

Middle East Situation

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Executive Summary

The United States' leading general has been sacked by the administration in unclear circumstances.

President Trump has threatened to start destroying Iranian bridges and power plants until the Iranian regime enters peace negotiations.

Facilities in the Gulf belonging to Oracle and Amazon have been targeted, according to Iran, although these claims have not been confirmed.

Iran

The Red Cross and Red Crescent have warned that medical capabilities, including stocks of trauma equipment are running low in Iran. A Red Crescent warehouse was hit by a drone in Bushehr this morning.

At least 2,076 people have been killed and 26,500 wounded by US-Israeli attacks across Iran since February 28.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) claimed last night to have shot down an "enemy fighter jet" to the south of Qeshm Island. It is unclear which air force the aircraft belonged to. The US has rejected the claim and said that "all US fighter aircraft are accounted for". The IRGC claimed to have shot down another aircraft this morning over Iran, which US Central Command again disputed.

On social media, President Trump has threatened to start destroying Iranian bridges, then power plants, until the regime enters negotiations. This morning, an Iranian spokesman warned that Tehran would subsequently target regional energy infrastructure, and ICT companies with US affiliations and shareholders.

Russian media has said that Moscow is preparing the final wave of Russian national evacuations from the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

Israel

A missile was detected from Yemen towards Israeli territory yesterday evening, the fourth since the start of the war. Houthi media subsequently put out a statement saying that, in coordination with Iran and Hezbollah, it had fired missiles at “vital Israel enemy targets”, and had been “successful”.

The IRGC claimed early this morning to have destroyed Israeli forces and military industrial companies based at Tel Aviv and Eilat.

An Iranian missile was intercepted this morning in the vicinity of Bnei Brak, with one person injured. Rocket and missile warnings were issued in Upper Galilee this morning.

United States

US Army Chief of Staff General Randy George announced his immediate retirement yesterday evening. It is understood that he has been asked to leave, and speculation is rife about the specific reasons. The Pentagon has not provided any reason for the development. Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth has reportedly fired two other general staff officers overnight, according to US media.

Regional

Iraq

A drone attack last night reportedly targeted the fuel tanks at Victoria Base, a US logistics centre in the Baghdad International Airport complex. An Iraqi militant group subsequently claimed responsibility.

Despite being hit several times, the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said last night that it is committed to remaining out of the conflict in the region.

Lebanon

Hezbollah has claimed it shelled a group of Israeli soldiers and vehicles in Shamaa, southern Lebanon. This morning it claimed to have targeted Israeli forces with an IED in Biyyada, and to have launched rockets at Israeli soldiers in Malkia and Dishon. Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) claimed this morning to have killed 15 members of Hezbollah planning to launch an attack on Israeli territory.

Bahrain

The IRGC claimed last night it had launched an attack on an Amazon cloud computing centre.

United Arab Emirates

The IRGC claimed last night it had launched an attack on a data centre belonging to US tech firm Oracle in Dubai. This claim was subsequently rejected by the Dubai Media Office.

A new wave of missile and drone attacks was reported this morning.

Kuwait

Last night, the Kuwaiti army reported that it was responding to missile and drone attacks.

This morning, an oil refinery in Al-Ahmadi was attacked in a drone strike, leading to the outbreak of fires in a number of operational units.

Saudi Arabia

The Saudi Ministry of Defence has reported that it has successfully intercepted six drones overnight.

Oman

The Omani government is currently in talks with the Iranian regime about the joint management of the Strait of Hormuz, and the drafting of a protocol to facilitate safe passage to ships on the route: little has currently been reported.

Travel

Aviation

Royal Air Maroc has suspended flights to and from Doha until 30 June.

India said last night that it will cap monthly increases in aviation fuel prices for domestic flights at 25 percent.

Maritime

The Russian government and media have claimed that the Strait of Hormuz is open to Russian-flagged vessels.

A maritime intelligence firm has reported that more ships are passing through the Strait of Hormuz daily, reflecting that more countries are successfully negotiating with Tehran to get their vessels through the strait.

A UN Security Council vote, now scheduled for tomorrow, will decide on the use of defensive means for securing safe traffic through the Strait of Hormuz. It is likely to be opposed by Russia and China, which share a veto.

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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