

High and Extreme Severity Events: 12:00 UTC April 08 - 09:00 UTC April 09, 2026
US-Israel-Gulf-Iran Conflict7

Israel

Operation Eternal Darkness Launched - Afternoon Hours, April 08, 2026

- Israel Defense Forces launched largest coordinated wave of strikes in Lebanon since Operation Roaring Lion during afternoon hours on April 08, 2026.
- Israeli media identified strikes as part of new campaign called Operation "Eternal Darkness."
- Over 100 command centers and military infrastructure sites belonging to Hezbollah targeted.
- Strikes carried out across multiple areas including Beirut, Bekaa Valley, and southern Lebanon.
- Targeted sites included Hezbollah intelligence command centers, fire and naval arrays infrastructure.
- IDF Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir stated IDF would continue striking Hezbollah "without pause."
- Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps messaging account claimed operation violates Iran's ten-point proposal.
- IRGC asserted ceasefire must be established on all Iranian-backed fronts, especially Lebanon.
- Confrontation Line, Northern Golan, Upper Galilee, Gulf, and Southern Golan settlements remain at "limited activity" level.
- Essential economy operations permitted where standard protected space reachable within defense time.
- Rest of country transitions to "full activity" without restrictions.
- Guidelines subject to further changes based on ongoing security assessments.
- Civil Aviation Authority announced resumption of operations at Ben Gurion Airport from 00:01 on April 08-09, 2026.

Lebanon

- Israeli airstrikes targeted al-Shiyah area in southern suburbs of Beirut during overnight hours on April 08-09, 2026.
- Residential building in al-Shiyah area struck.
- Rescue operations underway with individuals trapped under rubble in Al-Rihab neighborhood following Israeli strikes.
- Armed attack and gunfire reported near US Embassy in Beirut during late afternoon hours on April 08, 2026.
- Lebanese Army confirmed evacuations underway at Qasmiyeh sea bridge in Jazireh during night hours on April 08, 2026.
- Evacuations follow reported threats to target bridge.
- Action taken amid ongoing Israeli attacks across country.

Iraq

- US Embassy in Baghdad warned Iran-aligned Iraqi militia groups may conduct additional attacks against US citizens and US-linked targets.
- Threat extends to Iraqi Kurdistan Region.
- Warning follows multiple UAV attacks near Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center and Baghdad International Airport on April 08, 2026.

Iran

- Iranian authorities completely halted passage of oil tankers through Strait of Hormuz during evening hours on April 08, 2026.
- Iran's state-affiliated media attributed decision to Israel's violation of ceasefire.
- Decision cited Israeli strikes in Lebanon as justification.
- Iran had earlier allowed safe transit of two oil tankers following ceasefire acceptance.

Bahrain

- Civil Aviation Affairs announced reopening of Bahraini airspace to air traffic during evening hours on April 08, 2026.
- Reopening follows temporary closure as precautionary measure.
- Decision made in light of regional developments.
- Authorities emphasized commitment to ensuring smooth air traffic flow.
- Coordination maintained with stakeholders to preserve aviation and passenger safety.

