

## MIDDLE EAST

# TRUMP RENEWS HORMUZ THREAT



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A photographer takes pictures of damage Saturday at Shahid Beheshti University in Tehran, Iran, after U.S.-Israeli airstrikes the prior day.

## US, Iran race to find downed American military pilot

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TEL AVIV, Israel — U.S. President Donald Trump again warned Iran to open the crucial Strait of Hormuz by his Monday deadline, with Tehran calling his threat “unbalanced and foolish.” The search for a missing U.S. military pilot continued Saturday in a remote part of the Islamic Republic.

Trump called Tehran “beaten and completely decimated” in the war, now in its sixth week, but the downing of two U.S. warplanes Friday and Iran’s call to find the “enemy pilot” raised the stakes.

“The doors of hell will be opened to you” if Iran’s infrastructure is attacked, Gen. Ali Abdollahi Aliabadi with the country’s joint military command said late Saturday in response to Trump’s renewed threat, state media reported. In turn, the general threatened all infrastructure used by the U.S. military in the region.

The war, which began with joint U.S.-Israeli strikes Feb. 28, has killed more than 3,300 people, shaken global

markets, cut off key shipping routes and spiked fuel prices.

Both sides threatened and hit civilian targets, drawing warnings of possible war crimes.

“We will continue to crush them,” Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, and confirmed Israel’s military struck a petrochemical complex in Mahshahr that he said helps to fund the war. Five people were killed and 170 injured, Iranian state media reported, citing a provincial security official.

The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran said an airstrike hit near its Bushehr nuclear facility, killing a security guard and damaging a support building. The head of Russia’s state nuclear corporation, Rosatom, said that 198 workers were being evacuated.

It was the fourth time the facility was targeted.

Pakistan’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Tahir Andrabi, told The Associated Press his government’s efforts to broker a ceasefire are “right on track” after Pakistan said it would soon host talks between

the U.S. and Iran.

Iran’s foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, said they “never refused to go to Islamabad.”

Mediators from Pakistan, Turkey and Egypt were working to bring the U.S. and Iran to the negotiating table, according to two regional officials. They said they seek to bridge the gap between the two sides’ demands to stop the war and reopen the crucial Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world’s oil shipments typically transit.

The proposed compromise includes a cessation of hostilities to allow a diplomatic settlement, according to a regional official involved in the efforts and a Gulf diplomat briefed on the matter. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss closed-door diplomacy.

“Remember when I gave Iran ten days to MAKE A DEAL or OPEN UP THE HORMUZ STRAIT. Time is running out — 48 hours before all Hell will reign down on them,” Trump warned on social media.

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## How does 1 person rack up 10 OWIs, and could it be prevented?

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When a Wisconsin state trooper investigating a crash along Interstate 94 noticed Eugene O. Trimble walking along the highway earlier this year, the Madison man smelled of intoxicants, was slurring his speech and had bloodshot eyes.

He also had the keys to the crashed vehicle in his pocket.

While no one was hurt in the Jan. 28 crash, it would be Trimble’s 10th arrest for operating while intoxicated.

If Trimble is convicted, he will join a group of about 200 people who, since 1989, have racked

up 10 OWI convictions in their lifetimes, according to the state Division of Motor Vehicles.

In a state known for its alcohol consumption and where one drunken driving conviction usually isn’t even a crime, racking up multiple drunken-driving arrests barely registers. Nearly one in five Wisconsin drivers has at least one OWI conviction, while more than 20,000 have at least five.

But how does a person end up with 10? And how might that person have been stopped sooner?

In a video interview from the Dane County Jail on Feb. 17, Trimble said he knew he was

not allowed to drive. Since being released from prison on Jan. 31, 2025, for his ninth OWI, he said, he’d been using Uber to get around, while his wife had been driving him to work.

But that day he did, he said, citing an unusual and shifting work schedule.

“So this one time, I just really, really shouldn’t have did it,” he said. “But being afraid of losing my job and not being able to provide and help my wife out with the bills, I was put in a corner. I just didn’t know what else to do.”

At the time, Trimble said, he’d been working two jobs — one in manufacturing and one as a cook

at a bar and restaurant in the town of Westport.

The Wisconsin State Journal was able to verify Trimble’s employment at the bar and restaurant, where he’d worked for about three months before his arrest. The newspaper was not able to verify Trimble’s manufacturing job or confirm what he said happened next.

After a dispute with a coworker, he said, his brother called him with news that his mother had died.

“Instead of me handling it the responsible way, I panicked and relapsed,” he said. “It got a point where I was just trying to get

home to be consoled and let my wife know the information.”

It’s not clear when or where he found the time to stop to get drunk first. After speaking once from jail with the Wisconsin State Journal, Trimble did not respond to requests for further comment. His public defender, Schuyler Boggio, declined to comment on his client’s case.

### Not allowed to drive in Wisconsin

Trimble has never held a valid Wisconsin driver’s

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