

# Middle East Situation

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## Executive Summary

President Trump has warned that the ceasefire with Iran is "on life support", after consulting Iran's negotiation proposals.

Israeli military operations continue in southern Lebanon, with several attacks causing fatalities and injuries today (12 May).

## Diplomacy

President Trump described the ceasefire with Iran as on "life support" today (12 May). This came after the US reviewed Iran's negotiation proposals, which include acknowledging Iranian control over the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's Parliament Speaker warned that the Iranian military is prepared to respond to any aggression.

Several countries, including the UK, France, and South Korea, will hold a meeting today to discuss reopening the Strait of Hormuz.

## Iran

The Iranian Parliamentary Commission spokesperson has threatened that Iran may enrich to 90 per cent levels if attacked again. Such an action reduces the time for developing a nuclear weapon.

The Iranian government has said that internet access will return to normal levels when the war has finally ended.

The state has executed a member of a Baloch armed group in Ansar al-Furqan, state media reported today (12 May).

A spokesman for the IRGC Navy said that the Strait of Hormuz is not just a narrow maritime corridor, but a vast strategic zone stretching from Jask in eastern Iran to Siri Island in the west.

## Israel

The Israeli legislature has passed legislation creating a special court to prosecute Palestinians accused of being involved in the 7 October terror attacks; the maximum sentence includes the death penalty.

## Regional

### Lebanon

Israel has continued attacks in southern Lebanon today (12 May). An Israeli airstrike in Mansouri has injured seven people this morning. An attack on a vehicle in the central square in Doueir killed three people. The Israeli military detonated bombs and destroyed a solar-powered water pumping station in Deir Mimas. In Kfar Dounine, an Israeli airstrike killed six people.

The Israeli military issued evacuation notices this morning in Arzoun, Tayr Debba, Bazouriyeh, and al-Haush.

The United Nations Humanitarian Chief Tom Fletcher warned yesterday (11 May) that Israel had conducted over 100 air attacks on Lebanon in the previous 24 hours.

### United Arab Emirates

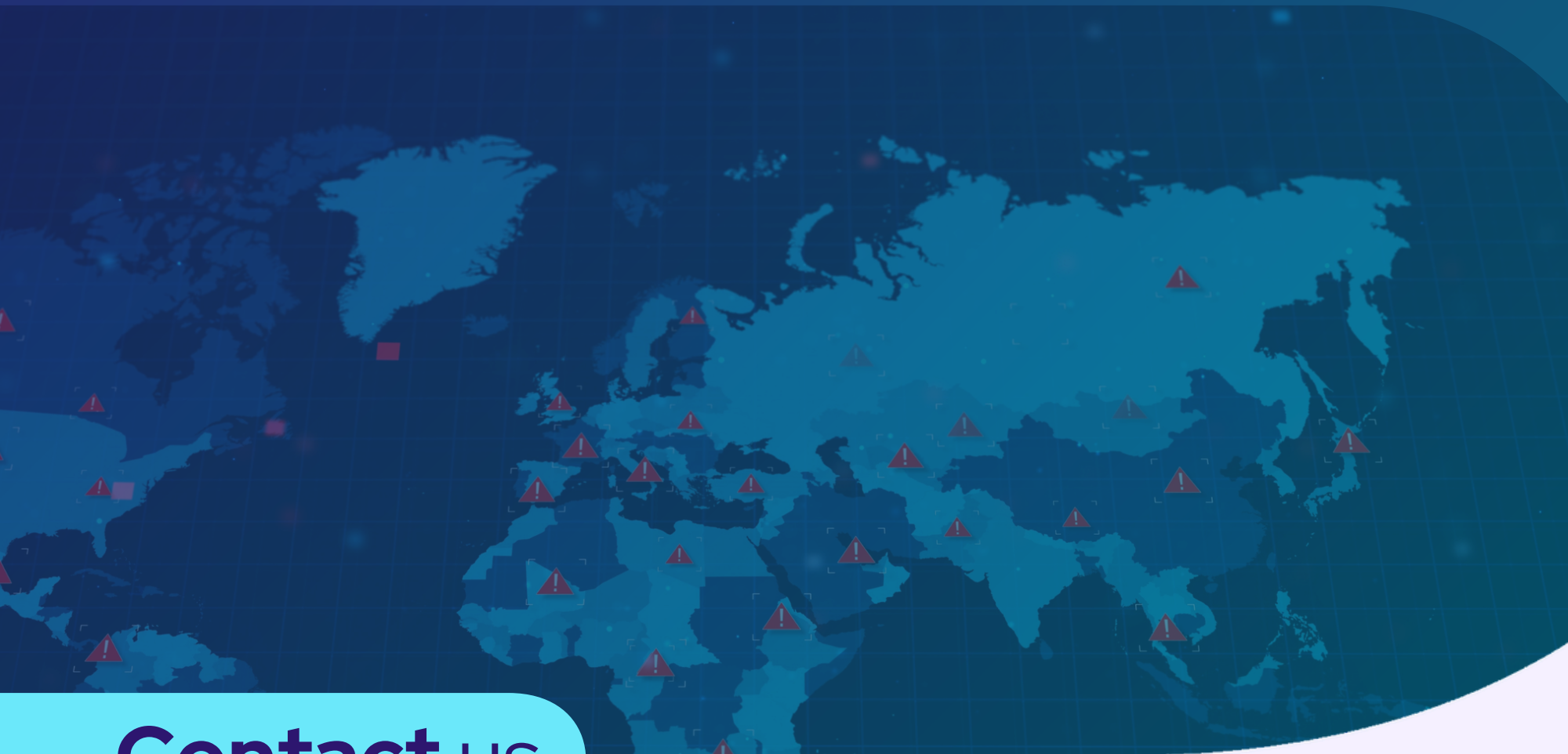
The country's primary gas-processing complex, the Habshan site, will not reach full capacity until next year. This follows the damage sustained by Iran in the Middle East conflict. The site is currently operating at 60 per cent capacity.

### Saudi Arabia

The CEO of Saudi Aramco warned yesterday (11 May) that markets are losing over 100 million barrels of oil every week while disruption to the Strait of Hormuz continues. He warned it may take until 2027 for a full recovery.

## Advice

- Do not travel to Lebanon, especially south of the Litani River, Dahiye 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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