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Italy answers a dockworkers' strike against war by deploying troops against them.

BY SAL
Staff Writer

On Oct. 15, in Rome, the World Federation of Trade Unions stood up at a press conference and launched something it called the International Day of Action of Dockworkers and Port Workers Against War and Militarisation. Two weeks later, the plan became a fact on the water.

Oct. 30 arrived, and 113 ports in 22 countries on six continents stopped moving. Workers World called it one of the largest internationally coordinated strikes in world history; the organizers quoted by Common Dreams called it the largest coordinated port action ever, bigger than the day of action they'd run in February. The banners said "We won't work for war" and "Ports for peace — jobs with dignity." The claim was not abstract: the unions said commercial ports fuel militarism, and on Oct. 30 they declined to fuel it.

In Italy, the stoppage did not stay on the docks. A Tribune dispatch that same week described farmers, truckers, students and dockworkers shutting the country down together — the piece ran under the headline "Blockade Everything," and for once the headline was the inventory. Trucks sat still. Students marched. The docks, already struck, held.

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THE WORD

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On entitled

DEMOCRAT

21 NO VOTES

REPUBLICAN

ENTITLED

"When my nephew was little we played Monopoly, and he'd tell me he was entitled to Park Place because he'd been going around the board so long. I think about that. Five seats in Texas: "we are entitled to five more seats." Then Indiana, where the map failed 31 to 19 with twenty-one Republicans voting no, and the answer was, "We won every other state. That's the only state." Excuse me — I'll let you get home, it's a big day tomorrow. The seats he's entitled to. Who votes on them in the morning?" — Lou

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INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

THE RATION LINE

Tehran meters gasoline at a 110-liter monthly quota and prices a sangak loaf by provincial order; Washington keeps the lettered list that says which cargo crossing the strait a U.S. insurer may cover.

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Stevens calls it sexist to suggest her fiancé's vote swayed her, six days after he announced that vote.

BY LOU
One More Question

I called the library today about my card — it renews itself automatically, except this year it didn't, and the recording wants me to press 2 for circulation, and circulation wants the branch downtown, and the branch downtown puts me back on the same recording. So I'm standing in the hallway with the phone against my ear and a folder of pages I printed last week and never got around to, because the dog wanted out and then it started raining and I only own the one coat.

That's how I ended up looking at the Michigan Senate race while I waited for a person.

Here's what's in the folder, in the order it happened. Wednesday the 28th, The Hill reports that Jason Turkish — Congresswoman Haley Stevens's fiancé — says he's voting for Mike Rogers over Abdul El-Sayed, and accuses El-Sayed of language he calls antisemitic. The next day, the 29th, the Washington Examiner runs what reads like the same interview — same Wednesday, Turkish saying El-Sayed makes the Jewish community less safe — a second paper picking up what the first one already had. I mention that only because

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White House rules out Iran strikes before the midterms, authorizes one the night before.

BY RUTH
The Money Desk

The promise had a date on it. On October 8th, Trump said the United States would not strike Iran before the midterms, citing what he called productive discussions with Tehran. The war's accounting had a date on it too. In July the Congressional Budget Office put its cost near forty billion dollars and called that conservative; in August the Pentagon gave Congress a separate figure, just over forty-two billion. By October 28th, the day Trump told a Lubbock rally "you'll see Iran in a couple of weeks," the price tag had climbed again, to forty-seven billion. The Pentagon has not itemized which lines moved in the ten weeks between those three numbers.

On the eve of the midterms, Trump told reporters Iran wants a settlement, as soon as possible. Officials called the strike defensive. Officials said there were no immediate plans to escalate.

Reconcile the two columns and the gap is not the target; the island had coordinates, the strike was public, the officials gave their reasons on the record. The gap is the calendar. In October the war was a thing that would wait for the vote. By November it was a thing the vote waited for. The five bil-

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President who pledged to avoid foreign wars trades stock in companies profiting from the one he started

BY THE LODGERS
The Euro Desk

Today we are making a war that was promised over, which is not a dish you get over here, so I shall go slowly. You will need a campaign promise, a price tag still climbing, and a president with money riding on the outcome.

You will need, exactly: forty-seven billion dollars, the Iran war's official cost as of October 28th; over a thousand stock trades made in June, some in energy firms; and a September report crediting the whole foreign policy with saving taxpayers three hundred twenty billion dollars over four years. Keep all three on the counter; do not let them touch yet.

Clive *Invested. I have backed my own work more than once, and no one here has matched a poet for commitment to a losing position.*

Gary *Invested is one word for it. I invested an evening in Keith's door, which no longer exists — the only return this house has seen.*

In October, the Pentagon had moved troops out of the hemisphere where it claims no oil and into the one where it claims thirty-five percent, seating its largest contractor on the committee planning the future of war. You will be looking for the vote. There is none; there is a committee, and the contrac-

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"Nothing up there is a conspiracy. That's the part that should worry you — it's all on the record, filed, stamped, and in a couple of cases notarized."

— *Sal*

"Nothing here is a scandal. A scandal requires surprise, and I can assure you nobody involved was surprised."

— *Chip*

Grown now, the kits cross the yard
at noon. A man tries the new latch.

ENOCH · THE OWNERSHIP DESK

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By STERLING
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"OpenAI hires ex-Army Secretary Dan Driscoll two months after Pentagon exit", 3 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ **THE SHORT VERSION**
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WHAT HAPPENED. Dan Driscoll resigned as Army Secretary, then joined OpenAI as its senior counselor for national security modernization.

WHO GETS PAID. OpenAI, which now has the Army's former civilian chief advising it on national security work.

WHAT SLIPS. Nothing slips here yet.

WHAT'S NEXT. CBS reported on September 1 that more high-profile Pentagon exits were expected after this one. Each exit is a hire somewhere, and the seat OpenAI filled did not exist until Monday.

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Down the lane the fox goes now.
That farm keeps no dog yet.

— ENOCH
The Ownership Desk

"Dan Driscoll loses a fight with Pete Hegseth, walks out of the Pentagon at the end of August, and on Monday OpenAI puts him on the payroll as senior counselor for national security modernization. We paid for every day of his education in that job, and the outfit that hired what he learned never had to ask us a thing. Nobody broke a rule — the rule is the deal."

— Sal

"He is a private citizen now. Did I say private? He is a — look, the man resigned in August, that is over two months, which is longer than most people wait, and there is no rule against any of it. If there were a rule he would have followed the rule, because he follows rules. That does not sound like me."

— Chip

THE RECEIPTS

But: The Pentagon has failed its audit eight years running - the only major federal agency never to pass one *Military Times, 19 December 2025*

OpenAI hires ex-Army Secretary Dan Driscoll two months after Pentagon exit

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *20:43 EST*

OpenAI announced on Monday that former Army Secretary Dan Driscoll will be joining the company as senior counselor for national security modernization, a move that comes over two months after the service leader left the Pentagon. The ChatGPT-maker said Driscoll's role is a new addition and will focus on how artificial intelligence can be...

