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Trump widens threat as his deadline nears

Today's ultimatum now includes striking all of Iran's power plants and bridges: "The entire country can be taken out in one night," Trump says.

By Jon Gambrell, Samy Magdy, Bassem Mroue, and Will Weissert
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Donald Trump on Monday expanded his threat against Iran to include all power plants and bridges as his ultimatum to make a deal ticked closer, after Tehran rejected a 45-day ceasefire proposal and said

it wants a permanent end to the war. "The entire country can be taken out in one night, and that night might be tomorrow night," Trump said. He suggested that his deadline today at 8 p.m. ET was final, saying he'd already given Iran enough extensions.

The U.S. has told Iran to open the crucial Strait of Hormuz to all shipping traffic or see power plants and bridges wiped out, sparking warnings about possible war crimes.

Israel piled on pressure by attacking a major petrochemical plant and killing the intelligence chief for the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard.

Tehran with its rejection conveyed its own, 10-point plan to end the fighting through Pakistan, a key mediator, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency said.

"We only accept an end of the war

with guarantees that we won't be attacked again," Mojtaba Ferdousi Pour, head of Iran's diplomatic mission in Cairo, told the Associated Press. He said Iran no longer trusts the Trump administration after the U.S. bombed the Islamic Republic twice during previous rounds of talks.

A regional official involved in talks said efforts had not collapsed. "We are still talking to both sides," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss closed-door diplomacy.

And even Trump said negotiations with Iran continued.

He has issued ultimatums to Iran before, only to find ways to back off. But he was more explicit this time on plans to follow through.

"Every bridge in Iran will be decimated by 12 o'clock tomorrow
→ SEE IRAN ON A4



President Donald Trump pretends to aim a sniper gun while speaking with reporters Monday in the James Brady Press Briefing Room at the White House in Washington. Julia Demaree Nikhinson / AP



Dark side of the moon in a new light

In this photo provided by NASA and taken by the Artemis II crew Monday, the moon is visible through a window of the Orion spacecraft at the end of Day 5 of its journey. The crew also set a new record for farthest human travel from the Earth, surpassing the distance of 248,655 miles reached by Apollo 13 in 1970. Story, A6. NASA via AP

Residents at Camp Chloe facing eviction

The Delaware River encampment is the last outpost for a community of unhoused people.

By Mike Newall
Staff Writer

Maybe it's the methamphetamine or her broken heart or the cold winds that blow off the Delaware River and rattle her wounded tent, but Cathy doesn't sleep much anymore.

The ragged, half-moon-shaped tear just above where she sleeps — bundled in blankets with her husband, Mark — came courtesy of the men with machetes, she said. Contractors, including a few carrying long blades, and a property owner jangling a cowbell attempted to raze the camp.

Now, Cathy lies awake, staring at the rip in the fabric, knowing it's just a matter of time before the owners will send more men.

"They're rich people and we're poor people," she said, above the din of the waterfront wind. "That's just how the world works."

'Treating people like cattle'

Cathy is among roughly 20 remaining residents of Camp Chloe, a makeshift community of tents, huts, and human souls located in a swath of fenced-off brush between Christopher Columbus Boulevard, and the Delaware River Trail, near the South Philly Giant.

Formed last fall after a nearby waterfront homeless encampment was razed, the settlement takes its name from a coffee-colored pit bull that roams the grounds, seeking treats and affection and protecting against outsiders.

Sitting on hilly ground, almost
→ SEE CAMP ON A9

'Shaps' ran Akiba's offense before running the state

Gov. Josh Shapiro uses every day what he learned about teamwork and discipline as a point guard 35 years ago.

By Matt Breen
Staff Writer

The team's win was still seconds away but the real victory was starting as the opposing team intentionally fouled, sending Akiba Hebrew Academy to the foul line.

Before the game, Ami Eden could feel opponents overlooking Akiba, a Jewish day school in Merion Station. Now he stood near the basket while a teammate shot free throws and hoped to make eye contact with an opponent.

The other guys refused to look his way.

"I never felt more



In this Inquirer photo from 1991, Josh Shapiro, then a high school senior, plays against Wyncote.

chip-on-my-shoulder Jewish than during Akiba games," Eden said. "Once in a while opposing fans would taunt us, throw pennies,

things like that. But most of the time it wasn't a matter of overt antisemitism, but the bigotry of low expectations. Simply put, many of

the other schools didn't think they had to worry about a Jewish team. And nothing felt better than wiping the collective smirk off their faces and replacing it with a look of, 'Oh, [expletive], those Jews can play.'

Akiba went 25-3 in 1991 and won its league championship with an offense orchestrated by the future governor of Pennsylvania. Eden played center, Aaron Hahn Tapper was a 6-foot-3 shooting guard after hitting a growth spurt, and Josh Shapiro played point guard.

Today, Shapiro is Pennsylvania's 48th governor, running for reelection, and rumored to be a presidential contender come 2028. Thirty-five years ago, he ran point for a high school team that loved playing it belonged.

"We would walk into every game as underdogs," Shapiro said. "I think we were underestimated on every court that we walked on, but because we had a team mentality,

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