

From ‘America first’ to striking Syria: The inside story of Trump’s decision

Insiders describe the emotion and deliberation leading to Trump’s order to strike a Syrian air base. But while the “awful” footage of children suffering played a role in his decision, Trump has been eager for a clear victory more than two months into his tumultuous presidency.

By Ashley Parker, David Nakamura and Dan Lamothe

Warplanes return to Syrian town devastated by chemical attack

Within 24 hours of U.S. strikes, monitoring groups reported that jets were taking off from the bombed air base once again.

By Louisa Loveluck and Zakaria Zakaria

After strikes, challenge for Trump is crafting long-term Syria strategy

The question is whether the president can find a way to capitalize in the coming days on the momentum from the assault on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s airbase.

By Greg Jaffe and Missy Ryan

Syrian-American activists say they’re skeptical of U.S. intervention

Analysis: Trump’s missile strike on Syria might be satisfying. But it’s not legal.



Brian Williams reports from Iraq in 2007. The MSNBC anchor was criticized this week for his coverage of the Syrian airstrikes. (NBC)

Perspective

The media loved Trump’s show of force. Are we really doing this again?

With the Syria strike, the president got approval even from tough critics swept up in the drama. Some now fear the coverage is mirroring the notorious reporting ahead of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

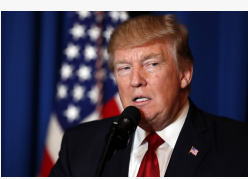
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Trump confronts the contradictions of his foreign policy rhetoric

The missile strikes in Syria drew praise from the establishment, but some in Trump nation view it as a betrayal of “America First” pledges.

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The new justice is likely to consider how voting rights should be protected and whether to expand the breadth of the Second Amendment. He may even cast the deciding vote in a major case on the separation of church and state.

The Fix Analysis

Trump just got his first major victory. It could be his last for a while.

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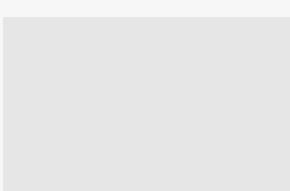
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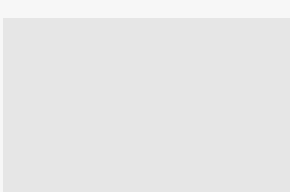


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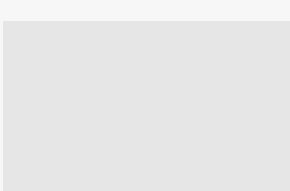


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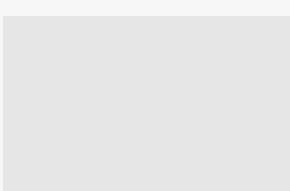
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California governor declares state’s historic drought over — for now

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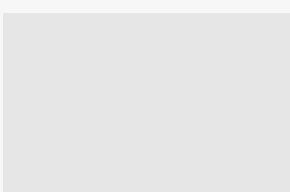


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Today he’s at Trump International golf course in West Palm Beach. (At this point, he’s golfed every 5.6 days he’s been in office.)

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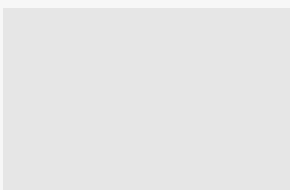


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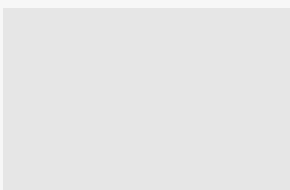
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‘If I were the NBA, I would be embarrassed’: Jerry West doesn’t want to be the league logo anymore

After decades as pro basketball’s signature silhouette, the Lakers legend thinks it’s high time someone else got the honor. “If they would want to change it, I wish they would,” West said. “In many ways, I wish they would.”

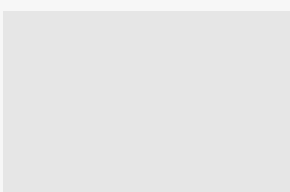
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“I’m an American citizen,” Dyne Suh said in a video after the abrupt cancellation. “It stings.”