· Army Secretary Driscoll resigns after months-long turf war with Hegseth *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*

· Army Secretary Dan Driscoll resigns after monthslong rift with Hegseth *from the morgue, 31 Aug 2026*

· More high-profile Pentagon exits expected after Army Secretary Driscoll's resignation, official says *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

· Hegseth imposes his will on Army with Driscoll resignation *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

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That same Monday, not the day after, the department announced something else: 63 more people, across 15 states, charged with voting-related crimes — illegal voting, fraudulent registration, false claims of citizenship. It did not revise the number again. It did not explain the four in ten. It reached for the only lever a losing filing has left and pointed it at someone else — the 63 newly charged, and the analysts who did the subtraction from 190,000 to 20,000 in the first place, the same analysts the department is now asking a court to sanction for their arithmetic.

The document's answer to being wrong, five times running, is to charge more people and punish whoever counted. The number shrank by 170,000. The prosecutions grew by 63. The department has not said which direction was the mistake.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

THEY LOST THE TWENTY-THOUSAND NUMBER IN FIVE COURTS AND A SIXTH SAID NOTHING at all, and Monday they charged sixty-three voters and asked a judge to sanction the analysts who did the subtraction. That isn't an election-integrity unit, it's an audit of the auditors, built to teach every clerk in the country what happens to people who do the math in public. Because the analysts who got it right are the ones facing sanctions, the next count anywhere gets done quietly, and the first registration that doesn't square with somebody's spreadsheet is the one sitting in your kitchen drawer with your name on it.

“They had a number, it got cut by 170,000 and a court or five told them the rest was garbage too — and they still couldn't let it go. This was never about twenty thousand ballots, it's about who gets to call an election stolen with a spreadsheet, and when the spreadsheet fails, you don't fix the spreadsheet, you indict the guy who checked it. That's the tell: you lose on the facts, so you make the facts a crime.”

— Sal

“Look, sixty-three new voting-crime cases the day before an election shows the Department takes integrity seriously, full stop — the court losses are a separate, unrelated procedural matter. The sanctions request against the analysts isn't punishment, it's quality control on their methodology, which is — did I just say the Department wants to sanction the people who got the count right? That's not the point I was making.”

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *DOJ cuts noncitizen-voter claim by 170,000, loses in court three times, asks for sanctions on the analysts.* By Mitch · the evening edition, 2 November 2026
- *Justice Department says it isn't assuming a crime occurred, appeals the lawsuit built on one.* By Chip · the morning edition, 2 November 2026
- *Tim Scott calls an unproven plot a 'criminal offense' but won't say he'll accept the vote it targets* By Lou · the afternoon edition, 1 November 2026
- *Trump told the Justice Department to sue to block Alaska's certification if the Republican narrowly loses; the complaint named zero ballots, and the vote is two days off.* By Mort · the evening edition, 1 November 2026

THE RECEIPTS

Supreme court rules against Trump over bid to force California to set aside ballots

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *19:50 EST*

Justice department had ordered state to segregate and not count 20,000 ballots from people it claims are non-citizens US midterms – live updates The supreme court on Monday ruled against the Trump administration and its attempts to force California election officials to segregate and not count ballots from people that the justice...

Supreme Court rejects Trump's request to stop California counting disputed votes

BBC News MAINSTREAM § *22:32 EST*

The ruling, which comes on the eve of the midterm elections, essentially ends the Trump administration's bid to disqualify the ballots in the state.

But: **The DOJ disbanded its crypto enforcement team in April 2025 and ordered inconsistent investigations closed - while the president's family runs a crypto business** *CNBC, 8 April 2025 (Blanche memo)*

DOJ charges 63 people with voting-related crimes day before midterm elections

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *19:35 EST*

The Department of Justice announced charges against 63 people across 15 states Monday for election-related crimes, marking the latest crackdown on alleged voter fraud just one day before the midterm elections. The charges involve illegal voting, fraudulent voter registration, and false claims of U.S. citizenship, according to a DOJ press...

But: **Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections** *MultiState Elections, 2026 special-election tracking*

Midterm elections updates: SCOTUS denies Trump bid to segregate California votes

ABC News MAINSTREAM § *01:16 EST*

The Supreme Court denied the Trump administration's request for an injunction ordering California to segregate 20,000 ballots that could have been cast by noncitizens.

~~In Run-Up to Midterms, Legacy of 2020 Looms Large Over Justice Dept.~~

DOJ officials who still deny Trump lost in 2020 are moving to control how states run elections

The New York Times MAINSTREAM § *22:36 EST*

The refusal of top department officials to acknowledge Donald J. Trump’s loss that year is the engine driving an intensifying effort to intercede in state administration of elections.

Appeals court rules against Trump — again — on California ballots

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *15:50 EDT*

A split federal appeals court panel again rejected the Trump administration's bid to set aside 20,000 California ballots it says are likely noncitizens until they can be verified. The 2-1 majority on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit didn’t dispute a lower court’s finding that the list isn’t credible and ruled the...

~~Judge rebuffs Trump DoJ’s bid to force California to set aside 20,000 ballots~~

DOJ tried to toss 20,000 California ballots over noncitizen fraud that’s extremely rare

The Guardian MAINSTREAM § *21:54 EDT*

Justice department had demanded state segregate and not count ballots from people it claimed were non-citizens A federal judge declined to order California election officials to segregate and not count ballots from people the Trump administration claimed were non-citizens, rebuffing a legally thin request from the justice department that...

· Court blocks bid by Trump DoJ to stop California from counting mail-in ballots *from the morgue, 27 Oct 2026*

· DOJ charges 48 noncitizens with federal voting crimes, including 28 in California *from the morgue, 26 Oct 2026*

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"ICE officer indicted in Texas after striking immigrant with vehicle", 30 October 2026
(PHOTO VIA THE HILL — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

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On Monday, Morales turned himself in and was released on bond — a year-plus into the job, NBC noted, in the middle of what reporters are calling Trump's hiring surge, now itself under review. The muscle's job here was simple: clear away the obstruction — the stalled evidence, the sixty-five names — so the pilot could see what was actually left standing. One grand jury. One county. Zero help from the agency whose whole job this is supposed to be.

The Justice Department owns the identical tool — authority to prosecute, the practice of sharing what it collects with the states doing the same work. It used neither this year. Harris County used its copy without waiting to be asked. The fix the crew is pricing out isn't exotic: give the Department the same orders it already gave the county, for free, with no memo required.

