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Luxury cruise ship shuttles visitors to Cyprus, brings stranded Israelis home

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IAF 50 jets attacks centrifuge production site & military targets in Tehran

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Second volley in less than an hour: Iran launches 15 missiles at central Israel

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Trump's flip-flop over the attack on Iran; he welcomed the bonus of Israel's success

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Israel destroys dozens of Iran missile batteries in bid for crippling air superiority

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Israel expects US to join strike on Iran 'soon'; PM convenes emergency meeting

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Israeli Navy intercepts dozens of Iranian UAVs in joint air-sea coordinated mission

06.17.25 – Tu - - News Placed in June 17 spot – Tuesday

Iran crippled as cyberattack wiped all data from IRGC Banks; IDF hints expect more

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Iran calls for urgent IAEA action to stop war; regime is losing power within

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Israel will not negotiate with Iran; IDF promising unprecedented scope of attacks

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Major progress in ceasefire talks, hostage deal sees a gap

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Explosions reported over Tehran after Trump calls to evacuate Iranian capital

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Over Tehran, Israeli drones are on the hunt in Iran; identify mobile launchers

06.16.25 – Mo – Monday

Haifa oil refinery shut down after sustaining heavy damage in Iran missile strike

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What Israel did in Iran in 48 hours, Russia failed to do over 3.5 years in Ukraine

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Trump confirms Iran sent message that it's ready to talk only with ceasefire

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Iran urgent messages signal it wants to end conflict; carrier Nimitz joins Carl Vinson

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IDF destroyed one-third of Iran's ballistic missile launchers & launch crew

06.16.25 – Mo- - - News Placed in June 16 spot – Monday

US deploys dozens of refueling jets east, sparking speculation over Israel-Iran clash

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Weizmann Institute of Science suffers heavy damage in Iranian attack. no casualties

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Images reveal damage to Iran's deep nuclear, missile sites after Israeli strikes

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Israel's shelter system tested as Iran fires missiles with heavy warheads

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Across Middle East, nations struggle to stay neutral as Iran-Israel conflict escalates

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Israel strikes nuclear facility at Fordow; IDF alerts accross country ahead of strikes

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Europe support for Israel's offensive on Iran could change — if conflict drags on

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In longest reach of war, Israel destroys Iranian plane 2,300 km away

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Missiles fired from Iran hit homes in north, south; more strikes feared

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Top IRGC intelligence command & his deputy eliminated in Tehran strike

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Five car bombs rock Tehran, nuclear scientists killed; we have many more surprises

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New round of IDF strikes in Iran, PM says Tehran to pay for civilians deaths

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UK deploys assets to protect its bases; France says best to prevent threat by diplomacy

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IDF warns Iranians to keep away from weapons production sites & fuel depots

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After start of war, 2 Israelis arrested for suspected Iran-linked espionage

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In suitcases and trucks, Mossad smuggled hundreds of drones to disrupt Iran

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Israeli, US officials say the war will last weeks, not days

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Iran launches combined missile-drone attack killing 3, wounding over 125

06.15.25 – Su - - News Placed in June 15 spot – Sunday

Tehran burns: Israeli airstrikes hit dozens of targets in under an hour, fuel depots ablaze

06.14.25 – Sa – Saturday

Israel strikes Iran's critical infrastructure, hitting refineries & gas field

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Home Front Command revamps missile alert policy after deadly overload glitch

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Iran rattled after Mossad operation exposes deep intelligence penetration

06.14.25 – Sa - - News Placed in June 14 spot – Saturday

IDF strikes prevented Iran plan to launch a full barrage of 1,000 missiles at Israel

06.14.25 – Sa – Saturday

Israel mobilizes reserve troops to bolster Lebanon, Syria borders & PA cities

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Sirens across central Israel amid Iran missile attack; woman dies in hospital

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From Khan Younis to Petah Tikva: Elite IDF commandos lead civilian rescue after Iranian strikes

After combat in Gaza, Lebanon, and the West Bank, Israel's elite counterterrorism unit is now rescuing civilians from Iranian missile rubble: 'It's surreal. You arrive and see total destruction—the same sights and smells as a combat zone—but this time it's in Tel Aviv or Ramat Gan

Ilana Curie|23:40

Elite troops from the IDF's counterterrorism unit, Lotar, have been deployed to scenes of destruction across Israel following Iranian missile barrages.

These highly trained soldiers, more accustomed to battles in Gaza or southern Lebanon, are now operating in the heart of Israel's urban centers—Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Bat Yam, and Be'er Sheva—clearing buildings, locating trapped civilians, and aiding in rescue operations.

Staff Sgt. A. (27), a breaching team commander, has participated in 16 rounds of fighting in Gaza. “We deployed six teams across the country at the onset of the war,” he said. “After the first missile strike, it became clear there was a gap in the ability to reach civilians trapped inside buildings. We bring our operational experience from arrests in the West Bank and our demolitions background, entering towers in Petah Tikva, opening them up for security forces and the Home Front Command.”

The unit also includes a specialized team in rope rescue and UAV (drone) operators who can launch drones in seconds to identify trapped individuals from above. “There’s no feeling like opening a door to find a 75-year-old man in heart failure and being able to help him,” said A.

Their drone unit was established in response to the October 7 Hamas attacks. A. recalled that day: “By 8 a.m., we had launched to rescue one of our own in Sderot—he was killed. We found ourselves fighting in Sderot, Urim, Nir Yitzhak, and Be’eri. At the Urim base, a reservist joined us. He suggested launching a drone. Moments later, he spotted a terrorist hiding near a bomb shelter. We stepped back just in time before he threw a grenade. That drone saved our lives.”

These same capabilities were deployed after the Iranian missile strikes. Sgt. B., a drone operator, described his shock: “It’s surreal. You arrive and see total destruction—the same sights and smells as a combat zone—but this time it’s in Tel Aviv or Ramat Gan. These are civilian homes. It could’ve been mine.”

Lt. Col. A. said the images resembled Gaza: “You enter Ramat Gan and feel like you’re in Khan Younis. Then you see ZAKA and MDA teams everywhere and snap back to focus.” At Soroka Medical Center, after a direct missile hit, the team helped evacuate the wounded, including a terrified disabled man. “We had to explain everything gently. We’re trained to lift wounded into stretchers under fire—but here, we had to walk calmly, explain, reassure.”

“As a fighter and commander, when I enter a building, my instinct is to prepare for an ambush,” he added. “Now I charge in to find civilians under rubble. That mental shift—between combat and compassion—is something every soldier here has to make.”

Sgt. Sh., a female commander in the rope rescue unit, also reached Soroka. “The hospital was wrecked. We train for this—high-level structural collapse, locating survivors—but seeing it here, in Israel, it’s not easy. Still, it’s inspiring how many people came to help. It’s a terrible situation, but the support is overwhelming.”

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Tehran's Mossad Manhunt: Reports of alleged collaborators arrested, drones seized
Tehran floods local media with claims of Mossad agent arrests, drone and spy gear seizures, and hideout raids—Israel responds: 'Fake regime propaganda amid Mossad's operational successes'

Lior Ben Ari|23:02

In recent days, Iranian state media have been saturated with dramatic claims of uncovering “agents,” “collaborators with the Mossad,” and “terrorist cells working for the Zionist regime.”

These reports—often accompanied by heavily edited videos and blurred images—portray what the regime describes as unprecedented intelligence successes by its security forces. However, observers question their credibility, viewing them as part of a propaganda campaign amid recent Israeli intelligence operations.

On Friday, Tehran's police announced the arrest of an alleged Mossad agent accused of sending coordinates of Iran's air defense systems to a foreign intelligence service via WhatsApp. Earlier in the week, authorities in the western province of Hamadan claimed to have detained around 30 individuals for suspected ties to Mossad and support for the Israeli regime.

Other reports across Iranian media include the discovery of alleged weapons labs, vehicle seizures with loitering drones, and arrests of supposed online “incitement teams.” On Tuesday, a video aired purporting to show the “interrogation of a Mossad agent” confessing to espionage charges, though his face was obscured and the setting heavily staged.

In a rare public notice, Iran's Supreme National Security Council issued a warning on Friday evening, calling on anyone who may have been “deceived by the Zionist regime”—knowingly or not—to surrender to police stations, Basij bases, or intelligence offices by Sunday. Those who comply and hand over drones, weapons, or other gear would receive amnesty. After that deadline, the statement warned, anyone caught with espionage equipment or arms would be treated “as a fifth column and enemy collaborator during wartime,” facing the harshest punishment.

The Tasnim News Agency claimed Thursday that authorities in Tehran intercepted a truck carrying loitering munitions and arrested the alleged Mossad operative responsible for transporting it. A video released alongside the report showed crates in the back of the vehicle, said to contain drones.

The crackdown has extended to the public sphere. On Monday, the Iranian government issued guidelines on how civilians can identify “suspicious locations” believed to house terror operatives. The signs included frequent visits by unfamiliar young people,

permanently shuttered windows, unusual nighttime activity, and excessive use of sunglasses or face coverings “without justification.”

On Wednesday, state media reported the arrest of six women in Kermanshah Province labeled as “spies,” and another arrest of a “Mossad agent” in Kurdistan Province, allegedly found with surveillance equipment. That same day, five additional alleged spies were reportedly arrested in Lorestan Province.

One of the more dramatic claims came Sunday, when Iranian outlets said a “senior Mossad spy” was captured trying to flee across the western border near Baneh, thanks to “local vigilance.”

Israel has not officially responded to the flurry of Iranian reports. However, Israeli officials familiar with the situation suggest the campaign is a strategic effort by Tehran to project control and strength in the face of recent Israeli operations. “This is fabricated propaganda,” one Israeli source said. “The Iranians are trying to manufacture fake intelligence victories.”

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Israel imposes new restrictions on foreign media amid wartime coverage

Authorities now require foreign journalists to obtain military approval before reporting from combat zones or missile impact sites

Liran Tamari, Moran Azulay|19:45

The government announced new regulations Friday that significantly tighten restrictions on international media operating in the country during wartime.

In a joint statement, Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi and National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir said foreign journalists will now be required to obtain prior written approval from the IDF’s military censor before broadcasting from Israel, both for live or recorded coverage and for reporting on the location itself.

Broadcasting without such authorization from areas affected by missile strikes or active combat zones will be considered a criminal offense and a violation of Israel’s censorship regulations. Police will be authorized to confiscate equipment, revoke press credentials and detain journalists or photographers who violate the rules.

The ministers said the move follows “successful, coordinated enforcement” against Al Jazeera and other foreign outlets, which they claimed violated censorship rules and endangered national security.

“We will not allow media chaos during wartime,” the statement read. “We won’t give a platform to hostile actors operating under journalistic cover who put our troops and national security at risk.”

“Freedom of the press does not override the security of our citizens and soldiers,” Karhi said. “Just like Israeli reporters, foreign correspondents will now also be subject to the rules of the military censor—for the sake of Israel’s security.”

“The media anarchy of the foreign press is over,” Ben-Gvir added. “We will not allow agents of Hamas, Hezbollah or Iran to broadcast from Israeli territory. Anyone who violates the security guidelines will be dealt with by the Israel Police.”

The Government Press Office (GPO) clarified the new instructions in a separate statement: “Any live or recorded broadcast from a combat zone or missile impact site requires prior written approval from the military censor, covering both the location and how it is described. Once approved, broadcasting may proceed in accordance with censorship guidelines.”

The directive presents a significant challenge for international outlets, which will now have to navigate a fast-track but mandatory approval process before reporting from the field. While the government defends the move as a security necessity, press freedom groups have already begun examining whether the restrictions are legally and ethically compatible with international standards of journalistic freedom.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid criticized the decision, saying, “At a time when the opposition is helping explain Israel’s war with Iran to the world—and for once, the international media is finally airing our side—these ministers are once again sabotaging Israeli public diplomacy and damaging our global standing.

“This sweeping censorship order can’t even be enforced as long as people have smartphones. All it does is wreck the growing international sympathy for our just war. There seems to be no limit to the amateurism and populism of these officials,” Lapid said.

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Washington Post’s Evan Hill sparks controversy by publishing missile strike coordinates in Israel despite censorship laws, following past of criticizing Israel and IDF’s conduct in Gaza

Daniel Edelson, New York|18:45

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Evan Hill of The Washington Post published detailed coordinates on social media, revealing where Iranian ballistic missiles struck inside Israel—despite the IDF’s military censorship guidelines prohibiting such disclosures.

The post appeared on Thursday on X (formerly Twitter), where Hill, currently based in New York, shared precise GPS data for a missile impact near the Israel Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan. Because Israeli censorship rules apply only to journalists physically present in Israel, Hill, posting from abroad, was not subject to the restrictions.

His post tagged GeoConfirmed, a platform specializing in geolocation verification and later linked to a follow-up post with what he described as “more exact” coordinates. Shortly after, Hill set his account to private, limiting access to approved followers only. Hill has a history of publishing geolocated missile strikes and battle damage assessments in war zones including Syria, Ukraine and Lebanon, often as part of investigations into alleged war crimes. Colleagues told Ynet that his latest post appeared to follow standard investigative practice rather than any intent to harm Israel.

Tehran burns: Israeli airstrikes hit dozens of targets in under an hour, fuel depots ablaze. Still, Hill has drawn criticism from pro-Israel and Jewish circles over past reporting that questioned the legitimacy of Israeli military operations, particularly in Gaza. In recent months, he has amplified testimonies comparing Israeli conduct in the enclave to Nazi atrocities.

In one widely circulated post, Hill quoted a doctor who had volunteered in Gaza saying, “I can’t say I went to war. War is a very different thing. There was no war in Treblinka, there was no war in Auschwitz.

“War has two armies. Here you have a population of mostly civilians and women, who have no way to flee.” Hill added, “They’re systematically bombing from the sky. They hit hospitals, they hit journalists. The conditions my colleagues faced were tragic.”

In November 2023, Hill posted that Israel’s air campaign in Gaza “might be killing children at a rate unprecedented in 21st-century”—a claim that appears at odds with The Washington Post’s internal guidelines. The outlet prohibits staff from expressing partisan or political opinions online, instructing them to maintain neutrality on social media. In a separate visual investigation, Hill alleged that Israeli soldiers deliberately fired on a group of Palestinian civilians in Gaza, killing at least two. Reviewing the film Civil War by director Alex Garland, Hill drew direct parallels between its fictional combat scenes and real footage from Gaza. “These scenes are impossible, these days, not to associate with real-life images of Israeli troops leveling Gazan homes with tanks over the past 19 months,” he wrote.

Hill, a rising star in investigative journalism, specializes in visual forensics, open-source intelligence (OSINT) and data journalism. A Columbia University graduate fluent in Arabic, he has covered the Middle East extensively and previously lived in Qatar, Beirut and Cairo.

He joined The Washington Post in 2023 after four years at The New York Times, where he was part of teams that won three Pulitzer Prizes. His work there included exposing the deadly U.S. drone strike in Kabul, documenting airstrikes on Syrian hospitals and investigating alleged Russian war crimes in Bucha, Ukraine.

Earlier in his career, Hill was a senior researcher for Human Rights Watch in Beirut and worked as a journalist for Al Jazeera English in both New York and Qatar. His recent posts underscore the widening gap between Israel’s military censorship regime and the realities of a globalized digital information landscape.

Just days before Hill's post, Israel's chief military censor, Brig. Gen. Kobi Mandelblit, issued a warning to Israeli editors and foreign media operating in the country, urging them not to publish operational information, visual documentation or references to strike locations. The memo, also released in English, was meant to address the tendency of some foreign outlets to provide detailed accounts of missile impacts, both in live broadcasts and on social media.

However, as Hill's case highlights, while Israeli journalists remain bound by local law, foreign media and social networks face no such legal obligation—and Israel has little ability to enforce its censorship rules beyond its borders. The Washington Post has not responded to Ynet's request for comment on whether Hill's post was approved by editors or whether his critical reporting on Israel aligns with the outlet's objectivity standards.

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Pro-PA activists spray red paint on UK Air Force aircraft in major security breach

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Pro-Palestinian activists damage UK military aircraft in major security breach

Activists take responsibility for sabotage at UK's largest RAF base and criticize country's involvement of arming Israel; local authorities launch investigation

Ynet|15:19

Pro-Palestinian activists claimed responsibility for breaking into the UK's largest Royal Air Force base and damaging two military aircraft, in what UK media on Friday described as a major security failure.

The incident occurred at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire, where two members of the anti-Israel group Palestine Action infiltrated the base and sprayed red paint on the engines of two Airbus Voyager refueling aircraft before fleeing the scene. Footage shared by the group shows the activists riding electric scooters onto the airstrip and vandalizing the planes.

Bodycam footage released by the group shows the activists spraying red paint directly onto the turbine engines of the aircraft, which the British Air Force describes as "essential to extending the range and operational flexibility of the UK's air power." Palestine Action said the activists also used fire extinguishers and iron bars to cause further damage. They sprayed red paint on the runway and left behind a Palestinian flag. Days earlier, the same group filmed themselves vandalizing a warehouse belonging to a company that supplies military equipment to Israel.

"Despite publicly condemning Israel, the UK continues to send military equipment, fly surveillance planes over Gaza and refuel U.S. and Israeli warplanes," A spokesperson for the group said.

“The UK isn’t just complicit—it’s an active participant in the genocide in Gaza and in war crimes across the Middle East. By damaging the two aircraft, our activists directly intervened to prevent crimes against the Palestinian people.”

The UK Defense Ministry condemned the act of vandalism, saying: “We strongly denounce this criminal damage to Royal Air Force assets. We are cooperating closely with the police investigation. Our armed forces represent the best of Britain. They risk their lives and it’s our duty to support those who protect us.”

RAF Brize Norton is the largest airbase in the UK, with approximately 5,800 personnel. The Voyager aircraft—dubbed “flying fuel stations”—can carry up to 109 metric tons (approximately 120 U.S. tons) of fuel and are used for mid-air refueling of fighter jets. The Royal Air Force operates nine such aircraft. Recent reports suggest some may be deployed to the Middle East if the conflict between Israel and Iran escalates.

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Israeli drone strike eliminated Iranian nuclear scientist in Tehran

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Report: Israeli drone strike targeted Iranian nuclear scientist in Tehran | Live updates
Israeli sources estimate target was eliminated in strike; IDF spokesperson says forces continue to act in Tehran to counter missile threat; Iran rules out negotiations amid ongoing Israeli strikes, as Tehran accuses Western powers of complicity in the attacks
Iris Lifshitz-Klieger, Lior El Hai|Updated:13:39

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported Friday that Israeli Air Force fighter jets, guided by precise intelligence from the Military Intelligence Directorate, recently struck the headquarters of Iran’s internal security apparatus and its special units, located in the Tehran area.

"The internal security mechanisms operate as part of the Iranian regime's military apparatus," the statement read.

“All attacks on civilian and energy infrastructure in the context of the Iran-Israel conflict must stop immediately,” Macron said. He stressed that “priority must be given to returning to negotiations. Iran must demonstrate a willingness to come back to the negotiating table.”

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources in Paris, Berlin and London confirmed that the three countries are working on a comprehensive proposal to be presented to Iran soon, aimed at restoring a diplomatic track and preventing further escalation in the regional conflict.

Defense Minister Israel Katz held a security assessment Friday morning with IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir and other senior military officials, after which he instructed the military to intensify strikes on regime targets in Tehran.

“We must strike all symbols of the regime and its instruments of repression, such as the Basij, as well as the foundations of its power like the Revolutionary Guards,” Katz said. “The aim is to prompt mass evacuations from Tehran, destabilize the regime and increase deterrence in response to rocket fire on Israel’s home front—alongside continued operations against nuclear facilities and scientists until all objectives of the campaign are fully achieved.”

The Iran International news outlet reported Friday that an Israeli drone targeted an apartment in the Gisha neighborhood in central Tehran. A follow-up report on the channel claimed the strike was aimed at a compound used by the IRGC's Basij militia operating in the area.

According to reports, the strike's intended target was a nuclear scientist. Israeli sources believe the individual was successfully eliminated.

IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Ephraim Defrin issued a televised statement on Friday following the intense overnight missile salvo from Iran that hit Be'er Sheva. "Overnight, 50 Israeli Air Force fighter jets flew over Tehran targeting weapons and military targets. We will continue to strike Iran using a guided plan," he said.

Addressing the direct hit in southern Israel, he added: "The Iranian planned to carry out a more significant launch toward Be'er Sheva, and still hold serious military capabilities. We will continue to combat Tehran until the threats against Israel are removed."

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said on Saturday that Tehran will not engage in talks with any party as long as Israeli attacks persist. His word came shortly after reports of Iranian air defenses engaging above Tehran.

“Western countries are not condemning Israel’s aggression against Iran, even though they know it violates all international laws and resolutions,” Araghchi stated. “The U.S. is complicit in the Israeli aggression against Iran, even if it’s not participating publicly,” he added.

The first rescue ship returning Israelis stuck abroad, overseen by Transportation Minister Miri Regev, docked Friday at the Port of Ashdod. The vessel, Crown Iris, operated by Mano Maritime, brought back about 2,000 Israelis who had been evacuated from Limassol, Cyprus.

“This is a national mission and a demonstration of Israeli solidarity,” said Regev. “We continue to work tirelessly, using all available tools and resources, to bring Israeli citizens home safely.”

The IDF completed a series of overnight strikes in the heart of Tehran, the IDF announced Friday morning. Dozens of targets were attacked, including military industrial sites for missile production and the Spand headquarters for research and development of the nuclear weapons project.

On Friday morning, heavy smoke rose from the scene of a missile impact in Be'er Sheva in southern Israel, and extensive damage was caused from an Iranian missile attack.

Damage was seen in nearby homes and Vehicles are also on fire. There are currently no reports of injuries. Magen David Adom teams are providing medical treatment at the scene to several panic victims and are searching for additional victims. Read more about the attack here.

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Tel Aviv public shelters former neglect; 600 spaces now available meeting standards

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Tel Aviv atomic shelter reveals neglect as fighting with Iran continues

South Tel Aviv residents seek refuge in derelict public atomic shelter amid war, exposing dire conditions and urgent infrastructure gaps

Shalev Kachlon|12:09

Daniel and Neta live near the Central Bus Station in south Tel Aviv—in a home that has a reinforced shelter. But following recent damage to shelters in cities like Petah Tikva, they began looking for a safer option. That search led them to the station's long-forgotten atomic bomb shelter—an enormous but badly neglected facility.

“The Central Bus Station is fascinating,” they said. “We knew there was a huge nuclear-proof shelter here but it doesn't seem livable.” The shelter includes decontamination chambers, toilets, showers, changing rooms, water tanks, a massive vault and heavy red blast doors—all now hidden behind decay.

“I came to see if I could sleep here at night, but in this condition, there's no chance,” said Sapir, another resident of south Tel Aviv, who's been urging the city to address the state of public shelters.

“Some shelters are closed off, even when sirens sound. A few days ago, I asked why a school shelter was locked and was told they feared looting. I understand the concern but you could remove valuables or open it only during alerts. Keeping it shut isn't acceptable.”

