

Key players in Signal chat scandal

In an extraordinary national security breach, U.S. secret plans to strike Houthi rebels in Yemen were shared by senior officials in a group chat on a commercial messaging app that included a journalist

Pete Hegseth *Defence secretary*

Gave assurances in chat about "100% OPSEC – operations security"

Michael Waltz
National Security adviser

Says: "I take full responsibility. I built the group"

Stephen Miller

Homeland Security Adviser
Told group President had given "green light" for Yemen strike

Steve Witkoff

President Trump's Middle East and Ukraine negotiator
In Moscow when added to chat

JD Vance *Vice-President*

Appeared to disagree with **President Trump** in chat, suggesting delaying strikes by one month

John Ratcliffe

CIA Director
Denies that classified information was shared in chat

Marco Rubio

Secretary of State: Shared congratulatory messages after strikes

Susie Wiles *White House*

Chief of Staff: Texted "Kudos to all" after strikes

Jeffrey Goldberg

TIMELINE (according to The Atlantic)

Mar 11 **Jeffrey Goldberg**, editor in chief at *The Atlantic*, receives connection request on Signal app from user identified as **Michael Waltz**

Mar 13 Goldberg receives text notice that he will be included in Signal chat group called "**Houthi PC small group**"

Mar 14 Group begins policy discussions on how to proceed

Mar 15 11:44: Hegseth shares information about weapons, targets and timing of Yemen attack. **Post says first explosions will begin at 13:45**

13:55: Goldberg sees news of strikes in media. Checks chat and finds congratulatory notes from members starting at 13:48. **He realises chat is legitimate when strikes hit at time Hegseth indicated they would**

Signal gives users option to set messages to disappear after specified period, which could potentially violate record-keeping laws