

# Middle East Situation

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## Executive Summary

US-Israeli strikes have continued to hit targets in Iran, while the two Iranian steel companies hit yesterday have been forced to suspend operations due to damage.

Iraq has successfully started to export oil overland via the Syrian port of Banias.

The Iranian government is reportedly cooperating with Oman to draft a protocol to allow the monitoring of maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.

## Iran

Strikes have been reported this afternoon in Minu island, Khorramshahr and Abadan, all in the south-western Khuzestan province. A strike on a motorway bridge between Tehran and Karaj has killed two and caused several injuries, then the bridge was struck a second time, when emergency services were at the scene. (Yesterday, President Trump had threatened to start targeting bridges).

The Khuzestan Steel Company and the Mobarakeh Steel Company have both said that they have had to suspend operations after the attacks on their complexes yesterday.

The Iranian parliament speaker claimed this afternoon that seven million Iranians are ready to fight against any US ground invasion of Iran.

## Israel

Sirens have been activated in parts of Upper Galilee due to rocket fire this morning.

Hezbollah has reportedly conducted rocket attacks against the northern Israeli town of Metula.

## Regional

### Lebanon

Internally displaced people in Lebanon are now more than one million, and the prime minister has warned of the criticality of the situation in the country.

Hezbollah has reportedly conducted attacks against Israeli soldiers in Qaouzah, and against an Israeli military helicopter in Ramiya.

Israeli air strikes have targeted the towns of Sultaniyeh, Aita al-Jabal, al-Jumayjimah and Tibnin in southern Lebanon. Civilians have been killed in Israeli air strikes in Zebdin and Ramadiyeh.

### United Arab Emirates

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has launched attacks on steel sites in Abu Dhabi, claiming it as a response to the attacks on Iranian industrial infrastructure yesterday, and warning that any further attack against infrastructure would be “much more painful”.

This afternoon, the Defence Ministry reported it had intercepted 19 missiles and 26 drones today.

### Bahrain

The IRGC has launched attacks on aluminium processing plants in Bahrain, claiming it as a response to the attacks on Iranian industrial infrastructure yesterday.

### Iraq

Iraq has started to export oil by land via Syria: 178 tankers reached the Banias terminal on the Syrian coast, with volumes expected to expand gradually.

### Qatar

The Qatari Defence Ministry confirmed that it had successfully intercepted a wave of drones launched from Iran today.

## Travel

### Maritime

The Philippines has been assured by the Iranian government that its ships and sailors, including its fuel imports, would be allowed to pass safely through the Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian state media has reported that the Iranian Foreign Ministry is drafting a protocol with the Omani government that will allow the monitoring of traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.

## 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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