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## ISRAEL AND IRAN SAID TO REACH CEASE-FIRE



**GLOOM IN TEHRAN** A burned ambulance on Monday after Israeli attacks. Iranian leaders were struggling to project normalcy. Page A8.

### Over 8 Chaotic Days, Misdirection Paved the Way for U.S. Strikes

This article is by **Mark Mazzetti, Jonathan Swan, Maggie Haberman, Eric Schmitt and Helene Cooper.**

Standing at the lectern in the White House briefing room on Thursday afternoon, Karoline Leavitt, the White House press secretary, read a message she said came “directly from the president.”

Because of the “substantial chance of negotiations” with Iran that could bring the United States back from the brink of jumping

into the war in the Middle East, President Trump’s statement said, he would make a decision about whether to strike Iran “within the next two weeks.”

Mr. Trump had been under pressure from the noninterventionist wing of his party to stay out of the conflict, and was having lunch that day with one of the most outspoken opponents of a bombing campaign, Stephen K. Bannon, fueling speculation that he might hold off.

It was almost entirely a deception. Mr. Trump had all but made up his mind to bomb Iran’s nuclear

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facilities, and the military preparations were well underway for the complex attack.

Less than 30 hours after Ms. Leavitt relayed his statement, he would give the order for an assault that put the United States in the middle of the latest conflict to

break out in one of the world’s most volatile regions.

Mr. Trump’s “two weeks” statement was just one aspect of a broader effort at political and military misdirection that took place over eight chaotic days, from the first Israeli strikes against Iran to the moment when a fleet of B-2 stealth bombers took off from Missouri for the first American military strikes inside Iran since that country’s theocratic revolution in 1979.

Interviews with administration officials, Trump allies and advisers

### Path to Deal Opened After Tehran’s Restrained Strike on U.S. Base

This article is by **Farnaz Fassihi, Adam Rasgon, Eric Schmitt and Michael Levenson.**

Qatar intervened on behalf of the Trump administration and persuaded Iran to agree to a cease-fire with Israel, according to three diplomats briefed on the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomacy. The truce came after Iran fired missiles on Monday at a U.S. Army base in Qatar in a limited attack.

There was no immediate confirmation from the Israeli or Iranian governments of a cease-fire, which President Trump said on social media Monday night was imminent, following more than a week of missile attacks between the two nations.

Two Iranian officials, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss security matters, confirmed that Tehran had agreed to the American proposal. But an Israeli military spokesman declined to comment, and Israel was continuing to strike Iran with missiles in the early hours of Tuesday local time.

in progress, a process he said would unfold in phases over a day.

Iran had launched 14 missiles at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar on Monday, but they caused no casualties, 13 were intercepted, and one was allowed to land because, Mr. Trump said, it was headed in a “nonthreatening direction.” The strike’s limited scale raised hopes that the Middle East region could avoid a wider conflagration.

Mr. Trump, who had appeared



**No casualties were reported after the missiles were blocked.**

to be looking for an off-ramp from the conflict, described Iran’s barrage in a series of social media posts as “a very weak response” and said he hoped “they’ve gotten it all out of their ‘system.’”

“I want to thank Iran for giving us early notice,” he added, “which made it possible for no lives to be lost, and nobody to be injured. Perhaps Iran can now proceed to Peace and Harmony in the Re-

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**Settler Ambitions in Angola** Some Mennonites have left Mexico, hoping to attract more families from the Americas. Page A10.

### Under Trump, Ex-MTV Star Pitches Big Families

By **CAROLINE KITCHENER**

WASHINGTON — Sean Duffy would like you to watch his family making pancakes.

They have cooked breakfast together twice on national television, once just last month — man, wife and children, gathered around a stovetop as a Fox News host prompts them to describe this most wholesome of Saturday morning pastimes.

“For us, it’s not just eating the

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pancakes. It’s actually making the pancakes,” Mr. Duffy said in a 2017 segment, bouncing a baby on his hip as the rest of his kids smiled uncomfortably at the camera. “It becomes somewhat of a family affair.”

The Duffys, who had eight chil-

dren at the time and would go on to have a ninth, were proud to highlight their unusually large family. Mr. Duffy’s wife rattled off the kids’ names before mixing the batter, noting that two were away at Catholic camp, praying the rosary. When it came time to fire up the burner, she stepped aside. In this all-American household, the roles were clear: Mom whisks and Dad mans the griddle.

As the camera panned out to

### Justices Allow Deportations To 3rd Nations

By **ADAM LIPTAK**

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday allowed the Trump administration to deport migrants to countries other than their own, pausing a federal judge’s ruling that said they must first be given a chance to show that they would face the risk of torture and clearing the way for the administration to send men held at an American military base in Djibouti to South Sudan.

The order gave no reasons and said the judge’s ruling would remain paused while the government pursues an appeal and, after that, until the Supreme Court acts. The court’s three liberal members issued a long dissent.

The order was the latest in a series of rulings related to immigration decided by the justices in summary fashion on what critics call the court’s shadow docket. Two allowed the administration to lift protections for hundreds of thousands of people who had been granted temporary protected status or humanitarian parole.

Others insisted on due process — notice and an opportunity to be heard — for migrants before they are deported. Monday’s ruling moved in a different direction, refusing to allow migrants to make the case that they would face torture if sent to places with which they have no connection.

The absence of any reasoning made it impossible to understand the majority’s thinking.

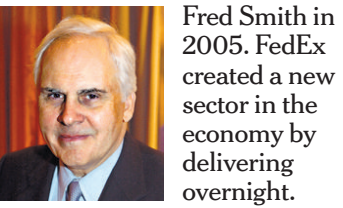
### FredEx Founder With a Vision That Revolutionized Shipping

By **ALEX TRAUB**

Frederick W. Smith, who bet everything he had on a plan to revolutionize freight transport, courted disaster early on but ultimately winning vindication in the form of power in Washington, billions in personal wealth and changes in how people all over the world send and receive goods, died on Saturday in Memphis. He was 80.

His death was announced by FedEx in a statement.

FedEx was conceived in a paper that Mr. Smith wrote as a Yale University undergraduate in 1965. He argued that an increasingly automated economy would depend on fast and dependable door-to-door shipping of small packages containing computer parts. He got a grade of C.



Today, FedEx employs more than half a million people and operates the world’s largest fleet of cargo aircraft. On an average day, the company ships more than 16 million packages in about 220 countries and territories.

Like Google, FedEx created a new service that came to be seen as so essential that the corporate name is now a widely recognizable verb.



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