Sapir added that many residents of south Tel Aviv—both long-time locals and asylum seekers—are from low-income communities, often without access to home shelters.

“Unlike more affluent location in Tel Aviv, which have games in their shelters, here it's pitch black, filthy and stinking of sewage. There are wooden pallets so people can avoid stepping in feces. Why is this acceptable?”

Others have given up on the shelter altogether. Menachem, who sells electronics in the station, said: “I haven't gone down there. Just look at the stairwell—who knows what it's like down there?” Outside, taxi drivers echoed the sentiment: “We're not going down there during a siren.”

Access to the shelter is confusing. Even if you follow the signs and descend three levels, you'll find a locked door. "By chance we saw an emergency door labeled 37/1. Someone was there and didn't want to let us in, though we're not sure what his role was," Daniel and Neta recalled.

"We went down several more levels and finally reached the shelter." Sapir added, "Even the Hebrew signs aren't clear. People panic during sirens—why should they be met with locked doors? There should be signs in all relevant languages: Hebrew, English, Arabic, Amharic and Tigrinya."

In response, the Tel Aviv Municipality said it had opened all public shelters across the city, upgraded signage and added large underground parking lots as additional protected spaces in coordination with the IDF Home Front Command.

Hundreds of shelters in schools, welfare centers and community buildings have also been inspected, with over 600 reinforced spaces now available to the public, all meeting national safety standards.

Due to the citywide shortage of proper shelters, Tel Aviv and the Home Front Command have added approximately 90 new public shelters since the war began. In recent days, the Central Bus Station shelter was reopened after a thorough cleaning conducted by station management in coordination with the city.

The municipality clarified that while the shelter is now operational, its maintenance is the responsibility of the bus station's management company.

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More than 60 Israeli Air Force aircraft struck dozens of targets in Tehran | Live updates
Targets include military industrial sites for missile production and the Spand headquarters for research and development of the nuclear weapons project; Missiles launched Friday morning hours after drones infiltrate the Dead Sea region twice; first rescue flight takes off from New York to return citizens to Israel
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Overnight between Thursday and Friday, more than 60 Air Force fighter jets attacked dozens of military targets in Iran with precise intelligence guidance from the Intelligence Department using approximately 120 munitions. Several industrial sites for missile production in the Tehran area of Iran were attacked. These sites were built over years and formed the industrial center of gravity of the Iranian Ministry of Defense. Among the sites attacked were military industrial sites for the production of missile components and

sites for the production of raw materials used for casting missile engines, according to the IDF.

On Friday morning, heavy smoke rose from the scene of a missile impact in Be'er Sheva in southern Israel, and extensive damage was caused from an Iranian missile attack. Damage was seen in nearby homes and Vehicles are also on fire. There are currently no reports of injuries. Magen David Adom teams are providing medical treatment at the scene to several panic victims and are searching for additional victims. Read more about the attack here.

Alert sirens sound throughout southern Israel after residents of the areas of the Dead Sea, West Lachish, West Negev, Gaza Envelope, Central Negev, Southern Negev receive notice that missile launches from Iran are heading in their direction on Friday morning. The IDF says that up to three missiles were launched.

One of the residents in the area of the missile impact in Be'er Sheva said that his brother lives there. "His entire apartment is filled with smoke. They haven't rescued him yet, but we've contacted him and he's fine," he said.

Sources told CNN that behind the "window of opportunity" that President Donald Trump opened Thursday night in his statement that he will make a decision on an attack on Iran in the next two weeks stands the hope that Iran will agree to compromise in negotiations on a new nuclear agreement, and abandon the rigid position in which it refused to give up its right to enrich uranium on its soil. According to the sources, Trump and his advisers hope that Iran will accept the terms of the American proposal that they rejected, and under which it will ultimately be required to give up the ability to enrich uranium on its territory. Read more about Trump's statement here.

Sirens warning of an unidentified aerial vehicle sounded twice in the Dead Sea region, including at hotels in the central Dead Sea and Neve Zohar, early Friday morning. The drones were intercepted, according to the IDF.

The first rescue flight from New York to Israel took off from JFK airport with hundreds of Israelis on board. Another flight is expected to depart later from Newark Airport in New Jersey - among its passengers is Minister Haim Katz, who was stranded in the city along with thousands of Israelis due to flight disruptions caused by the war on Iran. The Consul General of Israel in New York, Ofir Akunis, stated: "In a good and successful hour, the first rescue flight has taken off on its way to Israel. With the safe landing of both rescue flights from New York, our hope is that they will continue next week as well - until the skies open with Israel's victory over the ayatollahs."

Iranian news agency "Fars" reports that the IDF has begun attacking the area of Kolesh Taleshan village in northern Iran, about 20 km from the Caspian Sea - approximately two hours after IDF Persian-language spokesperson, Sergeant Major (res.) Kamal Pinchasi, issued an evacuation notice to some residents there. In the message Pinchasi published to residents, he warned that the IDF would strike the "Sefidrood Industrial Park located in the village.

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Shortly after midnight between Thursday night and Friday morning, the IDF spokesperson announced that the Air Force intercepted a drone launched from Iran in the Haifa area. "No alerts were activated, as per policy," the statement said.

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Missile from Iran exploded, causing extensive damage to residential buildings; No casualties reported
Ilana Curie|| 07:26

A missile launched from Iran impacted on Friday morning in Be'er Sheva, just one day after the devastating strike on Soroka Hospital in the city. Massive destruction was recorded again at the impact site but, according to Magen David Adom, no casualties have been reported.

Soroka Hospital in Be'er Sheva reported that following the rocket strike in the city, 7 people with light injuries were evacuated, mainly due to injuries sustained while running to shelters and from the blast wave.

Be'er Sheva police commander, Chief Superintendent Kfir Solomon, announced at the missile impact site that all residents have been evacuated from the building hit in the city. He added that "there were several people trapped, mainly in safe rooms. Civilian discipline saved lives in this case as well. We have opened a family center and are nearing completion of handling the incident. We are prepared for any scenario. There are no trapped individuals and no missing persons."

Iran's Revolutionary Guards claim that "the Microsoft site in Be'er Sheva was targeted due to its close collaboration with the Israeli military and because it's part of the system supporting the aggression—not merely a civilian entity. The attacked cyber-zone also includes residences for individuals involved in intelligence and artificial-intelligence operations, working directly with the enemy's military and security apparatus."

Tovi Nachon, whose home was damaged by the missile blast, described the moment of the attack. "We were asleep in the safe room. We closed the door, everything as usual—and then there was a significant boom. We smelled burning and dust everywhere. The house is completely totaled. I went outside and was stunned. Thankfully, I had clothes in the safe-room closet."

Another resident whose home was struck recounted the moment of the blast. "We went into the safe room, and then there was a crazy boom. The window shattered onto my face. I opened the safe-room door and it was pitch dark. The entire house—glass everywhere, everything torn apart. There is no house," she said. She explained that her older children were staying with her parents and she was left with the younger child while her husband was in reserve duty. Another neighbor added, "The whole house is destroyed. We saw on the surveillance cameras that everything was wrecked."

A third resident who returned home said: "We were in the safe room when there was a very loud boom. We saw chunks of plaster fall to the floor. We learned via the building's WhatsApp group that our building had been hit and so was the parking lot nearby. Someone asked if everyone was okay. When they told us to evacuate, we barely managed to open the door. All the ceiling, hallway, and doors had collapsed and blocked the way. No windows, no doors, every room is ruined. We were fortunate to get into the safe room, because in the bedroom the window and the balcony door blew onto the bed. We left

miraculously—but the house is destroyed. The only things we took with us were ourselves. I barely managed to grab my shoes and my bag.”

Magen David Adom paramedic Dvir Ben-Ze’ev described the scene. “We arrived quickly with a large force of mobile ICUs, ambulances, and motorcycles, and saw thick smoke, cars burning, and in one of the buildings significant destruction and damage to additional apartments. We set up two medical points and are conducting health checks on residents exiting the buildings. Concurrently, together with Home Front Command, fire and police forces, we are carrying out sweeps of the destroyed building and the other damaged units to ensure no injured persons remain inside.”

The commander of the Be’er Sheva fire station added that “we received several reports of a missile strike. Upon arrival, we noted extensive destruction and many vehicles ablaze. The firefighting crews quickly began extinguishing the vehicles and simultaneously initiated apartment searches. Operations are ongoing; currently our efforts are focused on scanning the buildings to ensure no one is trapped.”

One of the municipal rescue unit volunteers also described the scene. “We arrived among the first responders and began checking that no one was injured inside the buildings. Thank God there were no casualties or trapped people. I personally carried a little girl in my arms—extracted a family from the safe room, whose door had deformed, but thank God they are all healthy. Additional rescue teams from United Hatzalah and MDA also arrived and helped us evacuate non-mobile residents, some stretched out on stretchers from the fourth floor. Following the guidelines saves lives.”

Be’er Sheva’s mayor, Rubik Danilovich, arrived at the scene shortly after the attack. “Everything is under control. There are a few lightly injured individuals who were evacuated. The residents’ discipline—immediately entering the protected areas—saved lives,” he said. “There is substantial damage, but people followed the Home Front Command’s instructions and saved themselves. Our challenge is to gather residents and find them temporary shelter. We were prepared. We have psychologists and social workers on site. The response was extremely swift. We are in a multi-front war. This is an existential struggle.”

Soroka Hospital director Dr. Shlomi Kodish told Ynet that the missile fired from Iran Thursday morning struck the older surgical inpatient building. The building had been evacuated of patients. It sustained very heavy damage, and adjacent structures were also heavily affected by the blast wave.

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IDF's next targets to strip south Iran of missile launchers shielded by SAM threats

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Southern Iran in the crosshairs: These are the IDF's next targets
Attack on the Arak reactor opens way to southeastern Iran, where dozens of missile launchers aimed at Israel are hidden - as well as the fortified nuclear facility in Fordow;

The goal: air control in the area like that achieved in western Iran; The IDF estimates that half of the launchers have been destroyed, but fears more cluster munitions missiles
Yoav Zitun|04:38

After achieving near-complete air superiority over western Iran—the gateway to the Islamic Republic—Israeli UAVs have maintained dominant surveillance over Tehran for three consecutive days. The recent strike on the Arak heavy-water reactor not only neutralized a symbolic nuclear asset but also cleared a path toward a far more critical target: Israeli air dominance over southern Iran, home to some of the country's most fortified and strategically vital sites, including the underground enrichment facility near the village of Fordow.

Dozens of Israeli fighter jets that struck the Arak reactor at dawn also destroyed air defense batteries and radar systems south of Tehran. This was part of a broader campaign to dismantle Iranian air defense networks and open the skies for deeper strikes against the country's nuclear infrastructure. The Fordow area—deep in southeastern Iran—is shielded by some of the regime's most advanced domestically produced surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems.

Until now, only probing attacks had been carried out around Fordow, in Isfahan, and at other military bases farther east—areas less accessible to Israel. These actions lacked the full freedom of maneuver that the Israeli Air Force is now pushing for: to enable cost-effective, locally conducted “stand-on” strikes, instead of long-range “stand-off” operations using expensive weaponry.

Western Iran is already under persistent Israeli aerial control, with daily operations aimed at sealing off Iranian missile launch tunnels to block further strikes. According to IDF intelligence, the priority is not to destroy every ballistic missile—of which Iran has thousands—but to target their launch systems. Many of these launchers, the IDF has discovered, are concealed in southeastern Iran. The Air Force aims to use this momentum to strip these areas of SAM threats, thereby increasing detection and strike capabilities against these launchers.

The IDF estimates suggest that about half of Iran's surface-to-surface missile launchers have already been destroyed. The policy is clear: “What's identified gets hit,” using a joint effort between fighter jets and large UAVs constantly patrolling high-interest areas under intelligence command.

On Wednesday, Iran claimed to have downed another Israeli UAV. Meanwhile, U.S. sources reported that Israel's stockpile of Arrow interceptor missiles is running low. This week, for the first time, the IDF also employed the Navy's highly advanced (and expensive) “LARD” missile from the Barak Magen (Lightning Shield) defense system to intercept Iranian drones.

Israel's Defense Ministry confirmed Wednesday that multiple cargo planes have landed as part of an ongoing military airlift. Since the beginning of the campaign against Iran, 14 cargo aircraft have arrived, though at a slower pace compared to the post-October 7 global support effort.

Unlike the earlier war with Hamas, the ministry is withholding details on the origin and contents of this aid, revealing only that missions from Germany and the U.S. were involved. The secrecy is such that the ministry even obscured aircraft markings to conceal the operating carrier.

It is widely believed that much of this support is aimed at sustaining Israel's aerial campaign against Iran for weeks or longer.

From the outset, Israel's defense leadership prepared for a prolonged campaign, structuring a multi-phase, flexible operation designed to eventually return the country to a manageable routine. The aim is to avoid prolonged disruption of essential services—especially education and international travel through Ben Gurion Airport.

Home Front Command officials explained that the easing of certain restrictions—allowing work in protected facilities—stems from both intelligence assessments and the responsible behavior of the public, which has helped limit fatalities to 24, far fewer than the hundreds predicted in pre-war scenarios.

The IDF believes Iran will continue to test more advanced weapons, including the cluster munitions missiles fired Wednesday that struck the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange district in Ramat Gan. The missile penetrated the first basement level of a newly built parking garage. On-site analysis revealed that the missile contained dozens of bomblets—each roughly the size of an average Gaza-launched Grad rocket—capable of dispersing mid-air over a radius of up to eight kilometers. The damage caused by such munitions in a dense urban area is extensive and highly destructive.

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Iran threatens legal action against IAEA head for 'inaction' over Israeli strikes; British foreign secretary will join French, German, Iranian counterparts to push for diplomatic solution to Iran's nuclear program; IDF issues evacuation notice for civilians in area of northern Iran

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'Tanks under the hospital': Iran uses fake simulation to justify strike on Israeli medical center

Tehran denies targeting Soroka—southern Israel's main medical complex—framing the strike as a legitimate attack on an alleged nearby military intelligence hub and underground tank storage to vindicate its actions

Lior Ben Ari|18:55

In the hours following the missile strike that caused significant damage at Soroka Medical Center in Be'er Sheva on Thursday, Iranian media issued statements framing the attack as a deliberate strike on an IDF installation rather than a hospital.

Iran's state news agency IRNA claimed the primary target was "the Israeli army's intelligence and command center" located in the Gev-Yam Negev Advanced Technologies Park near the hospital.

According to the report, the facility housed thousands of military personnel, cyber and digital command systems and IDF control infrastructure. IRNA added that the hospital was damaged only by the blast wave and was not directly targeted.

Iranian outlets rejected reports of a direct hit on the hospital as "Israeli manipulation," suggesting Jerusalem was attempting to deflect attention from damage inflicted on what Tehran described as a legitimate military target.

Iranian media further claimed that in recent days, Israel had struck civilian hospitals in Tehran and Kermanshah and alleged that the Israeli hospital was being used to treat IDF soldiers wounded in Gaza.

A channel affiliated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), which has been claiming responsibility for attacks, asserted that the strike was aimed at "a military medical facility for soldiers at Soroka Military Hospital"—a term Iran used despite Soroka being a civilian institution.

One Iranian outlet released a fabricated simulation video purporting to show tanks housed in an underground military storage beneath the hospital.

The IRGC addressed Thursday morning's barrage, saying, "This morning, a joint attack was carried out using drones and strategic missiles. The Israeli military command center near the hospital was accurately targeted," the IRGC said in a statement.

"The intelligence and targeting capabilities of Iranian forces are now on display to the world. We've already warned that the skies over the occupied territories are no longer secure. There is no safe place, and now we warn that the Zionist regime will not withstand the economic blows to come. We will take revenge on the criminals."

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Defense establishment says some missiles in morning barrage carried cluster bombs that exploded on impact; Iran claims missile that struck Soroka Hospital among them; public urged not to touch suspicious objects

Elisha Ben Kimon, Lior Ben Ari|15:27

Iran used banned cluster munitions in missiles fired at Israel in the Thursday morning attack, which caused massive damage - including to Soroka hospital and injured more than 200 people. Following the determination, the IDF warned the public not to touch or move suspected explosives that may still be on the ground.

Preliminary findings from one of the impact sites indicate that some of the missiles carried additional explosive payloads, or cluster bombs, that detonated upon impact, according to Israeli defense officials. This assessment is based on evidence collected at the scene and ongoing analysis by security teams.

A message from the Home Front Command stated that: "This morning we experienced a missile strike capable of dispersing small munitions over a relatively wide area." The message added that it is possible that some of the munitions will remain on the ground and not explode, and urged the public not to touch or move such suspicious objects.

Meanwhile, a Telegram channel affiliated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) acknowledged the strike on Soroka. While repeating previous Iranian claims that the target was a "military-security compound near the hospital," the channel also provided details about the warheads reportedly used in the barrage.

The moment of impact on Soroka hospital

According to the post: "The warheads used contain smaller submunitions, designed to strike multiple targets simultaneously. In such missiles, the primary warheads split upon reaching the target, releasing a large number of guided explosive submunitions, causing extensive and precise destruction. This is what happened in this operation."

If confirmed, the use of such munitions—effectively cluster bombs—would represent a dangerous escalation in the nature of weaponry deployed by Iran in its direct confrontation with Israel.

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At least 147 injured, 6 seriously, in Iranian missile attack that struck 7 sites, including hospital; Flights to return stranded Israelis expanded; Diplomatic missions of Austria, Kenya, Lithuania close to direct hit, say international law protects them; foreign news agency raided for providing exact locations of impacts

Itamar Eichner, Lior Ben Ari, Yoav Zitun, Gal Ganot, Raanan Ben Zur | Updated: 12:51

The Russian Foreign Ministry on Thursday urged Israel to immediately halt air attacks on the Bushehr nuclear plant in Iran where Russian specialists work. Bushehr, Iran's only operating nuclear power plant, uses Russian fuel that Russia then takes back when it is spent in order to reduce nuclear proliferation risk. Maria Zakharova, the ministry's spokeswoman, also repeated a Russian warning to the United States not to get involved militarily in the Israel-Iran conflict, saying this would have unpredictable and negative consequences.

Defense Minister Israel Katz issued a statement to the media at the site of the direct missile hit in Holon, and for the first time threatened to eliminate Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. "Preventing the existence of Khamenei, the modern Hitler - one of the goals of the operation," he said. "A dictator like Khamenei, who leads Iran and has inscribed the destruction of Israel on his flag - he cannot continue to exist." Katz added that Khamenei "has great ideological influence, he uses all his resources for the cause, and today we see proof that he is giving orders to shoot at hospitals. We see that he should not be on the agenda."

At least 147 casualties from the missile barrage launched by Iran Thursday morning arrived at hospitals across the country, including from impact sites in Ramat Gan and Holon, as well as those who evacuated independently. Some 37 wounded were evacuated to Wolfson Hospital in Holon, 36 to Ichilov in Tel Aviv, 21 to Sheba in Tel Hashomer, 14 to Beilinson in Petah Tikva, 16 to Assaf Harofeh in Beer Yaakov, 13 to Barzilai in Ashkelon, six to Mayanei HaYeshua in Bnei Brak, three to Assuta in Ashdod and one to Schneider in Petah Tikva. Six were classified as being injured seriously. El Al announced the expansion of rescue flight destinations to Israel, with two flights expected to take off from New York and one from Bangkok Thursday night. Read about rescue flights here.

The company is preparing to operate rescue flights next week from major destinations where many El Al passengers are, and to which there is "high connectivity" from many destinations - London, Paris, Larnaca, Athens, Rome, New York, Los Angeles and Bangkok.

Rocket alert sirens sounded in the Gaza border community of Nahal Oz early afternoon on Thursday. The alarms were later determined to be false.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei attacked the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi, stating that he "betrayed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and turned the IAEA into a partner in an unjust war and violence by Israel."

"Misleading narratives have bad consequences. You have turned the IAEA into a convenient tool for non-NPT member states to deny its members their basic rights," he added.

Following the Iranian missile barrage Thursday morning, the Lithuanian embassy in Israel reported that the direct hit in Ramat Gan occurred approximately 200 meters from its location; no damage was caused. The Austrian embassy is located in the same building, as well as the Kenyan embassy. The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs also reported that minor damage was caused to the country's embassy building in Ramat Gan. "Diplomatic missions, which are protected under international law, must not be harmed," the Kenyan Foreign Ministry stated. "They should be kept away and protected from any conflict."

Also following the attack, Israel Police raided a foreign news agency complex through which Al Jazeera was broadcasting, which documented a rocket impact site while exposing its exact location. It was reported that the officers "stopped the illegal broadcasts" in accordance with "the policy of National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, under the instruction of Police Commissioner Dani Levy and in cooperation with

Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi - to protect the safety and security of Israel's citizens."

Despite the massive missile attack, The Home Front Command did not change the state of emergency guidelines, which had been relaxed on Wednesday. Read about the relaxed guidelines [here](#). A special state of emergency was declared in the home front throughout the country with the start of the war on Iran a week ago, and it was later extended by government decision until June 30.

Defense Minister Israel Katz addressed the barrage of missiles launched by Iran Thursday morning and stated that "the cowardly Iranian dictator sits deep in his fortified bunker and fires deliberately at hospitals and residential buildings in Israel. These are war crimes of the most severe kind - and Khamenei will pay for his crimes."

Katz said that he and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "have instructed the IDF to intensify attacks against strategic targets in Iran and government targets in Tehran - to remove threats against the State of Israel and undermine the ayatollahs' regime."

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said of the missile strike that "Iran will make the attackers regret their big mistake." His deputy, Kazem Gharibabadi, added that "if the U.S. actively intervenes in favor of Israel, Iran will have to use its tools to teach the attackers a lesson - and protect its security and national interests. For our military decision-makers - all options are on the table."

The number of people seriously injured in Thursday morning's missile attack has risen to 6. Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer reported that two severely injured individuals from the latest barrage were evacuated to the hospital, and four were evacuated to Wolfson Hospital in Holon. A total of 65 people were injured in the Iranian missile barrage.

Some 30 missiles were launched in the morning's missile attack on southern and central Israel. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that "Iran's terror tyrants launched missiles at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba and at civilian populations in central Israel. We will exact the full price from the tyrants in Tehran."

The IDF confirmed on Wednesday that it attacked the heavy water nuclear reactor in the area of Arak, including the structure of the reactor's core seal, which is a key component in plutonium production.

"The strike targeted the component intended for plutonium production, in order to prevent the reactor from being restored and used for nuclear weapons development," the military said.

A missile launched from Iran struck Soroka Medical Center in the southern city of Be'er Sheva on Thursday, causing significant damage, Israeli authorities said. Read more about it and see photos of the destruction [here](#).

Following the missile strike on Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, the police began evacuating people amid suspicion of a leak of hazardous materials on an upper floor of the building. The concern was later removed.

