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Executive Brief: US – Israeli Operations Against Iran and Regional Implications

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Operational Overview

US and Israeli military operations are still suspended since the entry into force of the 14-day ceasefire and in the lead up to the April 11 first negotiation round.

During the overnight hours of April 9-10, US President Trump stated that "Iran is doing a very poor job of allowing oil to go through the Strait of Hormuz. That is not the agreement we have." he further stated that he is aware of "reports that Iran is charging fees to tankers going through the Strait of Hormuz, urging Tehran to refrain from it.

Iranian actions

No direct Iranian attacks were recorded over April 9-10. Nevertheless, Iranian leaders continued to project that Israel's continued operation against Hezbollah in Lebanon is jeopardizing the truce. Iranian Parliament Speaker Ghalibaf reiterated on April 9 his allegation that the US/Israel are in breach of the key Iranian condition that the truce must extend to Lebanon. He stated that "ceasefire violations carry explicit costs and strong responses.

In subsequent hours, Ghalibaf referenced his allegation of the truce violation in Lebanon again, stating that "time is running out." Nevertheless, as of April 10, Iran's negotiation delegation has reportedly arrived in Islamabad ahead of the talks. This indicates that Iran is not willing to renounce the truce talks. However, its current stance is that Israel's continued operations in Lebanon are jeopardizing the ceasefire.

During the night hours of April 9, parallel to Ghalibaf's statement that time is running out, Kuwait engaged with a UAV attack that impacted a National Guard compound in the country. This was the first attack in the region after a 24-hour lull since the ceasefire went into force. Subsequently, the IRGC stated that Iraqi resistance factions [Iran-backed militias in Iraq] conducted the attack. This likely represents an [Iranian decision to gradually escalate the situation](#) through proxy forces to put pressure on the US and Israel to halt the military campaign against Hezbollah. The use of proxies enables Iran to preserve plausible deniability and allege that it is not directly responsible for continued attacks against Gulf states.



Given Iran-backed factions' capabilities, similar attacks against other Gulf states cannot be ruled out as Tehran dedicates effort to exert as much pressure as possible to support Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Other notable developments

Israel-Lebanon: During April 9-10, hostilities between the IDF and Hezbollah continued in Lebanon and Hezbollah continued to launch rockets and UAVs against northern Israel. During the overnight hours of April 9-10, Hezbollah fired two long-range projectiles toward central Israel's Ashdod, triggering Color Red sirens in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area. On April 9, the IDF Chief of Staff, Zamir, visited IDF forces in southern Lebanon's Bint Jbeil and indicated that the war in Lebanon continues. This was an indication that Israel is not caving in to pressure to fully cease its operations against Hezbollah.

Yemen/Red Sea/Gulf of Aden: The Houthis stated that they are ready to intervene against Israel in response to Israel's alleged ceasefire violation and continued operation against Hezbollah. A Houthi participation remains plausible as part of Iran's reliance on proxy forces to put pressure on Israel and the US.

Travel & Security Aspects

- No change in Home Front Command regulations or airspace conditions was reported following the attacks against Israel and Kuwait, as of the morning hours of April 10.

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