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JAMES LONGMAN: The Pentagon has been preparing for more strikes on Iran to break that conflict, but yesterday, conscious, perhaps, of the political fallout. Now, President Trump says he will not strike Iran before the midterms, Will.

WILL REEVE: A hot-button issue, for sure, ahead of the midterms. James, thank you. And speaking of the midterms, back home now to the high-stakes debates last night in multiple critical midterm races. Just 25 days to go until Election Day, and senior political correspondent Rachel Scott is at the White House with the latest. Good morning, Rachel.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Breaking Overnight; Candidates Clash in Debate Showdowns]

RACHEL SCOTT: Will, good morning to you. Yes, it's the final countdown, and it was a contentious night of debates in the most high-profile races in the country, with the President's war in Iran and tariffs taking center stage. A fiery night of debates in three races that could determine control of the Senate, with Democrats repeatedly tying their Republican opponents to President Trump's tariffs and the war in Iran.

ABDUL EL-SAYED: Are you winning? Is anyone actually winning? That's the kind of policy you're going to get from a guy who wants to be a sock puppet for the Trump administration.

SCOTT: In Michigan, Democrat Dr. Abdul el-Sayed and Republican challenger, former Congressman Mike Rogers, exchanging personal attacks.

EL-SAYED: Are you going to go ahead, and say that I'm – I'm a – go ahead and say it.

MIKE ROGERS: No, I'm gonna say –

EL-SAYED: – no?

ROGERS: – which – did you not have family in Iran?

EL-SAYED: – no, you've been tiptoeing around it the whole – say it. Say it.

SCOTT: In a contentious moment, Rogers seemingly suggested that el-Sayed, who is Muslim, and his family had ties to terrorism.

ROGERS: No, no, well, let's do this.

EL-SAYED: It's ridiculous.

ROGERS: Let's – let's open up this can of worms.

EL-SAYED: You won't respond.

ROGERS: I'll tell you what my mother did. She was a – a – small –

EL-SAYED: You going after my mom?

SCOTT: el-Sayed firing back.

EL-SAYED: He wants this to be about anything but his own record.

ROGERS: Because he can't talk about his record.

EL-SAYED: He's okay if the federal government – no he's okay if the federal government spies on you but he wants to make this about anybody else. Going after my mom, my sister. Got nothing actual to say about me.

SCOTT: Down in Georgia, Republican congressman Mike Collins on defense, pressed by Democratic Senator Jon Ossoff about the war in Iran that has sent fuel prices soaring.

SENATOR JON OSSOFF (D-GA): You want to support the troops? Why don't you explain to Georgians right now, congressman, how this war has been a success. This is your chance.

SCOTT: Collins responding.

CONGRESSMAN MIKE COLLINS (R-GA): The President had every right to go in and make sure Iran does not get a nuclear weapon.

SCOTT: Collins also defending the trade war, arguing the President is making things fair. Ossoff pushing back.

OSSOFF: What you just heard Mike Collins say [is that] the tariffs are working. Go buy groceries. No one in this state seriously believes these tariffs are working, Congressman. It's been a disaster.

SCOTT: But in Maine, a much different story. Republican incumbent Senator Susan Collins distancing herself from Trump.

SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS (R-ME): I voted with President Biden 91 percent of the time. The fact is this year alone, this Congress alone, I've voted against President Trump 137 times.

SCOTT: So, today, President Trump is back out on the campaign trail. He'll be in Syracuse, New York, campaigning for the Republican candidate for governor in that state. There's also several very tight House races in New York as well. Just got about 25 days to go. Guys?

STRAHAN: Alright, Rachel, thank you for your great reporting as always. We appreciate you.