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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New Overnight; President Addresses Nation]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Overnight, President Trump addresses the nation in prime time for the first time since launching the war with Iran —

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: We're going to hit them extremely hard over the next two to three weeks.,

STEPHANOPOULOS: — as he faces growing opposition at home with gas prices averaging above \$4 a gallon.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: President Addresses the Nation]

STEPHANOPOULOS: Want to turn now to President Trump's first prime time address to the nation since launching the war against Iran, detailing military progress. The President promised to finish the job soon, but offered no new details on that end of conflict and threatened escalation. Chief White House correspondent Mayor Bruce has the story. Good morning, Mary.

MARY BRUCE: Good morning, George. And yeah, this speech left more questions than answers. More than a month into this war, the President argued why he feels this fight is necessary. He touted his military successes, even as Iran continued to strike while he was speaking. But the President offered no cut path forward to actually end this conflict. Overnight addressing the nation for the first time since launching this war with Iran, President Trump claiming the U.S. is on track to end the conflict soon, but offering no vision or timeline for what comes next.

TRUMP: Our armed forces have delivered swift, decisive, overwhelming victories on the battlefield.

BRUCE: Five weeks into this war, the President still not making clear what conditions have to be met for this conflict to end. He says the operation is nearing completion, but is also vowing to continue attacking Iran and threatening their energy infrastructure if they don't reach some kind of a deal.

TRUMP: We're going to hit them extremely hard over the next two to three weeks. We're going

to bring them back to the stone ages where they belong.

BRUCE: The President rehashing why he started this campaign, saying Iran couldn't have a nuclear weapon, despite claiming he obliterated their program in last year's strikes. And, in an interview Wednesday, Trump said he's not concerned about removing Iran's remaining stockpile of enriched uranium, saying "that's so far underground, I don't care about that." But that statement at odds with why the President says he went to war in the first place: to prevent Iran from being able to make a nuclear weapon. International inspectors estimate Iran has nearly a thousand pounds of near-bomb grade uranium, deep underground at nuclear sites bombed by the U.S. last year. And as gas prices skyrocket over \$4 a gallon, the President acknowledging the pain at the pump, but insisting it will be short-lived.

TRUMP: This short-term increase has been entirely the result of the Iranian regime launching deranged terror attacks against commercial oil tankers and neighboring countries that have nothing to do with the conflict.

BRUCE: Iran continues to choke off the Strait of Hormuz, but Trump says it's up to other countries to reopen the critical waterway.

TRUMP: The countries of the world that do receive oil through the Hormuz Strait must take care of that passage. They must cherish it. They must grab it and cherish it. They can do it easily.

BRUCE: And notably last night, the president did not repeat his earlier warning that he could pull the U.S. out of NATO. The President is furious with our NATO allies for not supporting the war effort, even though, guys, he did not give them and he heads up.

ROBERTS: Alright, Mary, our thanks to you.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: President Addresses the Nation]

STEPHANOPOULOS: We're going to turn that to President Trump's first prime time address to the nation since launched the war against Iran. Detailing military progress, the President promised a finish a job soon, but offered no new details on how to end the conflict threat and escalation. I want to go back to chief White House correspondent, Mary Bruce. Good morning, Mary.

BRUCE: Good morning again, George. And this was the President's first address to the nation since starting this war over a month ago now, but he provided no new details. The President argued why this fight was necessary. He touted his military successes and said the operation is nearing completion, but he offered no clarity about what comes next, no plan, for how this

conflict will end. And he also threatened more escalation, bowing to continue attacking Iran if they don't reach some kind of a deal. It comes as the President yesterday said he's not concerned about removing Iran's remaining stockpile of enriched uranium, which is at odds with why he started this fight in the first place to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, something he says they have achieved, though he's provided no concrete evidence of that. And the President, of course, well-aware, the gas prices are skyrocketing now above \$4 a gallon acknowledged the pain at the pump, but he insists it's going to be short-lived. But overall, George, this speech, leaving more questions than answers.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Yeah, and what we're seeing is the oil market spiked overnight as well. Okay, Mary, thanks very much.