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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

US and Israeli military operations in Iran are still suspended since the entry into force of the 14-day ceasefire, as of April 14.

On April 13, the US naval blockade on Iran came into effect. The UKMTO [stated](#) that maritime access restrictions will be imposed on Iranian ports and coastal areas, including the Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, and the Arabian Sea east of the Strait of Hormuz. These measures apply to all vessels, regardless of flag, engaging with Iranian maritime infrastructure.

President Trump issued a warning to Iran. He stated that Iran's Navy (158 ships) is lying at the bottom of the sea, except for a small number of "fast attack ships" that the US Navy spared. He warned that if any of these ships approach US forces enforcing the blockade, they will be immediately eliminated, using the same systems the US used against sea-borne drug trafficking in the Americas.

In an interview on April 13-14, US VP JD Vance reiterated Washington's red lines regarding negotiations in Iran. He stated that President Trump demands to see Iran's enriched nuclear material being extracted by the US and a guarantee that Iran will not enrich further uranium in the future. Vance also explained the US naval blockade against Iran, stating that it is a simple principle of employing Iran's "economic terrorism" against it by not letting Iranian ships pass either.

Iranian actions

No direct Iranian attacks were recorded over April 13-14.

During the afternoon hours of April 13, Bahrain released a 24-hour summary of its security operations, indicating that it had engaged with seven UAVs during that period. No reports of on-ground damage in Bahrain were recorded. Subsequently, Bahrain summoned Iraq's Charge D'affaires in Manama to protest against "ongoing" UAV attacks launched from Iraqi territory against Bahrain and other GCC states. This is an indication that Iran-backed militias in Iraq continue to launch attacks on behalf of Iran amid the



ongoing pause in direct US/Israel-Iran exchanges of fire.

Other notable developments

Israel-Lebanon: As of April 13-14, the IDF continues its operations in southern Lebanon, claiming to have struck 150 Hezbollah targets. The IDF is expecting to obtain operational control over southern Lebanon's Bint Jbeil within several days.

Travel & Security Aspects

- As of April 13, domestic flights in Israel (between Ben Gurion Airport and Ramon Airport) have been resumed

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