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U.S. SINKS WARSHIP AS CONFLICT INTENSIFIES



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Workers remove debris from a building struck during the U.S.-Israeli military campaign in Tehran, Iran, on Wednesday. Airstrikes from the United States and Israel have killed more than 1,000 people in Iran since the war began on Saturday.

Pentagon to cancel program at CMU

5 military fellowships will be eliminated

By Maddie Aiken
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Pentagon will cancel senior service college fellowships at Carnegie Mellon University and 21 other institutions, citing concerns with perceived bias at these schools.

Five military students will be impacted at CMU, according to a memo sent by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth late last week.

Other institutions cut off include Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Columbia University. The policy takes effect fall 2026; students currently enrolled at impacted institutions for the 2025-26 academic year will be able to complete their courses of study.

CMU officials project the elimination to have a limited impact, spokesman Chuck Carney said in an email.

"The elimination of these fellowships does not affect ROTC, graduate masters or Ph.D. programs, certificate or training programs, students attending on veterans' benefit programs, cooperative agreements, or any research programs or activities," Mr. Carney wrote.

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IRAN WARNS OF MORE DESTRUCTION ACROSS MIDEAST; ISRAEL, HEZBOLLAH TRADE FIRE

By Jon Gambrell, Elena Becatoros and Samy Magdy
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A U.S. submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean, as Washington and Israel intensified their bombardment Wednesday of Iran's security forces and other symbols of power. Iran launched more missiles and drones and warned of the destruction of military and economic infrastructure across the Middle East.

Iran's foreign minister said Thursday that America "will come to bitterly regret [the] tempo of the strikes on Iran was so intense that state television announced the mourning ceremony for Iranian Supreme

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Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed at the start of the conflict, would be Iran's foreign minister said Thursday that America "will come to bitterly regret [the] precedent it has set" after a U.S. submarine

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Senators from Pa. reject limits

By Sam Janesch
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sens. John Fetterman and Dave McCormick on Wednesday voted against a resolution to limit President Donald Trump's authority to wage war in Iran — though Mr. Fetterman, the only Democrat to help Republicans kill the motion, said he would not support sending American troops on the ground.

"I will be the first person to call it out and say, 'Hey, that's wrong. It's taking too long,'" Mr. Fetterman said in an interview with the Post-Gazette. "Sending boots on the ground, I would say 'no.' I would vote 'no' for that, absolutely."

The war powers resolution on the agenda Wednesday did not explicitly ask lawmakers whether troops should be deployed or whether they approve of the war that started over the weekend.

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RHODE ISLAND

Investigation finds years of sexual abuse

Report says accused priests were protected

By Kimberlee Kruesi
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Catholic priests in Rhode Island preyed on hundreds of children for decades and were protected by bishops more concerned with the church's reputation than the victims, according to a new report on clergy sexual abuse that echoes findings elsewhere.

The report, released Wednesday by Attorney General Peter Neronha, follows a multiyear investigation into the Catholic Diocese of Providence, R.I.

Mr. Neronha said the full scope of the priest abuse problem in Rhode Island — the smallest U.S. state but the one with the highest Catholic population per capita, at nearly 40% — had long remained elusive. He agreed with victims who say not enough has been done to address the problem long after it was exposed in the nearby Boston diocese in 2002.

"Not until now has there been a comprehensive review of this painful chapter

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What the Strait of Hormuz has to do with price of gas in Oakdale

By Anya Litvak
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Now would be a good time for consumers of pretty much anything to find the Strait of Hormuz on a map to see why it matters for the price of gasoline in Pittsburgh.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration drafted a helpful explainer in the run-up to the last U.S. attack on Iran in June. In other words, when something happens in the Middle East, the Strait of Hormuz gets a lot of attention.

This "critical oil chokepoint" is a narrow strait connecting the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, which flows into the Arabian Sea. On its north side, the Strait of Hormuz is bound by Iran, and on the south by Oman. Anything loaded into a ship from Qatar, Kuwait or Iraq must traverse the strait and the majority of Saudi oil exports travel through it.

In all, one-third of global oil shipments and a fifth of liquefied natural gas exports go through it every day.

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