

# Middle East Situation

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## Executive Summary

Iran has targeted civilian infrastructure across the region following Israeli strikes on its own domestic facilities. Desalination and power plants in Kuwait were targeted by drone attacks overnight, while drone attacks caused a fire in the Bapco Energies storage facility in Bahrain.

Iranian authorities have threatened to “open the gates of hell” if strikes on its civilian infrastructure intensify. This follows President Trump’s 48-hour ultimatum issued yesterday for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

The US successfully exfiltrated a pilot this morning who had been shot down over Iranian territory.

## Iran

The US has successfully rescued a pilot from Iran after their aircraft was shot down in Iranian airspace on Friday. The extraction operation reportedly involved special forces; small arms fire and airstrikes were reported in Dehdasht. Iran claimed to have downed additional aircraft during the rescue effort, though this has not been independently verified.

Iran has threatened to open “the gates of hell” against US and Israeli assets in the region if attacks escalate. Tehran previously warned that it would reciprocate any strikes on its own civilian infrastructure by targeting similar sites across the region.

Authorities have ordered the seizure of assets and the freezing of bank accounts for more than 100 individuals accused of supporting the enemy. Those targeted include prominent athletes, actors, and journalists.

Coalition airstrikes damaged the Mahshahr Petrochemical Zone and Shahid Beheshti University overnight

The Foreign Minister has written to the UN Secretary-General condemning coalition strikes on Iranian nuclear sites. The letter warned of the risk of a radiological release following recent attacks on the Bushehr nuclear plant.

## Israel

Iranian missiles triggered sirens in northern and southern areas this morning; no injuries or damage have been reported.

Hezbollah rocket fire also triggered sirens in the Galilee region this morning. No injuries or damage were reported, as the projectiles struck open areas.

The Health Ministry reported this morning that 108 people have been hospitalised due to the conflict in the last 24 hours. Two individuals are in moderate condition, while the remainder are in good condition. Over 6,800 people have been injured since the start of hostilities.

## Regional

### **Kuwait**

Iranian drones damaged two power plants and two desalination plants overnight. The Ministry of Finance building and the Shuwaikh Oil Sector Complex were also damaged. No injuries were reported, though power outages have occurred in the Jahra Governorate.

### **Bahrain**

Iranian projectiles ignited an oil tank at a Bapco Energies storage facility this morning. The fire has since been extinguished and no casualties were reported.

### **UAE**

Authorities intercepted Iranian drones and missiles this morning after the Iranian military stated it was targeting aluminium sites. No injuries or damage have been confirmed so far.

### **Saudi Arabia**

Iranian drones and missiles were intercepted in undisclosed areas this morning. No injuries or damage have been reported.

### **Lebanon**

Israeli airstrikes killed at least five people in Maarakah last night. Strikes also caused an unspecified number of injuries in Habbush, Batoulay, and Chehabiyeh around the same time.

## Travel

### Borders

Syrian Authorities have closed the Jdeidet Yabous border crossing with Lebanon following Israeli threats to conduct strikes in the area.

## 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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