

# Middle East Situation

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## Executive Summary

This afternoon, President Trump stated that the Iranian president had requested a ceasefire; he added that he would only consider one once the Strait of Hormuz is fully open. President Pezeshkian has not yet issued a response. Meanwhile, US officials report that the aircraft carrier *USS George HW Bush* and its accompanying warships are being deployed to the Middle East.

## Iran

The southern cities of Kerman and Sirjan have been hit by US/Israeli attacks this morning, according to state media. A meteorological facility in Bushehr province has been damaged. This afternoon, state media reported that another steel facility, Sefid Dasht Steel, in Chaharmahal province, had also been damaged. Later this afternoon, the cities of Mahshahr and Ahvaz have also been targeted with air strikes. Five people have been killed in a US-Israeli attack this afternoon on Mianeh, north-west Iran.

Lorestan province police reportedly shot down a US drone targeting the city of Khorramabad, according to state media.

The near-total internet blackout in Iran has now continued into its 33rd day.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has reported that 65 people have been arrested in Markazi province for “collaboration” with the enemy, and with “terrorist groups”.

The Iranian government has confirmed again to international media that no negotiations are taking place with the US government.

## Israel

25 people have been wounded in attacks on Israel this morning. A four-storey building south of Tel Aviv has partially collapsed, injuring at least one person.

The Houthis said this morning they have fired missiles at southern Israel today.

The IRGC has said it has attacked locations across Israel using more than 100 missiles and drones, and at least 200 rockets.

The Iranian army claimed that its strikes this morning targeted a US refuelling aircraft at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport.

Hezbollah attacks this morning have led to extensive damage in northern Israel, according to Israeli state media, with one person injured in Kiryat Shmona.

## United States

This afternoon, President Trump claimed that the Iranian president had asked for a ceasefire; he subsequently said that he would consider a ceasefire when the Strait of Hormuz is open. President Pezeshkian has not yet responded.

In an interview with UK media this morning, President Trump has threatened to pull the US out of NATO for failing to send troops and ships to the Strait of Hormuz.

The aircraft carrier *USS George HW Bush* and its accompanying warships (a strike group consisting of at least 6,000 personnel) are deploying to the Middle East, according to US officials.

## Regional

The UN Human Rights chief has expressed his concerns about the deterioration of media freedoms and the restrictions on free speech across the Middle East region.

### Lebanon

The Jnah neighbourhood in southern Beirut has experienced a targeted attack that caused widespread damage, with two cars targeted, seven people killed and 26 others wounded. The Israeli Defence Force (IDF) has said that it was targeting a senior Hezbollah commander, who was killed.

Two people were killed, according to Lebanese media, when an air strike targeted a motorcycle in Al-Mansouri, southern Lebanon.

### Qatar

The Ministry of Defence reported this afternoon that it intercepted two missiles launched from Iran.

## **Iraq**

A drone attack this morning targeted Sarsang oilfield (Duhok province); another attack targeted an oil warehouse in Erbil.

## **United Arab Emirates**

This afternoon, the Ministry of Defence said that the military has successfully intercepted five missiles and 35 drones today. An Indian national has been injured by falling debris in Umm-Al-Quwain, according to local media.

## **Bahrain**

The IRGC has claimed that its latest wave of missile and drone attacks included a site hosting US forces in Bahrain.

## **Kuwait**

The IRGC has reported that its latest wave of missile and drone attacks included a US helicopter unit at the Al-Adiri base in Kuwait, where one helicopter was reportedly destroyed.

## **Syria**

Syrian state media has reported explosions in Damascus and surrounding areas; it subsequently claimed they were likely the result of Israeli air defence interceptions.