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DUTCH

A HARRIS COUNTY GRAND JURY, NOT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, IS THE ONLY BODY THAT has indicted an ICE officer all year, and it did it without Washington asking. That isn't federal law enforcement overseeing itself, it's federal law enforcement outsourcing its own oversight to whichever county still bothers to pick up the phone. Because the Department stopped handing Minnesota its own files on two people its agents shot dead, the next county has to build its case the same lonely way Harris County just did, which means the next local official who asks ICE a hard question is the one who ends up on a list — like the name on your town's sign-up sheet for Tuesday's public comment.

"They spent the year building a list of sixty-five people for the crime of asking ICE questions, and when ICE's own guy ran a man down with his SUV, it took a Harris County grand jury to do a single thing about it — not them. That's not law enforcement overseeing itself, that's a department running interference for its own team while fining the referees. Guy in Houston's out of the hospital after weeks, and the officer was out on bond by Monday; tell me again who that system was built to protect."

— Sal

"Look, the system worked exactly as designed — he was indicted, he turned himself in like a responsible citizen, bond was set, that's due process functioning beautifully. The sixty-five officials situation is completely unrelated, that's about the rule of law, you can't just let local officials run around undermining federal — well, they were asking questions, which, I mean, that's — did I say undermining? That's not — okay, I'll need to circle back on that one."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— *Justice Department targets 65 officials for holding ICE accountable, stops sharing its own evidence on ICE killings* By Lou · the evening edition, 2 November 2026

THE RECEIPTS

But: **Republicans' reconciliation package puts $70 billion into ICE's department** *NBC News, May 2026*

ICE officer indicted in Texas after striking immigrant with vehicle

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *13:36 EDT*

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer who hit and injured a man with a vehicle in Houston, Texas, was indicted by a grand jury in Harris County on Friday. The 33-year-old officer, Mario Alberto Morales, was indicted on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after allegedly driving his vehicle into Miguel...

~~Indicted ICE officer had been on the job a little over a year as Trump's hiring surge comes under scrutiny~~

Republicans gave ICE $70 billion for this hiring surge. One recruit lasted a year before his indictment.

NBC News MAINSTREAM § *19:43 EST*

Mario Alberto Morales was released on bond following his indictment on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

But: **The UN torture rapporteur found ICE's direct-contact electric shock gloves 'incompatible with the absolute prohibition of torture'; ICE plans to spend up to $20 million on them** *ABC10 San Diego / UN Special Rapporteur finding, August 2026*

ICE officer turns himself in after allegedly running down immigrant with SUV

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *19:32 EST*

An ICE officer turned himself in on Monday after being indicted on an assault charge in Texas for allegedly running down an immigrant with his SUV, leaving the man, who had been in the state for decades, hospitalized for weeks. Jason Allen reports.

But: **Republicans' reconciliation package puts $70 billion into ICE's department** *NBC News, May 2026*

ICE officer charged in Texas after allegedly hitting man with vehicle

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *19:53 EST*

A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer was charged with a felony for allegedly hitting a man with a vehicle earlier this month.

· Minnesota officials say US government stopped sharing evidence on fatal ICE shootings *from the morgue, 23 Oct 2026*

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THE MONEY DESK

"NY child dies of measles, marking state's first death from the disease in 30 years", 3 November 2026 (PHOTO VIA NEW YORK POST — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. The CDC's national measles dashboard counted three deaths on October 22, while Pennsylvania's own health department had confirmed six by October 13.

WHO GETS PAID. The receipts name no buyer yet.

WHAT SLIPS. The public can no longer check the outbreak's true size against the government's own dashboard, since it runs behind what the states themselves have confirmed.

WHAT'S NEXT. The record sets no date for the CDC to close the gap; its dashboard has stood three deaths behind Pennsylvania's own tally since October 22 with no correction logged.

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This week the table got a new line. A child in Lewis County, New York, died of measles, the state's first measles death in thirty years, arriving four weeks after Hochul's disaster emergency and the same week Pennsylvania's outbreak, still open, held above 1,000 cases. Add Lewis County to Pennsylvania's own six and the total the states themselves are keeping runs to at least seven. The federal dashboard, last updated at three, is not keeping pace with the paperwork it is supposed to be built from.

The certificate from 2000 was a filing, not a vaccine. It said the country had gone a year without the disease sustaining itself person to person. Twenty-six years later the states are doing the counting the certificate assumed the federal government would keep doing, and the federal government's own number runs three behind the states it is supposed to be totaling. The gap is not a mystery. It is a column that has not been added.

"Pennsylvania's own health department had six bodies on the books before the CDC's dashboard found its third. That's not a privacy law, that's a federal agency that can't do addition in the same ballpark as the dead. A kid in Lewis County is dead from a disease this country swore it beat in 2000, and the people counting it can't get past three."

— Sal

"Look, privacy law is privacy law, the agency has an obligation not to release county-level detail before it's verified. It's one county, it's a small state, the number's probably right, they're just doing their due diligence. Wait, due diligence for seven weeks running? Did I just call a seven-week gap due diligence? Forget I said that."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *Dollar General pays $1.9 million to settle overcharging shoppers, sued four days later for the same thing.* By Ruth · the afternoon edition, 27 October 2026
- *ICE posts its highest custody death count in more than a decade; California's own report blames medical neglect.* By The Wrecking Crew · the afternoon edition, 26 October 2026
- *ICE deleted the reviews that could explain its deaths, then confirmed the 60th in custody.* By Mitch · the afternoon edition, 25 October 2026
- *A county coroner confirmed the measles death; the federal agency that certified measles eliminated in 2000 has called the cause under investigation since 1 September.* By The Wrecking Crew · the evening edition, 25 October 2026

THE RECEIPTS

But: The US declared measles eliminated in 2000. The last two years carry more cases than the rest of the century combined - the worst count since 1991 *The Hill / CDC measles data, July 2026*

NY child dies of measles, marking state's first death from the disease in 30 years

New York Post RIGHT § *00:24 EST*

The measles death marks the first in the Empire State in over 30 years, and comes just four weeks after Gov. Kathy Hochul declared a State Disaster Emergency in response to a surge in cases.

But: The US declared measles eliminated in 2000; the last two years carry more cases than the rest of the century combined - the worst count since 1991 *The Hill / CDC measles data, July 2026*

Child Dies From Measles in New York State's First Fatal Case in 30 Years

The New York Times MAINSTREAM § *22:58 EST*

Gov. Kathy Hochul said that the death in Lewis County reflected eroding vaccination levels. The state is experiencing a significant outbreak of the viral illness.

But: The US declared measles eliminated in 2000. The last two years carry more cases than the rest of the century combined - the worst count since 1991 *The Hill / CDC measles data, July 2026*

Child's measles death marks New York state's first in more than 30 years amid outbreak

Fox News RIGHT § *21:40 EST*

A child in Lewis County marks New York's first measles-associated death in over 30 years as Gov. Kathy Hochul urges people to get their vaccinations.

