

Middle East Situation

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Executive Summary

The Iranian government is currently reviewing a US proposal to bring the conflict to an end: an official response is expected later today (07 May).

President Trump has warned that the US would resume the bombing of Iran if it does not comply with the latest US terms to restore safe passage to the Strait of Hormuz.

Despite the ceasefire announced on 16 April, the Israeli military has been continuing its attacks on Lebanon, striking targets in the Bekaa Valley and Beirut for the first time since the start of the ceasefire.

Diplomatic

President Trump warned yesterday (06 May) that the US would resume bombing Iran if it does not comply with its resolution to restore safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's permanent mission to the UN has urged UN member states to reject this US resolution.

The Iranian government has received and is reviewing a US proposal for the end of the conflict, with Pakistan acting as an intermediary. Early media reports suggested that the Iranian view is that the proposal is an American "wish list" that offers little incentive to other actors in the conflict. An official response is expected today (07 May), but the Pakistani Foreign Ministry has commented that it believes an agreement to end the war is possible. President Trump said last night that his recent talks with Tehran had been "very good" and that a deal is "very possible".

Israel

The Israeli army intercepted a projectile launched from Lebanon yesterday evening (06 May).

Regional

Strait of Hormuz

Yesterday evening (06 May) a US naval aircraft attacked an Iranian-flagged oil tanker trying to break through the US blockade. Its rudder was reportedly disabled.

A French aircraft carrier group, launched shortly after the start of the conflict, has passed through the Suez Canal and is moving into the Red Sea to assist with the unblocking of the strait. The French government has said that it intends to make the strait secure as a separate issue from the conflict and the Iran-US negotiations.

In the last two days, it has been reported that ships seeking passage through the strait have been required to coordinate with the IRGC Navy, which will designate a safe route of passage, and that vessels that fail to do so will face violence.

Iraq

The Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran (PDKI), a group based in Iraqi Kurdistan, has claimed that Iran had launched drone attacks on two of their camps, Zewi Aspi and Girde Chal, yesterday (06 May).

Lebanon

The Lebanese government reported yesterday (06 May) that an Israeli air strike on a village in the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon killed four people and injured five. This was the first time since the start of the ceasefire that Israeli operations were conducted in the Bekaa Valley. Inhabitants of 12 towns across southern Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley were given evacuation orders by the Israeli military yesterday.

Further air strikes were conducted on southern Lebanon throughout yesterday afternoon and evening. Lebanese media reported bombings on neighbourhoods in the Tyre district and its environs. Hezbollah conducted rocket and drone attacks on the Israeli military yesterday afternoon, with two soldiers reportedly injured, and four soldiers injured in a Hezbollah drone attack last night. It also claimed attacks on Israeli military positions in southern Lebanon this morning (07 May): the Israeli army subsequently issued evacuation orders to residents of three towns in southern Lebanon.

An Israeli attack targeted a heavily-populated southern suburb of Beirut yesterday evening, reportedly targeting a Hezbollah commander. This was the first Israeli strike on Beirut since the start of the ceasefire. Hezbollah has denied that the target in question was killed.

Syria

An Israeli military unit entered Wadi al-Raqad in Western Deraa last night, according to Syrian media.

Bahrain

The government has said that a number of people with links to the IRGC have been arrested, with some accused of espionage.

Travel

Aviation

The French government is reportedly planning to provide financial support to airlines hit by the increase in jet fuel prices.

Advice

- Do not travel to Lebanon, especially south of the Litani River, Dahiyeh in Beirut, and in the Beqaa Valley.
- Reconsider travel to the Middle East, especially Israel, Iran and Iraq, but also the wider Gulf region.
- Remain aware of ongoing tensions, given the possibility of a sudden resumption in fighting.
- Monitor instructions from local authorities and any national embassy guidelines.
- 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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