

Middle East Situation

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Executive Summary

Iranian projectiles have not targeted Israel and the Gulf region today (09 April), marking the first such pause since fighting began in February. The ceasefire has proved more resilient today (09 April) following several Iranian attacks that occurred yesterday (08 April) immediately after the announcement.

Significant friction persists ahead of planned talks in Islamabad tomorrow (10 April), specifically regarding the public 10-point plan, which Tehran maintains will be the basis for discussion. President Trump has rejected the publicly released 10-point plan but has not specified an alternative.

Israel also continues to conduct operations against targets in Lebanon and has signalled that they will continue. Iran claims these strikes violate the ceasefire and has threatened to withdraw from the truce if they persist. The US and Israel reject this interpretation, asserting that Lebanon is not a party to the current agreement.

Maritime traffic in the Strait of Hormuz remains constrained by active minefields and geopolitical uncertainty, though aviation restrictions in Iraq and Israel have begun to ease today (09 April).

Iran

This morning (09 April), Iran's ambassador to Pakistan deleted a social media post regarding the planned arrival of the Iranian delegation in Islamabad this evening.

Iranian officials have stated that the 10-point plan they proposed to the US will serve as the basis for the talks tomorrow (10 April). US officials have publicly rejected the 10-point plan, however. Key disagreements include whether Lebanon is a party to the ceasefire, the nature of Iranian control over the Strait of Hormuz, and the current limitations on maritime traffic.

Yesterday afternoon (08 April), Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson and the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament accused the US of breaching the terms of the ceasefire. This followed statements from US officials clarifying that Lebanon is not a party to the agreement. The Speaker of the Parliament threatened to withdraw from talks if perceived violations continue.

Debris from an intercepted drone killed a child and injured six others in Shishtar, Khuzestan province, yesterday afternoon (08 April) after the ceasefire announcement.

United States

President Trump stated this morning (09 April) that the US military will maintain an elevated posture around Iran until a "real agreement" is "fully complied with".

The President warned that in the unlikely event the agreement is not upheld, the conflict will recommence at greater levels of intensity than previously seen. He further rejected the authenticity of the publicly released 10-point plan but did not offer specific details regarding an alternative framework.

Israel

Hezbollah fired rockets towards Manara near the Lebanese border this morning (09 April) in a claimed response to Israeli breaches of the ceasefire. Sirens were also triggered by Hezbollah rocket fire in the Galilee region and Kiryat Shmona; no injuries have been reported.

Prime Minister Netanyahu stated today (09 April) that Israel will continue striking Hezbollah targets in Lebanon.

Authorities have instructed Energean to resume operations at its offshore gas platforms.

Region

Saudi Arabia

Iranian drones struck the East-West oil pipeline yesterday afternoon (08 April) after the announced ceasefire. No attacks have been reported today (09 April).

United Arab Emirates

Iran launched 18 missiles and 35 drones at the country yesterday (08 April) after the ceasefire was announced. No attacks have been reported today (09 April).

Lebanon

Israel conducted airstrikes in Chyah (southern Beirut), Meifadoun, Al Duwair, Habboush, Harouf, Kunin, and the Ali Al-Tahir Heights this morning (09 April). Fatalities, injuries, and damage remain unconfirmed.

Widespread airstrikes killed at least 254 people and injured 1,165 others yesterday (08 April), marking Israel's deadliest attack since fighting began. Israel attacked over 100 locations within a 10-minute window yesterday afternoon (08 April) with minimal warning.

Hezbollah claimed to have conducted a drone attack on Israeli forces in Taybeh this morning (09 April).

Israeli authorities warned yesterday (08 April) that Hezbollah is relocating its operations from Dahieh to other areas of Beirut, increasing the probability of Israeli attacks across the capital.

Travel

Aviation

Ben Gurion Airport resumed normal operations at midnight today (09 April). Herzliya Airport will resume services today (09 April), and Ilan and Asaf Ramon International Airport will resume on Sunday (12 April). It has not been specified when Haifa will resume normal operations.

El Al stated yesterday (08 April) that it will gradually return to normal operational levels in the coming days.

Iraq opened its airspace yesterday (08 April); Iraqi Airways has stated it will resume domestic and international flights tomorrow (10 April).