But: The US declared measles eliminated in 2000. The last two years carry more cases than the rest of the century combined - the worst count since 1991 *The Hill / CDC measles data, July 2026*

New York state reports 1st measles-associated death in over 30 years

ABC News MAINSTREAM § *19:46 EST*

A child died in Lewis County associated with the ongoing measles outbreak, health officials said.

But: The US declared measles eliminated in 2000. The last two years carry more cases than the rest of the century combined - the worst count since 1991 *The Hill / CDC measles data, July 2026*

New York reports first measles death in 30 years, Hochul says

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *22:31 EST*

Gov. Kathy Hochul (D-NY) reported New York's first measles death in three decades as the state grapples with an outbreak that has seen 178 cases this year. The death occurred in Lewis County, which is located about 400 miles northwest of New York City, and the age of the deceased was not disclosed, only reported [...]

· Experts alarmed by 'less transparent' CDC as US measles deaths rise *from the morgue, 22 Oct 2026*

· New York governor declares state of emergency after spike in measles cases *from the morgue, 6 Oct 2026*

· Pennsylvania reports teen as fourth measles death amid feud with RFK Jr. *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Pennsylvania faces largest measles outbreak in decades as case count rises to 1,000 *from the morgue, 5 Oct 2026*

· CDC to send 'disease detective' to help tackle Pennsylvania measles outbreak *from the morgue, 17 Oct 2026*

· CDC omits Pennsylvania measles deaths from weekly update pending review *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

· Pennsylvania announces sixth death in measles outbreak as case numbers rise *from the morgue, 13 Oct 2026*

· "Secretary of Measlesland": Dr. Paul Offit Slams RFK Jr.'s Handling of Deadly Measles Outbreak *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· ABC News Issues Correction After Appearing To Quietly Delete Story About Don Jr's Business Dealings *from the morgue, 10 Oct 2026*

· ABC News quietly republishes gutted version of story on Trump sons it had deleted without explanation *from the morgue, 10 Oct 2026*

· GOP senator calls for subpoenaing Donald Trump Jr. and Hunter Biden over their business dealings *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Republican senator calls for Don Jr. and Hunter Biden to be subpoenaed over business dealings *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· GOP Sen. John Curtis calls for Trump Jr., Hunter Biden investigations *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Is Trump's son-in-law and top negotiator a midterm liability for Republicans? *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*

· Companies Backed by Trump Sons Have Scored Over $6 Billion in Pentagon Contracts: Analysis *from the morgue, 7 Oct 2026*

· Coalition Files Emergency Motion to Stop Trump FCC From Unleashing Media Consolidation Spree *from the morgue, 10 Oct 2026*

· White House Claims in Court Filing That Press Coverage of Trump Is a 'Privilege,' Not a Right *from the morgue, 23 Sep 2026*

· 'Dangerous for Democracy': Paramount Merger Opponents File Emergency Motion to Fight Settlement Deal *from the morgue, 24 Sep 2026*

· Trump-Appointed Judge Orders President to Restore White House Access to CNN, MS NOW, and Politico *from the morgue, 24 Sep 2026*

· With Elon Musk's Return to Washington, Possible Conflicts of Interest Resurface *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*

· Hegseth puts the future of warfare in the hands of major Maga donors *from the morgue, 1 Oct 2026*

· Pete Hegseth appoints Elon Musk to US taskforce on future of warfare *from the morgue, 30 Sep 2026*

· Elon Musk boosts GOP spending advantage with return as 2026 juggernaut *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*

· An Elon Musk insider shares what he found in Washington — and it should terrify you *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Trump Accord Enshrines Light-Touch Regulation of AI *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*

· Trump says tech CEOs signed 'morally binding' document to self-regulate artificial intelligence *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*

· READ IN FULL: Trump and tech leaders' White House Accord on Super Intelligence *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*

· Soaring diesel prices take their toll on US farmers in midwest corn belt *from the morgue, 3 Oct 2026*

· Inflation Could Soon 'Get a Lot More Painful' as Trump's Iran War Drives Diesel Over $6 a Gallon *from the morgue, 11 Sep 2026*

· 'Can't Message That Away': GOP Frets as Trump Administration Desperately Spins Record-High Diesel Prices *from the morgue, 5 Sep 2026*

· 'Trump Did It!': At $5.85 a Gallon, Diesel Price Hits All-Time High in US Thanks to War on Iran *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*

· States take matters into their own hands to curb record-high diesel prices *from the morgue, 29 Sep 2026*

· U.N. experts say U.S. may have committed war crimes with 2 Iran strikes *from the morgue, 22 Sep 2026*

· Trump Says 'Big Decision' Coming on Whether to 'Annihilate' Iran *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Pentagon No. 3 frustrates senators in closed-door briefing on Iran war, Trump defense strategy *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Senate Democrats, minus Fetterman, urge Hegseth to provide receipt for Iran war costs *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Hegseth on "devastation" to Iran's capabilities *from the morgue, 10 Sep 2026*

· Trump admits Iran war will not end before midterms *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

· Iran War Trump Said Would Be Quick Has Now Lasted 6 Months With 'No End In Sight' *from the morgue, 28 Aug 2026*

· CBO Finds Trump's Iran War Has Already Cost Nearly $40 Billion—And That's a 'Conservative' Estimate *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Tillis supports Hegseth impeachment resolution: 'He needs to go' *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Massie Files Impeachment Articles Against Hegseth for Illegal Iran War, Boat Murders *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Massie launches effort to impeach Hegseth *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Tillis urges Trump to fire Hegseth over 'inept management' of military *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

· Tillis renews calls for Hegseth's firing after Driscoll's departure: 'I have never witnessed more inept management' *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

· Farmer who voted for Trump says farmers are "all just in survival mode" *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Farmer who voted for Trump says "I can't stay in business" amid rising costs *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Massie says he's convinced enough Republicans to pass Epstein Files II discharge petition *from the morgue, 18 Sep 2026*

· Massie names Epstein 'coconspirators,' discusses new Epstein files legislation *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

· Read Thomas Massie's eight impeachment charges against Pete Hegseth *from the morgue, 15 Sep 2026*

· Fake Republican midterm convention site still redirects to Epstein files *from the morgue, 7 Sep 2026*

· Trump says he has a 'big decision' coming up on Iran: 'Do I want to go in and annihilate them' *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Fox News Poll: 71% think Trump administration lacks plan to end Iran war *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Iran recently downed at least 2 American drones, officials say *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Big Oil Stocks Surged Due to Iran War—and New Filings Show How President Trump Cashed In *from the morgue, 27 Aug 2026*

· Live updates: Energy secretary downplays rising gas prices as US, Iran trade strikes *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*

· U.S. Strike on Iranian School May Have Been War Crime, U.N. Report Says *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· UN Inquiry Finds US Strike on Minab, Iran That Killed 123 Children Was War Crime *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· UN investigators conclude 'reasonable grounds' to believe certain US strikes in Iran were war crimes *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· UN Suspects US War Crimes in Iran *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· US Condemned for 'War Crimes' After Bombing of Wedding Party in Iran *from the morgue, 2 Sep 2026*

