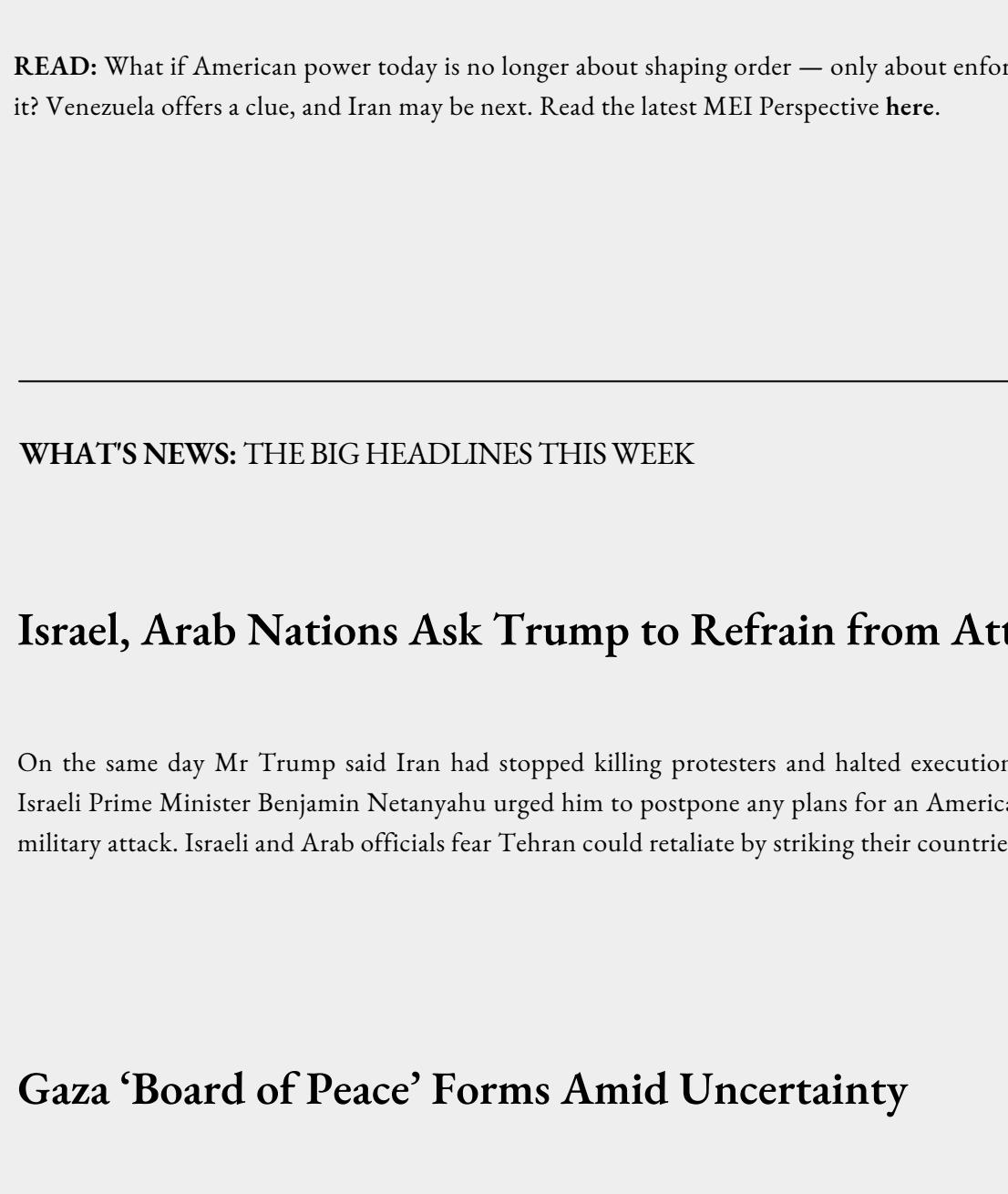


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Earlier this week, United States President Donald Trump urged Iranians to keep protesting and said help was on the way, in the clearest sign yet that America may be preparing for military action against Tehran. Mr Trump added that he had cancelled all meetings with Iranian officials until the “senseless killing” of protesters stopped. Photo: AFP

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Israel, Arab Nations Ask Trump to Refrain from Attacking Iran

On the same day Mr Trump said Iran had stopped killing protesters and halted executions, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged him to postpone any plans for an American military attack. Israeli and Arab officials fear Tehran could retaliate by striking their countries.

Gaza 'Board of Peace' Forms Amid Uncertainty

On Thursday, Mr Trump announced the creation of a Gaza “board of peace”, a key phase two element of a US-backed plan to end the war. This move followed the formation of a 15-member Palestinian technocratic committee to manage the day-to-day governance of Gaza.



The second phase remains clouded by unresolved issues. For Palestinians, the central concern is Israel's full military withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, while Hamas has refused to publicly commit to a full disarmament. Photo: AFP

Somalia Annuls All UAE Agreements

Somalia's federal government announced the cancellation of all port management and security cooperation agreements with the UAE, accusing it of undermining the country's sovereignty. Experts say Israel's recent recognition of Somaliland formed the backdrop to this decision.

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