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Israel and Hezbollah agree to end their attacks

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JERUSALEM — President Donald Trump said Monday that Israel and Hezbollah had agreed to end their attacks on each other, and the Lebanese government said a new ceasefire between the enemies was taking shape, just hours after threats by Israel and Iran indicated that fighting would escalate.

Trump, in a social media post, said that he had spoken with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and, indirectly, with Hezbollah, the armed group in Lebanon that is backed by Iran. "Israel will not attack them, and they will not attack Israel," Trump wrote.

Netanyahu later issued a statement that made no mention of a new ceasefire, though he appeared to back off an immediate threat to strike Hezbollah in the southern outskirts of Beirut.

"I spoke with President Trump tonight, and told him that if Hezbollah doesn't cease its attacks on our cities and civilians — Israel will strike terror targets in Beirut," Netanyahu said. "This position of ours remains." He added that the Israeli military "will continue to operate as planned in southern Lebanon."

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Trump's \$1.8B fund for allies faces legal setbacks

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is reconsidering whether to move forward with a \$1.8 billion fund meant to compensate his allies, a person familiar with his thinking said Monday, as the Justice Department also said it would temporarily pause the program's implementation in compliance with a court order.

The potential retreat is a nod to the legal setbacks the fund has encountered since it was announced two weeks ago and a recognition of the mounting political backlash from Republicans concerned by a lack of oversight of the money disbursement and the possibility of payouts to participants in the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol.

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Pedestrian Wine and Cheese sits at the base of the Walnut Street Bridge on Saturday.

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'A natural evolution'

Some businesses close, others find new vibe with bridge closed

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Several longtime North Chattanooga businesses have recently closed, and some owners have cited changes such as the closure of the Walnut Street Bridge for renovations and the redesign of Frazier Avenue as potential factors.

"We had the pedestrian bridge shut down, so we didn't have any foot traffic," Gabe Duncan, former owner of Mediterranean and Portuguese restaurant Bela Lisboa on Frazier Avenue, said by phone before the restaurant closed at the end of May after nine years in business.

The increased wait time for vehicle traffic after the reduction in driving lanes on Frazier Avenue is also likely a factor in the reduced business at the restaurant, he said.

"I completely understand why a lot of people are just avoiding the area entirely," Duncan said.

The Walnut Street Bridge, a popular pedestrian connector between downtown and the North Shore, closed for renovations in March 2025 and is expected to reopen in September.

In late 2024, Frazier Avenue was reconfigured to reduce driving lanes from two to one in each direction, and a two-way bike lane was added



Visitors walk along Frazier Avenue.

on the south side of the road. The goal of the redesign was to make the road safer after two pedestrians were killed in a traffic accident in 2023.

Taconooga, a restaurant across Frazier Avenue from the Walnut Street Bridge, closed in December 2025 after 12 years in business, and Stevarino's Italian Eatery and Pub closed in May after eight years on Cherokee Boulevard.

Gift shop Blue Skies, which operated on Frazier Avenue for 25 years, also closed a year ago.

"Although there are some closures, and some businesses are feeling a downturn, there are others that are having the opposite experience and are thriving, all within the same blocks, leading us to understand that the bridge and the streetscapes are

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A Shell gas station is pictured in San Bruno, Calif. With the midterm elections five months away, many Americans who backed President Donald Trump are wrestling with pain at the pump and war in Iran.

Trump voters share thoughts on gas prices and war in Iran

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Nineteen months ago, Donald Trump thundered back to the presidency after pledging to voters that he would "make America affordable again" and start "no new wars."

He told supporters that they could get "very angry" at him if energy prices did not fall under his administration.

But since the president took America to war with Iran, gasoline prices have climbed to

their highest levels in four years. Trump has said he is negotiating a deal that would reopen the Strait of Hormuz to oil shipping, and the average price of gas has decreased slightly to \$4.34 a gallon as of Sunday. But it is still more than \$1 higher than this time last year.

Are his voters angry? More than two-thirds say they approve of his handling of the war and about 6 in 10 support his handling of the cost of living,

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