Soroka Medical Center in Be'er Sheva takes direct impact from Iran missile

Air raid sirens were activated across the country following a wave of missile launches from Iran. Dozens of projectiles were fired in what Tehran described as a combined missile and drone attack.

Reports indicated missile impacts in at least seven locations in central and southern Israel. Emergency services are assessing the damage and treating any casualties. Further details on injuries were not immediately available.

Direct hits were reported in Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Holon. Medical teams were on site. Thus far, Magen David Adom(MDA) said their teams treated three people who were seriously hurt in Holon

Residents in affected areas received alerts and were instructed to enter protected spaces and remain there until further notice. The military emphasized that people should not leave their shelters unless given explicit permission to do so.

The United States is moving closer to taking action against Iran, Bloomberg reported Wednesday overnight. According to the network, American officials are preparing for the possibility of a strike in the coming days, although the situation is still developing and could change.

Some of the sources who spoke with Bloomberg pointed to potential plans for a strike as early as this coming weekend, with one source noting that senior officials in several federal agencies have already begun preparations for an attack.

The IDF launched a new wave of airstrikes in Iran Wednesday overnight, targeting weapons depots, missile launchers, and additional military sites—primarily in Tehran and its western outskirts.

As the strikes commenced, the IDF also issued an urgent evacuation warning in Persian for individuals located near the Arak-Khondab area, home to Iran's IR-40 heavy water nuclear reactor.

“The IDF continues to operate across the region, as it has in recent days throughout Iran, targeting the Iranian regime's military infrastructure,” the statement said. “Dear civilians, for your safety and well-being, we urge you to immediately evacuate the marked area. Your presence there endangers your lives.”

The IDF reported Wednesday overnight that at 2:21 a.m., sirens warning of a hostile UAV were activated in the Jordan Valley at the communities of Argaman, Hamra, Mekhora, and Hemdat. The Home Front Command later reported that the incident involving a drone infiltration had ended.

The IDF intercepted a hostile aircraft Wednesday overnight that was launched from Iran, after sirens sounded between 1:55 a.m. and 1:59 a.m. in several areas of northern Israel due to a hostile aircraft infiltration.

U.S. President Donald Trump told senior aides late Tuesday that he approved attack plans for Iran but has withheld a final order to see if Tehran would abandon its nuclear program, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday, citing three people familiar with the deliberations.

Iran late Wednesday launched a second volley of missiles aimed at central Israel, triggering air raid sirens across the region. Magen David Adom said shortly after alarms blared that no injuries had been reported during the latest attack at the time of writing. Interceptions over central Israel following barrage from Iran (Raanan Ben Tsur)

U.S. President Donald Trump said late on Wednesday that he has not closed the door on a meeting with Iran. 'I may do that,' he said ahead of a scheduled meeting at the White House, to discuss Israel's operation. 'A deal could still be done.'

The president said he has not yet decided on an American attack on Iran's Fordow underground nuclear facility, but said Iran was a few weeks away from having a nuclear weapon. Read the full story here.

Iran's public television (IRIB) had its broadcasts hacked and its viewers were shown images of protests along with calls to rise up against the regime, the UK-based opposition outlet Iran International reported. The Iranian public broadcaster said in a message to viewers that the pictures on their screens were the result of disturbances to the satellite signals, caused by the "Zionist enemy." Read the full story here.

Iranian television broadcast hacked by calls for protest, uprising against the regime

Iran launched one ballistic missile toward central Israel in the evening hours, which was intercepted by aerial defenses. One man was slightly injured when shrapnel fell on his car. The launch triggered sirens, sending millions into shelters.

"A short while ago, the IDF identified missiles launched from Iran toward the territory of the State of Israel. Defensive systems are operating to intercept the threat. The public is instructed to enter a protected space and remain there until further notice," the IDF said in a statement.

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Ynet|Updated:08:47

Israel's Soroka hospital in Beer Sheba and seven sites in the center of the country were hit during a ballistic missile attack from Iran on Thursday morning.

Following the missile strike on Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, there is a suspicion of a leak of hazardous materials on an upper floor of the building. The police have begun evacuating and removing people from the area.

Police reported a suspected hazardous materials incident on one of the hospital floors, and an evacuation began. But the concern was later removed.

Doctors were in shelters with patients at the time of the impact. "Suddenly everything broke," said those who were at the hospital. "There is no building. The dining hall building collapsed." Following the impact, water is flowing in the main building, which has become a mass of rubble.

The Ministry of Health issued a directive to hospitals in the center to prepare to receive patients from Soroka, after first directing some to in Barzilai and Assuta Ashdod.

Iran said it did not aim for Soroka, claiming that the target was a military base near the hospital.

Ilanit, who is at the scene, said: "There is almost no place in the hospital that was not damaged. The ceilings fell, the medical teams rushed to get the patients into a protected space, now they have evacuated us to the grass, but I don't know how protected we are."

"It was really stressful" a patient in the emergency room said. "We heard the alarm and went to the stairwell, the protected space, and then suddenly we heard an abnormal boom. Things were flying. The ceiling was flying." Gal from Ofakim added: "We heard a very big boom inside the hospital. We were here in the emergency room. It was very stressful."

"I entered the stairwell and all the safety doors closed," said Yoram from Soroka. "The ceiling fell on us, the impact threw me off. Until you experience something like this, you don't believe it could happen, it's impossible to digest something like this. The patients in the wards are being evacuated, it's lucky we evacuated one of the wards yesterday, otherwise there wouldn't have been a ward."

A nurse at the medical center said: "There is no ward now. When we arrived, there was a rush of people, chaos. We went straight to the emergency room to see if we needed help. Now they are evacuating the entire hospital to protected areas, the building is not safe. We are quite shocked."

President Isaac Herzog commented on the attack: "A baby in intensive care. A mother by their bedside. A doctor rushing between beds. An elderly resident in a nursing home. These were some of the targets of Iran's missile attacks on Israeli civilians this morning. "Soroka Hospital, located in Be'er Sheva, is one of Israel's finest—serving the entire Negev region, caring for Israelis of all faiths and our neighbors the Palestinians who come especially to be treated there. Its devoted staff—Jews and Arabs—work side by side in extraordinary harmony, united by the mission to heal."

"I send strength and support to the medical teams, to the patients, and to the residents of Be'er Sheva and all cities attacked across Israel this morning. In moments like these, we

are reminded of what's truly at stake, and the values we are defending," Herzog concluded.

The barrage of dozens of missiles was fired Thursday morning, after a quiet night. At least seven impact sites are currently known, including in the center and south. More than 20 people were slightly injured, three people were seriously injured.

Two people were found at the scene of the strike in Holon with serious injuries and were evacuated to the hospital. Two additional people with moderate and light injuries were also evacuated to the hospital. Heavy damage was also caused at the direct hit site in Ramat Gan, where 12 people were lightly injured.

Air raid sirens were activated across the country following a wave of missile launches from Iran. Dozens of projectiles were fired in what Tehran described as a combined missile and drone attack.

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Israeli strike hit Houthi military chief during qat meeting, may critically wounded him
Jerusalem surprised by few Houthi launches since start of Israeli op, fueling belief he was critically wounded

Itamar Eichner | 05:03

Amid the heavy missile barrages launched by Iran since the start of Operation Rising Lion officials in Jerusalem were surprised by the relatively low number of rocket attacks from the Houthis in Yemen—and are still trying to understand why.

One possible explanation gaining traction is that the Houthis' top military commander was critically wounded in an Israeli airstrike over the weekend.

A senior Israeli official revealed that the Houthi chief of staff, Muhammad Abd al-Karim al-Ghamari, was targeted during a meeting where he had gathered "to chew qat. We struck him there," the official said. "This is not a joke."

The Israeli strike on al-Ghamari took place Saturday, coinciding with the wave of Israeli attacks in Iran and the Iranian missile fire directed at Israel. The outcome of the assassination attempt remains unclear, as does the identity of those who were with al-Ghamari at the time, but Israeli officials believe several senior figures were present. The growing assessment in Jerusalem is that al-Ghamari was likely killed in the strike.

A Yemeni security source told Ynet that al-Ghamari also served as the head of the Houthis' missile program. The Israeli strike reportedly targeted his meeting headquarters, located in an upscale neighborhood. In the aftermath, Houthi forces were seen setting up roadblocks, and ambulances were dispatched to the area.

Al-Ghamari had trained in Iran and was responsible for coordination between the Islamic Republic and the Houthi movement. The Yemeni source described him as one of the "most dangerous" figures within the group. If confirmed, his death would mark a significant blow to both the Houthis and Iran.

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The IDF intercepted a hostile aircraft Wednesday overnight that was launched from Iran, after sirens sounded between 1:55 a.m. and 1:59 a.m. in several areas of northern Israel due to a hostile aircraft infiltration.

U.S. President Donald Trump told senior aides late Tuesday that he approved attack plans for Iran but has withheld a final order to see if Tehran would abandon its nuclear program, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday, citing three people familiar with the deliberations.

Iran late Wednesday launched a second volley of missiles aimed at central Israel, triggering air raid sirens across the region. Magen David Adom said shortly after alarms blared that no injuries had been reported during the latest attack at the time of writing.

U.S. President Donald Trump said late on Wednesday that he has not closed the door on a meeting with Iran. 'I may do that,' he said ahead of a scheduled meeting at the White House, to discuss Israel's operation. 'A deal could still be done.'

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Lor Ben Ari|23:42

Iranian opposition-affiliated outlet Iran International reported Wednesday night that Iranian state television broadcasts were briefly hijacked, with protest footage aired alongside calls for citizens to take to the streets against the regime. A logo associated with Israel's recent Operation Rising Lion was visible in the corner of the screen.

Iran's national broadcasting authority confirmed the disruption and blamed Israel, saying in an official announcement: "If you see unrelated images, it is due to satellite signal interference by the Zionist enemy."

While Israeli officials have repeatedly emphasized that toppling the Iranian regime is not a declared goal of the current fighting, Tehran continued to accuse Israel of psychological warfare.

Iran International suggested the hack was likely carried out via satellite signal interference, targeting viewers who access state TV through satellite receivers.

On Tuesday, users across the country reported being unable to withdraw money from ATMs operated by Sepah Bank, which is owned by the Iranian government and tied to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

The hacker group "Predatory Sparrow," which has previously claimed responsibility for attacks on Iranian fuel infrastructure and military-linked industries, took credit for the bank hack. The group alleged Sepah Bank was used to circumvent international sanctions and fund Iran's missile and nuclear programs.

"This is the fate of any institution that serves the dictator's terrorist fantasies," the group said in a statement, thanking unnamed "partners" who helped carry out the cyberattack. Separately, Maj. Gen. Shlomi Binder, head of the IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate, hinted at more operations to come following the unprecedented airstrike deep into Tehran earlier this week.

New footage of Israeli strike on Iranian state TV station

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Kim Glozman|18:58

The U.S. military was significantly bolstering its forces across the Middle East against the backdrop of potential American involvement in Israeli operations against Iran and Tehran's threats to retaliate against U.S. bases.

While U.S. President Donald Trump said Tuesday he has no plans to "currently" eliminate Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, the Pentagon has deployed dozens of fighter jets, refueling aircraft and has diverted the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz to the region in recent days.

The U.S. maintains an estimated 46,000 troops alongside warships and fighter jets across at least 19 sites in the Middle East, with eight designated as permanent bases, despite the White House's official stance that forces maintain a "defensive position."
Recent reinforcements include dozens of Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker refueling aircraft, at least 12 F-15 and F-35 fighter jets and the USS Nimitz carrier group. The Nimitz abruptly departed the South China Sea, canceling a planned port call in Vietnam on June 20th due to an "urgent operational demand," and is now sailing to join the USS Carl Vinson already positioned in the region.

Key installations witnessing activity include Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the largest U.S. base in the region, spanning over 12 square kilometers (4.6 sq mi). It houses approximately 11,000 personnel and over 100 aircraft, including B-52 strategic bombers, KC-135 tankers, F-15s, F-35s and MQ-9 strike drones.

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In Iraq, Ain al-Asad Air Base hosts about 2,500 U.S. and British troops. It faced a suspected Iran-backed militia drone attack last Saturday, with drones intercepted. The base remains vulnerable if Washington joins Israeli actions. Strategically located Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, approximately 4,000 kilometers (2,485 miles) from Iran, now hosts B-2 Spirit stealth bombers visible in recent satellite imagery.

These bombers can carry nuclear weapons or the massive 12.3-ton GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP) bunker-buster bomb, likely the only weapon capable of destroying Iran's Fordow nuclear site. F-15 fighters, C-17 transports and KC-135s are also deployed there.

Other critical hubs include Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, a joint logistics and supply center storing \$5.5 billion in pre-positioned weapons; Naval Support Activity Bahrain, housing roughly 8,300 U.S. Navy personnel and Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, though its operational use diminished after 2003.

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including missile storage sites and military operatives of the Iranian Regime, the IDF announced Wednesday afternoon.

Additionally, overnight, IAF fighter jets struck a loaded and "Emad" missile launcher ready-to-launch toward Israeli civilians.

IDF Spokesperson Effie Defrin also said early Wednesday afternoon that the IDF "attacked five Iranian combat helicopters that tried to hit our aircraft."

"The Israeli Air Force has been operating for the sixth consecutive day. We will continue to strike wherever we want to strike in Iran. There is Iranian resistance, but we control the air and will continue to control it," he said.

"We are operating in seven arenas. The war objectives have not changed, and we will continue to act forcefully to return the hostages and topple Hamas rule," he added.

The statement came after reports late Wednesday morning that the Israeli Air Force has begun a new wave of attacks on Tehran, this time in broad daylight.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said in a recorded statement that "Iran will not ignore any attack on its territory, and its armed forces are on alert. Israel made a grave mistake and will be punished for its actions. Iran will not forgive the Zionist entity for violating its airspace and will not forget the 'blood of its martyrs.' Our armed forces are ready to defend the homeland and are supported by the senior leadership and the entire people."

He also threatened the United States: "We will not surrender, if you attack - there will be severe consequences." He added that: "Those who know Iranians understand that they do not respond well to threatening language. Iran will not accept peace or war that is imposed on it."

In addition, the Qatari newspaper Al-Araby Al-Jadeed quoted an Iranian source as saying that "so far we have only used part of our military capabilities. There are heavy surprises that are coming gradually, we have planned additional steps that we will not reveal at this stage." According to him, "they will come into effect or the conflict will develop into an all-out war with American participation. Our nuclear facilities have not suffered significant damage. If Iranian residential neighborhoods are attacked - our attacks will reach residential areas in Tel Aviv, we will not consider it."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday afternoon that "Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has surpassed Hitler in terms of genocide." He added that "Iran's defense of itself against Israel's illegal attacks is natural, legitimate and legal. The Israeli attacks came before the end of the nuclear talks between the U.S. and Iran."

Britain said on Wednesday it was temporarily withdrawing the family members of staff who work at the country's embassy and consulate in Israel due to the significant risks posed from the conflict between Iran and Israel.

"Family members of staff at the British embassy in Tel Aviv and the British consulate in Jerusalem have been temporarily withdrawn as a precautionary measure," Britain's foreign office said on its travel advice page for Israel. "The embassy and consulate continues with essential work including services to British nationals," it added.

Meanwhile, Iranian state television reported that an Israeli drone was intercepted in Isfahan. The report was accompanied by videos of the alleged drone. Israel later confirms

that a Hermes medium-range UAV had crashed in Iran. An investigation has been launched into whether it was an intentional downing or whether it fell due to a technical malfunction. There were no casualties and there is no fear of information leaking, according to the IDF.

For the second time in under an hour on Wednesday morning, alerts warning of hostile aircraft infiltration were activated in the Golan Heights. The IDF later said that it intercepted 7 drones launched from Iran shortly before they crossed into the southern Golan.

Israel's stock of Arrow missiles is running low," an American official told the Wall Street Journal on the sixth day of the war with Iran, and after the Iranians have launched hundreds of ballistic missiles. Most of the ballistic missiles launched by the Iranians are intercepted by Arrow missiles, but David's Sling also participates in air defense, as do American systems, including THAAD.

According to the American newspaper, the shortage of Arrow missiles could negatively affect Israel's defense capabilities against long-range missiles launched from Iran.

The American official said that the United States has been aware of the problem for months and has been working to improve Israeli defense with weapons systems on the ground, at sea and in the air. He said that the Pentagon has sent air defense systems to the region - but now there are concerns that the US is also "burning" its stockpile.

Alerts warning of hostile aircraft infiltration were activated in both the southern and northern Golan on Wednesday morning. The sirens sounded in Ramat Magshimim, Hispin and Nov in the southern Golan Heights and in Moshav Yonatan in the northern Golan. The IDF spokesperson later updated that following alerts in the Golan Heights, the Air Force intercepted three drones that were launched from Iran.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards claimed Wednesday morning that they launched Fatah-1 missiles at Israel overnight, an advanced medium-range ballistic missile that was unveiled in June 2023. Iran claimed it is a hypersonic missile, meaning its speed is five times faster than the speed of sound, and according to Iranian reports its velocity allows it to evade missile defense systems.

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported early Wednesday that more than 50 Israeli Air Force fighter jets, guided by precise intelligence from the Military Intelligence Directorate, carried out a series of strikes overnight on military targets in the Tehran area. Israeli Air Force strikes in heart of Iran

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After almost a week of war, the weakened Lebanese terror group is content with statements and condemnations, and the rebels in Yemen are threatening but not acting; The pro-Iranian militias in Iraq are also encountering difficulties, after being expelled from Syria; But things could change when the U.S. enters the campaign

Lior Ben Ari|15:03

Six days into the war between Israel and Iran, the Islamic Republic's armed terror proxies in Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen have largely refrained from joining the fight, despite vocal support and threats. While Hezbollah and Iran-backed militias have condemned Israel's actions, they have so far held their fire—each for its own reasons. Only the Houthis in Yemen have continued sporadic launches toward Israel, though at a lower rate than before the war.

Hezbollah, which suffered significant blows during its campaign against Israel—waged in what it claimed was "support for Gaza"—has taken a restrained stance. Though it condemned the initial Israeli strike in Iran and denounced U.S. involvement, Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem has not threatened retaliation. The group is facing mounting

political pressure in Lebanon, including calls to disarm, and has reportedly received explicit warnings against dragging the country into a broader war.

"We stand with Iran politically, in the media, and publicly," senior Hezbollah figure Mahmoud Qamati stated Sunday. "Iran has not asked us for military support—it can defend itself."

He added that Israel's claim of monitoring Hezbollah's movements was a pretext to justify continued strikes on Lebanon. Hezbollah lawmaker Hassan Fadlallah echoed this message, saying Iran has never demanded others fight on its behalf: "When attacked, its sovereignty and dignity prevent it from relying on anything other than its own strength and leadership."

Pro-Iranian militias in Iraq have also remained quiet, partly due to shifting dynamics in Syria and Iraq. The fall of former Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime and weakening of the Iranian axis in Syria have forced these militias to retreat from cross-border operations. Now concentrated within Iraq, they face limitations on launching attacks, particularly with the Iraqi leadership wary of endangering state stability.

Though some drones were reportedly observed near U.S. bases in Iraq in recent days, according to a senior source quoted by Lebanon's Al-Akhbar, they crashed before reaching their targets. Another militia source said they were merely trying to "remind Washington that Iraq is not an open arena" and stressed that if the conflict widens, Iraq "will not remain neutral." For now, however, they are aligned with Iran's call for restraint. Iraq's Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani is reportedly pressuring militia leaders to avoid provocative rhetoric. On Sunday, the pro-Iranian Kataib Hezbollah issued a statement asserting that Iran does not need military assistance to deter "the Zionist entity." However, the group warned that if the U.S. joins the war, it will target American interests and bases across the region. They called on Baghdad to expel U.S. forces and shut down the American embassy—framing Washington as "the most dangerous threat to Iraq's security and regional stability."

The muted responses from Hezbollah and the Iraqi militias do not appear to stem from a lack of capacity but rather from political considerations and external constraints. Lebanese channel MTV, a critic of Hezbollah, remarked: "Is it a lack of weapons or a lack of a green light? Only the coming days will tell. For now, the Lebanese are enjoying neutrality."

Among Iran's proxies, only the Houthis in Yemen continue to fire toward Israel, albeit less frequently. Houthi political council member Mohammed al-Bukhaiti told Al Jazeera that Israel "crossed all red lines" by attacking Iranian nuclear sites, and warned: "Any aggression against an Arab or Muslim country will be met with an inevitable Yemeni response. We will support Iran just as we supported our brothers in Gaza."

Mahdi al-Mashat, head of the Houthis' Supreme Political Council, said late Sunday that Iran has the right to strike back at any nation attacking or aiding Israel: "It has enough

capabilities to respond, and it maintains extensive agreements and relations with many countries.”

While the Iranian regime’s regional proxies remain in the background for now, shifting dynamics—including U.S. military involvement—could quickly alter their calculus.

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IAF series of strikes overnight hit military targets in the Tehran area

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Israeli Air Force struck military targets, loaded missile launcher

IDF confirms Israeli Hermes drone shot down, falls in Iranian airspace; Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei in televised statement threatens retaliation | Live updates
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Israeli Air Force fighter jets, with the direction of the IDF Intelligence Directorate, completed a series of strikes on military targets in western Iran, approximately 25 fighter jets struck over 40 missile infrastructure components directed toward the State of Israel, including missile storage sites and military operatives of the Iranian Regime, the IDF announced Wednesday afternoon.

Additionally, overnight, IAF fighter jets struck a loaded and "Emad" missile launcher ready-to-launch toward Israeli civilians.

IDF Spokesperson Effie Defrin also said early Wednesday afternoon that the IDF "attacked five Iranian combat helicopters that tried to hit our aircraft."

"The Israeli Air Force has been operating for the sixth consecutive day. We will continue to strike wherever we want to strike in Iran. There is Iranian resistance, but we control the air and will continue to control it," he said.

"We are operating in seven arenas. The war objectives have not changed, and we will continue to act forcefully to return the hostages and topple Hamas rule," he added. The statement came after reports late Wednesday morning that the Israeli Air Force has begun a new wave of attacks on Tehran, this time in broad daylight.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said in a recorded statement that "Iran will not ignore any attack on its territory, and its armed forces are on alert. Israel made a grave mistake and will be punished for its actions. Iran will not forgive the Zionist entity for violating its airspace and will not forget the 'blood of its martyrs.' Our armed forces are ready to defend the homeland and are supported by the senior leadership and the entire people."

He also threatened the United States: "We will not surrender, if you attack - there will be severe consequences." He added that: "Those who know Iranians understand that they do

not respond well to threatening language. Iran will not accept peace or war that is imposed on it."

In addition, the Qatari newspaper Al-Araby Al-Jadeed quoted an Iranian source as saying that "so far we have only used part of our military capabilities. There are heavy surprises that are coming gradually, we have planned additional steps that we will not reveal at this stage." According to him, "they will come into effect or the conflict will develop into an all-out war with American participation. Our nuclear facilities have not suffered significant damage. If Iranian residential neighborhoods are attacked - our attacks will reach residential areas in Tel Aviv, we will not consider it."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday afternoon that "Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has surpassed Hitler in terms of genocide." He added that "Iran's defense of itself against Israel's illegal attacks is natural, legitimate and legal. The Israeli attacks came before the end of the nuclear talks between the U.S. and Iran."

