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Executive Brief: US – Israeli Operations Against Iran and Regional Implications

Explainer: This daily report provides an executive summary of major developments related to the ongoing war in the Middle East. It complements MAX Security's more in-depth Situation Update reports. If you haven't yet received our situation updates and other reporting amid the current escalation, or would like to receive more details, join our [WhatsApp community](#). For operational support, please contact our Protection Division at operations@max-security.com.

Operational Overview

The joint US-Israeli military campaigns in Iran continued on April 2-3. The IDF announced that Israeli forces struck more than 50 targets belonging to Iran's ballistic missile array and assassinated at least two Iranian officials. A US/Israeli strike severed the B1 Bridge in Karaj, west of Tehran, on April 2. President Trump subsequently shared a video of the strike, stating, "the biggest bridge in Iran comes tumbling down, never to be used again — Much more to follow," adding that "it is time for Iran to make a deal before it is too late and there is nothing left of what still could become a great country."

On April 3, US President Donald Trump stated on his Truth Social platform that the US military has not yet "started destroying what's left in Iran." He further warned that Iranian bridges would constitute the next target, followed by the country's power plants. Trump also addressed what he described as Iran's "new regime," asserting that its leadership "knows what has to be done, and has to be done fast," in a likely call for swift compliance with US demands.

The USS Gerald R. Ford is reportedly heading back to its Middle East mission after maintenance work.

According to an April 3 unconfirmed report, three individuals familiar with the US intelligence stated that roughly half of Iran's missile launchers remain intact, and thousands of UAVs remain in Tehran's arsenal, adding that "Tehran remains poised to wreak havoc across the region."

Iranian actions

Iran continued to launch missiles and UAVs toward Israel and several Gulf states on April 2-3. Emirati authorities denied an IRGC claim that they have successfully targeted the Oracle Data Center in Dubai. During the morning hours on April 3, Iranian UAVs struck Kuwait's Mina al-Ahmadi Port refinery, resulting in fire at several units in the refinery.

On April 2, Iran [threatened](#) to target multiple bridges across the region, and specifically also [threatened](#) to attack certain arteries in Israel, in response to US/Israeli strikes against bridges in Iran.



Iran also threatened to target critical infrastructures in the region, including power plants, if the US proceeded to target Iran's electricity infrastructure. In this context, Iran also threatened to target the Stargate Data Center in Abu Dhabi.

Other notable developments

Strait of Hormuz: The UK is set to convene a meeting with multiple states next week to discuss the security of the Strait of Hormuz.

Saudi Arabia: A report indicated that building managers at several major office complexes, namely the King Abdullah Financial District, Digital City, and Faisaliah Tower in Riyadh, have instructed tenants to work from home for the next few days.

Jordan: On April 2, Jordanian authorities announced that they had intercepted a missile launched from Iran in the past 24 hours. They also responded to four reports of shrapnel and projectiles falling during the same period, which resulted in material damage. No casualties were recorded. On [April 2](#), the IRGC threatened to target the Abdoun Bridge in Amman and border crossings between Jordan and Israel/West Bank. On April 3, missile fragments reportedly impacted the city of Irbid, causing material damage.

Iraq: On April 2, the US State Department issued a [security alert](#) warning of Iraqi militias' intent to attack central Baghdad in the next 24-48 hours. Meanwhile, Iraqi militias continued to conduct attacks, and additional US-Israeli strikes against PMF assets were reported in the country.

On April 2, Iraq's Oil Ministry announced that it began exporting fuel oil via Syria.

Israel-Lebanon: Hezbollah reportedly launched more than 100 rockets toward northern Israel since April 1. On April 2, Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz threatened Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem that he would end like his predecessors.

Syria: Anti-Israel protests erupted in multiple cities across Syria in response to Israel's passage of the death penalty for terrorists on April 2.

Travel & Security Aspects

- Regional travel conditions remain highly volatile, with most states in the region exposed to extreme risk due to repeated and unpredictable missile and UAV attacks.
- Remain cognizant of recently issued US travel advisories for Iraq and Kuwait during April 1-2.
- Evacuations outside of certain countries and safe havens within countries should be considered as part of contingency planning, especially if power and desalination plants will potentially be targeted and cause utility-related threats.



- Airspace restrictions are broadly being alleviated, and commercial traffic is picking up in several Gulf states.
- Extraction routes are still most viable through **Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt.**
- **Egypt and Turkey broadly** remain outside direct hostilities and are assessed as medium-risk environments compared with other regional states. Turkey is exposed to risks in its southeastern border areas near Iran and around its NATO bases.
- **Oman** remains comparatively less affected and continues to function as a key transit point for evacuations and regional travel adjustments.
- **Israel's** national carrier, El Al, announced the cancellation of all flights until after the Passover Holiday on April 11.

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