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**ATTACK ON IRAN** 

## 'OBLITERATED'



The United States is "fully postured" to respond to any Iranian retaliation, said Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "The safety of our service members and civilians remains our highest priority." ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES

### U.S. on 'high alert' for retaliation after strikes targeting 3 nuclear facilities

Kim Hjelmgaard, Jeanine Santucci, Tom Vanden Brook, Erin Mansfield and Cybele Mayes-Osterman USA TODAY

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said U.S. bombers completely "obliterated" Iran's three major nuclear complexes at Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan in a night strike on June 21.

"The order we received from our commander in chief was focused, it was powerful, and it was clear. We devastated the Iranian nuclear program," Hegseth said.

President Donald Trump announced the air strikes on Iranian uranium enrichment sites at Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan, in a June 21 Truth Social post, saying that "All planes are now outside of Iran air space. A full payload of BOMBS was dropped on the primary site, Fordow."

"Congratulations to our great American Warriors," Trump wrote. "There is not another military in the World that could have done this. NOW IS THE TIME FOR PEACE!"

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In an address to the nation from the White House hours after announcing the attacks, Trump said Iran could face "far greater" attacks if it does not make peace with Israel and the United States.

"Iran, the bully of the Middle East, must now make peace," Trump told the nation. "If they do not, future attacks will be far greater and a lot easier."

Trump said Iran has called for death to Israel and America for years. He has previously said Iran can't be allowed to obtain nuclear weapons.

"There will either be peace or there will be tragedy for Iran far greater than we have witnessed over the last eight days," he said. "Remember, there are many targets left. Tonight's was the most difficult of them by far, and

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"If peace does not come quickly, we will go after those other targets with precision, speed and skill."

President Donald Trump

# Politicians from SC respond to strikes on Iran

**Jose Franco** 

Greenville News

USA TODAY NETWORK - SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina politicians were quick to react to President Donald Trump's ordering of attacks on Iranian nuclear sites.

In a televised address, President Donald Trump said the United States bombed three Iranian nuclear sites on June 21.

"Iran's key nuclear enrichment facilities have been completely and totally obliterated," Trump said in a live address.

Trump announced U.S. airstrikes on Iranian uranium enrichment sites at Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan on Truth Social on June 21.

"All planes are now outside of Iran's airspace. A full payload of BOMBS was dropped on the primary site, Fordow," he wrote.

"This was the right call," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina, wrote on X. "The regime deserves it. Well

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# Advice for driving with your teenager

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Spartanburg Herald-Journal
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Summer is an ideal time for many teenagers to pursue their first driver's

And that means it's a busy time of year for Ken Hanna and other driving instructors in the Upstate.

South Carolina requires drivers under the age of 17 to complete an eighthour classroom course and have at

least six hours of driving instruction.
When I was learning to drive many years ago, I don't recall there being a requirement to take a course before at-

tempting to get my restricted license.

But most of my friends at

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