Britain said on Wednesday it was temporarily withdrawing the family members of staff who work at the country's embassy and consulate in Israel due to the significant risks posed from the conflict between Iran and Israel.

"Family members of staff at the British embassy in Tel Aviv and the British consulate in Jerusalem have been temporarily withdrawn as a precautionary measure," Britain's foreign office said on its travel advice page for Israel. "The embassy and consulate continues with essential work including services to British nationals," it added.

Meanwhile, Iranian state television reported that an Israeli drone was intercepted in Isfahan. The report was accompanied by videos of the alleged drone. Israel later confirms that a Hermes medium-range UAV had crashed in Iran. An investigation has been launched into whether it was an intentional downing or whether it fell due to a technical malfunction. There were no casualties and there is no fear of information leaking, according to the IDF.

For the second time in under an hour on Wednesday morning, alerts warning of hostile aircraft infiltration were activated in the Golan Heights. The IDF later said that it intercepted 7 drones launched from Iran shortly before they crossed into the southern Golan.

Israel's stock of Arrow missiles is running low," an American official told the Wall Street Journal on the sixth day of the war with Iran, and after the Iranians have launched hundreds of ballistic missiles. Most of the ballistic missiles launched by the Iranians are intercepted by Arrow missiles, but David's Sling also participates in air defense, as do American systems, including THAAD.

According to the American newspaper, the shortage of Arrow missiles could negatively affect Israel's defense capabilities against long-range missiles launched from Iran.

The American official said that the United States has been aware of the problem for months and has been working to improve Israeli defense with weapons systems on the ground, at sea and in the air. He said that the Pentagon has sent air defense systems to the region - but now there are concerns that the US is also "burning" its stockpile.

Alerts warning of hostile aircraft infiltration were activated in both the southern and northern Golan on Wednesday morning. The sirens sounded in Ramat Magshimim, Hispin and Nov in the southern Golan Heights and in Moshav Yonatan in the northern Golan. The IDF spokesperson later updated that following alerts in the Golan Heights, the Air Force intercepted three drones that were launched from Iran.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards claimed Wednesday morning that they launched Fatah-1 missiles at Israel overnight, an advanced medium-range ballistic missile that was unveiled in June 2023. Iran claimed it is a hypersonic missile, meaning its speed is five times faster than the speed of sound, and according to Iranian reports its velocity allows it to evade missile defense systems.

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Gaza aid delivery weakens Hamas' grip—but fuels black market

While the IDF focuses on the war with Iran, aid continues flowing into Gaza; The growing humanitarian operation challenges Hamas' authority, creates pockets of anarchy, and sparks black market trade; Gazans feel that with the world's attention focused on the war with Iran, the negotiations and efforts to end the conflict in Gaza have been sidelined
Elisha Ben Kimon|10:52

While the IDF remains fully focused on the war with Iran, humanitarian aid operations in Gaza continue to move forward. The military remains engaged in Operation Gideon's Chariots, which carries a heavy toll, but due to a reduction in available forces, its activity in Gaza has shifted. Alongside combat operations, distribution of aid packages by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) continues at several points throughout the strip.

On Tuesday morning, a crowd of Gazans gathered near an aid truck that had broken down in the Khan Younis area, close to IDF troops operating in the sector. As the crowd approached the truck and the troops, gunfire was opened toward the Gazans. Local reports indicate several casualties. An IDF spokesperson stated: "The details are under review. The IDF regrets any harm to non-combatants and acts to minimize such incidents as much as possible while ensuring the safety of IDF troops."

For the first time since the American organization began operations, all four distribution points were open to Gaza residents on Monday. According to security sources, since the beginning of the aid distribution, 442,080 packages have been handed out, with each package designed to support five people for one week.

Security officials explain that the aid distribution continues to erode Hamas' control and governance. Gazans are coming to the distribution points and simply taking care of themselves. The war with Iran has impacted Gaza mainly in terms of deterrence but has also fueled public frustration. Many residents feel that with the world's attention focused on the war with Iran, the negotiations and efforts to end the conflict in Gaza — which they desire — have been sidelined.

Hamas, for its part, is trying to assert authority over the distribution points but has so far failed to do so. "In fact," a security source explains, "this is the most serious governance crisis Hamas has faced since the war began, and the intention is to keep up this pressure." The humanitarian operation may expand further, with an additional four distribution points expected to open, which would also establish a daily routine for Gazans. However, there are still gaps that the American foundation and the security establishment are working to address. Currently, there is no reliable system for tracking who receives aid packages. As a result, people are sometimes coming to the distribution points repeatedly, day after day.

The American organization is working to improve the situation, aiming for each distribution center to serve a designated list of individuals who can collect aid packages once a week. Due to the lack of monitoring, reports have surfaced of a black market where individuals collect multiple aid packages and resell them to other Gazans at inflated prices.

At this stage, the security establishment sees no signs that Hamas is taking control of the humanitarian aid. A few days ago, a video circulated on social media showing a Gazan — allegedly a former Hamas member — arriving at one of the distribution points. “This further undermines Hamas’ authority, embarrassing and humiliating it,” a security source explained.

The collapse of Hamas’ authority and the breaking of the population’s fear barrier has created pockets of anarchy in certain areas. Trucks delivering medical supplies and cooking equipment to northern Gaza, in coordination with Israeli government approvals, are sometimes looted before reaching their destinations — as happened again in the Khan Younis incident. Still, there are no indications that Hamas was behind these events. Following adjustments made to the distribution points, several key questions remain. Will the aid operation — which is severely damaging Hamas — be suspended as part of negotiations for hostage releases? Will Hamas demand an end to the aid in response to the pressure and humiliation it faces? And if so, how will Israel respond, and could an agreement be reached to relocate distribution points to the Gaza border?

To deal with the pockets of anarchy, security officials are considering a proposal for the IDF to isolate certain areas from Hamas, allowing aid trucks to enter those zones and enabling civilians to manage the process on a district-based system. For now, this idea remains distant and is naturally tied to the outcome of ongoing hostage negotiations. The defense establishment currently views the American humanitarian aid operation as one of the most significant developments in the war. The goal is to continue this plan in order to sever Hamas’ hold over the Gaza population as much as possible and eventually allow the emergence of a new, demilitarized leadership.

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Tehran residents flee amid ongoing Israeli strikes and rising uncertainty

Tehran witnesses mass evacuations and panic-buying amid U.S.-backed warnings and rising casualties, with residents blaming leadership for provoking the conflict with Israel News Agencies|10:40

As Israeli airstrikes on Iran entered their sixth day, more residents of Tehran continued to flee the capital on Tuesday, responding to U.S. President Donald Trump’s call to evacuate and amid growing fears of escalation. “It feels like no one lives here anymore,” one

Tehran resident told the Associated Press, describing the increasingly empty streets of the city.

Those who remain are stockpiling food and medicine, bracing for the unknown. Many blame the Islamic Republic's leadership for provoking the conflict. According to Iranian authorities, at least 585 people—among them women and children—have been killed since the Israeli strikes began five days ago.

International media reported widespread closures in Tehran's markets and many shops. Long lines were seen outside bakeries, pharmacies and gas stations, as residents rushed to buy essentials amid fears of further escalation.

Store owners told Reuters that locals were hoarding food, water, and gas canisters. Ramin, a 48-year-old pharmacist, said his pharmacy was overwhelmed. "People are stockpiling medicine, especially elderly who fear their essential supplies may become scarce because of the war."

Although the government has promised that there will be no significant shortages of food or medicine, many Iranians remain skeptical. "I do not trust the authorities," said Zeynab, 67, from Tehran. "They said Israel would not dare to attack Iran and look where we are. I have children and grandchildren. We have to stock up. No one knows what will happen and when this war will end."

The IDF has urged Tehran residents to evacuate certain areas of the city, but Iranian officials dismissed the warnings as "psychological warfare" and called on the public to remain calm. Despite that, Iran's state-run television aired footage of traffic jams on roads leading out of Tehran.

"I've heard multiple explosions near my home in western Tehran," said Mina, a 37-year-old computer technician, in an interview with AFP. "I wanted to leave, but I have several cats and I can't abandon them."

Shahriar, 38, also from Tehran, told Reuters: "We have nowhere to go. Where should we go? How long should we stay away from our homes?"

Arshia, a 29-year-old art teacher, said his family left the town of Damavand, about 30 miles (50 km) east of Tehran, to wait out the war. "My parents are scared. Every night there are attacks, no air raid sirens, and no shelters to go to. Why are we paying the price for the Islamic Republic's hostile policies?"

"There were no sirens, no shelters to go to. Now it is even worse, we cannot withdraw cash from ATMs, from banks," said Gholamreza Mohammadi, a 48-year-old government worker. "It is so difficult to rent a place outside Tehran ... also prices of food are increasing every day as shopkeepers are increasing prices of goods."

Reports also indicate Iran is cracking down on internet access in response to the Israeli strikes. On Tuesday, authorities warned citizens against using WhatsApp, Telegram and other location-based apps, claiming they were being used by Israel for espionage.

Iran has instructed the public to delete WhatsApp. The app's parent company, Meta, responded: "We are concerned that such false reports may be used as a pretext to block our services at a time when people need them most."

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Luxury cruise ship shuttles visitors to Cyprus, brings stranded Israelis home

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Mano Maritime luxury cruise ship gets Birthright participants out of country, brings stranded Israelis home

The ship took 1,500 Birthright participants who had been visiting Israel to Cyprus to return to their homes; the Crown Iris cruise ship is bringing back thousands of Israelis stranded out of the country; The operation, coordinated with the Ministry of Transportation and escorted by the Navy, includes multiple voyages over the coming week

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Alongside the first rescue flight that landed in Israel on Wednesday morning, a sea-based evacuation operation was also launched. The Crown Iris cruise ship, operated by Mano Maritime, departed on Tuesday carrying approximately 1,500 Birthright participants who had been visiting Israel. The ship will return from Cyprus with about 1,800 Israelis.

The ship sailed under escort from Israeli Navy vessels. Passengers disembarked in Cyprus and will continue on to various destinations from there. On Thursday morning, around 1,800 Israelis will be processed at the Port of Limassol and are expected to return to Ashdod by Friday morning. The journey will take approximately 14 hours.

The ship-based rescue operation is being carried out under an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation. "We acted as quickly as possible to implement the plan to bring Israelis home from abroad, which we view as a vital national mission during wartime," said Mano Maritime Chairman and owner, Moshe Mano.

A second voyage will depart from Cyprus on Saturday, after the Crown Iris arrives there with another group of Birthright participants leaving Israel. The ship is scheduled to return to Israel on Sunday morning with another 1,800 Israelis on board.

Next week, on Monday, a third voyage will depart from Limassol — this one initiated by Bank Leumi, which chartered the vessel. Mano Maritime has announced it plans to operate additional sailings next week, pending approval from the Ministry of Transportation and the Home Front Command. Further announcements will follow accordingly.

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According to the military, its Intelligence Directorate had gathered the relevant information over the course of several years.

Defense Minister Israel Katz commented on the overnight strikes in Tehran, saying that "a tornado storm is passing through Tehran. Symbols of government are being bombed and collapsing - the broadcasting authority and soon additional targets, and masses of residents are fleeing." According to him, "this is how dictatorships collapse."

The targets later were identified as the TESA Karaj workshop and the Tehran Research Center.

"At the Tehran site, one building was hit where advanced centrifuge rotors were manufactured and tested. At Karaj, two buildings were destroyed where different centrifuge components were manufactured," the International Atomic Energy Agency said on X.

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Leaders discuss potential American military involvement in Israel's strikes on Iran, with reports indicating Trump is weighing joint operations targeting Iran's fortified Fordow nuclear facility

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke with U.S. President Donald Trump overnight Tuesday amid ongoing Israeli strikes on Iran and growing speculation that Trump may authorize American involvement in the fighting, including an attack on Iran's heavily fortified Fordow nuclear facility. The call followed extended security consultations held in parallel in Washington and Jerusalem.

An Israeli official told CNN that "we are waiting for the decision of the president." According to two Israeli sources who spoke with the network, Netanyahu has not explicitly asked Trump to join the military operation but is hoping Trump will reach that conclusion independently. One senior source said, "The whole operation is premised on the fact that the U.S. will join at some point."

CBS News reported that Trump is considering deploying U.S. Air Force assets to join Israeli strikes on Iranian nuclear sites, including Fordow, following a National Security Council meeting earlier in the day.

NBC News reported that Trump is reviewing several options regarding Iran, including direct military action. U.S. Middle East envoy Steve Witkoff, Joint Chiefs Chairman General Dan Kane and other senior military officials were seen leaving the White House after the meeting.

While the international community watches Trump closely, wondering whether the U.S. will join Israel's war against Iran, the White House released an unusually light public schedule for the president.

Aside from the swearing-in of Charles Kushner—father of Trump's son-in-law Jared—as U.S. ambassador to France and Monaco, the only other item is a closed-door lunch with Pakistan's army chief Asim Munir. The timing of the meeting has drawn attention given Pakistan's proximity to Iran.

According to The New York Times, Iran has already begun preparing missiles and other military equipment for potential retaliation against U.S. bases in the Middle East, should the U.S. enter the conflict.

Two officials with access to the intelligence said the Houthis may also resume attacks on American targets, which would mark their first such action since a ceasefire agreement was reached.

Fordow is Iran's second most important uranium enrichment facility after the larger Natanz site, which was already hit in Israel's opening strike. Located near the city of Qom, about 160 km (100 miles) south of Tehran, Fordow was built deep into a mountainside at an estimated depth of 260 to 300 feet (80 to 90 meters) to withstand airstrikes.

Iran began its construction around 2006 but only disclosed its existence in 2009 after Western intelligence agencies had already discovered it. Then-U.S. President Barack

Obama said the facility's size and structure were "inconsistent with a peaceful nuclear program."

Under the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, uranium enrichment at Fordow was to be halted entirely for 15 years. However, Iran resumed operations following the U.S. withdrawal from the agreement.

The site now houses around 2,000 centrifuges, most of them advanced IR-6 models, with approximately 350 enriching uranium to 60% purity, according to a Reuters report. In 2024, Iran was reported to have significantly expanded the facility.

Fordow has also been the target of alleged sabotage attempts. In 2013, Western media reported an explosion that supposedly destroyed much of the site and trapped hundreds of workers.

Tehran denied the incident but acknowledged a separate explosion the year prior that damaged high-voltage power lines supplying the facility—disrupting power is one known method of disabling centrifuges. In 2022, Iran claimed it had foiled another sabotage plot allegedly orchestrated by Mossad, involving the recruitment of a neighbor of one of the site's employees.

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Home Front Command reports Israelis can leave shelters after late-night barrage waking millions; Netanyahu, Trump conclude nightly update amid attack

Itamar Eichner, Yoav Zitun|Updated:01:25

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported late Tuesday that Iran launched a second volley of missiles toward central Israel. The salvo comes minutes after the first one, which awoke millions of Israelis.

The IDF's Home Front Command late Tuesday reported that Israelis can leave shelters following the barrage launched from Iran toward the country's central and northern regions.

Meanwhile, reports indicated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has concluded his talk with U.S. President Donald Trump over the phone amid the Iranian attacks.

Air raid sirens sounded across central and northern Israel early Wednesday after approximately 15 missiles were launched from Iran, according to the IDF. Most of the missiles were intercepted by air defense systems.

The IDF confirmed that the Israeli Air Force is actively working to intercept threats and strike as necessary. "At this time, the IAF is operating to eliminate the threat," the military said, while emphasizing that Israel's defenses are not hermetic and urging the public to follow all Home Front Command instructions.

The Magen David Adom emergency service reported that there were no immediate reports of injuries from the latest attack. Emergency teams have been dispatched to areas where sirens were triggered to conduct searches and assess the situation. Further updates are expected.

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Trump's flip-flop over the attack on Iran; he welcomed the bonus of Israel's success

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'We might have to help Bibi': Trump's flip-flop over the attack on Iran, and the 'welcome bonus'

Extensive NYT report describes the complex relationship between the prime minister and the US president, and Israel's attempts to convince the Americans to join the attack - From the doubts in the White House, through the pressure exerted on Israel, to the moment when Trump was impressed by 'Israeli military sophistication'; And was Trump involved in the ruse to keep Iran from learning about the operation?
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At the end of May, U.S. intelligence agencies tracking Israel's military activity and internal political discussions reached a striking conclusion: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was planning an imminent attack on Iran's nuclear program—with or without U.S. assistance, The New York Times reported late Tuesday night.

Netanyahu has long warned about Iran and pressed for an attack on its nuclear facilities for over a decade, but he hesitated when recent U.S. presidents made clear they would not join him, according to the Times. However, this time American intelligence judged that Netanyahu might “go it alone” on a significant strike against Iran's nuclear project.

President Donald Trump, since returning to the White House, has pursued a diplomatic resolution—possibly involving direct talks with Iran—to avoid military action. This has left him facing difficult choices. Netanyahu first sought U.S. approval for a strike in April. Last month, the two leaders held a tense phone call during which Trump warned Netanyahu against a unilateral Israeli attack.

But in recent weeks discussions reported by the Times with “key figures involved in government deliberations and thinking” made it increasingly clear to the Trump administration that this time U.S. pressure might not deter Netanyahu. Meanwhile, Trump grew frustrated with Tehran over the slow pace of nuclear talks, concluding they “weren't getting anywhere.”

Contrary to Israeli claims, Washington assessed Iran was not close to obtaining a nuclear weapon, and no new intelligence suggested Tehran was about to build one. Still, Trump's

advisers believed Netanyahu could not be stopped and began exploring options: stand aside, or join Israel in an attack—possibly even helping to topple the Iranian regime.

Ultimately, Trump chose a middle path. He offered Israel intelligence support for planning the strike, while continuing diplomatic pressure on Iran to reach an agreement, threatening unspecified consequences if it refused. Initially distancing from the operation, U.S. support grew more public as details of the Israeli strike emerged. According to reports in Israel, Washington is expected to join future attacks on Iran and has deployed fighter jets to the Middle East.

The Times said interviews with over 20 officials in the U.S., Israel and Gulf states show Trump agonized for months over how to restrain Netanyahu's military ambitions while navigating internal administration divisions—during a period when he was surrounded by newly appointed advisers loyal but inexperienced.

'We might have to help him'

On June 8, Trump met senior advisers at Camp David to discuss escalation between Israel and Iran and regional developments. Two sources said CIA director John Ratcliffe delivered a blunt assessment that Israel would strike Iran “in the near term”—with or without U.S. help.

Top advisers had long prepared for this moment. Joint Chiefs Chair Gen. Dan Caine shared maps with Trump, and he and Ratcliffe spent two-and-a-half hours reviewing the intelligence. Vice President J.D. Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio—also Trump's national security adviser—prepared a menu of options to enable swift decisions. National Intelligence Director Tulsi Gabbard, a known opponent of a strike, was not present.

The CIA intensified its intelligence gathering in the two weeks before that meeting; advisers prepared contingency plans. The next day, Trump spoke to Netanyahu, and according to three sources, the prime minister was unequivocal: the operation was moving forward.

Netanyahu laid out detailed operational plans and claimed Israeli forces were already on Iranian soil. Trump was impressed by “the sophistication of the Israeli military planning,” but did not commit to assist. After the call he told advisers: “I think we might have to help him.”

Still, Trump was not fully decided; he continued consulting and insisted he would set conditions, not Netanyahu. He trusted his negotiating skills. Gradually, he grew convinced that Iran was stalling talks. He was consistent in opposing an Iranian nuclear bomb and said publicly that “there must be no nuclear Iran.” According to the Times, he told advisers that Netanyahu will do what is necessary to defend his country.

A political minefield

Trump continued trying diplomatic channels. He appointed Steve Witkoff as envoy to manage talks with Iran. Mediated via Oman, Witkoff and Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araqchi held multiple rounds that so far yielded little.

According to the Times, on Netanyahu's first February White House visit he briefed Trump on Iran and claimed Tehran was close to building a bomb. Trump recognized he was entering a political minefield: his party was divided between hawks supporting Israel,

like former National Security Adviser Mike Waltz, and non-interventionists like the vice president.

However, unlike during his previous term, Trump was surrounded by advisers ready to support his instincts. CIA chief Ratcliffe presented data without dictating policy. Gabbard, despite her opposition, did not attempt to pressure Trump on whether to join Israel militarily.

In March, Trump even wrote to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei saying, “I don't want war. I don't want to blow you off the map; I want a deal.” But he came to believe that credible military options would strengthen his negotiating position.

Even before Trump returned to office in January, the Pentagon had plans to attack Iran's nuclear facilities. Once sworn in, he authorized CENTCOM to coordinate with Israel on refining those plans. By mid-February, three main options had been developed: U.S. support of Israeli air-to-air refueling and intelligence.

A joint U.S.–Israel strike operation.

A U.S.-led strike operation—with Israel in support, featuring heavy bombers, carrier-based jets and submarine-launched cruise missiles.

A fourth, more aggressive option—an extensive U.S. attack combined with Israeli commando action and U.S. air cover—was quickly set aside.

Meanwhile, Witkoff's talks with Tehran continued, but Israel's patience wore thin. In April, Netanyahu made a rapid visit to the White House requesting bunker-busting bombs for hitting Iran's underground Fordo facility. Trump, still inclined toward diplomacy, was unconvinced. His advisers then applied concentrated pressure on Israel to postpone attacks. The message to Netanyahu was: “You can't just operate alone. The consequences for us are too severe.” The talks were tense, but the administration believed the message was received.

Trump worried Israel might launch a unilateral attack or derail the talks, and feared a failed strike on Iranian nuclear infrastructure. U.S. intelligence had detailed Israeli strike preparations; briefings to Trump set the stage for the late-May tense call during which he vented frustration to Netanyahu.

The 'influencer' lunch—and 'Israel's brilliance'

Vance concluded that confrontation with Iran was inevitable. Sources said that while he was open to supporting a limited Israeli strike, in the weeks leading up to potential action he became more concerned about a prolonged war. He saw regime change as a dangerous escalation that could get out of control.

Vance focused on limiting U.S. involvement and worked with Rubio, White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles and others to develop plans to protect U.S. assets in the region. In early June, Witkoff told associates a U.S.–Iran deal was close, but on June 4 Khamenei rejected the proposal.

That same day, conservative Fox News host Mark Levin met with Trump and advisers near the West Wing dining room. Levin, an influential voice, greatly affected Trump's views on Iran. After meeting him, Trump told aides he still wanted to give diplomacy a chance. That led to the Camp David meeting.

One U.S. source involved in negotiations with Iran said Trump maintained public support for diplomacy and did not intend to mislead Iran on timing of the Israeli strike. The resulting Israeli operational deception, which kept Iranian forces unalerted during the strike night, was seen as a “welcome bonus.”