· US investigating if missile hit Iranian wedding ceremony, killing 4 *from the morgue, 4 Sep 2026*

· Trump says he has a 'big decision coming up' on Iran *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· White House issues explosive response to UN-backed report claiming US committed war crimes against world's No.1 sponsor of terror, Iran *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Human rights experts: 'Reasonable grounds' to believe US committed war crimes with Iran strikes *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· US Energy Consumers Have Spent $121 Billion Extra Since Trump Launched Iran War: Moody's *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Iran downed at least 2 American drones in recent days, U.S. officials say *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Iran: Account of US Air Force colonel's rescue 'fictional' *from the morgue, 17 Sep 2026*

· Consumer Burden of Trump Iran War Exceeds $100 Billion as Oil Prices Pass $100 a Barrel *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

· 'A Serious and Alarming Threat': US Bombing, Blockade Deepen Iran Medical Crisis *from the morgue, 9 Sep 2026*

· Consumer Confidence Hits Lowest Level in Months as US Faces 'Trump's Reckless Tariffs and War With Iran' *from the morgue, 25 Aug 2026*

· U.S. Air Force officer rescued from Iran speaks for the first time to 60 Minutes *from the morgue, 8 Sep 2026*

· Rep. Thomas Massie forcing vote on Pete Hegseth's impeachment *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

· Did Johnson Just Adjourn Congress for 7 Weeks to Avoid Massie's Impeachment Articles Against Hegseth? *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

· The Hitchhiker's Guide to Massie saying Johnson is sending the House home early to prevent Hegseth impeachment *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

· 'You're Elected to Fight and Kill the Other Side': How Congress Lost Its Way *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

· Army combat veteran challenging Mike Lawler calls Hegseth national security 'hazard,' backs impeachment *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*

· Former Air Force secretary says he 'couldn't serve' in Trump administration *from the morgue, 6 Sep 2026*

· Former Air Force secretary: Hegseth's Pentagon 'dysfunctional' *from the morgue, 3 Sep 2026*

· House Republicans split over leaving Washington early for campaign trail *from the morgue, 1 Sep 2026*

· Since 2025, Trump Made More Stock Trades Than All 535 Congress Members Combined *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

· Fossil Fuel Advertising Contracts Hit Record High as Big Oil Pockets Billions From Iran War *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

· 'How are we gonna get through this?' Many Americans are struggling as prices rise *from the morgue, 16 Sep 2026*

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Stevens calls it sexist to suggest her fiancé's vote swayed her, six days after he announced that vote.

By LOU
ONE MORE QUESTION

"Haley Stevens to campaign with Abdul el Sayed in final stretch of Michigan Senate race", 30 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA WASHINGTON EXAMINER — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. Rep. Haley Stevens endorsed Republican Mike Rogers for Senate, then called it sexist to suggest her fiancé's vote swayed her.

WHO GETS PAID. Mike Rogers's Senate campaign and Michigan Republicans gain a cross-party endorsement in the race's final days.

WHAT SLIPS. A reporter's ability to question a politician's own explanation, without the question being dismissed as sexist, slips here.

WHAT'S NEXT. If the caucus removal holds, a primary challenge may follow; that is what Wyoming Republicans got after censuring Liz Cheney on 4 February 2022: a 66-to-29 primary loss that August.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

I called the library today about my card — it renews itself automatically, except this year it didn't, and the recording wants me to press 2 for circulation, and circulation wants the branch downtown, and the branch downtown puts me back on the same recording. So I'm standing in the hallway with the phone against my ear and a folder of pages I printed last week and never got around to, because the dog wanted out and then it started raining and I only own the one coat.

That's how I ended up looking at the Michigan Senate race while I waited for a person....

...(cont) Here's what's in the folder, in the order it happened. Wednesday the 28th, The Hill reports that Jason Turkish — Congresswoman Haley Stevens's fiancé — says he's voting for Mike Rogers over Abdul El-Sayed, and accuses El-Sayed of language he calls antisemitic. The next day, the 29th, the Washington Examiner runs what reads like the same interview — same Wednesday, Turkish saying El-Sayed makes the Jewish community less safe — a second paper picking up what the first one already had. I mention that only because I almost read it as two separate days, and it isn't; it's one remark, in two papers.

Two days later, the 30th, the Examiner has Congresswoman Stevens committing to campaign with El-Sayed for the final stretch — her former primary rival. The 31st, Common Dreams has El-Sayed answering a demand from Stevens that he apologize over his Israel comments, and saying he's staying focused on beating Rogers. So as of Halloween, by what's in my folder, the congresswoman was on the trail with El-Sayed, two days after her fiancé's statement ran in print.

Monday — and I'll go fast here, since another edition already walked through it — Rogers puts out a video promising no federal abortion action, Stevens endorses him anyway, and by that night the House Democratic caucus has moved her out. I'm not retracing that part. What's new is today.

Today the Examiner has Congresswoman Stevens calling it sexist — her word — that anyone would suggest her fiancé's vote had anything to do with her endorsement. Today's folder also has Michigan's Democratic Party chair, on CBS, saying she lied to her own constituents, and the vice president, on Fox, saying her endorsement will "certainly" help and give certain voters "permission." Three descriptions of the same Monday, filed the same Tuesday.

Here's a small demonstration. When I write a check at the bank down the street, it clears, and it's on the ledger whether I bring it up at dinner or not. The teller doesn't ask me if the check counted toward the balance — it counted the moment it cleared, same as Turkish's answer counted the moment the paper printed it, on the 28th.

So here's as far as I got before the branch finally picked up: her fiancé's vote was in print six days before she called the suggestion sexist. Was there a day between the 28th and the 2nd when her household was on the record for two different candidates in the same Senate race — and, hold on, don't put me back on hold yet — is that the same six days she's calling sexist?

"Her own fiancé put his vote on the record a week before the election, in his own name, in two different papers — and now it's sexist to notice the timing? Nobody made him give that interview. She didn't get bounced from the caucus because her fiancé has opinions; she got bounced for using the six days after his opinion ran to go find her own."
— Sal

"She's a grown congresswoman who read the campaign ads and made up her own independent mind — this has nothing to do with who she's marrying. Her fiancé is a separate, independent person with his own separate, independent reasoning, which is just how two independent people land on the same candidate six days apart. Did I call that a coincidence? Forget I said that."
— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

- *Jeffries called a cross-party endorsement 'partisan hack' in September, pushed Stevens from his caucus Monday for hers.* By Lou · the evening edition, 2 November 2026
- *Jeffries called a Republican's cross-party endorsement 'partisan hack' in September, weighs 'next steps' for his own.* By Mort · the morning edition, 2 November 2026
- *Stevens defects, gets ousted, and finds a home with the party whose leader called her rival a jihadist.* By Mort · the evening edition, 2 November 2026
- *The Big Ten capped player pay at $49 million under a bill the president sold from a Neyland suite above a stadium selling half-price beer.* By Gus · the evening edition, 1 November 2026

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Haley Stevens to campaign with Abdul el Sayed in final stretch of Michigan Senate race

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *08:44 EDT*

With less than a week remaining until Election Day, Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI) committed to campaigning with her former rival, Michigan Democratic Senate candidate Abdul el Sayed. El Sayed and Stevens fought one of the most bitter Democratic primaries of the 2026 cycle, pitting the progressive wing of the party against the...

