

Middle East Situation

Information Cut-Off: 1630h (GMT), 27 March 2026

Executive Summary

Strikes have continued on both Israel and Iran, as seen in recent days, and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has warned Gulf residents to stay away from US military sites.

Iranian nuclear facilities and steel factories have been targeted and damaged today.

United States

Iran-linked hackers have publicly claimed the recent breach of the FBI director's email inbox.

Israel

A new wave of Iranian missiles was reported in Israel this afternoon, including on Jerusalem and the West Bank, with no reports of casualties.

Iran

The Israeli military announced this afternoon a new wave of strikes across Iran. The defence minister accused Iran of targeting civilians, and said that Israel will “escalate and expand” its attacks on Iran, targeting a broader range of locations.

The Iranian media has reported that air strikes this afternoon have damaged two major steel plants – Khuzestan Steel and Mobarakeh Steel. It has also reported that two nuclear facilities were struck earlier.

Food, medicine and other items of humanitarian aid have been sent to Iran from Russia, according to the Red Crescent Society.

Regional

The IRGC has warned that areas where US troops are stationed are targets for Iranian attacks, and has urged civilians in the region to stay away for their own safety.

Lebanon

Two Israeli Defence Force (IDF) personnel have been severely injured in southern Lebanon as its operation progresses.

Air strikes have once again been reported in Beirut this afternoon. The Israeli military has confirmed that it has launched fresh attacks on Hezbollah infrastructure in the city.

More civilians have been injured in Israeli strikes on south Lebanon towns.

United Arab Emirates

The Ministry of Defence has said that its air defence has intercepted six missiles and nine drones launched from Iran today.

Maritime

The IRGC has stressed that the Strait of Hormuz remains “closed to enemies” and that any ships attempting to transit will face “harsh measures”.

Despite assurances from Iran that they could pass, two Chinese container ships turned back after trying to exit through the Strait of Hormuz today.

Airports

- Dubai International Airport (DXB): Partially open with limited operations. Emirates and flydubai run reduced schedules focused on repatriation, cargo and approved flights. Many services remain suspended or heavily delayed. Passengers report significant backlogs.
- Abu Dhabi Zayed International Airport (AUH): Limited commercial flights have resumed after initial suspension. Etihad Airways operates a reduced network to select destinations, prioritising essential movements. Full schedules have not returned, with ongoing volatility.
- Doha Hamad International Airport (DOH): Severely restricted. Qatar Airways maintains a heavily curtailed schedule with many routes still suspended. Partial airspace reopening allows some repatriation and approved flights, but normal operations lag behind.
- Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport (TLV): Operating in an extremely limited format with strict capacity controls. Departures are capped, often one per hour with low passenger numbers. El Al and other Israeli carriers handle repatriation, but most commercial flights remain cancelled until early April.
- Rafic Hariri International Airport (BEY): Open but facing frequent disruptions and cancellations due to regional tensions. Middle East Airlines continues limited services, though security risks and nearby activity affect reliability.
- Kuwait International Airport (KWI): Effectively closed for most commercial traffic following airspace shutdown. Limited essential operations may occur, but schedules show high cancellation rates.
- Bahrain International Airport (BAH): Flights largely suspended or diverted due to airspace closure. Operations remain minimal with ongoing restrictions.
- Muscat International Airport (MCT): Some minor disruptions, and some delays reported; good traffic flow otherwise.
- Riyadh King Khalid International Airport (RUH): Experiencing some significant delays and a few cancellations.
- Jeddah King Abdulaziz International Airport (JED): Experiencing significant delays and a few cancellations.
- Amman Queen Alia International Airport (AMM): Experiencing significant delays and a few cancellations.

Airspace Closures

- Closed
- Partial / At Risk
- Restrictions
- Open



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