# **Travel**

## **Maritime**

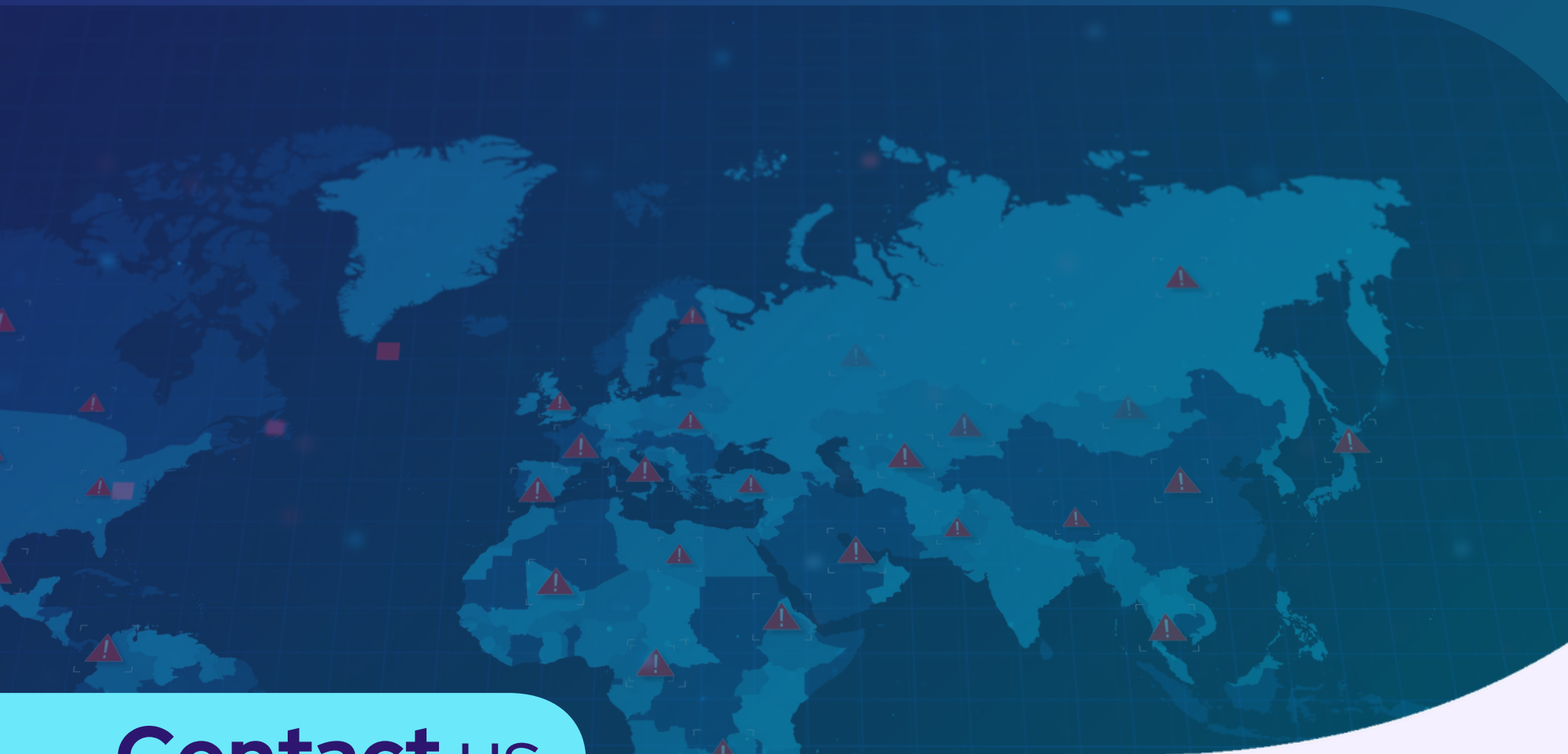
The Iranian government has said that the Strait of Hormuz is only closed to ships belonging to countries at war with Iran. Several Malaysian ships have reportedly been able to transit the Strait of Hormuz without having to pay any Iranian tolls, according to the Malaysian government.

## **Aviation**

Qatar Airways has unveiled an updated flight schedule that gradually increases operations through Doha, with services to more than 120 destinations expected by mid-May.

## 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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