

## High & Extreme Severity Events: US-Israel-Gulf-Iran Conflict (April 16-17, 2026)

### ISRAEL

April 16-17, 2026

- Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Zamir announced plans for continuation of operations in Lebanon and Iran approved.
- Zamir stated Air Force aircraft already armed with targets fed into systems for immediate strike capability.
- Israel Defense Forces struck over 200 Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon on April 15, including operatives and launchers.
- Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff confirmed neutralization of over 1,700 Hezbollah operatives since campaign start.
- Israel Defense Forces reissued evacuation order for Lebanese territory south of Zahrani River on April 15.

### LEBANON

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- US President Trump announced 10-day ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon beginning 00:00 Israel time on April 17.
- Ceasefire agreement reached during meeting between Lebanese President Joseph Aoun and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington.
- Trump stated meeting was first official diplomatic meeting between Israeli and Lebanese officials in 34 years.
- April 15 - Hezbollah claimed 65 military operations, including 40 in southern Lebanon and 25 attacks against Israel.
- Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu stated negotiations with Lebanon have two primary objectives: dismantling of Hezbollah and sustainable peace.
- Advanced talks underway for temporary ceasefire, potentially lasting approximately one week.
- Israel considering US request to temporarily halt fighting conditional on halt in Hezbollah launches.

### IRAN

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- Commander Ali Abdollahi of Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters threatened to halt all exports and imports in Red Sea, Persian Gulf, and Gulf of Oman if US continues blockade.
- Abdollahi stated continued US blockade actions would constitute "prelude to ceasefire violation."
- Iranian-flagged cargo vessel attempted to evade US blockade after leaving Bandar Abbas port on April 15.
- US guided-missile destroyer USS Spruance redirected vessel, which returned to Iran.
- US-sanctioned tanker "Rich Starry" made its way back to Strait of Hormuz after exiting Gulf on April 14.

### UNITED STATES

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- US Central Command announced no vessels breached blockade during first 48 hours of enforcement.
- Nine vessels complied with US directives to return to Iranian ports or coastal areas.

- Ten vessels turned around with zero ships breaking through blockade since start.
- Central Command broadcast messages to ships stating vessels attempting travel to/from Iranian ports would be boarded for interdiction and seizure.

### OMAN

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- US Embassy in Muscat lifted shelter-in-place advisory for most areas of country.
- Shelter-in-place remains in effect for Musandam Governorate and surrounding areas due to persistent activity.
- US Embassy personnel prohibited from traveling to Masirah Island or Musandam due to potential travel disruptions.
- Personnel restricted from traveling more than 25 kilometers offshore due to ongoing naval activity.

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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- Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned Iraqi Charge d'Affaires and issued protest note regarding continued attacks from Iran-backed factions in Iraq.
- Protest note addressed continued attacks launched from Iraqi territory toward UAE despite ceasefire.
- Ministry of Education announced resumption of in-person education across all public and private schools starting April 20.

### IRAQ

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- Iran-backed armed factions continued launching attacks from Iraqi territory toward Gulf states despite ceasefire.
- Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain similarly condemned UAV launches from Iraq in recent days.
- Gulf states increasing diplomatic pressure on Baghdad to address persistent security gaps.

