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## Trump: Potential Iran leaders killed

Israel expanding war in Lebanon, order 80 villages to evacuate

By Jim Tankersley, Aaron Boxerman, Christina Goldbaum and Michael Levenson  
The New York Times

As the war in the Middle East expands, President Donald Trump on Tuesday acknowledged the deep uncertainty about what comes next in Iran, saying that officials whom the United States had eyed as potential new leaders had been killed in the U.S.-Israeli bombing campaign.

"Most of the people we had in mind are dead," Trump said at the start of a White House meeting with Chancellor Friedrich Merz of

Germany. He said it was possible that whoever takes over Iran could be "as bad" as Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the country's supreme leader, who was killed in a strike Saturday.

Trump's comments came as Israeli troops seized more areas in southern Lebanon and called for the evacuation of at least 80 Lebanese villages. The Israeli military cast the move as an effort to defend Israeli border towns against rockets fired by Hezbollah, the militia backed by Iran.

Israeli warplanes also carried out heavy airstrikes near Beirut, the Lebanese capital, and Tehran, the Iranian capital.

The United States closed embassies that were hit by drones in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and urged Americans to immediately leave 14

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Middle Eastern countries. Iran's state broadcaster, IRIB, said an Iranian drone had also hit the area of the U.S. Consulate in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The government-run Dubai media office said that a fire from a "drone-related incident" near the consulate had been contained and no injuries were reported.

Trump has offered several rationales for the U.S. military operation. The president said at the White House that he had made the decision to go to war to preempt Iran, which he claimed

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DAVOUD GHABRDAR/ISNA VIA THE AP

Smoke rises above Azadi, or freedom tower, following a U.S.-Israeli military strike Tuesday in Tehran, Iran.

## Española elects new mayor

Incumbent Vigil's tumultuous term ends as Dennis Tim Salazar receives 49% of vote in three-way race



Steven Lona and other Española residents jockey outside City Hall to get a look at the results of early and absentee voting Tuesday night.

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Dennis Tim Salazar, second from right, and his family celebrate Tuesday night outside Española City Hall after election results showed he won 49% of the votes in the mayor's race.

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Dennis Tim Salazar appears to have handily unseated Mayor John Ramon Vigil.

Unofficial election results provided by the city clerk after the polls closed Tuesday night showed Dennis Tim Salazar, a former city councilor, with almost 49% of the vote compared to 32% for Vigil and 19% for write-in candidate Joann Salazar in a city election that drew significantly higher turnout than past ones.

Ruben Garcia, 39, said he voted for Dennis Tim Salazar because he appreciated his two decades of service on the

council. "When he was on the council, he was the voice for his district and stood up for his constituents, and we need that back in the valley again," Garcia said. "It's been lost."

The city elected four city councilors and a municipal judge as well. Incumbent Municipal Judge Joseph Madrid won a second term, according to the unofficial results, and incumbent Councilor Aaron Salazar and newcomers Stephen Salazar and Manuel Martinez won their races. Councilor Justin Salazar-Torrez won another term unopposed.

Dennis Tim Salazar celebrated with family members outside Española City Hall when

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## Epstein had petroglyphs moved for ranch décor

Archaeologist says moving Native artifacts destroys artwork's meaning

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### ONLINE

◆ Scan this QR code to read Epstein stories at [santafenewmexican.com](http://santafenewmexican.com).

Over the years at Zorro Ranch, Jeffrey Epstein instructed his staff multiple times to move petroglyphs estimated to be hundreds of years old for the purpose of decoration, U.S. Justice Department emails and photos released in January show.

"Petroglyph rocks moved to the main house," a Zorro property manager wrote in a 2001 project memo emailed to Epstein, noting "JE to let us know the size, location and how many rocks he would like."

"Jeff to find larger rocks," the manager wrote a few days later.

In a 2014 email to former Microsoft executive and paleontological researcher Nathan Myhrvold, Epstein asked, "how do i cut and polish ... the granite with petroglyphs on the ranch?"

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A boulder featuring a petroglyph which appears to have been moved to Jeffrey Epstein's yard at Zorro Ranch in a photo found in the Justice Department files.



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## Lawyer for suspect in sword slaying asks judge to toss case

Isaac Apodaca, 29, charged with first-degree murder in a 2022 sword stabbing death, attends a pretrial hearing Tuesday with attorney Jay Nair in state District Court.

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Defense argues prosecutors slow to disclose key witness

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The attorney for a Santa Fe man accused of encouraging his girlfriend to kill another woman with a sword in 2022 is asking a judge to dismiss the charges, alleging prosecutors

violated rules of evidence by recently disclosing a key witness the defense hasn't yet been able to interview.

Not only did the state not disclose the witness until less than a month before trial, Isaac Apodaca's defense attorney argued in a motion filed Friday, he hasn't been able to interview the person — who is expected to provide important testimony as to whether the killing was premeditated — because she didn't show up for a Feb. 24 pretrial hearing.

"Since this matter has been pending for over three years there is no valid excuse for [Santa Fe Police Department] and the State to have not found this material witness sooner. Furthermore, SFDP or the State did not uncover this material witness, it was the State's alleged expert witness, making it more prejudicial and unclear as to how this new witness was uncovered," defense attorney Jay

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