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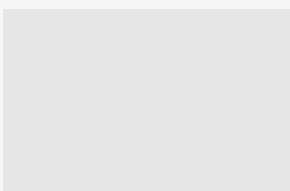
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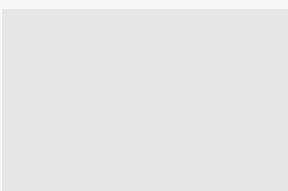
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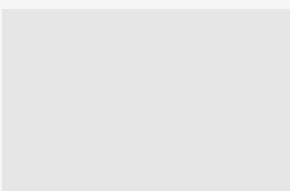
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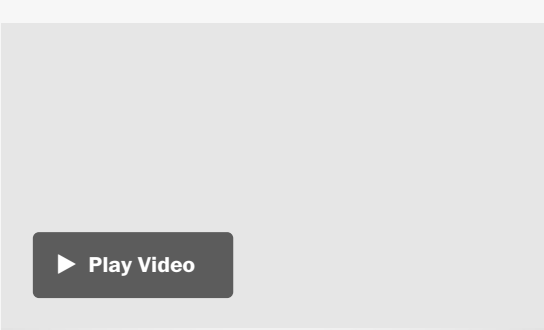
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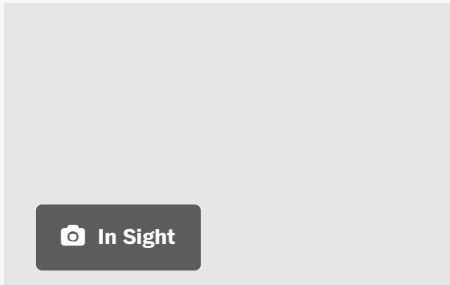
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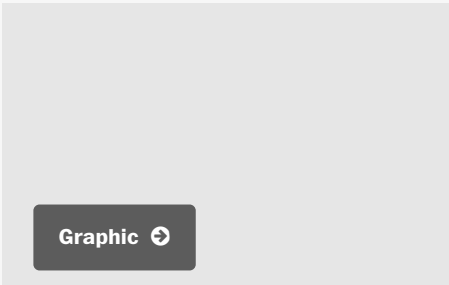
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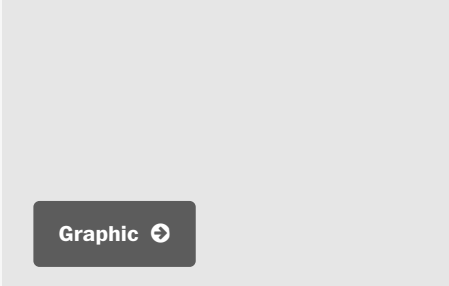
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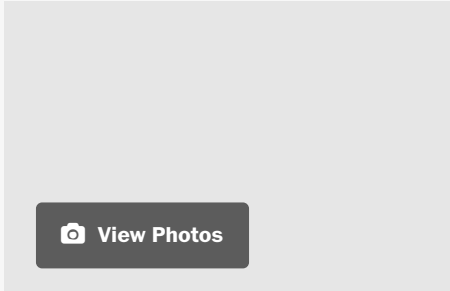
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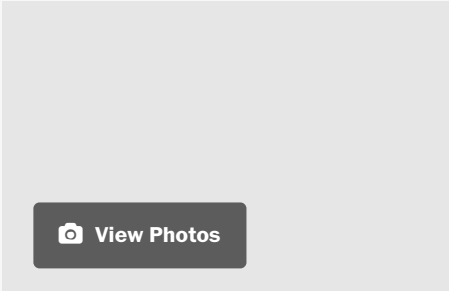
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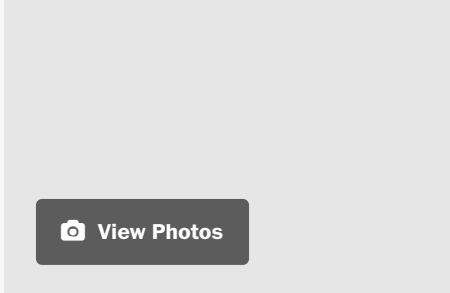
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