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Israel to choose timing and scale of reprisals, IDF says

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The Israel Defense Forces said that Iran would "face the consequences" for its unprecedented missile and drone attack on Israel over the weekend. Emerging from a meeting of the war cabinet Monday night, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi said in a video statement posted on X that the timing and scale of the response would be calibrated to best suit Israel's interests.

"We are closely assessing the situation and remain at our highest level of readiness. We will choose our response accordingly," Halevi said. "The IDF stands ready to respond to any threat from Iran and its terror proxies as we continue our mission to defend the state of Israel."

But Halevi spent the bulk of his two-minute briefing thanking and heaping praise on an American, British and French military coalition "activated across the skies of the Middle East" to counter Saturday's airborne assault and back up the IDF's "Iron Shield" defense strategy.

He said their joint defense systems activated in real time in the air, on the ground and at sea had intercepted the threats, causing Iran's attack to fail.

"Operation Iron Shield proved the strength of our iron-clad cooperation. I want to thank all our international partners who stood up to Iran's aggression," he said, adding that the attack

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Schiff, Garvey raised over \$3M each since mid-February

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Republican Steve Garvey and Rep. Adam Schiff raised nearly equal amounts from mid-February to late March to help fund their battle for a California U.S. Senate seat, according to reports filed Monday with the Federal Election Commission.

Schiff, D-Burbank, raised \$3.51 million between Feb. 15 and March 31. Garvey, a former Major League baseball star, raised \$3.39 million.

Schiff, who polls show is leading Garvey, still has financial advantages. He had \$4.8 million on hand on March 31, the end of the reporting period, while Garvey had \$1.6 million. Schiff also reported no debt, while Garvev's campaign owes about \$373,000 for various campaignrelated services. Schiff is also backed by Standing Strong, the SuperPAC that can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money to help elect him, and which has reported raising \$10.1 million since the current election cycle began last year. Garvey's supporters recently created their own SuperPAC, Strike Out Schiff., though the group reported no financial activity in its latest report. Schiff's campaign, as well as Standing Strong, helped boost Garvey in the March 5 primary. So did Fairshake, a SuperPAC with ties to the crypto industry. A Bekerely-IGS poll in late February showed Schiff easily beating Garvey, the former baseball star, in a general election.

MARK PETERSON Pool via USA TODAY NETWORK

Former President Donald Trump returns to the courtroom after a short recess Tuesday, the second day of his trial at New York Criminal Court in Manhattan.

Prosecutors, Trump lawyers begin to seat jurors

BY BEN PROTESS AND JONAH E. BROMWICH *NYT News Service*

NEW YORK

An Upper East Side investment banker, a high school teacher who likes to sew, a Mexico-born man who listens to podcasts about gay issues, a Harlem woman from a family of police officers and a bookseller who believes "no one is above the law."

These were just some of the hundreds of New Yorkers who on Tuesday reported to a lower Manhattan courtroom for jury duty in the first criminal prosecution of a former American president. Depending on their politics, media diets and views on Donald Trump, any one could join the group of 12 citizens who will sit in judgment of him.

Not until midafternoon Tuesday did Trump's lawyers and prosecutors select the first six jurors for the case, which centers on allegations that the former president falsified documents to cover up a sex scandal involving an adult film actor. Dozens were dismissed after saying they could not be fair, underscoring the towering task of trying a former president in a city where he is deeply unpopular.

The lawyers reached the heart of the selection process early in the afternoon, when they began bringing individual people from the jury pool back into the courtroom to question them alone as they debated who should be dismissed. But that process was quickly interrupted when the judge, Juan

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Supreme Court case could drop Jan. 6 obstruction charges

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Capitol rioters could obtain reduced prison sentences depending if the U.S. Supreme Court decides that federal prosecutors should not have charged defendants under a certain federal law in connection to disrupting the certification of

2020 election results.

Three Sacramento-area defendants have been convicted on the felony charge at the center of the arguments, obstructing an official proceeding.

One of the Sacramento-area rioters is also serving time for impeding police officers on Jan. 6, 2021, when a mob of former President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol and forced Congress to evacuate and delay proceedings for about six hours.

The Supreme Court, which has a 6-3 conservative majority, likely won't release a decision until late June. But conservative justices on Tuesday seemed skeptical of the prosecutors' use of the obstruction charge which, before being applied in Jan. 6 cases, was mainly used for tampering with business records. More than 350 of the 1,387

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U.S. Capitol Police via U.S. Attorney's Office

Jorge Riley is seen in the bottom left corner of an image taken from U.S. Capitol Police video inside Statuary Hall on Jan. 6, 2021. Riley was sentenced to 18 months in prison on the charge of obstructing an official proceeding.



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