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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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# Pentagon details Iran raid years in making

Hegseth says heavy toll inflicted, rails against leaked early assessment

BY DAN LAMOTHE AND ALEX HORTON

Top Pentagon officials on Thursday revealed new details about the U.S. bombing of Iran's nuclear facilities and the subsequent defense of a military base that faced a retaliatory attack, describing both as intricate operations with little margin for error while sidestepping questions about the fate of Tehran's uranium stockpile.

Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that Sunday's aerial raid on Iran — Operation Midnight Hammer — followed a secret project that traces to 2009 and a small team within the Pentagon's Defense Threat Reduction Agency. Its members, he said, spent years studying Tehran's construction of an underground lair to enrich uranium and how the U.S. military might strike the facility should Iran attain the ability to develop a nuclear weapon.

"You do not build a multilayered underground bunker complex with centrifuges and other equipment in a mountain for any peaceful purpose," Caine said.

That team's 15 years of work laid the foundation, he said, for this past weekend's operation in which six B-2 stealth bombers — under the cover of darkness — each dropped two 30,000-pound

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Relatives of Palestinians killed in Israeli military strikes wait at a Gaza City hospital Thursday for their burial.

# Iran ceasefire fuels push to end Gaza war

BY CLAIRE PARKER

CAIRO — Arab mediators and Israeli hostage families are making a renewed push this week for a deal to end the war in the Gaza Strip, using Israel's successful strikes on Iran, as well as a ceasefire brokered by the United States and Qatar, to make the case that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has enough political capital to bring the grueling, 20-month conflict to a close.

Discussions between Hamas and Egyptian and American interlocutors have picked back up in Cairo, several people briefed on the talks said, and President Donald Trump told reporters at a NATO summit Wednesday that

Netanyahu seen by some as having political clout to end 20-month conflict

"great progress is being made on Gaza," partly because of the U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear sites over the weekend.

But whether renewed momentum will translate into a deal depends largely on Netanyahu, who faces conflicting pressures from members of his cabinet to either end or intensify the war in Gaza. Egypt has invited Israel to send a delegation to Cairo for another round of talks but has not received

a response, according to a former Egyptian official and another individual familiar with the status of negotiations, both of whom, like others in this story, spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomacy.

Almost as soon as Trump announced Monday evening that Israel and Iran had agreed to stop their mutual attacks, Arab countries sought to turn diplomatic attention back to Gaza, where a humanitarian crisis has spiraled out of control.

"We must not forget in this regard that everything that is happening in the region is an expansion of the conflict taking place in Gaza," Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al

Thani said in a news conference Tuesday, adding that Qatar was working with Egypt to "reach a ceasefire in Gaza as soon as possible."

Israel launched its war in Gaza in retaliation for the Hamas-led attacks on Oct. 7, 2023, which killed about 1,200 people and saw some 250 others taken back to the territory as hostages. More than 56,000 people have been killed in Gaza as a result of Israeli attacks, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

In Iran, Israeli strikes that began June 13 killed at least 627

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# Court tightens reins on clinics

STATES CAN DEFUND NON-ABORTION CARE

Ruling targets Medicaid at Planned Parenthood

BY ANN E. MARIMOW

A divided Supreme Court on Thursday ruled against Planned Parenthood, saying Medicaid patients do not have a right to sue to obtain non-abortion health care from the organization's medical providers.

The decision allows South Carolina to cut off Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood. It also has implications for patients in other states at a time when Republicans in Congress and the Trump administration are separately trying to defund even non-abortion health care offered by the nation's largest abortion provider.

The 6-3 ruling, with all three liberal justices dissenting, reversed a lower-court decision that had allowed Planned Parenthood South Atlantic and a patient to seek to reinstate the group's clinics as qualified health care providers after South Carolina cut off all Medicaid funding for the organization because it offers abortion services.

The decision means patients who rely on Medicaid will not be able to use the government insurance program for the poor to get services at the Planned Parenthood clinics in South Carolina.

The state already bans abortion after six weeks of pregnancy,

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# Changes to Trump bill threaten GOP revolt

A Senate overhaul of tax, immigration proposal sparks concern in House

BY JACOB BOGAGE, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND THEODORIC MEYER

As Senate Republicans eye the finish line on President Donald Trump's massive tax and immigration proposal, there may be one more obstacle standing in the way of what they hope will be era-defining legislation: their GOP colleagues in the House.

The Senate has transformed key provisions from the House-passed version of Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a measure that would extend trillions of dollars in tax cuts, spend hundreds of billions on immigration enforcement and defense, and cut spending on social benefit and anti-poverty programs.

Now to many House Republicans, the legislation looks unrecognizable — and no longer adheres to hard-fought compromises lawmakers in the lower chamber secured just a month ago.

That task got harder Wednesday

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Bill Moyers, seen in 1984, served as press secretary for President Lyndon B. Johnson and later turned to broadcast journalism in a career that would bring him more than 30 Emmy Awards.

BILL MOYERS 1934-2025

# Broadcaster explored a nation's ideas and ills

BY FRED A. BERNSTEIN

Bill Moyers, who served as chief White House spokesman for President Lyndon B. Johnson and then, for more than 40 years, as a broadcast journalist known for bringing ideas — both timely and timeless — to television, died June 26 at a hospital in Manhattan. He was 91.

The cause was complications from prostate cancer, said his son William Cope Moyers.

Long before he became a grandee of public television, the Texas-raised Mr. Moyers was a top aide and, by many accounts, a surrogate son to Johnson. The powerful Texas Democrat had

given Mr. Moyers a summer job in his U.S. Senate office in 1954 when Mr. Moyers was in college.

Mr. Moyers arrived on Capitol Hill and, without even unpacking his bags, worked through the night addressing 275,000 envelopes using a foot-operated "addressograph" machine. By the end of the summer, he was handling Johnson's personal correspondence.

Over the next 12 years, when he wasn't studying or preaching — Mr. Moyers became an ordained Baptist minister in 1954 — he found his way to the highest levels of government. When Johnson was tapped in 1960 as

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# Defunding of federal grants imperils trove of civil rights stories

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. — He came to historic Temple Beth-El to tell his story, which is also the congregation's story: How, during the early turbulence of the Civil Rights era, he helped to foil what would have been a devastating attack on their synagogue.

Back in 1958, James Pruitt was an 18-year-old working as a janitor. He'd graduated from a segre-

An executive order calls for dismantling agency documenting history

gated high school that soon would become the scene of marches and protests, in a city already nicknamed "Bombing-ham" because of white suprema-

cist attacks.

These days he is an 85-year-old grandfather, his hair long gone gray but his mind still lucid enough to remember details of the dark-colored bag and 54 sticks of dynamite he found by happenstance on that April morning. Yet he didn't think his story mattered until he was contacted by the synagogue and a local oral history project.

That led to the moment this

spring when he visited Beth-El to sit down with the project's leader, the Rev. Lukata Mjumbe, as sun illuminated the stained-glass windows flanking them and a video camera began recording their conversation.

"We're trying to document the extraordinary things ordinary people have done," Mjumbe said. "What do you think happens when our elders don't have a chance to share those stories?"

The risk of stories like Pruitt's being lost forever is growing. In March, President Donald Trump issued an executive order dismantling the federal agency funding the project, the Institute of Museum and Library Services. On April 15, Mjumbe received an email citing the order and saying his \$242,000 grant would not be renewed because the work "no longer serves the interest of the

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