

Middle East Situation

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Executive Summary

High numbers of air strikes, drone and missile attacks are continuing on both sides, with targets hit in Iran, Israel, Lebanon and across the Gulf states, and cluster munitions reportedly used over Israel. Tehran has said it does not intend to negotiate, but will continue to defend itself.

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Israel

The media has reported from Israel that Iran launched its largest attack on Israel this morning, with 10 separate volleys of missiles counted before noon. More cluster munitions have been reported.

A significant wave of missiles was reported over Tel Aviv this morning; the majority were intercepted, but at least three people were injured by falling debris. This afternoon four men were injured by a reported rocket attack in the greater Tel Aviv area.

An Iranian military statement claimed that drones hit an Israeli special police headquarters and a defence satellite communications centre (although no specific locations were given, and this has not been verified).

The Israeli government has approved a US\$800m emergency budget package for purchasing munitions and advanced weapons systems. The military told the media today that it has no concerns about its levels of air defence munitions.

Iran

The IRGC has today made a vow on Iranian media to hunt down and assassinate Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the first public statement it has made of this nature.

The government has said this afternoon that it is not seeking a ceasefire or any sort of negotiations, but will continue to defend itself against Israeli and US strikes.

Two days after the US air strike on Kharg Island, at least seven oil tankers have reportedly been seen at the anchorage on the island by a vessel-tracking platform.

This morning, Israel launched a wave of strikes on infrastructure in western Iran, reportedly also hitting IRGC and Basij command centres.

The Iranian media reported at least 153 healthcare centres damaged since the start of the conflict. Humanitarian aid in the form of medicines, healthcare supplies and food has arrived from Turkmenistan today.

The international media has reported that social repression in Iran has intensified since the last two weeks, with increased numbers of IRGC and Basij checkpoints, and an increase in confiscations of mobile phones. In addition to the internet blackout, the key Iranian telecommunications network has now reportedly collapsed.

Regional

Saudi Arabia

Four drones were reportedly intercepted over Riyadh this morning.

Lebanon

Multiple Israeli attacks have been conducted on south Lebanon today. The Israeli Defence Force (IDF) claimed that it had destroyed key Hezbollah command centres and launch sites this morning in Lebanon. Hezbollah has claimed to have hit an Israeli tank near the town of Taybeh (this is unconfirmed).

United Arab Emirates

UAE air defences have reportedly intercepted more Iranian missiles and drones this morning.

After being targeted yesterday, operations at the Fujairah oil facility have reportedly resumed.

Kuwait

The Italian army has reported that the Ali Al Salem air base in Kuwait, used by both the Italian and the US military, was hit by a drone. No casualties were reported, one aircraft was reportedly destroyed.

Bahrain

ALBA, one of the world's largest aluminium smelters, has said it will cut down 20% of production as its exports through the Strait of Hormuz are blocked and it cannot meet its obligations.

Travel

Maritime

The media has reported there are about 1,000 vessels waiting to transit the Strait of Hormuz, including as many as 200 oil tankers.

Aviation

Indian carrier SpiceJet has said that its Dubai operations have been further restricted, with flights being planned through Fujairah instead.

IndiGo operations have also been restricted further, impacting operations between today and Tuesday (17 March).

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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