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## Iran says it struck U.S. military targets



A vehicle transports the coffin of Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the coffins of his family members on the day of his burial July 9 in the culmination of a mass funeral in Mashhad, Iran.

ALKIS KONSTANTINIDIS/REUTERS

## Trump declares ceasefire between nations 'over'

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Iran struck U.S. military infrastructure targets in other countries in the region, state media reported July 9, the latest in a fresh back-and-forth as President Donald Trump declared the ceasefire between the nations "over."

Attacks were reported across the region. Iran's army

said on state media that it made drone strikes on U.S. Patriot missile defense systems in Kuwait, satellite antenna in Qatar and fuel storage in Bahrain. USA TODAY reached out to the Pentagon for confirmation.

According to the U.S. military's Central Command, American forces struck 90 targets in Iran on July 8, including air defense systems, missile and

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## Four charged in Vinton County child abuse case waive hearings

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All four people charged after authorities allege they found 16 children in "deplorable" conditions June 30 inside a Vinton County home waived their rights to preliminary hearings July 7, according to court records.

Gary L. Siders Jr., 36; his wife, Elizabeth Siders, 36; his father, Gary L. Siders Sr., 73, and the elder Siders' wife, Christina Siders, 67, had been scheduled to appear at 1 p.m. in Vinton County Common Pleas Court.

Preliminary hearings require prosecutors to present evidence and testimony that a crime probably happened and that the defendant committed it. It also lets defense attorneys cross-examine investigators on the stand. Defendants may waive their rights to such hearings, as was the case here.

Unlike in Franklin County, where prosecutors almost always cancel preliminary hearings because a grand jury indicts defendants before then, Vinton County's grand juries do not meet as frequently.

On July 7, the Vinton County prosecutor asked the judge to appoint a special prosecutor to handle the four cases. Highland County Prosecutor Anneka Collins will take over the case, according to court records.

Each of the four suspects faces 16 counts of felony child endangerment. The individual charges correlate to each of 16 children state and local authorities allege they found living in "deplorable" conditions June 30 in one room inside a home in Hamden village in Clinton Township.

Elizabeth Siders' defense attorney, Tommy Stolly, said his understanding is that she is the biological mother of all 16 children.

Gary Siders Sr.'s attorney asks judge to lower \$300,000 bond

An attorney for Siders Sr. filed a motion July 7 seeking to modify his bond. The elder Siders has

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## New Ohio law requires protesters, bystanders give police 15-foot buffer

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A new Ohio law requires protesters and bystanders to give law enforcement a 15-foot buffer when they're doing their jobs.

The change is aimed at keeping law enforcement safe in life-or-death scenarios, but could infringe on protesters' First Amendment rights.

House Bill 20, signed by Gov. Mike DeWine on July 7, will penalize anyone who doesn't give law enforcement a 15-foot buffer zone when performing their duties. Protesters and bystanders can't approach or remain in that area after receiving a warning from a first responder or if their presence interferes with officers' duties.

"This bill simply allows first responders to focus on their duties and protect our community," said Rep. Phil Plummer, a Republican and former Montgomery County sheriff, who sponsored the bill with Rep. Thomas Hall, R-Madison Township.

The new law also increases the penalty for "ob-

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structing official business" to a fourth-degree felony if the violation creates a risk of physical harm to a first responder.

Groups like the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Ohio expressed concerns that the change was too broad and would chill free speech.

"While public safety is important, the bill's broad language could be used to restrict lawful observation, recording, journalism, protest activity, and other constitutionally protected conduct in public spaces," CAIR-Ohio wrote.

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