

# Middle East Situation

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## Executive Summary

The ceasefire has broadly held for the second day, though Kuwait accused Iran and its proxies of conducting isolated drone attacks overnight.

Ceasefire talks will be held over the weekend (formally, from 11 April BST), though key disagreements remain, including whether Lebanon is a party to the truce and the extent of Iranian control over the Strait of Hormuz.

Israeli attacks on Lebanon continue but appear to have reduced in intensity following apparent pressure by President Trump. Iran has repeatedly threatened to withdraw from talks if attacks in Lebanon continue.

Iran has reduced wartime operational restrictions, with all banks reopening tomorrow (11 April). Bahrain has also opened its airspace, and aviation operations across the region continue to increase.

## Diplomacy

Unconfirmed reports suggest that Iranian negotiators have arrived in Islamabad today (10 April) ahead of planned talks with the US. Formal talks are scheduled to commence tomorrow morning (11 April, BST).

The Pakistani representative to the UN said yesterday (09 April) that Lebanon was included in the ceasefire deal agreed by Israel, Iran, and the US. The official stated he believed these grievances would be addressed in Islamabad this weekend.

Unconfirmed reports suggest the State Department will host talks between Israel and Lebanon next week to discuss a ceasefire with Hezbollah.

This follows an announcement by Prime Minister Netanyahu that he has authorised direct negotiations with the Lebanese state. Netanyahu warned yesterday (09 April), however, that attacks on Hezbollah will continue.

## Iran

The Iranian Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, said yesterday (09 April) that Iran is the “definitive victor” in the conflict. The statement was broadcast by state television.

State media reported this morning (10 April) that over 3,000 people have died in the conflict since 28 February. Authorities have not differentiated between combatant and civilian casualties.

Locals reported hearing air defence fire overnight; however, Iranian authorities have not publicly confirmed any attacks. It is possible these incidents were false alarms.

Iranian officials overnight denied any involvement in attacks on Gulf countries since the ceasefire was agreed on 08 April. All banks in the country are scheduled to reopen tomorrow (11 April).

## Israel

The Israeli military stated this morning (10 April) that Lebanon remains the primary battlefield and that operations are ongoing. Officials added that Israel remains at war in this theatre and is not subject to a ceasefire.

Prime Minister Netanyahu said yesterday evening (09 April) that attacks on Hezbollah will continue until security in northern Israel is guaranteed.

Hezbollah rocket fire triggered sirens in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ashdod, and various northern areas overnight; no injuries or damage were reported.

## United States

President Trump said this morning (10 April) that Iran is “doing a very poor job” of opening the Strait of Hormuz and warned that this breaches the ceasefire agreement.

Several hours previously, President Trump denounced reports that Iran plans to impose tolls for maritime traffic in the Strait, stating that if these reports are confirmed, Iran “better stop now”.

President Trump stated yesterday evening (09 April) that Israel has agreed to reduce the intensity of its attacks on Lebanon, after Iran warned on the same day they were breaches of the ceasefire and threatened to withdraw from the truce.

## Regional

### **Kuwait**

Drones targeting unspecified “vital facilities” were intercepted yesterday (09 April). The National Guard later reported that a base was struck, sustaining material damage but no casualties. State media accused Iran and its proxies of conducting the attack.

### **Bahrain**

The US Embassy in Manama lifted its shelter-in-place order yesterday evening (09 April). The embassy advised US nationals to remain vigilant and follow directions issued by local authorities.

### **Saudi Arabia**

The Energy Ministry released a statement yesterday (09 April) reporting that recent hostilities have cut 700,000 barrels of oil per day from the East-West Pipeline and 600,000 barrels per day from the Manifa and Khurais facilities. Refineries, including SATORP, Ras Tanura, and SAMREF, were also damaged.

### **Lebanon**

Israeli attacks have continued in Lebanon, albeit at a lower intensity; no attacks have been reported in Beirut since Wednesday. Overnight, Israeli airstrikes and artillery were reported in southern Lebanon, specifically in Hanawya, Aita al-Shaab, Sarafand, and the broader Tyre district.

The Israeli military accused Hezbollah of using ambulances for military purposes this morning (10 April). This follows reports of Israeli attacks on Lebanese ambulances and the killing of paramedics in recent weeks.

The Head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) urged Israel to reverse its evacuation order for the Jnah area of Beirut yesterday (09 April). The order includes two major public hospitals, including Rafik Hariri University Hospital. The WHO warned that hospitals may run out of vital supplies in the coming days.

South Korea advised its nationals to leave the country yesterday (09 April), citing the recent increase in Israeli attacks.

## Travel

### **Maritime**

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) centre reported yesterday evening (09 April) that five vessels transited the Strait of Hormuz in the previous 24 hours. This volume remains significantly below pre-war levels, which typically exceeded 100 vessels daily.

The UKMTO added that threats in the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Oman remain “critical”, though no attacks on vessels have been reported since Wednesday (08 April), when the ceasefire was agreed. The Bab al-Mandeb Strait and the Gulf of Aden were described as a “moderate” threat.

## Aviation

Bahraini authorities opened the country's airspace yesterday (09 April), with flights departing for the first time since the conflict began on 28 February.

Wizz Air announced this morning (10 April) that it will resume flights to Ben Gurion Airport from 25 April.

British Airways announced yesterday (09 April) that it will resume flights to Riyadh next month, and to Dubai, Doha, and Tel Aviv on 01 July. Flights will be limited to one per day, however. It added that flights to the region will be reduced in the second half of this year, compared to pre-conflict levels.

## 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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