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Executive Brief: US – Israeli Operations Against Iran and Regional Implications

Explainer: This daily report provides an executive summary of major developments related to the ongoing war in the Middle East. It complements MAX Security's more in-depth Situation Update reports. If you haven't yet received our situation updates and other reporting amid the current escalation, or would like to receive more details, join our [WhatsApp community](#). For operational support, please contact our Protection Division at operations@max-security.com.

Operational Overview

During the overnight hours of April 7-8, US President Trump announced that, following a request from Pakistani mediators to postpone his ultimatum to Iran and, subject to Iran agreeing to the complete reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, he would suspend attacks against Iran for a period of two weeks. He further indicated that the US received a ten-point proposal from Iran and believes it is a workable basis for negotiations. Iran's Supreme National Security Council stated that, based on Trump's acceptance of Iran's ten-point proposal as a basis for negotiations, it will also cease fire. It indicated that for a period of two weeks, safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz will be possible via coordination with Iran's Armed Forces and with due consideration of technical limitations.

US and Israeli airstrike campaigns have halted during the overnight hours. This was after the Israeli Air Force engaged in preventive campaigns, targeting Iranian missile launchers aiming to fire at Israel. Jerusalem confirmed its adherence to the 14-day truce.

On April 8, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif stated that Islamabad would host delegations from the US and Iran on April 10, "to further negotiate for a conclusive agreement to settle all disputes."

Iranian actions

In the subsequent hours following President Trump's announcement, Iran continued to launch missiles and UAVs toward several Gulf states and Israel. This continued for a period of time even after the designated time for the entry into force of the ceasefire in Iran, which was set on 03:30 local time. In subsequent hours, Iran ceased its operations.

Other notable developments

Iraq: On April 7, aligning with the ceasefire between the US and Iran, the Islamic Resistance in Iraq (IRI) announced a two-week suspension of its operations in Iraq and the region. Iraq also formally opened its airspace.



Israel-Lebanon: Hezbollah has not claimed new attacks against Israel since 01:00 (local time) in the overnight hours. Nevertheless, the IDF released an urgent warning to residents of southern Lebanon located south of the Zahrani River. It stated that the ceasefire does not include Lebanon and that fighting in the country continues. It reiterated the call for Lebanese residents of southern Lebanon not to return to previously evacuated areas. This highlights the potential for the fighting to continue, involving a renewal of Hezbollah fire toward northern Israel in the coming hours.

Travel & Security Aspects

- **Iraq** has formally reopened its airspace following the announcement of the ceasefire.
- Restrictions affecting air travel will likely gradually improve across the region against the backdrop of the two-week ceasefire.
- **Israel** is expected to ease all restrictions affecting the Home Front Command (HFC) during the evening hours of April 8, barring areas in northern Israel that may be affected by the conflict with Hezbollah.

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