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U.S. moves to stop all nations from buying Iranian oil

BY KENNETH SPONG AND CLIFFORD BRADEN New York Times

The Trump administration moved on Monday to further tighten sanctions with Iran, in an effort to isolate Tehran economically and undercut its projection of power across the Middle East. But the clampdown by the United States has complicated relations with China at a particularly sensitive

moment. The move to stop allowing five large nations to buy Iran's oil sets an embargo on the globe — its 1 million barrels of oil exports daily — fully half of which go to China. The decision also ended sanctions waivers for India, Japan, South Korea and Turkey, all countries that depend heavily on oil imports and trade robustly with the United States. "We will no longer grant

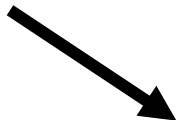
exceptions," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in announcing that current waivers to the five nations would expire on May 2, clearing the way for U.S. economic penalties against all companies or financial institutions that continue to take part in transactions linked to helping Iranian oil. By withdrawing from the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and phasing in sanctions, the Trump administration has sought to

cripple the Iranian government and resolve the power of its ruling elites. Pompeo said Iran has earned about \$20 billion annually from oil sales, accounting for as much as 40% of government revenues. The Iranian economy is already reeling, and Iranian-backed militias have been forced to tighten their payrolls. But with the 2007 election and the subsequent surge in energy use during election,

President Donald Trump has relied on Twitter against higher gasoline prices that have resulted from rising oil prices. The prices are now at roughly their highest level in six months. Pompeo said the United States has been in "constant discussions with allies and partners" to find an alternative source of oil, including the United Arab Emirates. It is also tightening its embargo of Saudi Arabia to punish Iran without damaging the global economy. But the Trump administration's increased coordination with Saudi Arabia, to assure that oil markets remain fully supplied, follows persistent criticism by U.S. officials of the

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Dan McKnight, 43, is a veteran of the Marines, Army and Idaho Army National Guard who wants to bring the troops home. On April 24, he is leading an event at BSU with college Democrats and Republicans in an effort to reach Sen. Jim Risch. He founded BringOurTroopsHome.us.

Afghanistan vet now fights to bring all U.S. troops home

Dan McKnight, center right in back wearing the flight suit, and his team pose before they fly their first mission on a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan.



BY MICHAEL KATZ Michaelkatz@statesman.com

Of the hundreds of phone calls he makes a day, starting at 6 a.m. and running through dinner, Dan McKnight estimates that maybe one-third of those actually result in a conversation. But he's willing to talk to anyone who will listen.

McKnight, 43, of Meridian, served in the Marines, the Army and the Idaho Army National Guard for a total of 15 years, ending the Marine Corps at just 19 years old. The Boise native spent more than a year overseas

in Afghanistan while in the Army, from December 2005 to February 2007.

As a soldier, McKnight never questioned the mission. But since returning home, his mind-set about war has changed.

McKnight started the BringOurTroopsHome.us program in January after Idaho Sen. Jim Risch's appointment to chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The veteran's goal is to get Congress to bring U.S. troops home from the ongoing war zones in the Middle East. A rally is being held in coordination with the college Democrats and Republican groups at Boise State University at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the BSU Student Union to try to gather support for a resolution McKnight has crafted.

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A classic and flexible Swiss national dish offers a different way to serve the tuber, on the side or as the main feature. IC

LOCAL DRIVER LOSES ROUND IN COURT

Adam Pankov, who killed a pedestrian while driving drunk in 2017, has violated his probation, a judge rules. 4A



SPORTS STEELHEADS ADVANCE

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