Times

The financial forecast for Social Security worsened this year, according to the annual financial report by the program's trustees. If Congress does not develop a plan to shore up the program, it will need to cut benefits for millions of Americans in just a little more than six years.

Social Security's deteriorating finances have long been thought of as a future problem – for another president, or another Congress, to resolve. But now, it is creeping ever closer because funds will run out before the end of the next

president's term.

The Social Security Old-Age and Survivors Insurance trust fund, which helps pay retiree and survivor benefits to more than 68 million beneficiaries, is now expected to run out of money at the end of 2032, one quarter earlier than projected last year. That means incoming revenue would be enough to pay only 78% of benefits, in other words, a reduction of 22%, according to the report released Tuesday.

But that situation would come to fruition only if lawmakers don't act to strengthen the program before then, through some combination of higher taxes or reduced checks.

"This should be a wake-up call: Congress needs to act," said Myechia Minter-Jordan, CEO of AARP. "Americans have worked

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PUSH TO STRIP CITIZENSHIP A DOJ PRIORITY

Foreign-born immigrants who commit serious offenses targeted, including 2 state residents.

By SARAH NELSON • The Minnesota Star Tribune

Two Minnesotans are among the latest foreign-born residents whose citizenship has been targeted by the Justice Department as the Trump administration seeks to increase denaturalization cases.

Historically a rare process, denaturalization has been ordered a priority by President Donald Trump, with civil cases being filed across the country. The Justice Department said the Immigration and Nationality Act – the 74-year-old law that oversees immigration, naturalization and deportation – allows for naturalized citizenship to be revoked if it was illegally acquired. The Trump administration has used the provisions under the INA to implement its immigration agenda.

Immigration experts have expressed concern that the administration's push might set a precedent to view naturalized U.S. citizens as a separate or lesser category than those born in this country.

"This is the attack on the most protected of the immigration population," said Julia Decker, policy director for the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota.

What is denaturalization?

Denaturalization is the legal process that the U.S. government uses to strip citizenship granted to foreign-born immigrants who qualified for naturalization through residency and other requirements.

The U.S. Attorney's Office files a complaint in federal district court to revoke someone's citizenship. If citizenship is

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