

Middle East Situation

Information Cut-Off: 1630h (GMT), 28 March 2026

Executive Summary

Attacks have continued across the Gulf in a similar manner to recent days. The Houthis have made no further statements since confirmed their attack on Israel earlier this morning.

A US Navy vessel has arrived in the region with 2,500 soldiers and more military hardware.

The Israeli military continues to conduct major offensive operations across the south of Lebanon.

Iran

The Israeli military claimed to have carried out widespread strikes against weapons production infrastructure across Tehran: this has not been verified.

This afternoon, President Pezeshkian warned that Iran would “retaliate strongly” if its economy or infrastructure was targeted.

An adviser from the Russian state nuclear agency has said that the Bushehr nuclear power plant continues to deteriorate after being struck three times, and that further attacks now pose a direct threat to nuclear safety.

Israel

At least two Iranian missile attacks in the Beit Shemesh area of central Israel have reportedly injured up to 20 people.

United States

In an interview earlier today, Vice President Vance stated that the US government plans to continue the war for “a little while longer”, in order to “neuter” the Iranian regime. He said that the US will “be out of there soon”.

A US Navy vessel, the USS Tripoli, has arrived in the region with 2,500 US Marines, strike fighter aircraft and amphibious assault vehicles, according to US Central Command.

Regional

Lebanon

Israeli strikes have continued on southern Lebanon. The Israeli military issued new evacuation orders to residents across southern Lebanon, including Maashouq, Burj Shemali, Rashidieh, Deir Kifa, Qaaqaait al-Jisr, Wadi Jilo and el-Buss. This morning, five Syrian farmers were reported killed in al-Hanniye and five paramedics were killed in an attack on Zawtar al-Gharbiyah. Three Lebanese journalists were killed in an air strike on their car. A Lebanese soldier was killed in Deir al-Zahrani.

The Israeli army has reportedly killed two senior members of the Hezbollah communications unit last night.

United Arab Emirates

Iranian state media claimed that it had destroyed a Ukrainian-provided anti-drone air defence system in Dubai this morning; the announcement coincided with a visit by President Zelensky to the UAE today. The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry denied this.

The Defence Ministry has reported that at least 20 Iranian missiles and 37 drones have been launched at the UAE today, all of which were intercepted. This afternoon, Iranian media claimed to have targeted two locations in the Dubai area where “more than 500” US personnel were based: the US military has denied there has been any attack against US forces in Dubai.

Iraq

The government reported this morning that a drone crashed in the Majnoon oilfield, Basrah province, without exploding: no damage or injuries reported.

Oman

Maersk has suspended its operations at Salalah port for 48 hours after a drone attack this morning, despite limited reported damage to the port infrastructure.

Bahrain

The government this morning said that, since the start of the conflict, its military had intercepted at least 550 Iranian missiles and drones targeting civilian infrastructure and locations.

Qatar

The Ministry of Defence reported intercepting several drones today, the first for over a week.

Syria

State media has reported that the military had intercepted drone attacks launched from Iraq towards the Al-Tanf military base. This has not been verified. Such an attack might have been conducted by one of the Tehran-aligned militias in Iraq.

Kuwait

The Ministry of Defence has reported that its ports Mubarak Al-Kabeer and Shuwaikh have both been damaged in drone and missile attacks in the last 24 hours. No casualties were reported.

International

The Pakistani government has invited the foreign secretaries from Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey to a two-day summit in Islamabad to discuss options for regional de-escalation and improved cooperation.

Travel

Maritime

The IRGC said this morning that it has targeted a US military support vessel off the coast of Salalah, Oman.

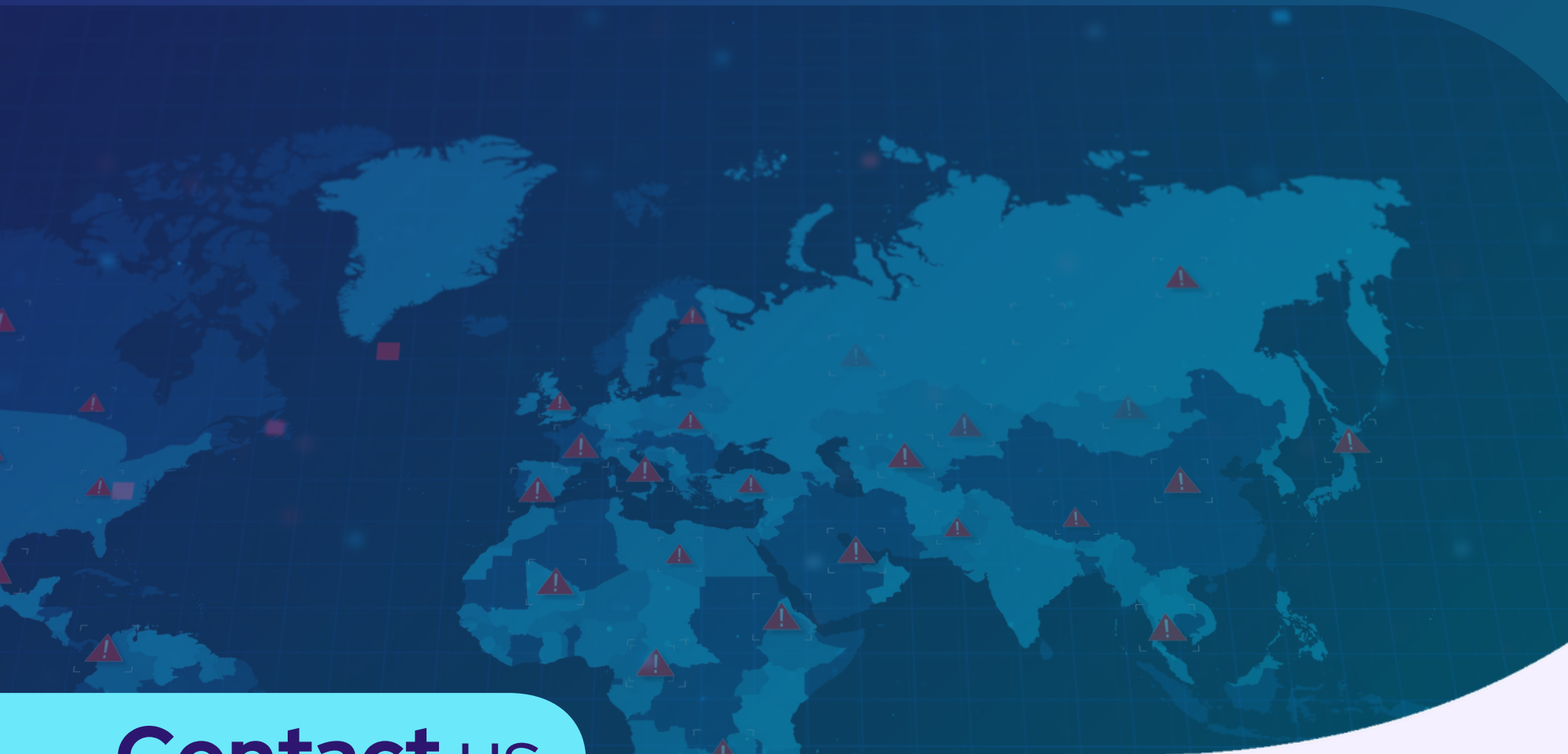
Aviation

The Iraqi Aviation Authority announced that Iraqi airspace will remain closed until 0900h (GMT) on Tuesday (31 March), impacting all arriving, departing and overflying aircraft.

Drone attacks launched at Kuwait International Airport this morning caused significant damage to the radar system. The airport remains closed for regular commercial operations.

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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