

Middle East Situation

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Executive Summary

Iran attacked major energy infrastructure throughout the Gulf overnight and this morning, in an apparent retaliation for Israeli strikes on its South Pars field yesterday. Iranian missile attacks have caused extensive damage to Qatar's Ras Laffan site, the world's largest gas export facility. Energy installations in the UAE and Kuwait have also been damaged.

In response, President Trump has threatened to destroy Iran's South Pars gas field (the world's largest gas deposit) if Iran conducts additional attacks on Qatari energy infrastructure.

Iran

State media have reported this morning that the airstrikes on a residential area in Dorud have now killed 12 people and injured 116 others.

President Trump has threatened to destroy the South Pars gas field if Iran conducts further attacks on Qatari energy infrastructure. President Pezeshkian has warned overnight that attacks on Iran's energy infrastructure could lead to "uncontrollable consequences": Iran has threatened to destroy all oil and gas industries in the Gulf if its energy sector is attacked again.

Israel

An Iranian cluster munition has killed at least three people and injured several others in Beit Awa, the West Bank, overnight. One foreign national was also killed around the same time in Moshav Adanim, central Israel; munitions also impacted a residential building in Tel Aviv, injuring one person. Sirens were triggered at least six times throughout the country overnight.

The Health Ministry said this morning that over 177 people have been taken to hospital from conflict injuries in the last 24 hours: one is in a critical condition, two are in moderate condition, and the remainder are in good condition.

Regional

Qatar

Iranian missiles caused “extensive damage” to Ras Laffan, the world’s largest gas export facility, following two overnight attacks. No injuries have been reported. The Foreign Ministry declared that Iran has “crossed all red lines” and expelled all Iranian representatives from the country.

United Arab Emirates

Iranian missiles targeted the Habshan gas facility and the Bab oilfield overnight. Operations at the Habshan facility have been suspended after debris fell on the site; it is unclear whether this is a precautionary measure or a result of damage.

Saudi Arabia

Iranian missiles and drones targeted two refineries in Riyadh overnight, with no confirmation of damage. At least four people have been injured in Riyadh by falling shrapnel on a residential building near an oil refinery. Drones targeting energy infrastructure in the Eastern Province were also intercepted yesterday evening. The SAMREF refinery in Yanbu on the Red Sea was also targeted, but damage has not been confirmed

The Saudi foreign minister has said the country reserves the right to retaliate with military action if necessary.

Lebanon

Hezbollah claims to have destroyed six Israeli tanks in Beit Awa, southern Lebanon, overnight. These claims cannot be verified, but Israel has announced increased ground operations in southern areas in recent days.

Israeli air attacks struck a house in Burj Shemali, southern Lebanon, overnight. Artillery fire was also reported in Chihine and Marwahin, towards the border with Israel. An Israeli airstrike on a house in Chaat town killed four people. The Health Ministry reported this morning that over 15 people have been killed and 170 others have been injured by conflict in the last 24 hours.

Israel destroyed two unspecified bridges over the Litani River yesterday. This comes after repeated attacks on bridges over the river in recent days.

Kuwait

Iranian drones struck the Mina Al-Ahmadi oil refinery this morning, causing a small fire. A second attack caused a fire at the Mina Abdullah refinery. No injuries have been reported.

10 people linked to a Hezbollah terrorist cell were arrested yesterday evening. The Ministry of Interior said it had thwarted a terrorist plot targeting critical infrastructure.

Yesterday evening, the government reported 17 debris-related incidents over the previous 24 hours.

Bahrain

Sirens were triggered overnight, with no confirmed injuries or damage.

Travel

Maritime

This morning, a projectile struck a ship off Qatar's Ras Laffan, the key natural gas supply hub. A vessel was also struck by a projectile and set on fire off the UAE's Khor Fakkan, near the Strait of Hormuz opening.

Aviation

Cathay Pacific has cancelled all flights via Dubai and Riyadh until 30 April.

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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