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Iran is still seeking negotiated end to war



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, left, accused the United States of failing to fulfill its commitments under past agreements. MOHAMMED SALEM/REUTERS FILE



Gasoline prices have remained elevated since the Iran war began in late February. LEONARDO FERNANDEZ VILORIA/REUTERS FILE

White House set to host oil company executives

Jarrett Renshaw
REUTERS

President Donald Trump has accused U.S. oil refiners of gouging Americans, called for a Justice Department investigation, and urged companies to use their bumper earnings to bring down gasoline prices that spiked amid the ongoing conflict with Iran.

On Sept. 1, he is expected to host many of those companies at the White House to celebrate efforts to keep the market well supplied in hopes of managing gasoline prices currently averaging over \$4 a gallon.

The timing has created an unusual calculation for executives. Companies received invitations only late last week, with few details about the event or even who else would attend, according to people familiar with the plans, leaving some to consider whether sending their CEOs could turn a traditional White House meeting into an uncomfortable encounter with an unpredictable president.

“You want to be at the table, but you also have to think about what could happen once you’re there,” said one company official involved in advising what executives would attend. “You don’t want your CEO to be embarrassed.”

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Hostilities resume as U.S. strikes targets on Iranian island

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DUBAI – Iran is still seeking a negotiated solution to its conflict with the United States, President Masoud Pezeshkian said on Aug. 31, a day after the two countries resumed hostilities for the first time since late July, driving oil prices up more than 3.5%.

Pezeshkian’s comments also came after President Donald Trump posted an AI-generated video clip that he said showed Iran’s oil hub Kharg Island being destroyed. There was no evidence of any such attack, and a U.S. official said on Aug. 31 the military had not targeted

Kharg Island in overnight strikes. An Iranian official dismissed Trump’s post as “laughable.”

U.S. forces on Aug. 30 struck two Iranian launchers on Iran’s Larak Island, some 410 miles east of Kharg, a U.S. official said, prompting Iran to strike two U.S. bases in Jordan, according to Iranian media.

Two people were killed and others were injured in the attack on Larak Island, Iran’s IRNA news agency quoted the local governor as saying on Aug. 31.

The return to hostilities followed weeks in which Trump’s administration

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A U.S. official said forces had attacked Iranian launchers on Larak Island, a small island in the Strait of Hormuz near the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas, on Aug. 30. REUTERS

1 dead, others missing in Grand Canyon floods

Debris forces closure of Colorado River traffic

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Devastating flooding at the Grand Canyon has left at least one person dead and more than a dozen unaccounted for, according to the National Park Service.

Park officials said Aug. 30 that more than 60 people had been evacuated and approximately 15 others may be missing after significant flash flooding swept through parts of the Grand Canyon. The body of a 46-year-old man was later recovered near Crystal Rapids along the Colorado River, the Grand Canyon National Park said in an update on the

flooding the evening of Aug. 30.

Park officials urged anyone who knows of hikers or backpackers who were in the inner canyon along the Bright Angel Creek corridor on Aug. 29, as well as anyone with a campground reservation in the affected area, to contact the agency’s Investigative Services Branch.

“This includes individuals who may have been traveling along the North Kaibab Trail from the North Kaibab Trailhead to Phantom Ranch, staying at Bright Angel Campground, or traveling or staying in the area known as ‘the Box’ north of Phantom Ranch,” according to a park news release.

Almost all of the footbridges spanning Bright Angel Canyon were

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This image released Aug. 30 on X shows remnants of stone bridge pylons along Bright Angel Creek following a flash flood the day before.

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