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DAVID MUIR: And Mary, we have become accustomed to news breaking as we're on the air with the network newscast at 6:30. And tonight is no different. You have learned tonight of a potential, a potential two week cease-fire. Who's agreed to this and where does it stand?

MARY BRUCE: Well, David just seconds ago, the President posting this on his social media, saying: "[S]ubject to the Islamic Republic of Iran agreeing to the COMPLETE, IMMEDIATE, and SAFE OPENING of the Strait of Hormuz, I agree to suspend the bombing and attack of Iran for a period of two weeks." Trump saying, "[t]his will be a double sided CEASEFIRE!" He goes on to say that he believes that they have been able to make some progress in their negotiations and saying that he believes that "a two week period will allow the Agreement to be finalized and consummated." But again, David, the President agreeing potentially to a two-week postponement of his deadline, no word yet, from Iran, David.

MUIR: Just to make this clear, Iran not responding to this yet, Mary, thank you. Tonight, news of this potential two-week cease-fire that the president has agreed to, Iran had vowed it would take immediate and proportionate action if the President had followed through on his threat. So, Ian Panell in the region tonight will Iran agree to this.

IAN PANELL: Tonight, as the President's ultimatum looms — [IRANIANS CHANTING] — hundreds of Iranians answering the regime call, forming a human shield around power plants and bridges ahead of potential U.S. and Israeli strikes. Iranian state TV airing these images, calling it a symbolic move. And tonight, Iran warning, it'll retaliate with "immediate and proportionate attacks" if Trump follows through on his threats. New video showing infrastructure sites hit, including this bridge seen in video circulating online. And overnight, videos showing a massive fire after an Israeli strike on Iran's southern petrochemical plants. But Iran, still firing back, attacking a major petrochemical plant in Saudi Arabia, trying to inflict more economic pain on the world economy, which they see is their leverage against the U.S. And one week after American journalist Shelley Kittleson was kidnapped in Baghdad by a pro-Iranian militia, she's finally been freed. The militia releasing her on the condition she leaves Iraq immediately.

MUIR: All right, so let's bring an Ian Panell live in the region tonight. Ian, on the breaking news, you heard what President Trump is saying on social media that for his part, he agrees to this two-week cease-fire, anything from Iran yet tonight?

PANELL: Yeah, I think he's a very significant statement from President Trump and one assumes he must have had the assurances that he wanted from Iran no official response as yet from the Iranian regime. As you said earlier, they have issued threats that if the U.S. carried out its attacks on power plants and bridges, it would retaliate in kind. There's a possibility now that over this next two-week period, we'll see not just a cessation of hostilities, but a significant lowering of the temperature in the region.

MUIR: And we'll see if the Strait of Hormuz in fact reopens. Ian Panell, Mary Bruce, on the breaking developments tonight, our thanks to you both.