

‘Energy ceasefire’ for Russia, Ukraine?

Trump announces deal but not details; diesel sale targeted

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Sunday that Russia and Ukraine had agreed to an “energy ceasefire” in the 4 ½-year-old war, but he offered no details on its terms.

Trump’s brief social media post said only that the ceasefire took effect immediately, adding: “Do not break it!”

Moscow did not immediately comment, and the White House did not clarify Trump’s post.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in an evening address that the country “welcomed” such an announcement, but also said Russia on Sunday was still hitting energy infrastructure in Kyiv and Kharkiv.

“Today, there was a statement

from the president of the United States that an energy ceasefire has been secured. This is good news for everyone — and it is important that it become reality,” he said.

Ukraine “is ready to refrain from striking Russian energy infrastructure — and we count on the same readiness from Russia, as well as on the agreement reached by the president of the United States on this matter,” he added.

Also, a bipartisan group of six

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An injured man looks at his house destroyed in a Russian strike on Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Sunday.
ANDRII MARIENKO/AP



Soldiers attend a 2009 memorial service at Fort Hood in Texas for people who were killed in a shooting at the military base. The specter of livestreaming the execution of Nidal Hasan, the former Army major who was convicted of murdering 13 people — mostly soldiers — and wounding dozens there, has upset many who might otherwise support his killing.
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Deliberating death

Botched execution, planned execution renew debate over punishment

By Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs
THE NEW YORK TIMES

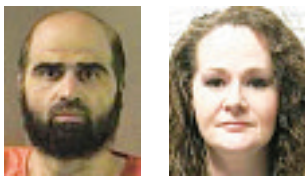
Within the span of eight days, the country learned of a failed execution and a successful execution — and has been promised a livestreamed execution by military firing squad before year’s end.

The most severe form of criminal punishment — there are roughly 2,000 people on death row nationwide — execution has taken center stage in a nation already split politically and culturally, amplifying divisions just weeks before a pivotal midterm election.

Death penalty opponents have seized upon the blundered attempt to kill



People participate in a March 4 Mercy protest against the death penalty at the Tennessee State Capitol on Sept. 27 — days before the state’s scheduled execution of Christa Pike.
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Hasan Pike

Christa Pike in Tennessee to push for an end to the death penalty. Conversely, the nation’s top military official said Thursday that the United States would carry out the government’s first public execution since 1936.

The announcement from Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth and its timing exemplify the salient place that the death penalty has taken in the nation’s polarized polit-

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Virginia Beach seeks limits on 24/7 Oceanfront parks

City Council approval sought to close venues in resort area overnight

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VIRGINIA BEACH — Three public Oceanfront parks may soon close overnight with restricted hours in line with other city recreational parks and library properties.

The City Council will consider an ordinance this fall to close 17th,

24th and 31st street parks from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

“It does allow us an additional enforcement tool to be able to close a park or to move individuals from a place where they shouldn’t be,” Deputy City Manager Amanda Jarratt told members of the Resort Advisory Commission this month.

“This would give us the ability to say the park’s closed — you have to move to the Boardwalk or a public right-of-way.”

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People listen to a concert at the 24th Street stage in 2024. Virginia Beach plans to close public Oceanfront parks at 17th, 24th and 31st streets at 7 p.m. except during events.
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High-speed extension coming to Peninsula

\$2M in federal funds will help residents gain faster internet access

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Tired of seeing spinning wheels on buffering videos and websites that load at a glacial pace? So is Newport News. That’s why the city is investing in infrastructure to get more people connected to high-speed internet.

The city announced last week it plans to kickstart its Digital Infrastructure Expansion Initiative using a \$2 million federal investment. The money will be used to lay high-speed fiber network cables from Newport News and Hampton, through the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel and Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel and connect to existing fiber networks in South Hampton Roads.

Digital infrastructure is in demand as residents, businesses and localities are consuming more data in recent years, according to Newport News Innovation Program Manager Marlin McDaniel. He said 30% of Newport News residents don’t have high-speed internet access and the city needs system updates to ensure residents and businesses can stay connected.

“That limits how much data can be downloaded in a home, in a business or sent out to other places where data is going to need to go, so that’s really the big gap that we’re trying to address,” McDaniel said. “And we’ve seen communities successfully address this gap.”

Residents without fiber access currently top out at one gigabit download speeds, according to McDaniel, with people “usually” experiencing slower service than that. With the fiber upgrades, he said they can expect to experience 10 gigabits per second.

The \$2 million in federal funding was included in the 2026

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