

Middle East Situation

Information Cut-Off: 1630h (BST), 05 April 2026

Executive Summary

President Trump has issued another warning, emphasising that power plants and bridges will be attacked on Tuesday. Iranian strikes today, some of which have targeted regional industrial and water infrastructure in Bahrain and Kuwait, have taken place despite Trump's comment that Iran is "negotiating now".

Claims by the Iranian army and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) that more US military aircraft have been shot down have not received a response from the US military.

Iran

This morning, the IRGC claimed to have shot down two C-130 US military transport aircraft and two Black Hawk helicopters over Isfahan province. The US military has not responded.

The Iranian army also claims to have destroyed several Israeli drones this afternoon.

The director general of the World Health Organisation has released a statement expressing his concerns over the safety of Iranian nuclear facilities after several air strikes, particularly against the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant.

US-Israeli air strikes have successfully targeted the Qasem Soleimani International Airport in Ahvaz, in Iran's south-west.

The internet shutdown is now the longest recorded nationwide shutdown in history, having reached 27 consecutive days.

United States

President Trump has specified on social media that if the Strait of Hormuz is not reopened, then he will strike Iranian power plants and bridges on Tuesday. He stated in an interview this morning that *"if they don't make a deal, and fast, I'm considering blowing everything up and taking over the oil."* He then claimed that the Iranian government is "negotiating now", and he said there is a good chance of a deal by Monday.

Israel

The Israeli military has warned of more missiles launched from Iran towards Israel today. Sirens have been activated across the north of Israel this morning, including in Haifa.

A hazardous materials incident at Tel Aviv Ben Gurion International Airport was reported this morning, leading the evacuation of all staff and the temporary closure of the airport. The Houthis in Yemen claimed responsibility for a strike on the airport this morning involving drones and cluster munitions – this has not been confirmed.

The Israeli media reported this afternoon that a factory in the Ramat Hovav area, southern Israel, was hit by an Iranian missile. The Iranian military has also claimed to have targeted petrochemical facilities near Dimona in southern Israel.

Regional

United Arab Emirates

A fire broke out this morning at the Borouge petrochemical plant in Ruwais after it was hit by falling debris after a successful interception.

The Ministry of Defence reported this afternoon that 10 missiles and 50 drones from Iran have been intercepted over the UAE. No casualties have been reported.

Iraq

The Basrah Oil Company has made a statement to say that exports have been halted due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

Lebanon

The Israeli Defence Force (IDF) issued another evacuation order to residents in a southern suburb of Beirut, specifically Ghobeiry. It subsequently struck targets in the capital in the Jnah neighbourhood within two hours, including at least one civilian residential building.

A Lebanese soldier has been killed in an Israeli strike on Kfar Hatta in southern Lebanon.

Kuwait

The Kuwait Petroleum Corporation has reported significant damage to its facilities today, having been targeted in Iranian strikes. The IRGC claimed the attacks as retaliation for the strikes on the bridge in Karaj.

International

The Egyptian and Pakistani governments have increased their engagement with the United States and the Iranian regime to push for deescalation the day before the expiration of President Trump's deadline.

Travel

Maritime

The Omani government has again reportedly been discussing proposals with the Iranian regime regarding the transit of vessels through the Strait of Hormuz.

An Iraqi oil tanker loaded with crude oil from Basrah, destined for Malaysia, has reportedly passed through the Strait of Hormuz under an exemption policy agreed with Tehran yesterday.

Land border

The main border crossing point between Lebanon and Syria was closed today after IDF plans to strike it due to its use by Hezbollah.

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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