

Trump says Iran ‘wants to make a deal’ but the Islamic Republic denies any talks

The Associated Press

U.S. President Donald Trump extended his deadline for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz on Monday, saying the U.S. will hold off striking Iranian power plants for five more days.

Trump said U.S. envoys have been holding talks with a “respected” Iranian leader, and Iran wants “to make a deal.” Iranian officials denied any such negotiations, and declared that the American leader had backed down “following Iran’s firm warning.”

Relief ripped through financial markets Monday as oil prices eased following severe losses prior to Trump’s announcement. Financial markets have had vicious swings, both up and down, since the war began because of uncertainty about how long it may last.

Trump also said the U.S. would seek to retrieve Iran’s enriched uranium and end its nuclear program as part of a deal, telling reporters: “We want to see no nuclear bomb, no nuclear weapon. Not even close to it.”

The death toll has risen to more than 1,500 people in Iran, more than



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Smoke and flames rise from an Israeli airstrike that hit the Qasmiyeh Bridge near the coastal city of Tyre, Lebanon, Sunday, March 22, 2026.

1,000 in Lebanon, 15 in Israel and 13 U.S. military members, as well as a number of civilians on land and sea in the Gulf region. Millions of people in Lebanon and Iran have been displaced.

Four Jewish charity ambulances were set afire Monday in London.

British police said they are investigating it as an antisemitic hate crime while detectives work to determine the authenticity of a claim of responsibility from a group with alleged links to Iran.

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more than 440 grams of meth at Smith’s residence, according to court records.

A PCSO statement made at the time of Smith’s arrest said that the residence was on Ringgold Road, and that detectives were conducting surveillance on the residence due to suspected drug

activities.

In conducting a search of the residence, law enforcement was at first unable to locate Smith. They eventually discovered him in a hidden compartment inside of a closet, PCSO stated.

Both men are facing between five and 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5 million.

Sentencing has been set for July 21.

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conducted on Ellison and Allen resulted in law enforcement recovering 56 grams of meth from Allen.

Later that afternoon, law enforcement conducted a search of a Monticello Street residence shared by Garlandios and Allen in which they found more than 48 grams of meth as well as digital scales and baggies.

A December 19, 2024, traffic stop of Ellison also turned up 29.59 grams of

meth, which Ellison said came from a delivery from a local supplier that brought the meth to Garlandios’ home.

A defendant attempting to appeal a sentence after submitting a plea agreement is rare, although in many federal case the defendant will retain the right to appeal a sentence while waiving the right to appeal the conviction itself.

That is what appears to have happened in Allen’s case, although paperwork has not yet been finalized within the Court of Appeals.

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Larry Bryson has orchestrated the search, but he was unable to this time and so the board turned to Eaton, who assisted Science Hill’s previous search in which Dyehouse was hired in addition to the current Science Hill process.

The KSBA application process ran for 28 days and closed on March 11. Eaton said that there were 10 applicants for the Pulaski County screening committee to review. Seven were men, three women. One was an existing superintendent, three were from Pulaski’s central office, four were principals, one was a teacher, and one fell into the “other” category; Eaton said he wasn’t totally sure what this person did.

Eight were from in Kentucky, two out of state. No names will be made public at this stage or throughout the search process until a hire is ready to be made.

Eaton said that he hadn’t expected many applications for the Pulaski County job because “for the last 38 years, Pulaski County has grown their own superintendents,” he said, referring to the district’s tendency to hire people already within the system rather than looking outward.

“People figure that out, out in the field, and they see that,” said Eaton. “... That doesn’t mean that you’ll hire local, but it’s just been that way for 38 years, the last four superintendents.”

In the past, a school board could conduct a search in Kentucky without a screening committee, but that is now necessitated by policy. However, while the board must consider the

recommendations of the screening committee, it is not bound by them, meaning that it can effectively hire anyone regardless of whether they pass the committee’s recommendation or not. Eaton said he knows of two districts in his time as a consultant that hired someone who didn’t apply through KSBA; it may be unlikely Pulaski goes that route, as board chair Cindy Price responded, “That doesn’t go well.”

The screening committee will recommend three candidates for the board following their efforts. The committee will meet again on March 25 before holding a joint meeting with the board, who will then interview candidates and name a new Pulaski County Schools superintendent at a date yet to be determined.

Because of Dyehouse’s earlier announcement, Science Hill is a little further along in the process, noted Eaton. Science Hill had 15 applicants through the KSBA process — Eaton referenced the higher number in relation to Pulaski’s history of going in-house — and narrowed that number down to four. Of the total number, one candidate was from out of state and none were sitting superintendents already.

