

Information Cut-Off: 1300h (BST), 15 July 2026

Executive Summary

A fourth night of US military strikes on Iran continued last night (14 July), with reciprocal attacks from Iran against US facilities in Bahrain and Kuwait. A new 90-minute round of US strikes has been conducted this afternoon (15 July).

President Trump renounced his intended 20% tariff on vessels using the Strait of Hormuz. The US naval blockade on Iranian ports was resumed yesterday afternoon. Iran emphasised that it intended to keep the Strait of Hormuz closed until the end of US attacks.

Latest Exchanges

Yesterday evening (14 July), the US military confirmed it had launched more strikes against Iranian targets. Attacks were reported on Kish Island, Qeshm Island, Bandar Abbas, Sirik, Ahvaz, Hormozgan, Dehloran, with further explosions reported in Andimeshk (Khuzestan), Bampur, Chabahar.

Iranian media reported that a bottled water production facility in Musian district was hit by three projectiles, causing damage to equipment, and that a wheat storage silo was hit in Hoveizeh county. Last night, Iranian media reported that a US airstrike targeted a military base in Bampur, hitting soldiers' accommodation, with seven soldiers reportedly killed. A government statement this morning (15 July) reported that more than 30 civilians have been killed in the latest attacks on the southern part of Iran.

This morning the US military confirmed that the latest seven-hour round of strikes was complete, having hit "dozens of military targets near the Strait of Hormuz", with the intention of degrading Iran's capacity to threaten commercial shipping. However, a new round of US daytime strikes began at 1100h (BST) today, lasting for 90 minutes.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) told Iranian media that it had attacked and destroyed US weapons facilities in Bahrain and Kuwait yesterday afternoon. The Kuwaiti government said that its air defences had intercepted six missiles and 33 drones launched towards Kuwait, but that four personnel had been wounded in an attack on one of its naval vessels. Early this morning, the IRGC claimed that the US military's main regional logistics hub, in Mina Abdullah in Kuwait, had been set on fire.

The IRGC also reported that it had conducted drone strikes on US F-18 aircraft facilities at the Muwaffaq Salti airbase (Azraq) in Jordan. It claimed to have destroyed the command and control centre, naval support management centre, warehouses and fuel tanks at the US Fifth Fleet headquarters in Bahrain.

President Trump yesterday stated that further strikes would be conducted tonight and in the following days, and threatened to conduct strikes on Iranian power plants and bridges in order to bring the Iranians to the negotiating table.

Diplomatic

The deputy foreign minister in Iran said yesterday that Iran is no longer under any obligation to adhere to the memorandum of understanding, as it has been violated by the United States and has subsequently collapsed.

Strait of Hormuz

The US naval blockade of Iranian ports was resumed yesterday afternoon (14 July). The Treasury Department issued fresh sanctions against Iranian individuals, entities and vessels.

After having yesterday morning announced a 20% tariff on vessels travelling through the Strait of Hormuz, President Trump renounced this yesterday afternoon, telling a press conference that he does not "like the concept of a fee" for transiting the strait. He said he would replace the tariff with "trade and investment deals" with Gulf states, and emphasised that the strait is open to all traffic except that of Iran.

The IRGC made a statement this morning (15 July) to emphasise that the Strait of Hormuz will remain closed until the US ends its attacks.

Regional

Lebanon

Delegations from Lebanon and Israel have resumed negotiations in Italy to discuss the withdrawal of the Israeli military from two “pilot zones” in southern Lebanon, into which the Lebanese army could deploy and take full control. The specific zones have not yet been agreed.

Israeli attacks against southern Lebanon have continued over the last 24 hours.

Iraq

The Iraqi prime minister, Ali Al-Zaidi, met key figures in Washington yesterday (14 July), and the US administration agreed to continue its timeline for the removal of US troops by the end of September.

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth put pressure on Prime Minister Al-Zaidi to increase Iraqi state efforts to disarm Iran-aligned militias. Yesterday, the Tehran-backed Iraqi group Kataib Hezbollah had warned that it would conduct an immediate response if there is a new war against Iran.

A drone hit an area of the Grand Faw Port in Basrah this morning (15 July); no injuries were reported and it currently remains uncertain who launched the drone.

