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ISRAEL STEPS UP AIRSTRIKES IN IRAN



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An Iranian flag is placed among the ruins of a police station Tuesday that was struck during the U.S.-Israeli military campaign in Tehran, Iran.

President Trump doesn't rule out sending troops



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Smoke rises Tuesday after Israeli airstrikes in Dahiyeh, a southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon.

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Israel said it launched airstrikes against Iranian missile launchers and a nuclear research site Tuesday, and Iran struck back against Israel and across the Gulf region, targeting U.S. embassies and disrupting energy supplies and travel.

Four days into a war that President Donald Trump suggested would last several weeks or more, almost 800 people have been killed in Iran, including some Trump said he considered as possible future leaders of the country.

Explosions rang out Tuesday in Tehran and in Lebanon — where Israel said it retaliated against Hezbollah militants — and the American embassy in Saudi Arabia came under drone attack.

Iran fired dozens of ballistic missiles at Israel, though most of the incoming fire was intercepted.

Eleven people in Israel were killed since the conflict began.

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Attacks on Iran threaten US economy with more uncertainty

Rising oil prices could lift prices at the pump this week

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran add yet more question marks around a U.S. economy already buffeted by on-and-off tariffs, weak hiring, and lingering inflationary pressures.

The war already raised oil prices and could lift prices at the pump as early as this week, but the ultimate effect on the economy and inflation will depend on the length and severity of the conflict, economists say.

Should it wind down in a week or two, its economic effects would be minor and

short-lived. Yet a longer war that pushed oil past \$100 a barrel for an extended period would worsen inflation, at least temporarily, while slowing growth and intensifying Americans' unhappiness with the cost of essentials.

After almost five years of rising prices, concerns around affordability undercut President Donald Trump's support in polls and bolstered Democrats in recent elections.

On Tuesday, oil prices soared again and raised more alarms. The price for a barrel of Brent crude, the international standard, briefly leaped above \$84 before settling at \$81.40, up 4.7%. That's up from close to \$70 less than a week ago.

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