

Middle East Situation

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Executive Summary

Last night (27 April) the Iranian regime reportedly sent a new proposal to the US government. Whilst not all the details have come through, a US official has reported that President Trump is not happy with it.

The Iranian foreign minister met yesterday with President Putin as part of the latest Iranian diplomatic efforts.

Despite the ceasefire, attacks are still ongoing in southern Lebanon.

Diplomacy

US media have reported that the Iranian government sent a new peace proposal to Washington yesterday evening (27 April). The proposal reportedly includes the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, an end to the war and the delay of negotiations on the nuclear programme until peace is secured. The White House confirmed last night that the proposal was being discussed, but a US official has reported to the media this morning that President Trump is not happy with it, and the wider US media is suggesting that he is unlikely to accept it.

President Putin met the Iranian foreign minister in St Petersburg yesterday, after which Foreign Minister Araghchi hailed their relationship, and President Putin said that Russia “will do everything” to bring peace to the Middle East. The respective Russian and Iranian defence ministers held talks in Kyrgyzstan yesterday evening.

The leader of Hezbollah, Naim Qassem, has rejected direct negotiations with Israel.

Israel

The Israeli military chief has said that Israel needs to recruit more soldiers, as 2026 is likely to involve more fighting on “multiple fronts”.

United States

The Democrats in the US Senate are reportedly planning to force a sixth vote on restricting the powers of President Trump to sustain the conflict in Iran.

Regional

Lebanon

The ceasefire with Israel remains theoretically in place, but Israeli-Hezbollah violence in southern Lebanon continues. The death toll since the ceasefire has risen to at least 40.

Israeli air strikes on southern Lebanon killed four people and wounded 51 others last night (27 April), according to Lebanese media. This morning (28 April) the Israeli Air Force bombed the town of Zawtar El Charqiyeh at least three times. According to Lebanese media, the Israeli military was firing heavy machine guns towards Bint Jibeil this morning. An air strike later this morning targeted the town of Jabal al-Batoum, while an Israeli drone reportedly attacked the town of Majdal Zoun.

Two Israeli soldiers were injured in a Hezbollah drone attack in southern Lebanon this morning.

Prime Minister Netanyahu claimed yesterday that Hezbollah has used up 90 percent of its weapons and ammunition.

Travel

Aviation

The US Treasury has said that companies providing services (particularly jet fuel and maintenance) to Iranian airlines may face US sanctions, and it called on foreign governments to ensure that companies in their jurisdictions are not providing support to Iranian aircraft.

Maritime

A Russian billionaire's super-yacht reportedly sailed through the Strait of Hormuz at the weekend, despite the ongoing blockade.

It has been reported that at the weekend, the US Navy reportedly intercepted an Iranian-flagged crude oil tanker that was attempting to enter an Iranian port.

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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