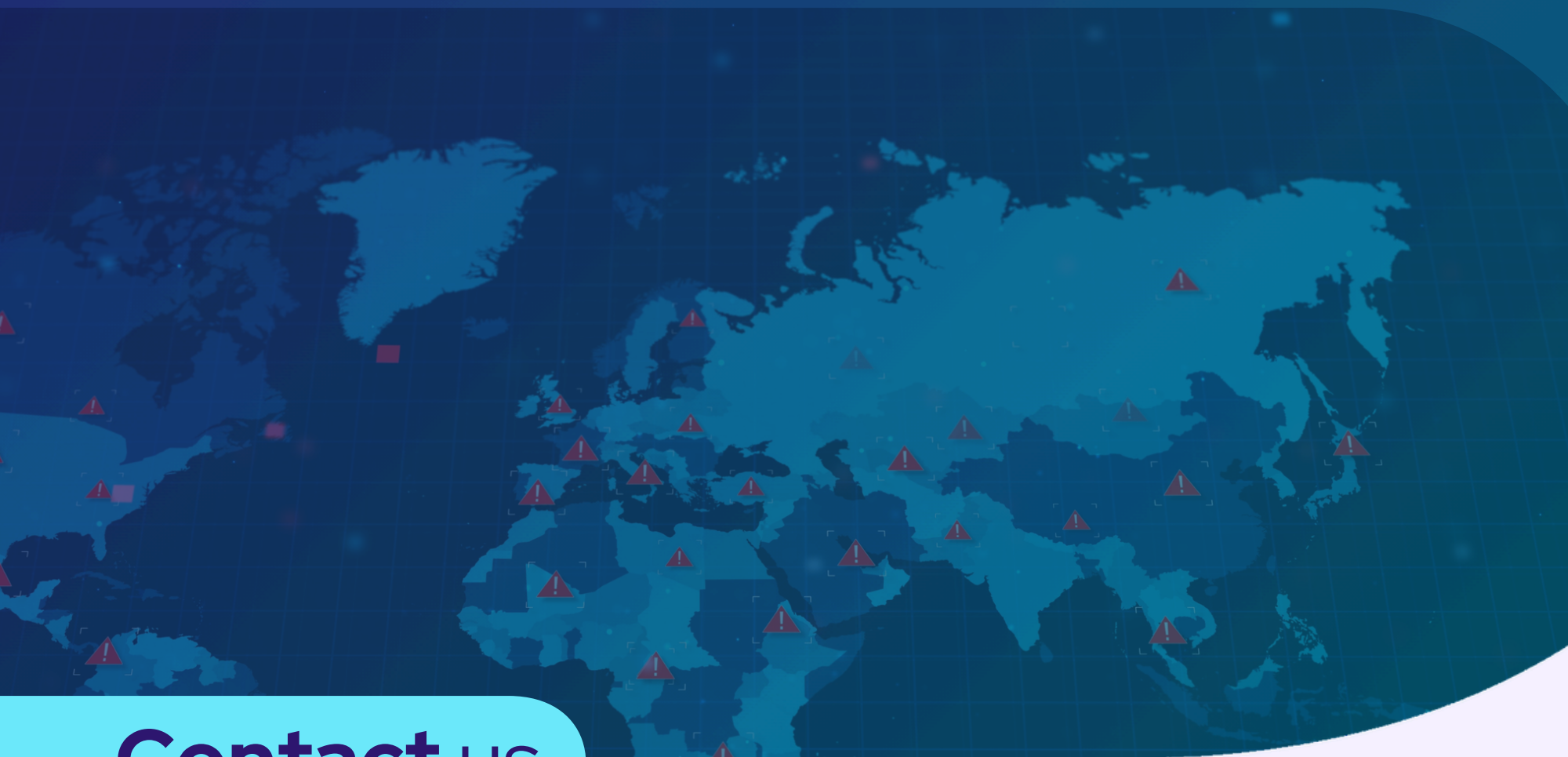
Travel

Aviation

Some international airports in the Gulf have been moderately impacted by disruption this morning. The worst delays to departures have been seen at Dubai International Airport and Abu Dhabi Zayed International Airport, with approximately 90% of flights impacted and an average delay of 30 minutes at both. Other airports in the region have been relatively unaffected. There is a possibility that this will change with renewed US daytime strikes in the region today.

Advice

- Reconsider all travel to Israel, Iran and Lebanon (especially south of the Litani River, Dahiyeh in Beirut, and in the Beqaa Valley).
- Be aware that US facilities throughout the Gulf are potential targets for Iranian attacks, and avoid all such sites whenever possible.
- Monitor international media and relevant embassy/diplomatic advisories to remain aware of any fresh developments and to ensure receipt of all attack warnings, and follow all guidelines.
- Ensure awareness of the nearest shelter in the event of air sirens.
- Avoid any demonstrations or gatherings in the region that appears to be linked to the US/Israel – Iran conflict.
- Globally, reconsider travel to any locations with links to Israel or Judaism.
- Aviation travellers should anticipate schedule changes and limited seat availability, should allow additional connection time and should confirm flight status directly with the operating airline before travelling to the airport.
- If you need further support, or wish to discuss options for evacuation, call NGS.



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