Privately, Trump expressed doubt about Netanyahu’s decision: “I’m not sure about Bibi,” he told a confidant, acknowledging he had warned him about the consequences. On the Thursday–Friday night of the initial strike wave, Trump joined his national security team in the Situation Room, saying he left “all options open.” That same morning he told aides he still hoped to reach a deal with Iran.

Public shift

The White House’s first public response came from Secretary of State Rubio, who distanced the U.S. from the Israeli operation—and notably omitted any mention of U.S. commitment to its ally. But as the night wore on and Israeli success became clear, Trump began softening his public posture.

When Fox News aired in-depth coverage praising Israel’s “military genius,” Trump started hinting he deserved credit behind the scenes. He suggested it was due in part to his involvement and privately told aides he was leaning toward a broader escalation, including supplying bunker-buster bombs to Israel.

As of Monday, he left the door open for Witkoff—or possibly Vance—to meet Iranian officials in attempts to reach a deal. But his sudden early departure from the G7 summit in Canada and urgent return to Washington signaled that diplomatic resolution may no longer be a priority.

Trump has so far tried to avoid war in the Middle East as he promised during his campaign—but today he seems aligned with Israel’s narrative that Iran is close to a bomb. “I don’t care,” he said regarding criticism of Iran’s nuclear progress.

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IDF says it has taken out over 70 surface-to-air missile batteries across Iran as part of Operation Rising Lion, aiming to cripple Tehran’s air defenses and secure Israeli air dominance before expanding deeper into Iranian territory

Elisha Ben Kimon|21:14

The IDF announced Tuesday that since the onset of Operation Rising Lion against Iran, the Israeli Air Force has destroyed more than 70 Iranian surface-to-air missile batteries.

The strikes, carried out under the direction of the Israeli Military Intelligence Directorate, targeted dozens of missile launchers and advanced radar systems across Iran designed to intercept Israeli aircraft and limit the air force’s operational freedom.

According to the IDF, the Iranian air defense network was highly advanced and deployed across wide areas of the country, in some cases concealed within civilian infrastructure. Its main goal was to bring down Israeli aircraft and hinder their ability to operate freely in Iranian airspace.

"This is a historic mission that could change the course of the campaign," Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar told pilots involved in the operations.

In recent days, Israel launched approximately five major waves of airstrikes aimed at achieving complete aerial superiority, described by the IDF as a necessary precondition for entering deep into Iranian territory, especially around Tehran.

In addition to manned airstrikes, Israeli drones were also deployed to track and eliminate mobile targets in real time, including hidden missile launchers. The IDF released footage from the strikes, including a direct hit on a truck-mounted launcher in Tehran, radio communications from pilots mid-operation, and a recording of Bar's conversation with the aircrews.

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Officials say Jerusalem made it clear it needs American support to destroy the heavily fortified Fordow nuclear facility

Itamar Eichner|20:42

Israeli officials say they expect the United States will soon participate in a military strike against Iran, amid growing tensions over Tehran's nuclear program and regional activities.

Israel has made it clear that it needs American support to destroy the heavily fortified Fordow nuclear facility deep in the mountains.

Earlier Tuesday, Israeli Air Force F-15s escorted two U.S. B-52 bombers through Israeli airspace, highlighting the growing coordination between the two militaries.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to convene a small ministerial security forum at 10 p.m. from a secure bunker. The group, including senior defense and intelligence officials, meets nearly every night to direct operations related to Iran.

U.S. officials told Reuters on Tuesday evening that the U.S. military is deploying additional fighter jets to the Middle East and expanding its air presence in the region to bolster defense

The developments follow posts on President Donald Trump's Truth Social platform. He wrote: "We know exactly where the so-called 'Supreme Leader' is hiding. He is an easy target, but is safe there — we are not going to take him out (kill!), at least not for now. But we don't want missiles shot at civilians, or American soldiers. Our patience is wearing thin."

Trump also claimed U.S. military capabilities surpassed Iran's defences. "Iran had strong aerial surveillance systems and a lot of defensive equipment, but it's no match for what the U.S. has designed and built. Nobody does it better than good old America," he said, according to multiple outlets.

The Republican Party is deeply divided between traditional conservatives who back support for Israel and isolationists opposed to a broader U.S. military role. The rift has played out in conservative media, with Trump distancing himself from Tucker Carlson—whom he recently labeled "delusional"—and aligning with Mark Levin's camp.

Trump reportedly prefers to avoid direct U.S. military involvement and is exerting substantial pressure behind the scenes. With tensions escalating, all eyes are now on Iran's response—will it seek a diplomatic resolution or retaliate with force?

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Israeli Navy intercepts dozens of Iranian UAVs in joint air-sea coordinated mission

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Since the launch of Operation Rising Lion, Israeli naval forces have downed about 30 Iranian drones, joining the Air Force in repelling over 200 UAVs fired toward Israel; Navy reports 100% interception rate using advanced multi-layered systems
Yoav Zitun|18:43

Since the start of Operation Rising Lion on the night between Thursday and Friday, Iran has launched approximately 200 UAVs toward Israel. By Tuesday, about 24 hours after the first interception using the LARD missile from the new Saar 6-class missile ship's Barak Magen system, it was revealed that naval forces have intercepted around 30 Iranian UAVs since the beginning of the current campaign—at a launch and interception rate roughly equivalent to the most intense periods of fighting against Hezbollah less than a year ago, with a success rate reaching 100%.

Unlike previous confrontations, the Iranians have so far failed to strike any Israeli targets with UAVs launched directly from Iran, despite having fired more than 200 drones since Friday morning. Some were launched in massive swarms, with dozens of UAVs launched simultaneously, while others were sent in smaller groups, attempting to penetrate Israeli airspace from the Arava to the Golan Heights, through the Jordan Valley, around the clock.

The Air Force has so far managed to repel these attacks, which are difficult to detect and intercept, but over the past two days, Navy forces have joined the complex mission more intensively, deploying a variety of interception systems from their ships in both the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. These include the naval dome system, Barak missiles, and the new and expensive LARD missiles from the Barak Magen system, which successfully intercepted a UAV on Monday. This multi-layered approach allows the IDF to better manage its munitions economy and address the significant challenges of Arrow missile stockpiles, which are fired in large numbers daily to counter Iran's ballistic missile barrages.

"We've reached a level of cooperation with the Air Force that we've never had before, with dozens of launch detections from Iran identified from the sea and relayed to the Air Force, which determines who will carry out the interception mission. We're protecting the economic and sovereign waters and the gas rigs around the clock, which so far have not been attacked by the Iranians," said the Navy. The Navy is deployed with more than a thousand personnel and operating at full capacity across all arenas, with its forces also taking part in the most sensitive missions in the Iranian theater, utilizing submarines, missile ships, and Shayetet 13 naval commandos.

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Iran crippled as cyberattack wiped all data from IRGC Banks; IDF hints expect more

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Iran hit by major cyberattack as IDF intel chief hints at further action
Pro-Israel hacker group reportedly launches cyberattack crippling Iran's Sepah Bank—used to fund IRGC missile and nuclear programs—disrupting ATMs, gas stations and financial services

Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Arij 14:23

A widespread cyberattack struck Iran on Tuesday afternoon, shortly after a warning from Maj. Gen. Shlomi Binder, head of IDF Military Intelligence Directorate, that "more fronts will be acted in soon" following Israel's successful strike on Tehran.

Residents across Iran reported being unable to withdraw cash from ATMs belonging to Sepah Bank, one of the country's largest financial institutions and a key arm of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). At the same time, Iran International reported a major cyberattack targeting multiple Iranian banks, carried out by the pro-Israel hacker group Predatory Sparrow.

The group, which has claimed responsibility in the past for attacks on Iranian fuel, steel and security infrastructure, said it had completely wiped all data from Sepah Bank. It claimed the bank had been used to bypass international sanctions and to fund IRGC operations, including Iran's missile and nuclear programs.

“This is the fate of an institution dedicated to sustaining the dictator’s terrorist fantasies,” the group said in a statement, thanking “allies” who assisted in the operation. Iran’s Fars News Agency, affiliated with the IRGC, confirmed the cyberattack around noon local time, adding that disruptions were being felt at gas stations across the country.

“An hour ago, a cyberattack targeted Sepah Bank’s infrastructure, disrupting banking services. Because the bank supports several gas stations, some fuel stations may experience delays in the coming hours. The issue is expected to be resolved within a few hours,” the statement said.

According to Fars, Sepah Bank plays a critical role in supporting Iran’s national fuel distribution network, explaining the cascading failures reported at stations. Iranian social media shared footage of a man claiming he visited 10 ATMs and couldn’t withdraw cash from any of them.

In response to the breach, Iran’s cyber directorate issued a directive banning the use of devices connected to social media platforms by government officials, senior personnel and their security teams.

The cyberattack came just hours after Maj. Gen. Binder visited intelligence bases and praised his troops for gathering the intelligence that “opened the path to Tehran” and enabled the assassination of Iran’s war chief.

“Soon you’ll reach new fronts,” he told soldiers. “You’ve proven you can overcome barriers and reach any target. Remember, we’re not fighting on just one front. We’re in battle with Iran but our eyes are also on our hostages in Gaza and the threats facing our soldiers and civilians at home.”

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Iran calls for urgent IAEA action to stop war; regime is losing power within

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Iran calls for urgent global action to stop war with Israel

Tehran's Foreign Ministry spokesman calls on world to halt fighting as Israeli expert estimates military pressure worries the regime trying to project power against external threats

Lior Ben Ari, Shilo Freid|13:05

As senior Iranian military and Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) commanders continue issuing threats and launching missile attacks against Israel, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei called on Tuesday for urgent international action to halt the escalating war with Israel.

“We emphasize the need for immediate international and regional steps to stop the war that has been imposed on Iran,” Baghaei said. His remarks came as Iran’s Fars News

Agency quoted ground forces commander Kiyumars Heidari threatening a “new wave of attacks that will intensify in the coming hours.”

The statement followed the Israeli assassination of Iran’s newly appointed “wartime chief of staff,” named in an emergency after the deaths of Iran’s top military and IRGC leaders. Israel has also succeeded in disrupting Iranian missile launches and has reportedly secured complete freedom of operation in Tehran’s airspace.

Dr. Raz Zimmt, head of the Iran program at Tel Aviv University’s Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), cited an editorial in the Iranian reformist daily Shargh warning that Iran’s national security now hinges on ending the fighting as soon as possible.

“While Israel has virtually unlimited resources due to its ties with global powers and access to advanced weapons, no country has endless resources,” the paper said. “Iran must preserve its strength to deter neighboring countries seeking to weaken or fragment it. The fighting must stop and national resources should be redirected toward internal economic development.”

Shargh added that this isn’t a traditional military conflict requiring ground troops but one shaped by physical distance and driven largely by technology. “We must not ignore the central role that technological tools—especially artificial intelligence—play in this war. Awareness of these limitations should push us to exit the combat cycle as quickly as possible,” the paper read.

Meanwhile, U.S. President Donald Trump sent mixed messages overnight regarding a possible ceasefire. On the one hand, he urged residents of Tehran to “evacuate immediately” and left the G7 summit claiming to be working on “something big”—though he insisted it wasn’t a ceasefire.

On the other hand, he signed a declaration backing Israel and urging steps to prevent further escalation. According to journalist Nadav Eyal, advanced negotiations are underway for a potential hostage deal and an end to the war in Gaza.

In Israel, Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar addressed the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on Tuesday morning at the start of a closed briefing. Speaking on the diplomatic front, Sa’ar noted Iran’s recent efforts: “Yesterday, the IAEA convened a meeting at Iran’s request and at Russia’s initiative to discuss Israel’s strike on Iranian nuclear facilities. That meeting ended without any outcome against Israel,” he said.

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Israel will not negotiate with Iran; IDF promising unprecedented scope of attacks

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Israel will not negotiate with Iran, minister says; IDF promising 'unprecedented scope' of attacks| Live updates

U.S. President says he wants more than a ceasefire; 'LOOKING FOR A 'COMPLETE GIVE-UP' he posts on his Truth Social platform; American intelligence contradicts

Israel's claim Iran nearing bomb; couple identified as victims of Petach Tikva strike; explosions in Tehran
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Defense Minister Israel Katz said Israel does not intend to negotiate with Iran to end the fighting. On a visit to the site of a missile impact in a northern suburb of Tel Aviv, Katz said Israel would respect any American decision on participation in the conflict and would be grateful for any assistance offered. "The primary nuclear facility in Natanz has been dealt with and Fordow will certainly be dealt with as well."

The IDF said it began a new wave of attacks on Iran early on Tuesday afternoon. loud explosions were heard in the capital, Tehran. Military officials said the IDF would launch attacks "of a scope not yet seen," and said Iran's military leadership was on the run. Thus far, the IDF has destroyed more than 200 missile launchers, which has reduced the amount of fire on Israel, the official said.

A widespread cyberattack struck Iran on Tuesday afternoon, shortly after a warning from Maj. Gen. Shlomi Binder, head of IDF Military Intelligence Directorate, said that "more fronts will be activated soon" following Israel's successful strike on Tehran. The military did not claim responsibility for the cyberstrike.

An elderly Petach Tikva couple was identified as two of the victims of Iran's missile strike on Monday. Yaakov and Dasi Belu were killed when the missile made a direct hit on a wall between two safe rooms in their apartment. Initial investigation into the incident found that the direct impact of a ballistic missile left them no chance of survival.

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a post on Tuesday that he was "not in the mood" to negotiate with Iran after the regime in Tehran failed to accept his proposed nuclear deal. In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump said he had not reached out to Iran for peace talks in any way, shape or form. Iran "should have taken the deal that was on the table", Trump said in another post.

Trump told reporters on Air Force One on his way back from the G7 meeting in Canada that he wanted Iran to give up its nuclear program entirely. Trump left the summit early to return to Washington amid speculations that the United States may join Israel in strikes on Iran beyond the assistance provided in the defense against Iranian missiles.

But he also said he was considering sending his envoy, Steve Witkoff and Vice President J.D. Vance to meet with Iran's Foreign Minister to agree on a nuclear deal.

In a post on his Truth Social platform, Trump said the residents of Tehran should evacuate immediately, fueling concerns of an American attack.

A U.S. intelligence assessment contradicted Israel's claim that Iran was close to producing a nuclear weapon, CNN reported on Tuesday. Officials even pushed back against Israel's assertion that Iran was seeking nuclear capability.

Attack drones targeted the Golan Heights for a second time on Tuesday. Sirens warn residents to seek shelter. Earlier, the IDF said its Air Force shot down a drone targeting the southern Golan Heights.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei called on the world to take urgent steps to end the war. "We stress the need to urgently take international and regional steps to stop the war that was imposed on Iran," he said. Iran's Fars news agency reported that the commander of Iran's ground forces threatened a new round of attacks "that would intensify in the coming hours."

Iranians said on Tuesday that they were unable to withdraw money from ATMs across the country. The Iranian opposition news outlet Iran International said hackers targeted Bank Sepah, one of Iran's oldest financial institutions linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Army.

The Predatory Sparrow group claimed that it had "destroyed all data" at the bank, the outlet said. "Bank Sepah has 1,800 branches in Iran and others in Britain, France, Germany and Italy. The United States imposed sanctions on Bank Sepah in 2019 after it withdrew from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal."

A barrage of 20 Iranian missiles struck Israel on Tuesday morning after earlier attacks overnight and in the pre-dawn hours. At least two rockets hit areas north of Tel Aviv. Two people were taken to hospital and damage was reported.

Buses at an outdoor parking lot caught fire and residents of the area were told to shelter at home with their windows closed and restrictions were lifted only after an hour.

The IDF said on Tuesday that it had killed Ali Shadmani, the newly appointed Iranian military chief in a strike on a command center in Tehran.

"Shadmani served as war-time Chief of Staff and Commander of the Emergency Command of the Iranian Armed Forces," the military said. "He commanded both the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Iranian army."

The IDF also said it had completed a wave of overnight attacks on Western Iran, targeting dozens of missile and drone storage sites and missile launchers.

Sirens were activated across Haifa and multiple locations in northern Israel early on Tuesday morning, shortly after Iran launched another missile attack—the fourth such attack within hours—toward Israeli territory, the IDF confirmed. The military said that it had successfully intercepted a single ballistic missile.

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Major progress in ceasefire talks, hostage deal sees a gap

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Major progress in ceasefire talks, hostage deal, sources say

U.S. and Gulf mediators noting breakthroughs amid ongoing tensions with Iran, citing new flexibility on both sides; messages concerning the future of Gaza are exchanged, sources say

Nadav Eyal 11:22

Regional sources said Tuesday that "significant progress" has been made toward a potential hostage release deal, a ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the war against Hamas.

"Both sides have shown flexibility but are concerned about the fallout from the confrontation with Iran," one official said. "The Israeli delegation hasn't left for Doha yet, out of concern that it could slow negotiations rather than speed them up."

In recent days, U.S. officials reportedly told hostage families that there are "very positive signs of a breakthrough." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said within the past 24 hours that he sees a "gap" allowing for progress. However, a non-Israeli source emphasized that "the scope is much broader—it's essentially about ending the war. The messages being exchanged concern the future of Gaza, not just the first phase of returning 8 to 10 live hostages."

On Tuesday morning, U.S. President Donald Trump lashed out at French President Emmanuel Macron, who had claimed he left the G7 summit to push for a ceasefire between Israel and Iran. "He has no idea why I returned to Washington but it certainly wasn't about a ceasefire," Trump said. "It's something much bigger than that. Emmanuel is always wrong."

Earlier this week, reports emerged that U.S. and Gulf state officials were noting positive developments in the behind-the-scenes talks between Israel and Hamas over a hostage deal and potential ceasefire, even as fighting with Iran continued. Hostage families said they were told by Arab and other official sources that an Israeli delegation may soon travel to Doha, Qatar to advance the negotiations and attempt a breakthrough.

Netanyahu said Sunday that he had given instructions to advance the talks. In a public update, he added: "I'm not giving up on anyone. So far, we've freed more than 200 hostages—and I won't stop until we've brought everyone home. We'll complete the mission: both destroying Hamas and freeing the hostages."

In response, the Hostages and Missing Families Forum issued a strongly worded statement: "The families are scarred by promises and statements that aren't backed by action or results. Every such comment throws them into emotional turmoil and stretches their already frayed nerves. Time is running out for the living hostages—and the fallen may disappear forever."

The statement concluded with a direct call to Netanyahu: "Prove you're serious. Announce that a negotiating team is heading to Doha with a clear mandate to bring everyone back today. This is a historic moment. Without the return of the hostages, there will be no Israeli victory—partial or total. Bring them home."

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US president says regime should have accepted nuclear deal to avoid 'waste of human life'; White House says Trump cutting G7 visit short 'due to the situation in the Middle East'

Ynet, news agencies|00:28

U.S. President Donald Trump issued a stark warning early on Tuesday, calling for the immediate evacuation of Tehran amid Israel's ongoing bombing campaign of Iran and reiterating that the Islamic Republic should have signed a nuclear deal with the United States.

"Iran should have signed the 'deal' I told them to sign. What a shame, and waste of human life," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "Simply stated, IRAN CAN NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON. I said it over and over again! Everyone should immediately evacuate Tehran!"

In a follow-up post shared shortly later, Trump wrote, "AMERICA FIRST means many GREAT things, including the fact that, IRAN CAN NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!"

Trump's unusually direct call coincided with Iranian media reports of explosions in the skies above Tehran and "heavy fire" from the country's air defense systems. Iranian outlets also reported that air defenses were activated around the Natanz nuclear facility.

Meanwhile, the White House shared Trump's post on its official channels, emphasizing his call to evacuate Tehran immediately.

The Iranian capital, a sprawling city of around 10 million people, has seen rising panic in recent days as Israeli strikes continue. Videos circulating online have shown residents fleeing the capital after Trump's post amid growing fears of escalation.

A U.S. official told Reuters that Trump refused to sign a joint G7 statement in Canada Monday evening, which had called for de-escalation between Israel and Iran. The statement also included a demand to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and affirmed Israel's right to self-defense.

Speaking to CNN, a senior U.S. official said Trump's post reflected the "urgency" for Iran to return to the negotiating table. During the G7 summit, the official added, Trump received constant briefings on the Israel-Iran conflict from Secretary of State Marco Rubio and other top aides.

CNN also reported that Vice President JD Vance was seen in a high-level meeting at the White House Monday evening with Joint Chiefs Chairman Dan Kane and other senior officials.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said that Trump would cut his stay at the summit short "due to the situation in the Middle East." CNN reported, citing a White House official, that Trump has directed his national security staff in Washington to convene in the situation room.

Meanwhile, U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Monday he had ordered the deployment of additional defensive capabilities to the Middle East, as the escalating conflict between Israel and Iran drives regional tensions higher. Hegseth did not disclose what military capabilities he sent to the region. But a large number of U.S. military refueling aircraft were deployed eastward and an aircraft carrier was moved to the Middle East earlier Monday. "Protecting U.S. forces is our top priority and these deployments are intended to enhance our defensive posture in the region," Hegseth said in a post on social media platform X. The Chinese Embassy in Israel warned that the security situation has "become more severe" and urged Chinese citizens to leave the country as soon as possible, recommending land crossings into Jordan. Earlier, missiles were launched from Iran toward Israeli territory, prompting air raid sirens across central and southern Israel, including Be'er Sheva and the greater Tel Aviv area.

The alerts came without extended advance warning, sounding just three minutes after emergency alerts were sent to mobile phones instructing residents to enter protected spaces. Initial reports indicated at least one impact in an unpopulated area in southern Israel, where a fire was reported. Magen David Adom said there were no reports of direct hits or injuries, aside from a few individuals who were hurt while rushing to shelters.

According to the IDF, Iran fired between 10 and 20 ballistic missiles. Most were intercepted or landed in unpopulated areas without causing damage.

The IDF said its air defense systems responded immediately upon identifying the launch. Later, Home Front Command announced that residents could exit protected spaces. The sirens followed a relatively quiet day in terms of Iranian missile attacks, and came just hours after a smaller barrage of a handful of missiles targeted northern Israel around 7:30 p.m. Monday. Most of the projectiles were intercepted. Additionally, multiple drones were reportedly shot down throughout the day and evening, triggering numerous sirens sounding across the north.

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Over Tehran, Israeli drones are on the hunt in Iran; identify mobile launchers

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Over Tehran, Israeli drones are on the hunt: How the killer drones operate in Iran
Growing Israeli air superiority over the Islamic Republic is enabling the IDF to identify and strike dozens of new targets not included in the original battle plan

Yoav Zitun|00:09

Israeli Air Force drones—particularly the Hermes 450 and other models from Elbit Systems' Hermes family—were active over Tehran on Sunday, targeting senior Iranian

Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) officials and mobile anti-aircraft missile launchers mounted on trucks.