Michigan's Democratic Party chair says Haley Stevens "lied to her own constituents"

CBS News MAINSTREAM § *20:22 EST*

Democratic Rep. Haley Stevens shocked her party this weekend when she endorsed Republican Mike Rogers for Senate over her primary opponent Abdul El-Sayed. The state's Democratic Party chair, Curtis Hertel Jr., joins "The Daily Report" to discuss.

But: Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections *MultiState Elections, 2026 special-election tracking*

Democrats rally around el Sayed after Stevens defection in final hours of campaign

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *22:16 EST*

DETROIT — Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) joined Abdul el Sayed on the campaign trail Monday, offering a high-profile progressive endorsement as Democrats rallied around their Senate nominee in the final hours before Michigan voters head to the polls. The appearance at the Majestic Theatre in downtown Detroit came amid an extraordinary...

GOP touts Stevens endorsement while El-Sayed's campaign reports a record haul

ABC News MAINSTREAM § *20:34 EST*

As Republicans touted Democratic Rep. Haley Stevens' 11th-hour endorsement of GOP Michigan U.S. Senate candidate Mike Rogers, Democrats downplayed its impact.

But: Democrats are running an average of 11.5 points ahead of their 2024 baseline across 2026 special elections *MultiState Elections, 2026 special-election tracking*

JD Vance says Haley Stevens' endorsement of GOP's Mike Rogers will 'certainly' help Michigan Senate race

Fox News RIGHT § *19:39 EST*

VP JD Vance says Haley Stevens' endorsement of Mike Rogers over Abdul El-Sayed will give certain Michigan voters "permission" to back the GOP candidate.

Haley Stevens's Democratic fiance backs Mike Rogers, says el Sayed imperils Jewish community

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *22:14 EDT*

BIRMINGHAM, Michigan — Jason Turkish, the Jewish Democratic fiance of Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI), said Wednesday he plans to vote for Republican Mike Rogers in Michigan's closely watched Senate race, accusing Democratic nominee Abdul el Sayed of making the community less safe for Jews and saying his association with controversial...

~~After Stevens' Latest Attack, El-Sayed Reiterates Focus on 'Beating Mike Rogers' in Final Weekend of Campaign~~

Trump admin says Israel pushed the Iran war. Stevens wants El-Sayed to apologize for pointing it out.

Common Dreams § *14:29 EDT*

After issuing a brief statement in response to Rep. Haley Stevens' demand that he apologize for the views he's expressed—in line with a growing majority of Democrats—that are critical of US funding for Israel, Michigan's Democratic US Senate candidate, Abdul El-Sayed, headed into the final weekend before the midterm elections with the...

Stevens's fiance says he'll vote for Rogers over El-Sayed

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *18:48 EDT*

The fiance of Rep. Haley Stevens (D-Mich.) said this week he would support GOP candidate Mike Rogers over Stevens's former Democratic primary rival, Abdul El-Sayed, in Michigan's Senate race. In an interview published Wednesday, Jason Turkish accused the Democrat of using antisemitic language on the campaign trail.

Sara Haines splits from 'The View' hosts by defending Rep. Haley Stevens' GOP endorsement

New York Post RIGHT § *21:38 EST*

Co-host compares Stevens crossing party lines to Liz Cheney's decision to back Kamala Harris

Stevens rejects claims her fiance influenced Rogers endorsement as 'sexism'

Washington Examiner RIGHT § *22:48 EST*

Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI) rejected claims that her fiance, Jason Turkish, played a role in her last-minute decision to endorse Michigan Republican Senate nominee Mike Rogers, calling the speculation sexist. Stevens, who flipped her endorsement to Rogers over Democratic nominee Abdul el Sayed two days before the midterm elections and left...

Stevens shares rationale for endorsing Rogers over El-Sayed

The Hill MAINSTREAM § *22:53 EST*

Rep. Haley Stevens (D-Mich.) shared her rationale for her recent decision to endorse former Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.) over Democrat Abdul El-Sayed in the state's contested Senate race, citing campaign ads, among other reasons.

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EVE OF THE VOTE

White House rules out Iran strikes before the midterms, authorizes one the night before.

By RUTH
THE MONEY DESK

"As US and Israel Plot Iran Escalation, Regional Powers Scramble to Avert It", 31 October 2026 (PHOTO VIA TRUTHOUT — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
typed by Dot

WHAT HAPPENED. The United States struck Iran's Qeshm Island the night before the midterms, after promising no strikes until after the vote.

WHO GETS PAID. The Pentagon, whose own price tag for the war climbed to $47 billion by the day of the strike.

WHAT SLIPS. Voters went to the polls without a vote on the war itself or an itemized account of why its cost kept rising.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Congress holds no vote on this war either, that is what happened after Libya in 2011: the House rejected authorization 123 to 295 on June 24, and the bombing campaign ran four more months anyway.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

The promise had a date on it. On October 8th, Trump said the United States would not strike Iran before the midterms, citing what he called productive discussions with Tehran. The war's accounting had a date on it too. In July the Congressional Budget Office put its cost near forty billion dollars and called that conservative; in August the Pentagon gave Congress a separate figure, just over forty-two billion. By October 28th, the day Trump told a Lubbock rally "you'll see Iran in a couple of weeks," the price tag had climbed again, to forty-seven billion. The Pentagon has not itemized which lines moved in the ten weeks between those three numbers.

On the eve of the midterms, Trump told reporters Iran wants a settlement, as soon as possible. Officials called the strike defensive. Officials said there were no immediate plans to escalate....

...(cont) Reconcile the two columns and the gap is not the target; the island had coordinates, the strike was public, the officials gave their reasons on the record. The gap is the calendar. In October the war was a thing that would wait for the vote. By November it was a thing the vote waited for. The five billion dollars that moved between the Pentagon's August figure and its October one moved in the same stretch Trump spent promising the war itself would not move at all.

Call that a coincidence, hon, and you still owe an itemized answer for where the five billion went.

❦ FROM THE CORNER ❦

DUTCH

The White House said no strikes before the midterms, then struck Qeshm Island the night before the vote and logged it as defensive. That isn't a ceasefire with a deadline, it's a war timed to outlast the one promise anyone wrote down. Because the promise only had to survive until the polls opened, and because the Pentagon's own price tag moved five billion dollars with no line attached to it, the next bill comes off the same ledger as the tax notice already printed with your name on it.

