

# Middle East Situation

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## Executive Summary

The ceasefire demands reportedly been made by the US to Tehran earlier today have been dismissed by the Iranian government, which subsequently issued its own plan for peace.

Attacks have continued across the region, as in recent days.

The Israeli Defence Force (IDF) is reportedly expanding its ground operations in southern Lebanon.

## Iran

Tehran has reportedly received a US 15-point plan for peace, but has dismissed it as “unreasonable”. Pakistani officials, who were understood to be involved as intermediaries, described the plan as addressing sanctions relief, the reduction of the Iranian nuclear programme, limits on missiles and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

Tehran issued a response outlining its own five-point plan, including reparations for the conflict, a halt to the killing of officials, Iranian sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz and assurances of no further attacks.

Pakistani officials have hinted that US and Iranian figures could meet in Islamabad in the coming days.

The Intelligence Ministry has reported that security authorities have arrested 39 people in Tehran, and seized Starlink devices, IEDs, assault rifles, pistols and ammunition.

Karaj was hit by a missile again this morning, injuring 18 in a residential building.

## Israel

Explosions were reported around Tel Aviv this morning.

An Iranian ballistic missile impacted near Hadera power station this morning; the Israel Electric Corporation has said that no damage was caused to its infrastructure.

A Hezbollah missile attack on the northern city of Karmiel injured two men. Hezbollah has also claimed to have targeted a logistics base in Kerem Ben Zimra and a residential neighbourhood in Kiryat Shmona.

## Regional

### Lebanon

Hezbollah has rejected the prospect of holding talks with Israel, called for the Lebanese government to withdraw its ban on Hezbollah operations, and called upon Hezbollah militants to continue fighting against Israel.

Israel has conducted air strikes on Majdal Zoun and Qlailah in southern Lebanon this afternoon.

Prime Minister Netanyahu has this afternoon said that the IDF is expanding its operational control into southern Lebanon, to increase the Israeli "buffer zone".

### Iraq

A US strike on the Habbaniyah military medical clinic this morning has reportedly killed and injured several soldiers. In response, the Iraqi government has summoned the US chargé d'affaires in Baghdad and made a formal protest over the incident, calling it an affront to the US-Iraqi relationship.

### Saudi Arabia

Air defence has intercepted and destroyed drones over Eastern Province and Riyadh this afternoon.

The Pakistani government has expressed its commitment to supporting the security of Saudi Arabia.

### Jordan

The military has reported that Iran has targeted the country with five missiles and drones in the last 24 hours. The Jordanian Air Force reportedly conducted interceptions.

### Kuwait

A statement from Kuwait International Airport has suggested that the fire caused by drones earlier this morning is still ongoing. Kuwaiti firefighters are on site. The government has summoned the Iranian ambassador to make an official complaint.

## United Arab Emirates

UAE air defence engaged nine Iranian drones today, according to the Ministry of Defence.

## Qatar

The Qatari government has announced this morning that social events, including weddings and funeral gatherings, may now be held in outdoor spaces from today.

## Travel

The Australian government has announced a six-month ban on Iranians who hold visitor visas from travelling to Australia.

## Aviation

Ben Gurion Airport is operating a limited schedule of outbound flights from Tel Aviv, from today.

Air India and Air India Express have said they will operate 32 scheduled and non-scheduled flights to and from the West Asia region tomorrow.

## Maritime

One Thai-registered oil tanker passed through the Strait of Hormuz this morning, after diplomatic coordination between Thailand and Iran.

The head of the International Maritime Organisation has said that there are now about 2,000 ships and 20,000 seafarers stranded in the Strait of Hormuz, waiting for permission to sail.

## Advice

- Do not travel to the Middle East.
- Avoid all travel within the region unless safe travel can be guaranteed.
- Shelter in place in a secure location.
- Follow instructions from local authorities and any national embassy guidelines.
- Monitor official updates and ensure phones are set up to receive alerts.
- Avoid any demonstrations or gatherings in the region.
- Globally, reconsider travel to any locations with links to Israel or Judaism.
- If you need further support, or wish to discuss options for evacuation, call NGS.

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