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Displaced families extend their hands while waiting for donated food beside the tents they use as shelters after fleeing Israeli bombardment in southern Lebanon, in Beirut, Lebanon, Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Netanyahu authorizes direct talks with Lebanon in boost to ceasefire efforts

By Jon Gambrell, Elena Becatoros and Mike Corder ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — In a potential boost to Middle East ceasefire efforts, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday that he authorized direct

negotiations with Lebanon “as soon as possible” aimed at disarming Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants and establishing relations between the neighbors.

The two countries have technically been at war since Israel was established in 1948, and Netanyahu later stressed that there was no ceasefire between them. In a video

statement, the Israeli leader said Israel will keep striking Hezbollah until security is restored in northern Israel.

There was no immediate response from Lebanese authorities. But Israel-Lebanon negotiations were expected to begin next week at the State Department in Washington. **Ceasefire continues on A3**

Democrats grow bolder on talk about removing Trump from office

By Stephen Groves, Lisa Mascaro and Kevin Freking ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s threats to wipe out Iran, “a whole civilization,” ended the restraint that Democrats have mostly practiced when it comes to questions of removing him from office in his second term.

By the dozens, Democrats came out to say that Trump should no longer serve in the White House, either through the impeachment process or the

25th Amendment, which allows the vice president and the Cabinet to declare that a president is no longer able to perform the job.

While Trump eventually pulled back on his threat and agreed to a two-week ceasefire with Iran, the episode highlighted the growing demands for Democrats to oppose the Republican president in the strongest possible terms. Calls about Iran flooded into congressional offices, lawmakers said.

The breadth of the Democratic pushback under **Impeach continues on A4**



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House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., talks about President Donald Trump’s decision to attack Iran and Democratic efforts to force congressional approval for going to war, during a news conference in Washington, March 4, 2026.

Group wants to rename Cesar Chavez Parkway

By Jason Mack STAFF WRITER

Highlighting the dedication and plight of migrant farm workers in Laredo, the Farm Workers Alliance Group presented to the City Council this week to request renaming Cesar Chavez Parkway in their honor.

“It is to continue and keep in mind and honor the families, the ones that gave their life to go work **Name continues on A4**



Maria Ruiz/Laredo Morning Times

City officials and community members take part in a groundbreaking ceremony for the César Chávez Archway in San Agustín Plaza in Laredo, Texas, on Jan. 12, 2026.

‘One case is too many’

Laredo marks Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Maria Ruiz STAFF WRITER

The city of Laredo recognized Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month on Thursday. The observance brought together city agencies and community partners to raise awareness and advocate for **Prevention continues on A4**



Courtesy/Children’s Advocacy Center of Laredo-Webb County City officials, law enforcement and community partners gather at City Hall to recognize Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, raising awareness and advocating for the protection of children in Laredo.

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