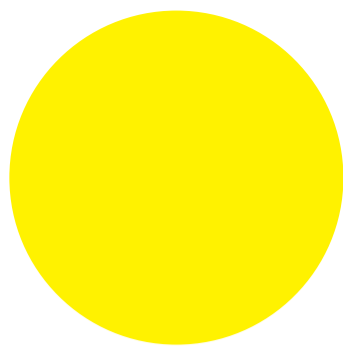


Energy minister vows full grid stability amid US threats



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Trump confused, lacks clear strategy to continue war



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The pattern of contradictory statements and actions by US President Donald Trump in recent days points to a deeper problem: a lack of strategic clarity in

pursuing a war that Washington itself waged on Iran. As the conflict unfolds, new challenges have emerged from within, blurring the original enemy objectives and leaving them increasingly out of focus.

At the outset, the American-Zionist camp defined its aims in stark terms: the downfall of the Islamic Republic, the fragmentation of Iran and control over the country's oil resources. The premise

was simple. A large and powerful state, once broken apart, becomes far easier to dominate, particularly when it comes to oil and other underground assets. Yet the course of the war has undercut those assumptions. The Islamic Republic has not moved closer to collapse, nor has Iran shown any sign of disintegration. Efforts to stir up internal unrest and to enlist foreign elements to disrupt domestic order and security have failed

to gain traction. Instead, the United States now finds itself facing an unintended consequence: the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. A war of aggression that began with regime change in mind has effectively narrowed to a far more immediate and pressing concern, reopening a strategic maritime conduit. The Strait of Hormuz is a critical artery for energy and trade. If its clo-

sure persists in the weeks ahead, the economic shock will not be contained. European and Western economies are likely to face mounting pressure, with the United States already seeing gasoline prices climb to unprecedented levels. Should the conflict drag on for two months, the economic outlook for Western countries would deteriorate sharply.

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