These missions aim to neutralize threats and improve the detection of new targets by Israeli aircraft. Remarkably, just over a year ago, these drones were restricted from operating even in Lebanese airspace due to the risk of being shot down by Hezbollah. Now, they are operating deep within Iran's capital, thousands of miles from home.

In the past 24 hours alone, dozens of targets were struck by the Israeli Air Force in Tehran and many were not part of the original intelligence database when Operation Swords of Iron began early Friday morning.

The destruction of hundreds of Iranian radar systems and anti-aircraft batteries has enabled the Israeli military to not only "pave the way to Tehran"—located on the far side of Iran—but also to meet the ambitious directive of Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar: "Turn the third circle into the first—strike Tehran two to three times a day, not just once a week."

The latest strike, which reached an Iranian Air Force base 2,300 kilometers from Israel, marks the culmination of a three-phase strategy to secure air superiority in the region:

Neutralizing Hezbollah's Air Defenses: Over 10 months, Israel systematically dismantled Hezbollah's advanced anti-aircraft systems, which had previously restricted Israeli air operations over Lebanon.

Disabling Syrian Defenses: Following the collapse of the Assad regime, Israel swiftly eliminated Syria's dense anti-aircraft network.

Preventing Turkish Interference: Israel successfully lobbied against Turkey's deployment of air defense systems in northern Syria, avoiding potential friction or intelligence sharing with Iran.

These efforts dismantled a regional radar detection network that could have alerted Iran to Israeli incursions before aircraft even crossed into Syrian or Iraqi airspace.

Behind the scenes: US support

While the U.S. officially distances itself from Israeli operations in Iran, behind the scenes, CENTCOM provides critical support in intelligence, early warning systems and missile defense. American naval assets are en route to the region, enhancing Israel's ability to intercept Iranian missile threats.

This cooperation has proven vital. Real-time intelligence allows for 15–20 minutes of advance warning before missile launches. Systems like Iron Dome, David's Sling and Arrow intercept incoming threats, with each layer providing a unique defense capability. Israeli officials also credit the Trump administration's earlier decisions and the recent unfreezing of munitions by the Biden administration for enabling these operations. "People don't realize how much the release of U.S. munitions has empowered us," said one security official. "A quarter-ton bomb that destroys a missile launcher costs far less than an Arrow 3 interceptor."

To conserve resources, the IAF has adopted a controversial but calculated policy: it does not intercept Iranian missiles projected to land in uninhabited areas. Of approximately 250 launches, several dozen were allowed to fall in open terrain, causing no casualties or property damage.

Sustaining the campaign: Logistics and legacy aircraft

The operation's timing is notable, as the Israeli Air Force is still awaiting a long-overdue modernization of its fleet. Many aircraft are outdated, yet the mission's success is a testament to the dedication of maintenance, technology, and armament crews.

The aging "Ram" refueling aircraft—some in service for nearly 60 years—are critical to maintaining continuous operations over Iran. These tankers enable dozens of Israeli aircraft to remain airborne over hostile territory for extended periods, returning only briefly for maintenance and refueling before redeploying.

Despite extensive joint training with the U.S., Israel insists that no American refueling aircraft are involved in these missions. Recently acquired F-15s have also been deployed, contributing to mission management and stealth operations.

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Bazan Group says power plant supplying steam and electricity to refinery heavily damaged; 3 killed in missile strike

Ilana Curie|23:32

Israel's Bazan Group announced Monday evening that all operations at its Haifa Bay refinery and subsidiaries have been shut down following a direct Iranian missile strike very early in the morning. The company confirmed in a statement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange that the attack caused significant damage, including to its on-site power station. Three people were killed in the incident.

According to the Energy Ministry, the attack struck a strategic facility and left the power generation unit—critical to steam and electricity production—heavily damaged. The ministry assured the public it is prepared to maintain national fuel supply and estimated that repair work will take about 10 days.

The missile hit caused a building to collapse and sparked a fire that trapped the three victims under the rubble. Thick smoke and extreme heat reportedly left them with little chance of survival. The initial investigation found that the victims likely died from smoke inhalation and severe heat exposure following the deadly barrage. The deceased were residents of Haifa and surrounding areas.

The attack, which had not been publicly disclosed until Energy Minister Eli Cohen's announcement in the evening, came as a surprise to some in Israel's defense

establishment. It is unclear whether the incident would have become public knowledge had Bazan not been a publicly traded company legally obligated to report material events.

In its official statement, Bazan said: “As a result of the strike on the Bazan Group compound, the power station responsible for part of the steam and electricity production for the group’s facilities was significantly damaged. Additional damages occurred, and at this time all refinery operations and subsidiary facilities have been shut down.” Bazan added that it is working with the Israel Electric Corporation, which responded immediately to assist in restoring power to the site, and that it is currently assessing the full scope of the damage. The company also expressed condolences to the families of the victims.

Cohen visited the blast site along with Bazan’s CEO and the head of the Electric Corporation, Meir Spiegler. Cohen said the energy sector will continue to provide for the country’s fuel needs during the recovery period.

Lihi Shahr, director of the Haifa Bay Environmental Protection Union, said the incident highlights long-standing concerns. “This was a known scenario. Just a day earlier, we saw damage and Bazan reported it to the stock exchange. Nationally, this raises serious questions about Israel’s energy security,” she said.

Shahr criticized past claims by Bazan that wartime conditions proved the facility must remain operational. “Two or three missiles and that theory collapsed. Now we must ask: what are the alternatives? The Energy Ministry and the National Emergency Authority need to answer that,” she said.

“We’ve been warning for years that there’s no airtight protection,” Shahr added. “Back in 2018, we described this scenario—war with Iran, missile strikes, and now Bazan is offline. What now?”

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Aerial superiority is key, experts agree; but the overall culture, sophisticated training and innovation of the Israeli Air Force, combined with its integration into intelligence and cyber capabilities, ensured its success

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An important American publication tried on Sunday to explain how Israel was able to gain air superiority over Iran within 48 hours while Russia was unable to do the same in Ukraine after 3.5 years of war.

The IDF's achievement in the sky over Iran, including over its capital, allows its warplanes to drop bombs from within Iranian airspace instead of relying on expensive long-range missiles.

"On Sunday, Israel was exploiting its advantage, saying it had taken out dozens of surface-to-air missiles in western Iran and killed the intelligence chief of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, along with his deputy," The Wall Street Journal wrote.

Military experts interviewed by the paper explained that air superiority is key. No side was able to achieve it in the Russia-Ukraine war and the result was stagnation and a war of attrition, one expert said.

The paper explained that the initial strike was carried out using the U.S.-made IDF Air Force's F-35 stealth bombers that were enhanced with Israeli modifications. "Now that most of Iran's air defenses have been suppressed, older warplanes such as F-15 and F-16 are joining the fight. Israel has also started dropping short-range JDAM and Spice guided bombs, which are cheaper and much more abundant than missiles, to devastating effect."

The analysts who spoke to the Journal agreed that Israel learned from the Russian mistakes and the Ukrainian successes, but said that the Israeli Air Force had better attack capabilities than the Russians to begin with, and Ukraine had been able to defend its airspace better than Iran had been.

"Iran never relied on air defenses alone to ward off attacks like this. The idea was always to use deterrence," said Fabian Hinz, a military expert at the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

"Iran's air defenses were a much easier target set than Ukraine's air defenses in almost every respect," said Michael Kofman, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment and an expert on Russian and Ukrainian militaries. "The asymmetry in qualitative capability between Israel's air force and Russia is also vast and can be easily observed."

Edward Stringer, a retired British air marshal, attributed the IDF's success to "the overall culture, sophisticated training and innovation of the Israeli air force, combined with its integration into intelligence and cyber capabilities."

According to the WSJ report, both Iran and Ukraine had old and ill-equipped air forces, but the Iranians also failed in ensuring their aerial defenses. This was a fatal strategic miscalculation, the publication said. Iran opted to rely on its arsenal of surface-to-surface missiles and on its regional proxies.

But Hezbollah in Lebanon was badly defeated by Israel last year and after the fall of the Assad regime in Syria, Israel destroyed Syrian air defenses, clearing a path for its aircraft to reach Iran.

The Wall Street Journal's comparison of the two conflicts showed that Ukraine's Soviet-era S-300 and Buk System outperformed Iran's mishmash of S-300, Chinese batteries and locally made air-defense systems.

Ukraine, thanks to a 2022 warning from American intelligence that Russia was planning an invasion, spread its mobile anti-aircraft batteries across the country and kept some

hidden. They survived the Russian attack, forcing the Russians to rely on cruise and ballistic missiles to attack targets deep in Ukrainian territory. Iran had been taken by complete surprise, despite public threats. "Basically, what Israel did with Iran is what Russia wanted to do with Ukraine, geopolitical analyst Michael Horowitz said. "They thought they could pull off some cloak-and-dagger thing, and infiltrate and decapitate the Ukrainian regime but it turned out that the Ukrainian society has a resilience and cannot be so easily penetrated—whereas when it comes to Iran, the regime is so unpopular that it's easy to find people there who will agree to work with Israel."

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Iran called on U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday to force Israel to cease fire as the only way to end the four-day-old aerial war, while Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country was on the "path to victory".

"If President Trump is genuine about diplomacy and interested in stopping this war, next steps are consequential," Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said on X.

"Israel must halt its aggression, and absent a total cessation of military aggression against us, our responses will continue. It takes one phone call from Washington to muzzle someone like Netanyahu. That may pave the way for a return to diplomacy."

Trump confirmed Monday evening that he had received messages from Iran, saying: "They would like to talk, but they should have done it first." He said, "I had 60 days, and they also had 60 days, and on the 61st day I said, 'We don't have a deal. They need to reach an agreement.' And it hurts both sides, but I say - Iran is not winning this war. They should talk, and they need to talk immediately, before it's too late."

Earlier, Iran's Revolutionary Guards issued a warning to residents of Tel Aviv on Monday evening, following the evacuation announcement by the IDF spokesman in Persian to residents of Tehran. The Revolutionary Guards' announcement read: "Evacuate as quickly as possible," according to state media in Iran.

Sources told Reuters that Tehran had asked Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Oman to press Trump to use his influence on Israel to agree to an immediate ceasefire. In return, Iran would show flexibility in nuclear negotiations, said the two Iranian and three regional sources.

Netanyahu told Israeli troops at an air base that Israel was on its way to achieving its two main aims: wiping out Iran's nuclear program and destroying its missiles.

"We are on the path to victory," he said. "We are telling the citizens of Tehran: 'Evacuate' — and we are taking action."

Trump has consistently said that the Israeli assault could end quickly if Iran agrees to U.S. demands that it accept strict curbs to its nuclear program.

Talks between the United States and Iran, hosted by Oman, had been scheduled for Sunday but were scrapped, with Tehran saying it could not negotiate while under attack. On Monday, Iranian lawmakers floated the idea of quitting the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, a move bound to be seen as a setback for any negotiations.

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Meanwhile, the US aircraft carrier USS Nimitz is making its way to the Middle East from the South China Sea, as confirmed by American officials to the Reuters news agency and Fox News. The aircraft carrier will join the USS Carl Vinson, which is already operating in the region.

The Sabreen News agency, affiliated with pro-Iranian militias in Iraq, reported deaths and injuries in an attack targeting the state television building in Iran. The attack came after Iran's official television announced that the IDF attacked its infrastructure, following a threat from Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz.

The three Israelis killed overnight in Haifa were killed after a missile hit the Bazan oil refinery site and, according to the investigation released early Monday evening, they were in an interior room that was the most protected in the facility. A fire broke out at the scene, and it is estimated that they were trapped under the rubble and may have suffocated to death as a result of the thick smoke.

Iran sent "urgent messages" signaling it wants to end the exchange of blows with Israel and return to the negotiating table on its nuclear program, the Wall Street Journal reported Monday afternoon. The report also said that the messages were sent to Israel and

the United States through mediators from Arab countries and official figures in Europe and the Middle East. Iran emphasized in its messages that it is open to returning to negotiations on its nuclear program - "as long as the U.S. does not join the Israeli attacks."

Iran reported on Monday afternoon explosions in western and eastern Tehran as a result of IDF strikes. According to a report by the "Fars" news agency, the IDF attacked a military base in the western part of the country and air defense systems were activated.

The strikes come after the IDF Persian spokesperson, Reserve Master Sergeant Kamal Pinhasi, issued a warning to citizens of the capital Tehran to evacuate according to a map he published. In his message, he stated: "Urgent warning to workers and those staying in District 3 in Tehran. In the coming hours, the IDF will operate in the area, as it has operated in recent days throughout Tehran, to strike military infrastructure of the Iranian regime. Dear citizens, for your security and well-being, we ask you to evacuate immediately from the marked area in District 3, according to the map. Your presence in this area endangers your lives."

Meanwhile, the Sabreen News Agency, affiliated with pro-Iranian militias in Iraq, published a photo of Ali Shamkhani, a close adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei - who was reported in Iran to have been killed in an Israeli attack. The report stated that "Shamkhani continues to receive treatment and his condition is stable" with an attached photo of Shamkhani "from these moments." The authenticity of the image is unclear.

Earlier on Monday afternoon, Abraham Cohen, 75, a resident of Bnei Brak, was named as one of the victims of the early morning attack by an Iranian missile.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited the Tel Nof Airbase on Monday alongside Defense Minister Israel Katz and IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, praising the military's operations against Iran and declaring a strategic shift in the regional balance of power.

"In the name of the people and the State of Israel—you are doing incredible things, simply incredible," Netanyahu told air force personnel. "Our air force not only defends Israel's skies, it now controls the skies over Tehran. This is a tremendous achievement, a game-changer."

Netanyahu said Israel is striking regime targets "precisely and decisively," focusing on threats to its future. He contrasted the campaign with Iran's, accusing Tehran of "deliberately targeting civilians—children, women, families." The prime minister said Israel was warning Tehran's residents to evacuate before strikes and emphasized two strategic objectives: "Eliminating the nuclear threat and eliminating the missile threat." "This is a campaign for victory, and that victory is built on incredible people like you," Netanyahu said. "The entire nation salutes you, and many around the world are watching you with admiration. It's a fundamental part of the hope for the victory we will achieve. Continue going forward all the way."

Defense Minister Katz said the decision to strike Iran had not been taken lightly but was made with full confidence in the air force. “We knew that when the moment of truth came, we could rely on you,” he said. “You are the spearhead delivering results.” IDF chief Zamir also praised the performance of both air and ground forces in the campaign, noting their effectiveness.

Meanwhile, Iran’s new Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander, Mohammad Pakpour, warned that even if Israeli strikes stopped, Iranian operations would continue. “We will carry out our mission to the end,” he said. He claimed Israeli losses were greater than reported and that one targeted building had housed 70 people. “We’ve destroyed critical areas in Israel, and we’ll press on with our response to Israeli aggression.”

Israeli airstrikes continued across Iran, with dozens of new attacks reported. According to Lebanon’s Hezbollah-linked Al Mayadeen network, Iranian air defenses intercepted hostile targets over Tabriz and in Khuzestan province.

Iran’s Fars News Agency reported an Israeli strike on a fire station in Musian, Ilam province, near the Iraqi border—the second such attack on the site, which reportedly caused damage to the station and emergency vehicles.

Explosions were also reported in Mashhad province in northeastern Iran, more than 2,300 kilometers from Israel.

IDF Spokesman Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin said Monday that Israeli intelligence had identified several trucks transporting weapons—including surface-to-air missile launchers—moving from western Iran toward Tehran. The air force quickly intercepted and destroyed the convoy.

As hostilities continue, the Kremlin said Russia remains willing to mediate between Israel and Iran. A previous proposal by Moscow to store Iranian uranium on Russian soil is still on the table, though “the outbreak of hostilities has complicated the situation,” said Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov.

Separately, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan told his Iranian counterpart, Masoud Pezeshkian, that Ankara is prepared to act as a mediator in nuclear negotiations, according to a statement from the Turkish presidency.

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Airstrikes in central Iran and Tehran eliminate over 120 missile launchers, top intelligence officials; some launchers hunted down in real time, cutting in half missile salvo fired at Israel

Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari|15:11

The Israeli Air Force (IAF) has destroyed more than 120 of Iran's surface-to-surface missile launchers—about a third of the Islamic Republic's arsenal, the IDF reported on Monday as Israel's preemptive Operation Rising Lion entered its fourth day.

According to the IDF Spokesman Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin, the most recent wave of strikes was carried out overnight, targeting approximately 100 military sites in and around Isfahan, central Iran. The operation involved around 50 fighter jets and other aircraft that struck missile storage sites and command centers belonging to both the Iranian military and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) Quds Force in Tehran, as well as surface-to-surface launchers poised to fire on Israeli cities.

More than 20 Iranian missiles were destroyed in real time before they could be launched at Israel, the Defrin said. In one incident, a missile launch crew was identified as it prepared to fire; Israeli aircraft eliminated the crew and destroyed the launchers. "The chief of the General Staff has instructed to increase the strikes on surface-to-surface missile launchers. The Israeli Air Force is pushing eastward," he said in a video statement. According to military estimates, Iran fired around 40 missiles at Israel overnight, killing eight people in Petah Tikva, Bnei Brak and Haifa, and striking multiple sites in Tel Aviv. A previous salvo had included 30 missiles and resulted in no casualties. The IAF also successfully intercepted dozens more drones launched toward Israeli territory, which were intended to be part of the missile barrage. "These strikes caused the regime to launch only half of the missiles it had planned in last night's barrage," Defrin said.

Defrin added that the Quds Force command centers that were struck had been used to plan terrorist attacks against Israel through Iran's regional proxies. According to reports, the IDF also struck near the fortified nuclear facility in Fordow. "We will reach more targets, conduct further strikes and continue to act in pursuit of the operation's objective, to neutralize the existential threat from Iran, from its nuclear project to the regime's missile array," he said.

Additionally, Defrin also confirmed the assassination of Mohammad Kazemi, head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' intelligence unit, and his deputy, Mohammad Hassan Mohaqiq, in an Israeli airstrike in the heart of Tehran on Sunday. In a prior statement, the military described the operation as a "significant blow to the Iranian regime's intelligence apparatus and its ability to carry out terrorist attacks against the State of Israel."

Kazemi had held the post since 2022 and was responsible for internal surveillance, espionage and neutralizing opponents of the regime, the IDF said. "In his role, Kazemi oversaw intelligence gathering for terrorist activities and the monitoring of Iranian citizens to suppress dissent and preserve the Iranian regime," the military said in a statement.

According to the IDF, Kazemi's deputy, Mohaqiq, "previously chaired the Strategic Intelligence Department and played a key role in the regime's terrorist operations against Israel, the West and countries in the Middle East."

The assassination of top IRGC intelligence command in Tehran

The statement also named Mohsen Bakri and his deputy, Abu al-Fadl Nikouei, as senior figures in the Quds Force intelligence unit, responsible for providing operational and intelligence support to Iran's so-called "axis of resistance," which includes Hezbollah, Hamas, the Houthis and Iranian-backed militias in Iraq. The two were said to have "played a significant role in Iran's efforts to reestablish its presence in Syria and supported Hezbollah's military buildup in Lebanon."

Their elimination, the IDF said, follows the killing of the head of the Iranian Armed Forces' General Staff Intelligence Directorate, also named Bakri, in a separate strike last Friday. The opposition-affiliated Iran International news site published footage purportedly showing the deadly blast.

Defrin also reported that Israeli Navy missile ships took part in intercepting the nighttime barrages, destroying eight Iranian drones. For the first time, the navy used the Barak MRSAM air defense system and the long-range LRAD interceptor. The IDF said the system is mounted on Sa'ar 6-class corvettes and is capable of countering a wide range of threats, including drones, cruise missiles, steep-trajectory threats and anti-ship missiles.

Since the beginning of Operation Rising Lion, the Navy's 3rd Flotilla of missile boats has intercepted approximately 25 unmanned aerial vehicles that posed a threat to Israeli civilians. The IDF said its naval forces, working in coordination with the air force, remain deployed across all theaters and serve as a force multiplier in the mission to defend Israeli airspace.

Iran's growing paranoia

Iranian authorities and media outlets reported rising public anxiety over alleged Israeli intelligence activity carried out by the Mossad spy agency as Israeli strikes and targeted assassinations continued to rattle the country.

According to local sources, two vehicles carrying drones were intercepted in Lorestan province. Iranian authorities also claimed that Israeli operatives have been using car batteries to conduct sabotage attacks. Officials urged residents to report any homes storing multiple batteries for cars, motorcycles or other vehicles to the security services. Two vehicles allegedly carrying drones intercepted by Iranian authorities in Lorestan province

In a separate development, Iran's Fars News Agency reported an Israeli airstrike Monday morning on a truck showroom in Kermanshah, in western Iran, injuring at least one person. Iranian media also reported the activation of air defense systems near the Natanz nuclear facility, and claimed that an Israeli drone was downed over Ilam province, also in the west.

Fars also reported the execution of an alleged Mossad spy, identified as Esmail Fakhri, who was reportedly convicted of espionage for Israel in 2023.

Separately, two IRGC members were reported killed in the Ijrud area of Zanjan province in northwestern Iran. Against this backdrop, Iran's parliament opened its session Monday with chants of "Death to America" and "Death to Israel."

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US deploys dozens of refueling jets east, sparking speculation over Israel-Iran clash

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Unprecedented movement of KC-135 and KC-46 aircraft sparks speculation of possible support for Israeli operations, despite US denials of involvement in strikes on Iran
Ynet|11:58

Dozens of American military aerial-refueling aircraft left U.S. shores heading east across the Atlantic Ocean early on Monday in an unprecedented deployment of the U.S. Air Force.

The KC-135 and KC-46 planes, more than 30 in all, might participate in a scheduled NATO exercise in Europe. However, analysts and regional officials speculate the mission could extend to the Middle East, possibly supporting operations related to the ongoing hostilities between Israel and Iran.

Officials in Washington have denied any direct support for Israeli airstrikes against Iran. The U.S. State Department instructed American diplomats to reassure host governments that Washington “was not involved” in Israel’s “unilateral” operation targeting Iranian assets and that it had not provided refueling assistance to the IDF, according to CBS. The department also emphasized that Washington’s support for Israel is limited to defensive measures, warning that any attacks on U.S. civilians, military installations or infrastructure—particularly following threats from Iraq—would prompt a response.

Despite these reassurances, the mass deployment of tankers has fueled speculation about deeper U.S. involvement. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi accused the United States of complicity in Israel’s bombing campaign, warning that Washington will “pay” for its actions.

Another possibility is that the refueling fleet is being positioned to service American Air Force and Navy aircraft should the United States opt for a more active military role in the conflict.

Strategic experts note that while Israeli F-15 fighter jets possess the range to reach Iranian territory without refueling, the more numerous F-16s—and other Western aircraft—require midair tanker support to strike deep targets in Iran. This limitation contrasts with Russian and Chinese bomber platforms, which can operate at longer ranges independently.

