

Middle East Situation

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Executive Summary

Tehran has rejected the US peace plan, and called for a permanent ceasefire rather than a temporary suspension of hostilities.

Petrochemical facilities at the South Pars natural gas field have been targeted in an Israeli air strike.

The Houthis in Yemen have reportedly hit targets in southern Israel in coordination with Iran and Hezbollah.

Diplomacy

Tehran has confirmed that it has exchanged messages with Washington via mediators; however, it has openly rejected the US 15-point peace plan, saying that negotiations cannot take place after the threats made against critical civilian infrastructure, and that it could not reopen the Strait of Hormuz in exchange for a “temporary ceasefire”. It has instead demanded a permanent end to the conflict. President Trump has responded that his Tuesday deadline for reopening the strait remains final. A regional mediator involved in the talks has said that negotiations have not yet completely collapsed.

Israel

Heavy Iranian missile attacks this morning have been reported on several occasions throughout today, targeting central areas, including Tel Aviv and Haifa; at least four people were killed in the latter. Cluster munitions were reported used in areas around Tel Aviv, including Ramat Gan, Bnei Brak and Givatayim.

Hezbollah has claimed rocket attacks on Ainata, Maroun al-Ras, Hurfeish, Shlomi and Nahariya in northern Israel, and on a group of Israeli Defence Force (IDF) soldiers and vehicles at the Fatima Gate on the border.

Locations in southern Israel, including Eilat, were reportedly targeted by drones coming from Yemen, according to Israeli media. The Houthi rebel group in Yemen claimed to have hit a number of military sites in southern Israel, including Eilat, in coordination with Iran and Hezbollah.

Iran

A US-Israeli air strike this morning on the Baharestan neighbourhood of Tehran killed 15 and injured many, according to Iranian state media. An air strike was also conducted on a residential building in Eslamshar this morning.

The head of intelligence for the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has been killed in an Israeli strike this morning; the Israeli military claimed responsibility for the killing subsequently.

This afternoon, Iranian media reported that petrochemical facilities at the South Pars natural gas field had been hit in an air strike. The plants of Jam and Damavand were reportedly targeted, as were the companies providing power and water to the plants. The Israeli Ministry of Defence claimed responsibility for the attack. The plant is one of the largest providers of power for the Iranian population. The Israeli defence minister has claimed this morning that Israel has “severely damaged” Iranian steel and petrochemical production.

This afternoon, state media reported that a petrochemical complex in the city of Marvdasht had also been attacked in an air strike, although damage was limited and there were no casualties.

The IDF confirmed this afternoon that it had attacked three Tehran airports overnight: Bahram, Mehrabad and Azmayesh, and had hit dozens of helicopters and other aircraft belonging to the Iranian Air Force.

Regional

Iraq

Four drones were intercepted this afternoon over Erbil by Iraqi air defence.

Jordan

State media has confirmed that two people were injured in the recent drone interceptions.

Kuwait

Iran has attacked US forces on Kuwait’s Bubiyan Island with drones, according to the Kuwaiti military.

Six people were reportedly injured this morning after an Iranian attack on a residential area of northern Kuwait.

Lebanon

Another evacuation order has been issued by the IDF for southern areas of Beirut, in advance of strikes against Hezbollah targets.

Four people were killed this afternoon in an Israeli air strike on a vehicle in Kfar Roummane. Three others were killed in strikes on Siddiqine and Haris.

United Arab Emirates

Air defence systems intercepted 14 missiles and 19 drones this morning, injuring four people, according to the government.

Travel

Maritime

South Korea is looking into the options of sending oil tankers to Saudi Arabian ports on the Red Sea in order to avoid the Strait of Hormuz, specifically Yanbu port; this remains at a planning stage.

The Iranian embassy in Malaysia has said that a Malaysian vessel has transited through the Strait of Hormuz, the first Malaysian ship to do so since the closure of the strait.

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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