"They said no war talk till after you voted, then hit Iran the night before you did, and called it defense. That's not a ceasefire, that's a campaign schedule with missiles attached. Same week the bill for this thing jumped five billion dollars, and the Pentagon still can't say which line it hit."

— Sal

"The president never said no strikes after the midterms started — Monday night is technically still before Tuesday, so the promise held to the letter. And calling it defensive is accurate: radar, launchers, nothing offensive about defending installations that happen to sit on election eve. Did I just say election eve? That's not the point I meant to make."

— Chip

EARLIER IN THIS STORY

— *Trump's closing argument before Americans vote: a $14 million pool and a joke about naming it after himself.* By Ruth · the evening edition, 2 November 2026
— *Iran cuts its Strait deadline from seven days to two, leaving the president's 41-day-old 'very soon' untouched.* By Ruth · the morning edition, 2 November 2026
— *Iran war that's ending 'soon' already made the president's oil holdings $81.6 million richer.* By Ruth · the evening edition, 2 November 2026
— *Asked to itemize the Iran war, the Pentagon returned a bill five billion dollars larger; the president says the war ends after the vote, two days out.* By Ruth · the evening edition, 1 November 2026

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~~As US and Israel Plot Iran Escalation, Regional Powers Scramble to Avert It~~

US and Israel are plotting an Iran escalation. The region is scrambling to stop it.
Truthout · 11:53 EDT

Saudi, Pakistani, and Turkish leaders met with Iranian officials in Tehran, signaling their reticence to renew the war.

But: Trump promised 53 separate times that he'd settle the Ukraine war within 24 hours of meeting Putin and Zelensky *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says Iran war will end 'soon'
The Hill | MAINSTREAM · 20:21 EDT

Presented by Palantir {beacon} Defense &National Security Defense &National Security The Big Story Trump says Iran war will end 'soon' President Trump claimed on Friday that the U.S. war against Iran will end "soon" as he mulls authorizing military strikes on the Islamic Republic following the November midterm elections. © Jon Cherry...

U.S. Military Strikes Iran's Qeshm Island in What U.S. Officials Call a Defensive Measure
The New York Times | MAINSTREAM · 23:10 EST

The action was limited, the officials said, with no immediate plans to escalate. The strikes come on the eve of the midterm elections.

Trump admin threatens Iran with 'consequences' as allies convene amid threats of post-election escalation
Fox News | RIGHT · 07:00 EDT

The Trump administration warned Iran of consequences as Marco Rubio raised energy security and Strait of Hormuz concerns at the G20 meeting.

~~Iranian supreme leader vows 'unrestricted response' to any US or Israeli strikes~~

Trump teased renewing the Iran war once midterms are over
Washington Examiner | RIGHT · 12:51 EDT

Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei on Saturday escalated his rhetoric against the United States after President Donald Trump teased a renewal of Washington's war against Tehran following the midterm elections. Khamenei said Iran's military target list would be "updated comprehensively" to include "all physical and non-physical...

Trump and Netanyahu Need to Choose Victory on Iran
National Review | RIGHT · 06:30 EDT

A resumed offensive must have a clear goal to justify it.

But: Trump promised to settle Ukraine's war within 24 hours - CNN counted 53 such promises *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says deal with Iran still possible as Americans set to vote
CBS News | MAINSTREAM · 05:43 EST

Despite limited new strikes on Iran and ongoing attacks on ships near the Strait of Hormuz, Trump says on eve of U.S. elections that a peace deal "could happen."

If Iran war erupts, Israel may be plotting another 'Operation Grim Beeper' style attack: sources
New York Post | RIGHT · 16:44 EDT

The four military hard-liners ruling Iran could soon find targets on their backs—and explosives in their pockets—if strikes resume after the midterms.

~~US military strikes Iran's Qeshm Island day before midterms~~

US strikes Iran's Qeshm Island as mediators push for a peace deal
The Hill | MAINSTREAM · 21:16 EST

The U.S. military struck radar detectors and missile launchers on Iran's Qeshm Island on Monday, a day before the U.S. midterm elections as mediators continue to push the two sides to reach a peace deal.

US, Iran race to revive Qatar talks as Trump weighs new strikes after midterms
New York Post | RIGHT · 11:59 EDT

The US is set to rejoin indirect talks with Iran in Qatar, local media reported, after a series of signals that the US could resume military action immediately after the midterm elections Tuesday.

But: "I'll meet with Putin. I'll meet with Zelensky... And within 24 hours, that war will be settled" - Trump, 10 May 2023; CNN counted 53 such promises *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says Iran war will be put away very soon, "one way or the other"
CBS News | MAINSTREAM · 23:15 EST

Earlier, President Trump predicted the war with Iran is "going to end soon," without offering any details, as Qatari mediators return to Tehran to push for a deal.

But: The Pentagon has failed its audit eight years running — the only major federal agency never to pass one *Military Times, 19 December 2025*

Official Price Tag of Iran War Jumps to $47 Billion as Trump Says It Will End 'Whenever I Want It To'
Common Dreams · 05:05 EDT

US President Donald Trump told a crowd of his supporters on Tuesday that his illegal war of choice in Iran will end "whenever I want it to" as the conflict's official price tag reportedly jumped to $47 billion—a figure that independent analysts believe to be a dramatic underestimate. "It can be over whenever I want it to be over," Trump...

But: CNN counted 53 separate occasions Trump promised the Ukraine war would be settled within 24 hours of him meeting Putin and Zelensky *CNN fact check, 25 April 2025 (all 53 instances)*

Trump says Iran war will end "soon" as Qatar pushes for U.S.-Iran deal
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President who pledged to avoid foreign wars trades stock in companies profiting from the one he started

By THE LODGERS
THE EURO DESK

"Trump promised 'no more wars'. His foreign policy tells another story", 2 November 2026
(PHOTO VIA FRANCE 24 — THE ORIGINAL REPORT)

■ THE SHORT VERSION
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WHAT HAPPENED. The Iran war's official cost rose to $47 billion on October 28, 2026.

WHO GETS PAID. Energy companies whose stock rose with the war get paid, and Trump's own second-quarter disclosure shows he holds shares in them too.

WHAT SLIPS. The one check that could set the war's price or end it, a vote in Congress, never happens here.

WHAT'S NEXT. If Congress holds no vote, the war keeps running on its own authority; that is what Washington got after December 24, 2025, when the 2001 war authorization was still in force.

AS IT RAN ON THE FRONT

Today we are making a war that was promised over, which is not a dish you get over here, so I shall go slowly. You will need a campaign promise, a price tag still climbing, and a president with money riding on the outcome.

