



MIDDLE EAST

# US SUB SINKS IRANIAN WARSHIP



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Exposing himself to the danger of unexploded ordnance, a boy tries to climb on an unexploded Iranian projectile that landed in an open field in the outskirts of Qamishli, eastern Syria, on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

## Tehran threatens military, economic infrastructure throughout region

JON GAMBRELL, ELENA BECATOROS AND SAMY MAGDY Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A U.S. submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean, as Washington and Israel intensified their bombardment Wednesday of Iran's security forces and other symbols of power. As the war expanded yet again, Tehran warned of the destruction of the Middle East's military and economic infrastructure.

The tempo of the strikes on Iran was so intense that state television announced the mourning ceremony for Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in the conflict, would be postponed. Millions attended the funeral of his predecessor Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989.

In addition to striking Tehran on the fifth day of the conflict, Israel hit the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon, while Iran fired on Bahrain, Kuwait and Israel. As the conflict spiraled, Turkey

said NATO defenses intercepted a ballistic missile launched from Iran before it entered Turkey's airspace.

The war has killed more than 1,000 people in Iran, more than 50 in Lebanon and about a dozen in Israel, according to officials in those countries. It disrupted the supply of the world's oil and gas, snarled international shipping, and stranded hundreds of thousands of travelers in the Middle East.

### Unrelenting attacks

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said a torpedo from a U.S. submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean Tuesday night.

Sri Lankan authorities said 32 people were rescued from the ship, which they said had 180 people on board and sank outside Sri Lanka's territorial waters. The country's navy said it recovered 87 bodies from the sea.

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## Committee advances plan to end income tax

Many hurdles remain for Kehoe's objective

BY KURT ERICKSON St. Louis Post-Dispatch

JEFFERSON CITY — Republican Gov. Mike Kehoe's attempt to replace the state's income tax with sales and use taxes advanced to the full House Wednesday, setting up a potentially contentious debate in the coming weeks over the future of the state budget.

With Republicans cheering the move and Democrats expressing concerns about its effect on state services and low-income Missourians, a proposed constitutional amendment that would phase out the state's 4.7% income tax was endorsed by the House Commerce Committee.

If approved by lawmakers, House Joint Resolution 174 will ask Missouri voters in November to lift a state constitutional prohibition on the expansion of sales and use taxes put in place by voters in 2016.

An OK from voters would give lawmakers a green light to use sales and use tax revenue to begin lowering the income tax rate if certain revenue triggers are met.

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## Police Board OKs rules on discipline

Civilian oversight panel again declined, however

BY AUSTIN HUGUELET St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — The new state-controlled Board of Police Commissioners on Wednesday approved new disciplinary rules for St. Louis police officers, restoring internal appeal boards for many misconduct cases and imposing new penalties for body camera violations.

But the board again declined to include a civilian oversight panel sought by Mayor Cara Spencer.

Maj. Janice Bockstruck, who oversees the department's internal affairs division, said the new rules — negotiated with union leaders over several months — would set clear expectations for officers and the public.

"And with that, we will build trust," she said.

Only Spencer — who again objected to the lack of an outside review board

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