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Weizmann Institute of Science suffers heavy damage in Iranian attack. no casualties

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Prestigious Israeli research institute suffers heavy damage in Iranian attack

Watch: Direct hit near Weizmann Institute sparks fires and widespread damage; 37 injured in Rehovot, several campus buildings heavily damaged
Meir Turgeman, Roy Rubinstein|11:15

Hours after reports of a direct hit in Rehovot on Sunday, images have emerged showing the extent of the damage caused by an Iranian ballistic missile that struck near the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The blast inflicted widespread destruction across a large radius, though no casualties were reported on campus.

According to The New York Times, footage from the scene showed at least one laboratory building on fire. The article quoted Alan Monziani, a PhD student from Italy who resides in the institute's dormitories. "It's hard to say if it was a direct hit or shrapnel," he said, describing shattered glass and fire breaking out at the site.

The Weizmann Institute confirmed that several buildings had been damaged and said: "Following the missile barrage launched early this morning, several buildings on the Weizmann Institute campus were hit. There were no injuries. The institute is in close contact with the relevant security and emergency authorities and is taking all necessary measures to ensure the safety of staff and campus facilities."

Rehovot's central train station sustained blast damage in the attack. Rolling shutters were bent, windows shattered on Platform 1 and elevator doors were blown out of place. Part of the platform canopy collapsed, and access doors were dislodged. Israel Railways logistics teams and Israel Electric Company representatives have been working at the site. The station did not open to passengers.

At another impact site in Rehovot, just a few kilometers from the institute, 37 people were injured—two seriously, 12 moderately and 23 lightly. Significant damage was caused to buildings and shops within hundreds of meters, and fires broke out at several locations. Firefighters, Home Front Command units, police and emergency responders searched apartment buildings—unit by unit—for victims and survivors. Residents were evacuated, many still in pajamas and light clothing.

Outside one building that sustained a direct hit, family members wept as they waited for news. "I'm afraid something happened to my father," said one of them. Home Front Command officials reassured the crowd, confirming that all evacuees had been rescued alive. Nearby, ZAKA emergency response volunteers stood by, hoping they wouldn't be needed. "Let's hope we stay idle," one said quietly.

Meir Doron, a resident of the street, is currently staying at a temporary evacuation center set up in a local elementary school. "The rockets are chasing my son," he said. "He came to us from Tel Aviv with his dog after rockets fell near him there. I told him, 'Come to Rehovot, it's quiet here.' And now it hit right next to us. I don't scare easily, but the blast

was terrifying. We waited until we got the all-clear to leave the shelter. The sight of our home was devastating—total destruction. But the safe room saved our lives.”

Moshe Barhanan, who was injured and is now hospitalized in the orthopedic ward at Kaplan Medical Center, told Ynet his home has no reinforced shelter. “After the explosion, I was hit in the bones and fell to the floor. I couldn’t see anything,” he recalled. “I yelled to my friend, ‘Where are you?’ I thought he was dead. Three young people came and pulled me out. They were shouting, and I started shouting too. At first, I thought I was fine, but a few minutes later, the pain set in.”

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Images reveal damage to Iran’s deep nuclear, missile sites after Israeli strikes

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Satellite images reveal damage to Iran’s nuclear, missile sites after Israeli strikes. Israeli jets reportedly hit heavily fortified Fordow nuclear site; Israeli source says underground Natanz facility may have collapsed; satellite images show apparent damage to nuclear and missile bases across Iran.

Lior Ben Ari, Yoav Zitun|10:13

New satellite images released Monday showed damage to several of Iran’s nuclear facilities, including Natanz, which was struck by Israel repeatedly in recent days.

Iranian media also reported that Israel struck the heavily fortified Fordow uranium enrichment facility overnight, prompting air defense systems to activate in nearby Qom.

The Fordow facility, a centerpiece of Iran’s nuclear program, is considered one of the most difficult targets for Israel to neutralize due to its location inside a mountain and the multiple layers of reinforced concrete protecting it. The Wall Street Journal described Fordow as “Israel’s greatest challenge” in its military campaign against Iran and noted that U.S. involvement would likely be required to destroy it fully.

According to the Journal, the United States possesses the Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP)—a bunker-busting bomb weighing more than 12 tons and capable of reaching depths of nearly 60 meters (almost 200 feet).

However, U.S. military assessments have concluded that at least two MOPs dropped in quick succession would be needed to destroy Iran’s deepest underground nuclear facilities.

The Journal also cited an Israeli official who said there were signs that the underground sections of the Natanz facility had collapsed following an Israeli strike, though further analysis was necessary to confirm the extent of the damage.

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Authorities say properly used safe rooms and public shelters are keeping most residents alive in the latest attacks

Maayan Hoffman/The Media Line|03:35

Sirens wailed across Israel once again as Iran launched retaliatory strikes following Israel's preemptive attack on Iranian nuclear facilities and senior military officials. The piercing alarms sent people racing to secure spaces—reinforced rooms in homes, apartment buildings, and public shelters—seeking protection from incoming fire. But how effective are these shelters against Iranian ballistic missiles?

Israel's residential reinforced rooms (mamadim), floor-level secure spaces (mamakim), and community bomb shelters (miklatim) are designed to withstand missile strikes and drone attacks, including those equipped with heavy warheads, according to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Home Front Command.

“These shelters are the best solution for the citizens of Israel,” a source affiliated with the Home Front Command said. “Since the start of the war, anyone critically injured or killed was not in one of these shelters.”

Built from reinforced concrete and equipped with specially engineered blast-resistant doors and windows, these spaces are constructed to absorb and deflect powerful shock waves. The Home Front Command conducts regular inspections to ensure compliance with evolving standards. While no shelter can offer absolute protection, officials emphasize that these rooms give families the best chance of survival.

Israel first required protected spaces in new buildings under the 1951 Civil Defense Law, mandating that residential and industrial structures include designated safe areas to guard against conventional—and potentially chemical or biological—attacks.

The Gulf War in 1991 prompted a major policy shift. After Iraq launched Scud missiles at Israel, forcing residents to remain indoors for extended periods, the Home Front Command revised its strategy. In 1992, the focus moved from communal bomb shelters to private, in-home protected rooms, improving access to immediate safety.

The IDF explains the rationale clearly: While missiles and rockets have multiple components, the warhead is what causes the most damage and is the primary reason people must shelter.

“When the warhead hits the ground, the wall of a building, or any other object, it explodes,” the IDF stated in an online explainer. “As a result of the explosion, thousands of pieces of burning shrapnel and an intense shock wave are created. These pieces of shrapnel are liable to hit us, depending on the strength of the explosion and one's proximity to it.

“When we stand exposed in the vicinity of the focus of the explosion, for example outside, on the porch, or by the window, we are liable to be struck by a direct hit of shrapnel, which fly around at great speed,” the explanation continues. “In addition, the shock wave at the time of the explosion is liable to send us flying and fling us about forcefully and may even cause serious injuries to the internal organs in our bodies.” The missiles fired from Iran in recent days have “very big warheads,” the Home Front Command source said, noting this accounts for the severe damage caused by direct hits. People are advised to remain in shelters for 10 minutes after each siren to avoid injury from falling debris or secondary strikes—a precaution the source said “can save lives.” According to Magen David Adom, the three people who have died in Israel since the start of Iran’s attack were not in shelters when the rockets struck. Two victims were killed Saturday morning in Rishon LeZion, just south of Tel Aviv. One died at the scene; the other succumbed to injuries in the hospital. A third person was killed in Ramat Gan on Friday night and pronounced dead at Rabin Medical Center.

“The scene where the woman was killed yesterday in Ramat Gan had old buildings that, as far as I know, did not have protected rooms or shelters,” a spokesperson said. “At the scene in Rishon LeZion, as far as I know, the woman was not in a protected room. The man was inside a residential unit which, to the best of our knowledge, did not contain a protected room either.”

Dozens of others have been wounded in the recent barrage. Emergency responders say critically injured individuals were also outside designated shelters when the missiles landed.

Dean Elsdunne, spokesperson for the Israeli Police, noted that many older buildings lack in-home reinforced rooms and instead have communal shelters in their basements. He said that “going to a shelter is for sure the best possible thing to do” to survive a missile strike.

But reaching those shelters can be a challenge.

Older adults or those with disabilities may struggle to descend stairs in time. Elsdunne said some people have been hurt while trying to get to safety.

“If older people say they cannot go downstairs, try to help them. Now is the time to come together and show unity. Take care of yourself and those around you,” he said.

For residents in buildings without a designated shelter, the IDF recommends taking cover in stairwells or interior rooms without windows.

The Home Front Command has stressed that Israel’s protection strategy is multilayered. Alongside physical shelters are upgraded alert systems providing earlier warnings and the country’s missile defense network, which aims to intercept threats before impact.

Even with these precautions, the system is not foolproof.

Officials are monitoring conditions in real time. When it is deemed safe, residents are cleared to resume basic activities like exercise or showering, but the Home Front Command urges continued vigilance.

“Things can change quickly,” the Home Front Command said, adding that it will issue updates immediately if the situation changes.

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From Iraq to Jordan, regional powers are striving to avoid direct involvement in the growing confrontation between Iran and Israel, even as missiles and drones traverse their skies and debris lands on civilian areas

Lior Ben Ari|02:50

Iranian missiles and drones launched toward Israel cross multiple Arab nations along the way. They can often be seen streaking through the skies over Iraq, Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon, depending on Tehran's chosen targets.

Since the war erupted a few days ago, social media has filled with videos and photos from across the region showing these projectiles en route to Israel, as well as debris falling from the sky. Yet, despite these scenes, leaders in these countries are doing their best to avoid being pulled into a full-scale conflict between Iran and Israel.

Iraq: Walking a tight rope between Iran, militias and the U.S.

In Iraq, even as pro-Iran rallies were held and videos spread online showing Iraqis celebrating the attacks on Israel, the government is making deliberate efforts to distance itself from the fighting, fully aware of the potential dangers it could bring.

For years, pro-Iranian militias — some with backing from Baghdad — carried out repeated strikes against American targets in Iraq and Syria. They eventually halted their operations after receiving assurances that the United States would withdraw following the fall of Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria.

This pause prevented the militias from expanding their attacks to Israel. But with the latest developments, fears are mounting that these groups may resume their activities. The Iraqi government remains caught in a delicate balancing act: maintaining ties with Washington while keeping the militias in check.

Speaking today, Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani warned: "The recent aggression against Iran poses a direct threat to the security and stability of Iraq and the region." He stressed that Iraq firmly rejects violations of its airspace, continues to act with restraint, and prioritizes the interests of its people above all.

According to Saudi newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat, Baghdad has communicated to the armed militias that they must stay out of the Iran-Israel conflict.

Reports mention intensive talks between al-Sudani and leaders of Shiite parties and militias, where the message was made clear: Iraq does not wish to be drawn into this war.

Baghdad has also asked Tehran to avoid targeting American interests inside Iraq.

In a phone call with Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said: "The violation of Iraqi airspace to attack Iran is clear evidence of Israel's crimes. Should the Israeli aggression continue, Iran's response will be even

harsher and more decisive. Iraq must exercise greater caution regarding its borders and airspace.”

Iraqi militias: Ready to act should the U.S. intervene

Meanwhile, the Hezbollah Brigades, a powerful pro-Iranian militia in Iraq, issued a statement declaring: “Iran does not need military support from anyone to deter the Zionist entity. It has enough people and capabilities to humiliate Netanyahu.”

The group added: “While Iran bravely and firmly confronts Zionist aggression, we are closely monitoring the movements of the American military in the region. If the U.S. intervenes in the war, we will strike its interests and bases throughout the region without hesitation.”

The militia further called on the Iraqi government and the ruling Coordination Framework coalition to take responsibility and adopt a firm stance to prevent the war from expanding. According to them, this would require closing the U.S. embassy in Baghdad and expelling American forces, whom they labeled “the clearest and most dangerous threat to Iraq’s security and regional stability.”

Lebanon: Hezbollah exercises caution—for now

Lebanon’s leaders unanimously condemned Israel’s strikes on Iran, but worked behind the scenes to shield their country from being dragged into the confrontation. Hezbollah, while issuing a statement denouncing the Israeli attacks, avoided any threats of retaliation or suggestions of direct involvement.

Weakened by heavy losses in its war with Israel and burdened by internal challenges, Hezbollah currently lacks the capacity to escalate—even if it wanted to.

Once a primary aggressor on behalf of the Shiite axis and “support for Gaza,” Hezbollah has now shifted to encouraging the Houthis in Yemen and supporting Iran from the sidelines. Lebanon’s new leadership made it clear to Hezbollah: Lebanon must stay out of this conflict.

On Friday, Saudi-owned Al-Hadath channel quoted a source close to Hezbollah saying the group would not intervene in the fighting between Israel and Iran.

Over the past two days, Lebanese social media has featured videos of Iranian missiles passing over southern Lebanon on their way to Israel. Meanwhile, Lebanon’s army issued warnings about falling debris from intercepted missiles.

Syria: A crossroads for drones and falling debris

In Syria, numerous videos have surfaced in recent days showing missiles and drones flying across its airspace, along with footage of debris falling inside the country.

In one clip, an Iranian drone was seen being intercepted over the village of Saida in rural Quneitra. Another video showed a disassembled fuel tank that reportedly crashed onto a home in the city of Inkhil.

Jordan: Defending its airspace while trying to stay out of it

Jordan continues to make it clear: its airspace will not become a battleground. On Friday, a Jordanian military source announced that Royal Jordanian Air Force aircraft and air defense systems intercepted several missiles and drones that had entered Jordanian skies. The source explained that these interceptions were carried out following military assessments predicting that missiles or drones might fall on Jordanian territory, including populated areas, risking civilian casualties. He emphasized that Jordanian forces are on

round-the-clock alert to defend the kingdom's borders by land, sea, and air — and will not tolerate any violations of their airspace.

The interceptions triggered backlash online from pro-Iranian circles, with some even labeling Jordan an “enemy” in certain media outlets.

Despite Jordan's efforts to avoid entanglement, several incidents have already occurred. Yesterday, Jordanian authorities reported that three people were injured when “an object fell on a house” in Irbid. Arab media attributed the incident to debris from Iranian missiles. Other videos of impacts inside Jordan have also spread across social media.

Pakistan: Calling out 'Zionist aggression', but otherwise quiet

While many Arab states condemned Israel's attack on Iran, one country stood firmly by Tehran: Pakistan. The leadership in Islamabad unanimously approved a resolution expressing full support for Iran in its confrontation with what it called “Zionist aggression.”

Azerbaijan: Says use of its airspace by any side during the conflict is unacceptable
According to the Iranian Tasnim News Agency, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi spoke by phone with his Azerbaijani counterpart Jeyhun Bayramov, stating: “Israeli aggression against Iran threatens international security, and Tehran will respond decisively.”

Araghchi stressed that the attack was a clear violation of national sovereignty and international law. In response, Azerbaijan's foreign minister assured that his country would not allow its airspace or territory to be used for attacks against Iran or any other nation.

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Israeli Air Force attacks surface-to-surface missile sites; air defenses activated near nuclear sites as Tehran rules out ceasefire talks amid Israeli strikes; two more bodies at site of Bat Yam missile strike, bringing death toll to 9

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IDF tells everyone in Israel to remain near shelters ahead of an expected missile attack, early on Monday, after reports in Iran that Israeli fighters attacked the underground uranium enrichment facility at Fordow. Authorities later reported that two more bodies were pulled out from the site of Saturday's Iranian missile strike in Bat Yam, raising the death toll to nine.

Earlier, Home Front Command issued updated safety instructions for residents across several regions, including Tel Aviv and the Dan region, Jerusalem, the Shephelah, the

Sharon, Judea and Samaria, the Yarkon area, Lachish, the Jordan Valley and Beit She'an, urging them to remain close to protected shelters ahead of an impending attack from Iran. Even after more than an hour, the IDF said the order is in place until further notice.

The IDF advised minimizing public movement and avoiding gatherings. "Upon hearing a warning siren, enter a protected space immediately and remain there until an official update is issued," the statement said.

Shortly after the alert, the military announced that the Israeli Air Force was actively striking surface-to-surface missile sites in central Iran in what appears to be a preemptive operation.

Iranian media reported that air defense systems were activated near key nuclear and military sites in Isfahan, Qom and Parchin, just prior to expected missile launches toward Israel.

Meanwhile, a senior official told Reuters that Iran has informed Qatari and Omani mediators it will not enter ceasefire negotiations with Israel while strikes on its territory continue. The official said Tehran would only consider "serious talks" after completing its response to Israeli attacks.

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Europe support for Israel's offensive on Iran could change — if conflict drags on

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Europe's surprising support for Israel's offensive on Iran—here's why
Despite criticism of Israel's war in Gaza, Britain, France and Germany show unexpected support for the military campaign in Iran, but that backing may fade as the conflict drags on and pressure for diplomacy grows
Itamar Eichner|23:17

While European leaders have been sharply critical of Israel over its ongoing war in Gaza, several countries have issued surprisingly broad public support for the Israeli strike on Iran's nuclear facilities.

When it comes to Iran, the positions of the E3—Britain, Germany and France—have typically aligned closely with Israel's. All three countries emphasize Israel's right to self-defense and view the Iranian nuclear threat with grave concern, a stance that dates back to the original 2015 nuclear agreement.

On the Iran issue, Israel and Europe have long seen eye to eye, in part because many European governments distinguish clearly between the Iranian threat and the Palestinian issue.

This distinction is often shaped by public opinion. In many European countries, Arab-Muslim communities tend to be strongly critical of Israel. But among Iranian diaspora

communities in Europe, support for Israel is notably high. European unease over Iran's deepening alliance with Russia also plays a significant role in shaping this stance.

At the same time, there's a cultural aspect at play: many in Europe view the Israel-Iran conflict as a David-and-Goliath scenario. There's also widespread fascination with the "James Bond-like" ingenuity attributed to Mossad operations. Much like U.S. President Donald Trump, many Europeans simply appreciate a winner. Israeli officials have also conveyed a clear message to their European counterparts: Israel is striking military infrastructure, while Iran is deliberately targeting civilian population centers.

The rhetoric coming from European capitals has been notably supportive. Germany and France have explicitly recognized the Iranian threat and voiced their backing for Israel's right to defend itself. Israeli spokespeople are, for the first time in a long while, encountering genuine interest, openness and a willingness to engage in substantive dialogue.

One moment that encapsulated this shift came during a Sky News interview with Foreign Ministry spokesperson Oren Marmorstein. When asked how the government explains to Israeli citizens the need to take cover in bomb shelters, Marmorstein responded with a personal story, explaining how he addressed the question with his 9-year-old daughter.

"I told that in a very foul place called Iran, there's a very extreme regime—the mullah regime—and they are doing everything possible to get their hands on the most dangerous weapon humankind ever known—a nuclear weapon—and that's why we are undergoing these difficulties, but it's in order for us to be safe. Actually, it's not only for us, Israel, to be safe. The idea is to make the world a safer place."

The question now is how long this European support will last. For now, the backing continues, largely because Israel is perceived as having the upper hand—but that could change. Should the conflict drag on and graphic images of civilian casualties in Iran begin to emerge, European public opinion may shift. Likewise, European governments will likely have little patience for a prolonged military campaign and would prefer a return to diplomatic efforts.

In short, Europe's current support for Israel is conditional and temporary. Within diplomatic circles, skepticism is already growing about Israel's ability to achieve its goals through military means alone. Many European diplomats believe Israel cannot halt Iran's nuclear program on its own and will ultimately need U.S. support or a comprehensive diplomatic resolution.

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Watch: Israeli Air Force hits refueling plane in Mashhad, 2,300 km from home, in first-ever strike on Iranian aircraft; IDF chief hails mission as reshaping regional strategy
Yoav Zitun, Iskander Khabibulin|22:13

The IDF reported on Sunday that the Israeli Air Force (IAF) had struck an Iranian refueling aircraft at Mashhad Airport in northeastern Iran, approximately 2,300 km (1,430 miles) from Israel, marking its most distant strike since the start of its preemptive Operation Rising Lion. "The Air Force is working to achieve air superiority throughout Iran," the military said.

It was the first time the IAF had targeted Iranian aircraft on the ground. Shortly before the announcement, the Sabrin news agency reported an attack in Mashhad. Iran's Fars News Agency said two explosions were heard in the city during the evening. Reports indicated that air defense systems were activated around 6:30 p.m., thick smoke was seen rising, and a fire broke out at the airport following an explosion.

Earlier, two sources told Reuters that at least 14 nuclear scientists were killed in Israeli strikes across Tehran. According to the sources, the scientists were also eliminated by car bomb explosions.

The military further reported that Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir held a situation assessment earlier in the Air Force's underground command center with Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar, the Air Force chief of staff, the head of air operations and other senior commanders. During the IAF strikes in Tehran, Zamir visited the defense and strike control rooms and expressed his great appreciation for their work.

During his visit, he said: "The offensive moves we are carrying out in Iran are changing the strategic reality for the State of Israel. We are removing an existential threat and solidifying our security. IDF, through the Air Force, has paved the way to Tehran and is striking regime infrastructure and the nuclear program in a precise and extensive manner beyond what the enemy anticipated. "The defense effort and the resilience of the home front are crucial," he added. "I wish to extend my condolences to the families of the fallen and call on everyone to continue acting responsibly and follow Home Front Command instructions. A strong home front gives us the strength to continue our mission. We will persist with determination, force, responsibility and full coordination with all security branches—until all our objectives are achieved."

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Multiple impact sites across Israel leave at least 8 people lightly injured, damage property and spark fires; rescue teams deployed, police cordon off impact zones
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Iranian missile strikes across Israel on Sunday evening left at least eight people lightly injured, damaged property and sparked fires, as the country braced for further salvos.

Home Front Command rescue teams were dispatched to multiple locations following confirmed missile impacts. In Haifa, three people sustained minor injuries and were treated at the scene; a fourth was taken to the hospital. Fire and rescue teams are searching for a possible person trapped under debris at the site.

In southern Israel, a residential home was struck, injuring four people and causing additional structural damage. In the north, another missile hit caused a fire, prompting emergency response.

Israel Police confirmed that fragments of munitions fell in a coastal town in the Haifa District, causing property damage. Bomb disposal units and police officers are currently securing the area and conducting searches to rule out further threats. "We urge the public to stay clear of impact sites and follow all police instructions," the statement said.

Despite the active threat, the Home Front Command has now authorized residents to exit protected spaces, though authorities urge caution and adherence to official guidance. Earlier, sirens were activated from Haifa and the Golan Heights to the Negev Desert, with explosions heard across the country. The IDF confirmed it intercepted several of the missiles but said additional salvos were expected.

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Netanyahu confirms Israel's latest strike in Tehran killed IRGC's top intelligence chiefs, who were trapped in the rubble; IDF chief hails operation as 'paving the road to Tehran'; Trump reportedly vetoed plan to kill Khamenei

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The top leadership of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) intelligence directorate was eliminated in a major Israeli airstrike in central Tehran, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed in a Fox News interview Sunday.

