

Middle East Situation

Intelligence Cut-Off: 0900h (GMT), 18 March 2026

Executive Summary

Iran fired cluster munitions at Israeli urban centres in central areas overnight, killing two people in Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv. Impact and damage were reported elsewhere in central areas of the country, including Tel Aviv's Savidor Central Train Station and Jerusalem. Cluster munitions are difficult to intercept and present higher threats to civilians, given that they contain a high number of small explosives.

Iranian drones and missiles were also fired at Gulf countries throughout the night, but their impact appears to have been little, with no confirmed injuries or damage so far.

Iran

Israeli airstrikes targeted the Basij militia throughout the country, including checkpoints, yesterday evening. The group is responsible for public order response. This followed the killing of the Basij leader General Gholam Reza Soleimani yesterday. Command centres and missile sites were also targeted throughout the country.

The Iranian judiciary has said a man has been executed for spying for the Israeli intelligence agencies. The individual allegedly shared images and information of "sensitive" locations.

An airstrike this morning has killed Iranian judicial staff and civilians in Fars province, according to Iranian authorities.

Israel

An Iranian projectile killed two people in Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv, overnight: sirens do not appear to have given early warning. Damage was also reported in Jerusalem, Ramat Gan and Bnei Brak. Shrapnel damaged a train at Tel Aviv's Savidor Central Train Station: no injuries have been confirmed. Iran used cluster munitions, which present a higher threat to civilians due to the high number of small explosives. Sirens were also triggered in southern areas of the country, causing no confirmed injuries or damage.

The Health Ministry said this morning that 192 people have been taken to hospital from the ongoing conflict in the last 24 hours; four are in moderate condition, the remainder in good condition.

Regional

Lebanon

Israeli air strikes on residential buildings have killed at least six people and wounded over 20 others in Basta and Zokak Al-Blat, Beirut this morning. An Israeli airstrike has destroyed a building in the Bachoura area of central Beirut this morning. No injuries have been confirmed. An evacuation warning was issued before the strike. Elsewhere, Israeli strikes in southern Lebanon's Nabatiyeh area killed three people overnight.

The Health Ministry has said that attacks in Beirut since midnight have killed 10 people and injured 27 others.

United Arab Emirates

An Iranian projectile has caused a fire at the Al-Minhad military base this morning, where Australian assets are based. No injuries have been reported.

Sirens were triggered yesterday evening, and at least four air defence alerts were triggered this morning; no injuries have been confirmed.

Saudi Arabia

Drone and missile interceptions have been reported this morning near the diplomatic quarter of Riyadh, in the Eastern Province, and Al-Kharj Governorate. Yesterday evening, at least nine drones were intercepted in the Eastern Province, while a ballistic missile was intercepted in the Al-Kharj governorate. No injuries or damage have been confirmed.

Qatar

Missiles were intercepted this morning, causing no confirmed injuries or damage.

Bahrain

Sirens were triggered early this morning and late last night, causing no confirmed injuries or damage.

Kuwait

Missiles and drones were intercepted early this morning, causing no confirmed injuries or damage. The military announced yesterday that it had intercepted two ballistic missiles and 13 drones, causing two minor injuries from debris.

Iraq

Projectiles were fired at the US embassy in Baghdad overnight, with unconfirmed reports of impact in the embassy perimeter. A drone was intercepted near Baghdad International Airport this morning; a US military base is stationed in the area.

Travel

Aviation

Pakistan International Airlines has suspended flights to Fujairah (UAE) for 48 hours. Flights to Al Ain (UAE) will continue, however.

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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