Science Hill’s committee dealt with reference checks

on those four at a meeting held this past week. At the next meeting for Science Hill, the board will be presented candidates for their discretion, and can start their selection process, noted Eaton. That meeting

will be held March 31. As to how Science Hill might be leaning, close to home or not, Eaton simply said that their board gave the committee the direction to “pick the best applicants,” regardless of

any other considerations. However, there were no applications from within Science Hill School as no one there is superintendent certified, said Eaton.

“They’re looking for the best fit for their district,

and I don’t think they really ... care where they’re from,” said Eaton. He added that he isn’t sure yet when a decision will be made for Science Hill.

The Housing Authority of Somerset is currently hiring a seasonal maintenance employee. Requirements: At least 18 years of age, pass a drug and alcohol test, lift a minimum of 20 lbs, work 22.5 hours a week. Obligations: painting, mowing, weed eating, small scale maintenance issues, work well with others. For an application, stop by our office at 400 Hail Knob Road. The hiring window closes **March 31st at 3PM**. Interviews will begin the following week. We offer competitive hourly wage. For any questions, please contact our office at (606) 679-1332 and ask for Hilary or Austyn.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pulaski Grading LLC
Agency Interest No. 3825 / Application No. APE20260001 / Permit No.100-00008

The Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste Management (DWM) received a permit renewal application on March 13, 2026, from Pulaski Grading LLC to renew the solid waste permit for their Residential Landfill facility. The application proposes to extend the expiration date of Permit No. 100-00008 for the Pulaski Grading Landfill to August 5, 2031.

The name and mailing address of the permit applicant is Pulaski Grading LLC, 4636 Adams Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN. The contact person is Christopher Fogt who can be reached by telephone at (260) 409-8245 or email at cfogt@wm.com The facility physical address is, 320 Dixie Bend Rd. Burnside, Ky 42519. The facility can be accessed by traveling from Burnside by traveling southeast on US-27 S/Main St toward Oak St for 4.3 miles. Turn left onto Dixie Bend Rd for 0.5 miles. Facility will be on the left.

The permit application is being processed at the Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Branch, Second Floor, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601. The application and related information are incorporated into the administrative record and can be reviewed at the Division of Waste Management’s Frankfort office between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM weekdays by appointment only. To make an appointment or request materials in an alternate format, submit a written request to eec.kora@ky.gov at least 72 hours prior to the desired review date. Please include the Agency Interest No. 3825 and Application No. APE20260001 in the email request.

Anyone wishing to request a public hearing, or wishing to make comments on the application, should submit the request(s) or comment(s) in writing to Danny Anderson, P.E., Division of Waste Management, Solid Waste Branch, Second Floor, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601, no later than the close of business on April 22, 2026; the end of the 30-day public comment period. Please reference Agency Interest No. 3825 and APE20260001 on any correspondence. For other questions pertaining to the Solid Waste Branch permitting process or questions specific to this permitting action, please contact Adler Hulsey at Adler.Hulsey@ky.gov

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PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Science Hill 217 Langdon Street Science Hill, Kentucky 42553

Separate sealed Bids for the construction of Frog Hollow Sewer Extension including the installation of approximately 184 LF of 8-inch Gravity Sewer, demolishing one existing sewer pump station, rehab of one existing sewer pump station and all related appurtenances as shown on the DRAWINGS and described in the SPECIFICATIONS will be received by the City of Science Hill, 217 Langdon Street, Science Hill, KY 42553 until 9:00 a.m., (Local Time) Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, and then read aloud.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:
KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP, PLLC., 101 High Street, Versailles, Kentucky 40383

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP, PLLC located at 101 High St., Versailles, KY 40383, email: efryman@kyengr.com, upon receipt of a non-refundable amount of \$200.00 for each complete set of documents.

All bids must be made on required Bid Form and must be fully completed and executed with original signatures and corporate seals. All bidders must be listed as plan holder by the plan distributor.

Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bid. The City of Science Hill reserves the right to waive any bidding informalities and to reject any or all bids, for any reason. The right is reserved by the Owner, in the exercise of its sole judgment to reject any or all Bids, and to re-advertise and award the Contract in the regular manner or to waive any informalities, irregularities, mistakes, errors, or omissions in any Bid received and to accept any Bid deemed to be responsive to this invitation and favorable to interests of the Owner.

The sealed bid for this project shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: “Sealed Bid for Frog Hollow Sewer Extension for the City of Science Hill. The bid may be mailed to: City of Science Hill, P.O. Box 97 Science Hill, KY 42553. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Science Hill in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid shall accompany the Bid

Mayor, Mike Hall
City of Science Hill

Date: 3/24/2026



Tim Eaton