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WAR IN MIDDLE EAST



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A man carries an Iranian flag Wednesday to place on the rubble of a police facility struck during the U.S.-Israeli military campaign in Tehran, Iran. A U.S. submarine sank an Iranian warship in the Indian Ocean during the fifth day of the conflict across the Middle East.

VA. SUPREME COURT

April 21 election OK'd to proceed

Justices: Stopping redistricting vote now not appropriate

ANNA BRYSON
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The Supreme Court of Virginia on Wednesday issued an order allowing the state's referendum election on whether to redraw the state's congressional districts to proceed.

Wednesday's ruling comes after a series of legal challenges to the April 21 special election, including rulings by a circuit court judge in Tazewell who said the Democratic-controlled

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US sinks warship

Iran warns of mass destruction across region infrastructure

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. As the war expanded yet again, Tehran warned of the destruction of the Middle East's military and economic infrastructure.

The tempo of the strikes on Iran was so intense that state television announced the mourning ceremony for Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in the conflict, would be postponed. Millions attended the funeral of his predecessor Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989.

In addition to striking Tehran on the fifth day of the conflict, Israel hit the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militant group in Lebanon, while Iran fired on Bahrain, Kuwait and Israel. As the conflict spiraled, Turkey said NATO defenses intercepted a ballistic missile launched from Iran before it entered Turkey's airspace.

Meanwhile, Senate Republicans voted down an effort Wednesday to halt President

Donald Trump's war against Iran, demonstrating early support for a conflict that has rapidly spread across the Middle East.

The war has killed more than 1,000 people in Iran, more than 50 in Lebanon and about a dozen in Israel, according to officials in those countries. It disrupted the supply of the world's oil and gas, snarled international shipping, and stranded hundreds of thousands of travelers in the Middle

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Kaine pushes war powers vote; measure fails

Resolution called for removal of US troops from Iran

DAVE RESS
Richmond Times-Dispatch

As governor of Virginia, Tim Kaine stood by Virginia National Guard troops as they deployed to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan — and then signed the letters of condolence for Guard members who fell in battle.

"When I came to the Senate, I said I don't want to give presidents an easy pass to put our sons' and daughters' lives at risk

in war," he said, outlining for The Times-Dispatch why he tried, once again, to convince Congress to support a War Powers Resolution.

This time, the resolution called for the removal of American forces from Iran, because Congress has not declared war or authorized the use of

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Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., is seen Feb. 10. His latest war powers resolution called on President Donald Trump to remove American forces from hostilities with Iran, because Congress has not declared war.

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Budget of \$458M approved

46 who will be laid off finally identified

SAMUEL B. PARKER
Richmond Times-Dispatch

The Richmond School Board, during a Tuesday meeting, passed a \$458 million budget for the next fiscal year that included a roughly \$261 million request from the city of Richmond.

That proposal will now go to budget staff in Mayor Danny Avula's administration, who will consider the request and make a

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