

High and Extreme Severity Events: April 19-20, 2026 US-Israel-Iran Conflict

United States

Maritime Operations - Arabian Sea

- US Central Command confirmed targeting Iranian vessel M/V Touska in north Arabian Sea during night hours on April 19.
- USS Spruance (DDG 111) issued multiple warnings to vessel allegedly violating US-enforced blockade.
- After six-hour non-compliance period, US forces fired 5-inch MK 45 Gun rounds to disable vessel propulsion.
- Crew evacuated engine room before strike; 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit boarded vessel.
- M/V Touska was transiting toward Bandar Abbas at approximately 17 knots when intercepted.
- Vessel now remains in US custody.

Iranian Retaliation

- Iran threatened retaliatory action following US targeting of Iranian ship during overnight hours on April 19-20.
- Preliminary reports indicate Iranian Unmanned Aerial Vehicles targeted US warship following attack on Iranian vessel.
- Incident occurred in Gulf of Oman near Bandar Abbas port.

Iran

Maritime Attacks - Strait of Hormuz

- Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Command announced on April 18 that Strait of Hormuz returned to "strict management and control of armed forces."
- Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps gunboats opened fire on tanker on April 18.
- Container ship struck by unknown projectile on April 18, damaging containers.
- Cruise ship reported unidentified object in proximity off Oman coast on April 18.
- Indian vessel "Sanmar Herald" attacked despite having Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps clearance to pass through waterway.
- Three separate maritime attacks recorded by UK Maritime Trade Operations Center on April 18.

Lebanon

IED Attacks on Israeli Forces

- Two Israel Defense Forces soldiers killed, 12 wounded in two separate Improvised Explosive Device detonations on April 17-18.
- First incident occurred in Jebbayn, approximately three km from Israeli border on April 17.
- Improvised Explosive Device detonated automatically while Israel Defense Forces troops cleared building.
- Second incident in Kfarkela involved Israel Defense Forces engineering vehicle triggering Improvised Explosive Device on April 18.
- One soldier killed near vehicle during Kfarkela attack.

- Israel Defense Forces assessment indicates IEDs planted before ceasefire took effect.

UN Peacekeeper Killed

- United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon peacekeeper killed in deliberate attack in Ghanduriyah.
- French soldier identified as victim of "small-arms fire from non-state actors."
- French President Emmanuel Macron blamed Hezbollah for attack.

Israeli Military Operations

- Israel Defense Forces struck Hezbollah cell approaching forces near forward defense line in southern Lebanon on April 18.
- Israel Defense Forces struck Hezbollah operatives entering tunnel shaft south of forward defense line on April 18.
- Special Israel Defense Forces forces took control of "Christofani Ridge" north of Mount Hermon on April 17.
- Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz called Lebanon ceasefire "temporary" on April 17.
- Katz stated Israel Defense Forces will continue holding all captured areas.

