

# Middle East Situation

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## Executive Summary

Attacks on Iranian petrochemical facilities have continued today, part of a pattern of the US and Israel increasingly targeting Iranian industrial sites.

The search has continued for the missing US pilot from the aircraft downed yesterday, with both Iranian local nationals and US military personnel increasing their efforts as the pilot's whereabouts remain unknown.

## Iran

US-Israel attacks have hit two petrochemical plants in Khuzestan province: the Fajr 1 and 2 petrochemical companies (and their nearby facilities) and the Bandar Imam petrochemical complex have all sustained damage today.

The Bushehr nuclear power plant has also been struck as many as four times today, killing one person (according to the IAEA). Iranian media has said that there is no radiological danger posed by the attack. The Russian state nuclear corporation has said it will evacuate all Russian personnel from the plant.

Tehran has experienced a new wave of strikes today.

In a US-Israel strike on Isfahan, a Red Crescent humanitarian worker has reportedly been killed, according to the Iranian state media.

Azerbaijan has deployed more than 200 tonnes of food, medicine and medical supplies into Iran.

The military said this morning that it has deployed a new air defence system to combat US and Israeli strike aircraft, which accounted for its successful downing of one jet yesterday.

## Israel

Hezbollah has had that it has launched two more rocket attacks against Kiryat Shmona in northern Israel.

The Israeli military has warned of at least three new waves of missiles launched towards Israel from Iran, and stressed that Israeli air defences have been operating all day. However, the military has confirmed that there has been a strike in central Israel, with the cities of Ramat Gan, Givata'im, Bnei Brak and Petah Tikvah all sustaining damage.

## United States

President Trump has repeated his demand for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz within 48 hours, or "all hell will reign down".

International mediators from Pakistan, Turkey and Egypt are reportedly working with Washington and Tehran to resume negotiations.

## Regional

### United Arab Emirates

UAE air defence responded to 23 ballistic missiles and 56 drones today, reportedly the most in the region so far today.

Debris from an interception over Dubai reportedly fell on buildings in the city; no injuries were reported.

### Lebanon

The United Nations has said that the three UN peacekeeping staff who were wounded in an explosion near Adaisseh on Friday are Indonesian.

Israeli air strikes have been reported across southern Lebanon, including Kfardounine, Siddiqine, Bint Jbeil and Burj Qallawiyeh. An air strike on the port at Tyre has killed one person.

Israeli air strikes are continuing across Beirut, particularly the southern suburbs.

### Iraq

One man from the Tehran-linked militant group Popular Mobilisation Forces (PMF) has reportedly been killed and several wounded in an attack on the town of Al-Qaim on the Syrian border; the PMF has blamed the attack on a US-Israeli strike.

The Iraqi electricity ministry has issued a statement saying that gas supplies from Iran into the southern region of Iraq have completely stopped.

## Kuwait

This afternoon, the Ministry of Defence reported the successful interception of eight missiles and 19 drones in its airspace over 24 hours.

## Travel

### Maritime

The Iranian parliament speaker has warned again of the threat faced to the Bab el-Mandeb strait if the Houthis in Yemen decided to intervene in the conflict on the side of Tehran.

Iranian authorities have started to issue permits for vessels carrying basic goods and humanitarian aid destined for Iranian ports to transit the Strait of Hormuz, according to Iranian state media.

### Borders

The Shalamcheh border crossing point between Iraq and Iran was closed after an airstrike today: this point remains one of the main routes for imports to Iraq of vegetables and other food supplies from Iran, according to traders.

## 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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