Maritime

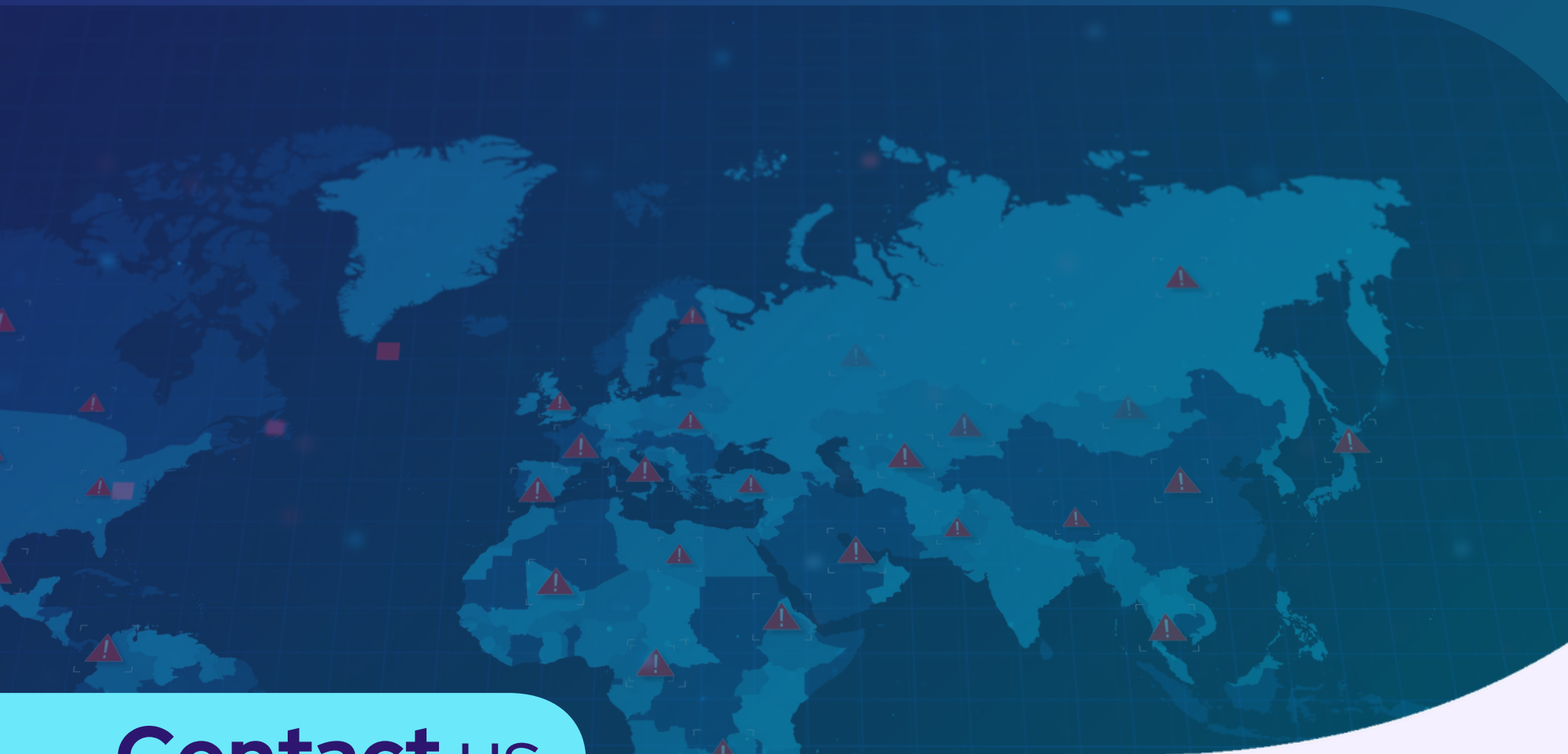
Iranian state media announced traffic routes for the Strait of Hormuz yesterday (08 April) to avoid active sea mines. Approved routes include entry from the Sea of Oman north of Larak Island towards the Gulf, and exit from the Gulf passing south of Larak Island towards the Sea of Oman.

Only four vessels transited the Strait yesterday (08 April), despite President Trump's claim that the ceasefire is contingent on the full reopening of the waterway.

Maritime traffic appears to have slowed further today (09 April) due to concerns regarding Israeli bombardments in Lebanon and the potential collapse of ceasefire terms.

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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