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1 Sadness and defiance

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2 Protests against U.S. attacks on Iran continue in

3 Brattleboro

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5 Many protests and vigils at Pliny Park have protested the  
6 actions of the Trump administration so far this year, highlighted  
7 by gatherings decrying the U.S.'s ongoing intervention in  
8 Venezuela to the killings of Renée Good and Alex Pretti by  
9 federal immigration enforcement agents in Minneapolis.

10 So, when U.S. forces attacked Iran on Feb. 28, it was not  
11 surprising that a vigil protest those attacks took place the next day

12 at Pliny Park, and that another protest took place there a week  
13 later.

14 About 125 people turned out for the March 1 vigil,  
15 which was organized by Indivisible Brattleboro, and about the  
16 same number were there on March 8, International Women’s  
17 Day.

18 People gathered both days, according to a news release  
19 by Indivisible Brattleboro, “to express our sadness and defiance.”

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21 Iranian people,” the organization wrote. “We support peace, we  
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25 Iranian people. We support peace, we mourn the unnecessary  
26 deaths, destruction, and fear that this bombing has wrought.”

27 As of March 9, according to news reports, seven  
28 American soldiers have died, and more than 1,000 Iranians have  
29 been killed in bomb strikes that hit civilian targets, including a  
30 girls’ school and a car park.

31 “As Trump escalates, so must we. Americans  
32 overwhelmingly are against this nightmare in Iran and its  
33 environs,” one organizer, Dan DeWalt, wrote this week.

34 “True patriots stand for the Constitution and the rule of  
35 law,” he continued. “True patriots are willing to put themselves  
36 out there in public resisting illegal war and immoral government.  
37 True patriots don’t give up in the face of a monolithic opponent.”

38 An even larger protest scheduled in Brattleboro for  
39 Sunday, March 15, will include a downtown march, culminating  
40 in a rally at Pliny Park.

41 “No Kings 3.0” rallies are also scheduled for Saturday,  
42 March 28 around Vermont and the nation.

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