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## Lebanon announces partial ceasefire

LAILA BASSAM, MAYA GEBEILY AND HATEM MAHER Reuters

BEIRUT — Lebanon announced a partial ceasefire Monday between Hezbollah and Israel in what would amount to a limited de-escalation of a conflict that has killed thousands of people and inflamed the broader war with Iran.

According to Lebanon's embassy in Washington, the agreement, which would not end the conflict in that country, calls for Israel to refrain from strikes on Beirut and its suburbs controlled by Hezbollah, while the Iran-aligned group would halt its attacks on Israel.

Hostilities in southern Lebanon continued Monday evening.

U.S. President Donald Trump, who first

announced the agreement, said Hezbollah, through intermediaries, pledged not to attack Israel. No U.S. president has ever spoken with Hezbollah, with or without intermediaries. The group is designated as a terrorist organization by the United States.

Trump also said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu agreed to pull back any troops preparing to attack Lebanon.

After Trump's announcement, Netanyahu said Israel would continue military operations in southern Lebanon, where ground forces are pushing toward the Zaharani River, their deepest incursion in Lebanon in 25 years.

Hezbollah lawmaker Hassan Fadlallah said the militia would support a full

ceasefire across all Lebanon as a precursor to the withdrawal of Israeli troops. He did not say whether the group would stop its strikes on Israeli territory.

Lebanon said it would seek to expand the ceasefire in talks with Israel in Washington on Wednesday.

That could clear the path for renewed efforts to end the three-month-old war between the United States and Iran, which has been stuck in limbo for weeks under a fragile ceasefire as negotiators are unable to agree on an initial framework for peace talks.

The Israel-Hezbollah war erupted on March 2 as an offshoot of the broader conflict and has been entangled with it ever since.

Iran insists on a halt to Israeli attacks in Lebanon as a condition of any deal to end the war, while the United States says the two conflicts are separate.

### Fragile ceasefire talks

Iranian state media said earlier Monday that Tehran halted indirect negotiations with the U.S. and might end a ceasefire that largely held since early April, citing the war in Lebanon.

There was no direct confirmation of the reports from Iranian officials, and Trump told an NBC reporter that he had not heard from Iran.

Since mid-March, Trump repeatedly

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## WAVES OF PROGRESS FOR BROOKVIEW HILLS



ROD AYDELOTTE, TRIBUNE-HERALD

ArtPrenticeship interns and officials continue work Monday on their restoration of a faded mural at the Brookview Hills shopping center near 34th Street and Bosque Boulevard, after making progress during a community paint day last weekend. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the finished product is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday. The developers behind the For Keeps coffee shop and Proud Mary clothing boutique a few blocks away are recruiting new tenants for the shopping center and planning renovations for the worn structures.

FREESTONE COUNTY

## Constable faces sexual harassment lawsuit

BY BLAKE HOLLINGSWORTH bhollingsworth@wacotrib.com

Freestone County Precinct 4 Constable Kenneth Isaaks Sessions, who pleaded no contest earlier this year to a misdemeanor charge he sent unsolicited pictures of his genitals to a woman he hired, now faces a lawsuit seeking more than \$1 million.

The lawsuit filed last month in Freestone County's 77th State District Court alleges Sessions repeatedly sexually harassed Jennifer Sandoval before, during and after her employment at his waste removal company in Kirvin, which spanned May 30 through June 2, 2025.

Attorneys David Moore, of Groesbeck, and Chad Morgan, of Fairfield, filed the lawsuit on behalf of Sandoval.

Sessions pleaded no contest in March to a Class C misdemeanor charge of unlawful electronic transmission of sexually explicit visual material, a fine-only offense, according to a court order dated March 18. Limestone County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Ray Jones found Sessions guilty but deferred a final conviction, placing him on a 15-day deferral period that ended April 2.

According to the suit, Sandoval responded May 29, 2025, to a Facebook advertisement Sessions posted for an open truck driver position and agreed to meet him to apply. Sessions later changed the meeting location to a business east of Mexia "supposedly

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## Schools: \$8.5 billion wasn't enough

Leaders testify about budget shortfalls and more in wake of HB2

BY JADEN EDISON The Texas Tribune

The influx of nearly \$8.5 billion to Texas schools last year was not enough to stop schools from making tough budget cuts, district officials told state lawmakers during a

Capitol hearing Monday.

School leaders across Texas have already had to eliminate jobs and close campuses because of financial pressure. The El Paso district, for example, faces a nearly \$53 million budget shortfall and may soon declare a financial emergency, while the Crystal City district in South Texas recently told families that it has less than \$500 in its bank account.

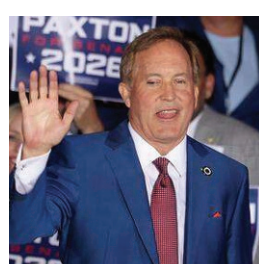
At a House Public Education

Committee hearing on Monday, school officials said they were still plagued by financial pressure even after the Legislature provided schools with new money for teacher pay, educator training and special education in the largest one-time public education investment in recent memory.

As part of House Bill 2, school districts like Navarro ISD saw an increase in their base funding,

or basic allotment, by just \$55 per student. Paul Neuhoff, chief financial officer at Navarro ISD, urged state lawmakers to grow that pot of money, which the district counts on to keep up with the cost of school facilities, staff benefits and transportation. The nearly \$300,00 the Navarro ISD received in total base funding fell short, Neuhoff said.

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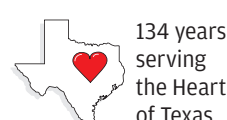


Senate runoff set record; Talarico sees fundraising surge after Paxton win

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