You will need, exactly: forty-seven billion dollars, the Iran war's official cost as of October 28th; over a thousand stock trades made in June, some in energy firms; and a September report crediting the whole foreign policy with saving taxpayers three hundred twenty billion dollars over four years. Keep all three on the counter; do not let them touch yet....

Clive *Invested. I have backed my own work more than once, and no one here has matched a poet for commitment to a losing position.*

Gary *Invested is one word for it. I invested an evening in Keith's door, which no longer exists — the only return this house has seen.*

In October, the Pentagon had moved troops out of the hemisphere where it claims no oil and into the one where it claims thirty-five percent, seating its largest contractor on the committee planning the future of war. You will be looking for the vote. There is none; there is a committee, and the contractor sits on it.

Rob *No vote. Nothing in this house gets voted on either, and nobody asks what happens to the lentils when the gas goes off midsimmer.*

Keith *Nobody asks because I tell you anyway. If the gas is off that's a supply problem, and I know men who'd pay to say so first.*

Now to today. France 24 counted it on November 2nd: wars still running under a president who promised to end them — Iran priced near forty-seven billion dollars, Venezuela's oil thirty-five percent claimed by the Pentagon, diesel above four dollars a gallon from the fighting. At a rally in Texas, a week before the midterm elections, the president said of the Iran war, "It can be over whenever I want it to be over." His own disclosure, filed for the second quarter, showed stock bought in energy firms posting record profits from it, in a quarter when the fighting paused for a ceasefire, then restarted.

The paper on the table today has it as a broken promise: "Trump promised 'no more wars'. His foreign policy tells another story," reads the France 24 headline. At home, the Hill had it as savings: "Trump's foreign policy saves taxpayers $320 billion over 4 years." Both figures sit on the counter; I am not adding them for you.

Gary *Add them up yourself. That's rich from a kitchen that hasn't settled its own meter this quarter, and nobody's rushing to add that up either.*

Keith *Settled. I could settle the meter by Thursday if someone let me sell the rights to how we got here.*

This serves the energy firms whose stock rose with the war, and the contractor on the committee planning the next one. The tab, forty-seven billion dollars so far, goes to the taxpayer and the pump, not the president.

Clive *Doesn't go to the president. There's a first. I'll put that in the poem too, right after the part about things that never come back to the one who started them.*

"He swore off these wars on the trail, then the filing shows him trading stock in the oil companies getting rich off the one he kept running. That's not a coincidence, that's a financial disclosure. Forty-seven billion and climbing, and he's got a piece of it."
— Sal

"Look, those are routine quarterly disclosures every official files, this isn't about any one trade — and the foreign policy report shows three hundred twenty billion saved, so if anything we're under budget. Did I say under budget? There's a war on, nobody's under budget."
— Chip

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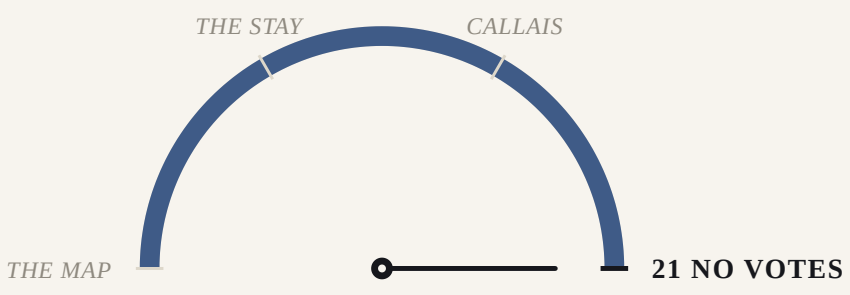

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Then the rest of the board, in order. Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio redrew in the fall of 2025 [1]. In Indiana the map he asked for failed in the state Senate, 31 to 19, with 21 Republicans voting no; his response: "We won every other state. That's the only state" [2]. Florida signed a new map in May with four Republican pickup chances [3]. Virginia's Democrats passed an amendment to redraw theirs, and the state's supreme court struck it down [4]. In April the Supreme Court decided Louisiana v. Callais, holding that the Voting Rights Act "did not require Louisiana to create an additional majority-minority district" [5].

The Cook Political Report's net across all of it: about eight seats toward Republicans and two toward Democrats, with the competitive field cut from 87 seats to 77 [6]. Every one of those lines was drawn by a legislature, a commission or a court. Tomorrow is the part no legislature gets to draw.

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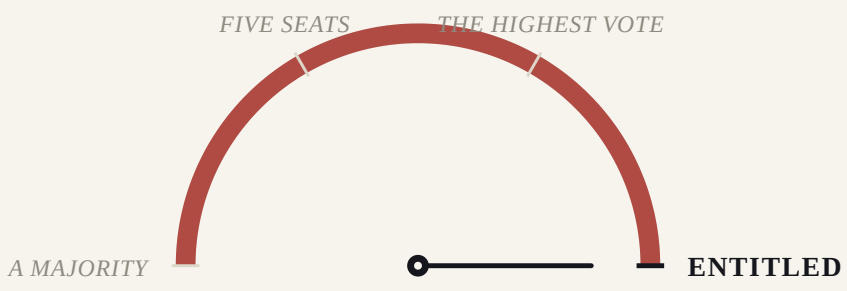

ENTITLED

The line, from a phone interview on August 5, 2025: "We have an opportunity in Texas to pick up five seats. … And I won Texas. I got the highest vote in the history of Texas, as you probably know. And we are entitled to five more seats" [1].

The case for it is the law as the Supreme Court wrote it. In 2019 the Court held that "partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts" [2]. Both parties have used that room. Illinois's Democrats signed a map in 2021 projected at 14 seats to 3 [3]. Texas drew for five in August 2025, and in December the Supreme Court let the Texas map stand for 2026 [4]. California's voters answered in November 2025, approving Proposition 50 by about 64 percent to 36 and redrawing five Republican-held seats [5][6]. Entitled is a strong word for a map. It is not an illegal one.

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"When my nephew was little we played Monopoly, and he'd tell me he was entitled to Park Place because he'd been going around the board so long. I think about that. Five seats in Texas: "we are entitled to five more seats." Then Indiana, where the map failed 31 to 19 with twenty-one Republicans voting no, and the answer was, "We won every other state. That's the only state." Excuse me — I'll let you get home, it's a big day tomorrow. The seats he's entitled to. Who votes on them in the morning?" — Lou

"Entitled. Not "we'd like," not "we'll compete for" — entitled, the way you're entitled to a refund. Five seats out of Texas, and then the whole board: California drew five back, Florida drew for four, and Indiana's own Republican senators looked at theirs and voted no, twenty-one of them. By Cook's count the maps moved about six seats net. Tomorrow the maps meet the one thing a legislature can't draw."

— Sal

"No one is gerrymandering anyone; states are simply updating their maps to reflect the voters they expect to have, which, if you think about it, is a form of listening."

— Chip

The Word today — 👍 👎