According to Netanyahu, the strike killed Mohammad Kazemi, head of the IRGC's intelligence directorate, along with his deputy, Hassan Mohaghegh. The attack, which came amid a broader wave of Israeli airstrikes on dozens of targets across Tehran,

marked one of the most significant blows to Iran's internal security apparatus since the beginning of Israel's preemptive Operation Rising Lion.

Targets struck in the capital included air defense systems, military sites tied to the IRGC—one of which reportedly housed the intelligence officials—and ballistic missile sites, according to the IDF.

Before Netanyahu's confirmation, Iran International, a London-based opposition-affiliated outlet, reported that Kazemi and Mohaghegh were trapped under rubble following the strike on the intelligence building in Tehran. Their status was initially listed as unknown.

Reuters reported separately that President Donald Trump had vetoed an Israeli plan to assassinate Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

As the strikes unfolded, IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin said Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir conducted a situation assessment with top Air Force officials at the underground command center, visiting both defensive and offensive control rooms. Zamir praised the execution of the operation, saying Israel's air campaign was "changing the strategic reality."

"These offensive actions in Iran are removing existential threats and laying the foundation for Israel's security," Zamir said, noting that the strikes were precisely targeted against regime infrastructure and nuclear assets.

He also emphasized the importance of Israel's home front resilience: "A strong home front gives us the strength to complete our mission. We will continue to act decisively, with power, responsibility, and full cooperation across our security branches, until all objectives are achieved."

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Five car bombs rock Tehran, nuclear scientists killed; we have many more surprises

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Multiple car bombs rock Tehran, Iranian reports say nuclear scientists killed
Car bombs explode across Iranian capital, with local reports saying several nuclear scientists eliminated; blasts come as Israeli officials warn 'buildings will fall in Tehran' following Iran's missile attacks on Israeli cities

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Five car bombs exploded across Tehran following a wave of Israeli airstrikes targeting the Islamic Republic, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported on Sunday.

Iranian authorities say the blasts killed several nuclear scientists. Social media footage showed mushroom clouds rising above the capital.

Amid the explosions and ongoing Israeli airstrikes, many residents were filmed fleeing the city, with the head of Iran's traffic police noting a significant surge in vehicular exits from Tehran.

Israeli sources said that in retaliation for the Iranian ballistic-missile attacks that killed 10 people and injured hundreds in Bat Yam and Tamra, "buildings are coming down in Tehran." A senior Cabinet member warned that Iran "will intensify attacks against civilians in Israel, believing the home front is weak and that this will break us. But they are gravely mistaken. We will defeat them."

The official added that although the strikes on Israel's home front "are very serious, they pale in comparison to Iran's nuclear threat. We are well prepared. For a year, the small cabinet has planned for this. We held endless meetings, and successfully deceived everyone into thinking we were only discussing hostages, when in reality we were also addressing the Iranian threat."

Asked why Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the strikes in Iran after nearly two decades of restraint, the official attributed the decision to the influence of the so-called "War Cabinet"—including Defense Minister Israel Katz, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich—describing them as "hawkish."

"Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons that make the bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima look tiny in comparison. We could not remain passive. This is truly an existential war," he said.

Sending a message to Tehran, the official declared, "We have many more surprises. There is great determination in Israel. There really is no real pressure on Israel to stop. They want us to finish this. Behind the scenes, there are beginnings of mediation efforts, but there is still no concrete proposal for a ceasefire."

Earlier, Katz declared that "Tehran will be treated like Beirut." Shortly after his statement, the IDF struck dozens of targets in the Iranian capital, with smoke plumes visible across the city. Among the targets were air defense systems, buildings linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and weapons depots—particularly ballistic missile sites. In a separate report, Iran's Fars News Agency said an Israeli drone struck Tehran's police headquarters, injuring several officers. Meanwhile, Lebanon's Al Mayadeen network reported explosions in the cities of Tabriz and Kermanshah.

On Saturday night, as a heavy barrage of ballistic missiles targeted northern Israel, Israeli fighter jets carried out the largest wave of airstrikes in Tehran since the start of the campaign, hitting dozens of targets in less than an hour. Among the sites attacked were a major fuel terminal and weapons storage facilities. Iranian officials were also reportedly targeted, with some believed to have been eliminated. Iran's Ministry of Petroleum confirmed that two fuel facilities in Tehran had been struck. The country's health minister claimed most of the casualties were women and children.

The IDF announced Sunday morning that the Israeli Air Force had struck throughout the night, destroying armed surface-to-surface missile launchers that were ready to fire.

Launchers that had already fired missiles at Israel were also quickly located and hit. The military also struck surface-to-air missile infrastructure and radar installations operated by the Iranian regime, part of Israel's effort to maintain aerial superiority over Iranian airspace.

Iranian media on Sunday reported explosions in Kermanshah in the west and in Isfahan. An official in Isfahan province said a site affiliated with the Iranian Defense Ministry had been attacked about an hour earlier and that damage was being assessed. The Sabereen News agency, which is affiliated with Iran-backed militias in Iraq, reported a strike on an electronics factory in Shiraz and another in Shahroud, northern Iran. The semi-official ISNA news agency reported that the Defense Ministry's headquarters in Isfahan had also been damaged.

Amid the intensifying attacks, IDF Arabic-language spokesperson Avichay Adraee issued an unprecedented evacuation warning to Iranian civilians. "This is an urgent warning to all those currently in or near weapons manufacturing sites in Iran, and those aiding them," he wrote on X, referring to ballistic missile production facilities. "For your safety, evacuate these areas immediately and do not return until further notice. Your presence endangers your life."

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi says his country will stop cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog IAEA; France says Iran's nuclear program is a danger to Israel, Europe, while the UK deploys more troops to the region

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Iraq's pro-Iran outlet Sabrin said Israel attacked the vicinity of the Iraqi embassy in Tehran. The report came soon after Iran's Tasnim agency said two massive explosions were heard in the capital city and plumes of smoke was seen rising.

The IDF began a new round of strikes on targets in Iran on Sunday after explosions were heard in the area of the Imam Khomeini International Airport at Vahhabad. The Iranian news agency ISNA reported at the same time that Ali Baaqawi, a nuclear scientist from the northern Iranian city of Mazandaran, was killed in a targeted strike.

The Israeli public diplomacy directorate said Israel had no choice but to attack Iran's oil storage facilities because they were used for military purposes, including attacks on Israeli civilians. The oil infrastructure that was attacked was used for Iran's missiles, drones, aircraft and other armaments, the directorate said, adding that Israel was carrying out precise strikes on targets in an effort to minimize civilian casualties and collateral damage.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said his country would end cooperation with the UN nuclear watchdog IAEA.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a visit to the site of the Iranian missile strike in Bat Yam that Israel launched its attacks on Iran because it was under an existential threat from the Iranian nuclear and missile programs. "Iran will pay a very heavy price for murdering civilians. We will also achieve our goals," Netanyahu said.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said on Sunday that Iran's nuclear program is a threat to Israel and Europe. "The Iranian nuclear program is an existential threat for the security of Israel and beyond the security of Europe. We always said the best way to prevent that threat, to contain it, remains diplomacy," Barrot told RTL radio.

British finance minister Rachel Reeves said the UK could potentially support Israel in its conflict with Iran, but had decided to send additional military jets to the Middle East to protect British bases and personnel. "We're sending in assets to both protect ourselves and also potentially to support our allies," Reeves told Sky News.

Earlier, Germany, France and Britain said they were ready to hold immediate talks with Iran over Tehran's nuclear program in a bid to de-escalate the situation in the Middle East, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl said. "This is also a key prerequisite for reaching a pacification of this conflict, that Iran presents no danger to the region, for the state of Israel, or to Europe."

Britain and France were among the nations that helped block Iranian missile fire last year when Iran attacked Israel after the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and after a senior member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) was targeted in an Israeli attack in Damascus.

Iran has asked Cyprus to convey "some messages" to Israel, President Nikos Christodoulides said on Sunday, adding that he expected to speak to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later in the day, according to a report on Reuters.

A spokesperson for the government in Tehran said the municipality will open all underground train stations overnight for residents to seek shelter during Israeli strikes after Israel's Defense Minister, Israel Katz, again threatened to bring destruction to the Iranian capital.

"Khamenei is turning Tehran into Beirut and is holding its residents hostage," Katz said. "Anyone who thinks of harming us by criminally firing at civilians will learn that we are strong," Katz said as he threatened to bring down the Iranian regime.

The Iranians have a state-of-the-art weapons production and have not yet deployed their most lethal armaments against Israel's security, experts said Sunday. The Iranians have ballistic missiles able to carry a payload of more than a ton, and advanced ballistic missiles that are quick, difficult to detect and to intercept, according to current and former military officials. The IDF has been studying the latest Iranian capabilities in recent months.

The officials believe Iran may be keeping some of its more lethal armaments for the final days of the war. They also agree that without U.S.-made bunker-busting bombs, it would take Israel a long time to completely disable Iran's nuclear program because the IDF can

only peel off layers of defense one by one and there are thousands of nuclear sites spread around the vast Iranian territory.

Tehran claimed it launched the "Haj Qasem" missile, named after slain Iranian general Qasem Soleimani, in the latest round of attacks. CNN reported that Iran unveiled the missile earlier this year, describing it as solid-fueled with a range of 1,200 kilometers (about 745 miles). The missile is equipped with a maneuverable warhead intended to penetrate air defenses.

The IDF confirmed on Sunday that its air force struck some 80 Iranian targets overnight, including the gas refineries at Bandar Abbas and the oil depot near Tehran. Since Thursday, Israel has attacked 170 targets in Iran, unlike the Iranian attacks targeting Israeli civilians.

According to reports in Iranian media on Sunday, explosions were heard in Isfahan and Kermanshah in Iran. The pro-Iran Sabrin news agency in Iraq said the IDF attacked an electronics factory in Shiraz and also struck targets in Shahrud, where Iran's space program is based.

Israel's petrochemical company, Bazan, said on Sunday that its Haifa facility was damaged in the Iranian missile strike targeting the city on Saturday. Conduction lines were damaged, but the oil refinery was operating as usual.

Iran does not want its conflict with Israel to expand to neighboring countries, Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said on Sunday. He said the United States must condemn Israel's attacks on Iran's nuclear facilities. Araqchi said Israel hoped to sabotage the U.S.-Iranian negotiations to reach a nuclear deal and could not have attacked Iran without America's green light. Tehran's response to the Israeli attacks was self-defense, he said.

For the first time, the IDF spokesperson on Sunday posted a warning to Iranians living near weapons production sites to leave. "This is an urgent warning for those who are now near or are planning to be near weapons production facilities in Iran or entities assisting them," the military warned on X. "For your safety, we ask you to immediately leave the area of the facilities and to stay away until otherwise informed."

A security official said the warning was after the government approved an extensive response to the deadly missile strikes on civilians in Israel's cities.

Defense Minister Israel Katz said the Iranian regime was turning Tehran into Beirut, alluding to the destruction there during Israel's war with Hezbollah.

The government voted to extend an emergency authorization granting police and medical authorities access to the country's biometric database, so that they would be able to identify Israelis killed in the Iranian strikes.

In Israel, emergency services have pulled six bodies out of the rubble in Bat Yam, thus far, after a ballistic missile made a direct hit on an apartment block in the city, after missiles landed there, in Rehovot and other Israeli cities in the pre-dawn attack. Some 200 people were injured and 3 were still missing and presumed trapped under the destruction, after four others with whom contact was lost were identified among the injured.

The IDF said it intercepted an attack drone over the southern Arava Desert region after the Navy shot down seven attack drones targeting Israel's eastern valleys and lower Galilee earlier on Sunday, hours after the massive Iranian missiles and drones strike.

The announcement comes after the IDF warned of hostile aircraft in the Lower Galilee, including Nazareth and surrounding areas. Prior to that, the IDF warned of a hostile aircraft in the area of Ezuz in the Southern Negev and near the border with Gaza and Egypt. No injuries were reported in that incident.

The massive Iranian strikes triggered air raid sirens across the wider Tel Aviv metro area central and Sharon plains and the West Bank, as both ballistic missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles were launched from Iran. Interceptors shot down several incoming threats. The Israeli Air Force scrambled jets to intercept the incoming UAVs, engaging in widespread aerial defense operations over multiple regions. Another missile fired from Yemen triggered additional sirens in central Israel.

The New York Times reported that a missile also hit the world-renowned Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, causing damage to buildings on campus.

In Tel Aviv, emergency crews were working to find people trapped under rubble. MDA confirmed at least one missile landed in Jerusalem.

On Saturday, The Home Front Command had instructed residents in northern and central Israel to stay near protected shelters, minimize outdoor activity and avoid gatherings during the Iranian missile barrage. Those in affected areas were told to take cover immediately upon hearing sirens and remain sheltered until receiving an official all-clear.

Earlier, four people were killed, among them two women in their 20s, and about 10 others were wounded in the town of Tamra on Saturday after a direct hit from a missile launched by Iran, part of a massive barrage targeting northern Israel. Multiple residents are feared to be trapped under the rubble at the impact site.

Elsewhere, multiple cases of shock were reported in the Haifa area, as air raid sirens sounded across the north in response to the large-scale missile strike.

Iranian ballistic missile salvo over northern Israel

According to Sabereen News, a media outlet affiliated with pro-Iranian militias in Iraq, approximately 100 missiles were launched toward Israel in the attack. The Israeli Air Force intercepted dozens of them, many outside Israeli airspace, the IDF said.

The Home Front Command announced that residents across Israel are no longer required to remain near protected shelters, signaling a temporary easing of immediate threat levels. However, emergency services remain on high alert as the situation continues to evolve.

Iran's state TV said Saturday that "heavy and destructive" attacks against Israel were expected within hours. Shortly before the assault, Iranian state media threatened to target Israeli energy facilities.

Soon after, Iran's Ministry of Petroleum reported that the IDF had struck two fuel depots in the Tehran area, in what appeared to be a direct response to the threat. Footage circulating on social media showed massive fires blazing in the Iranian capital following the reported strikes.

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UK deploys assets to protect its bases; France says best to prevent threat by diplomacy

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UK deploys assets to region, France says Iran's nuclear program is a danger to Israel, Europe

British finance minister says UK could potentially support Israel in its conflict with Iran as it has done before; says more troop deployment to the area is 'to both protect ourselves and also potentially to support our allies'

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French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot said on Sunday that Iran's nuclear program is a threat to Israel and Europe. "The Iranian nuclear program is an existential threat for the security of Israel and beyond the security of Europe. We always said the best way to prevent that threat, to contain it, remains diplomacy," Barrot told RTL radio.

British finance minister Rachel Reeves said the UK could potentially support Israel in its conflict with Iran, but had decided to send additional military jets to the Middle East to protect British bases and personnel. "We're sending in assets to both protect ourselves and also potentially to support our allies," Reeves told Sky News.

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Britain and France were among the nations that helped block Iranian missile fire last year when Iran attacked Israel after the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and after a senior member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) was targeted in an Israeli attack in Damascus.

Iran has asked Cyprus to convey "some messages" to Israel, President Nikos Christodoulides said on Sunday, adding that he expected to speak to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu later in the day, according to a report on Reuters.

A spokesperson for the government in Tehran said the municipality will open all underground train stations overnight for residents to seek shelter during Israeli strikes

after Israel's Defense Minister, Israel Katz, again threatened to bring destruction to the Iranian capital.

"Khamenei is turning Tehran into Beirut and is holding its residents hostage," Katz said. "Anyone who thinks of harming us by criminally firing at civilians will learn that we are strong," Katz said as he threatened to bring down the Iranian regime.

The Iranians have a state-of-the-art weapons production and have not yet deployed their most lethal armaments against Israel's security, experts said Sunday. The Iranians have ballistic missiles able to carry a payload of more than a ton, and advanced ballistic missiles that are quick, difficult to detect and to intercept, according to current and former military officials. The IDF has been studying the latest Iranian capabilities in recent months.

The officials believe Iran may be keeping some of its more lethal armaments for the final days of the war. They also agree that without U.S.-made bunker-busting bombs, it would take Israel a long time to completely disable Iran's nuclear program because the IDF can only peel off layers of defense one by one and there are thousands of nuclear sites spread around the vast Iranian territory.

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They are suspected of committing the crimes on behalf of Tehran and were arrested Saturday by the Shin Bet and Israel Police, a day after Israel's opening strike on Iran; A gag order has been placed on the remaining details of the affair.

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Israel Police announced overnight that two Israeli citizens were arrested Saturday in a joint investigation with the Shin Bet security agency on suspicion of committing security offenses under Iranian direction. The arrests came a day after Israel launched its initial

strikes against Iran as part of Operation Rising Lion. A gag order remains in place on the full details of the case.

This is not the first recent incident involving alleged collaboration between Israelis and Iranian operatives. Just three days before the war began, a 13-year-old boy from Tel Aviv was arrested by the Shin Bet and Tel Aviv District Police for allegedly carrying out tasks for Iranian agents.

According to a joint police and Shin Bet statement, the boy was contacted through the Telegram messaging app by individuals affiliated with Iran and was offered payment in exchange for completing various assignments. He agreed to their requests, spraying graffiti at several locations in Tel Aviv as instructed, and received payments via a digital wallet. He was also asked to photograph Iron Dome missile defense systems but did not follow through.

Following his questioning by the police fraud division, the teen was placed under five days of house arrest. His parents were informed throughout the investigation. He admitted to the graffiti and expressed remorse. He was also asked to photograph the home of Israeli politician Gideon Sa'ar and to set fire to electrical cabinets, but did not carry out those actions.

Last month, formal charges were filed against Roy Mizrahi and Almog Atias, both 25 and from the northern city of Nesher, for allegedly carrying out a series of intelligence-gathering tasks for agents operating on behalf of Iranian intelligence services. According to the indictment, they were instructed to install surveillance cameras across Israel and to transfer various "objects."

Roughly two weeks later, Lebanon's Al-Mayadeen network, affiliated with the Shiite axis and Hezbollah, reported that "Iranian intelligence has obtained a vast amount of sensitive strategic documents and information related to Israel."

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Israel smuggled hundreds of drones into Iran in the months leading up to its recent airstrike on Iranian military and nuclear targets, using them to disrupt Tehran's ability to respond to the aerial assault, the Wall Street Journal reported.

According to sources familiar with the operation, Israel transported parts for armed drones into Iran via suitcases, trucks and tankers, alongside other munitions. The Mossad intelligence agency reportedly used commercial channels for the deliveries, after which agents on the ground assembled the drones and distributed them to operational teams involved in the weekend strike.

As the operation began, the drone teams positioned themselves near Iranian air-defense systems and missile-launch sites. When the Israeli Air Force commenced its attack on Friday, some teams disabled air-defense systems while others targeted missile launchers. Dozens of trucks used to transport missiles were also attacked.

The report suggested that this operation explains Iran's limited response to the initial strike. The use of drones—described as a creative and relatively low-cost method—came weeks after Ukraine employed a similar tactic to hit Russian aircraft.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the Mossad's drone campaign allowed Israeli forces to neutralize missile threats before they could be launched. Ground teams destroyed dozens of missiles intended for use in the early hours of the conflict. Iran ultimately launched approximately 200 missiles at Israel in four barrages between Friday evening and early Saturday. The strikes caused damage and casualties, but Israel had anticipated a significantly harsher response. The report said the Mossad had prepared for this operation over several years, identifying missile storage sites and key areas to position its teams. The drones have been part of previous Israeli operations in Iran, including a 2022 strike on a drone production site in Kermanshah and a 2023 attack on an ammunition facility in Isfahan. Following the Israeli assault, Iranian intelligence services issued a public advisory warning citizens to be alert for drones launched from pickup trucks and other vehicles.

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Iranian missiles and drones struck multiple cities in central Israel on Sunday morning, causing direct hits in Bat Yam, Rehovot, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, according to Magen David Adom (MDA) Israel's national emergency org.

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Meanwhile, reports emerged of an alleged Israeli drone assassination attempt targeting a high-profile figure in Tehran.

The Saudi-owned Al-Hadath television network aired a video it claimed shows the moment a prominent individual in the Iranian capital was targeted by an Israeli drone strike. The identity of the intended target was not immediately confirmed, and Iranian officials have yet to comment on the incident.

Separately, reports surfaced of an explosion in Sanaa, Yemen, a city controlled by the Iran-backed Houthi rebels. According to regional media, the apparent target of the strike was Houthi Chief of Staff Mohammed Abd al-Karim al-Ghamari. There was no immediate confirmation of his condition or the extent of the damage.

Earlier, Iranian state media reported that air defense systems were activated in multiple locations across the country, including the strategic southern port city of Bandar Abbas and near nuclear facilities in Isfahan, following a wave of Israeli airstrikes.

Bandar Abbas, situated on the northern edge of the Strait of Hormuz and home to Iran's largest commercial port, is considered a critical node in the country's infrastructure. The Tehran-aligned Sabereen News network also reported air defenses near nuclear sites in Isfahan were engaged in response to potential threats.

Iranian air defenses activated amid fresh round of Israeli airstrikes

Iran's navy claimed Saturday that its forces confronted a British warship in the waters near Oman, forcing it to alter course after allegedly tracking it since its entry into the Indian Ocean.

In a statement, Iran's navy accused the British destroyer of entering the region with the aim of assisting Israel by guiding missiles toward Iranian territory. According to the report, Iranian drones were also dispatched toward the vessel to prevent it from continuing its approach toward the Gulf.

Earlier, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced that the United Kingdom is deploying additional military assets, including fighter jets, to the Middle East. A statement from his office said military teams began mobilizing early Friday morning in anticipation of further deterioration in the region's security.

Meanwhile, French President Emmanuel Macron said he held a phone call with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian. "Given the significant risk of destabilization across the region, I urged him to ensure that no harm comes to our citizens or assets in Iran or elsewhere," Macron said.

He also emphasized the need for de-escalation, adding, "The Iranian nuclear issue is serious and must be addressed through negotiation. I invited President Pezeshkian to return swiftly to the negotiating table—this is the only viable path to calming the situation."

Iran's Tasnim News Agency reported that Israeli drone strikes on the South Pars gas field in Bushehr temporarily halted gas production, disrupting the output of 12 million cubic meters per day. CNN noted that the South Pars field is the largest natural gas deposit in the world. Iran's Ministry of Petroleum confirmed that the resulting fire has since been extinguished.

Iranian media also confirmed the death of Ali Shamkhani, a top adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and a key figure in Iran's nuclear program. Shamkhani was initially reported injured in the opening of Israel's Operation Rising Lion, aimed at dismantling Iran's nuclear and military capabilities.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) announced that four key structures at the nuclear complex in Isfahan were damaged in Israel's strike, including a uranium conversion facility and a fuel plate production plant. "As in Natanz, no increase in off-site radiation expected," the agency said on X.

IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin said Israeli air operations inside Iran are ongoing. "Air Force pilots continue relentless strikes. In the last 24 hours, we've hit targets in Tehran, the command center of a murderous terror regime that threatens the

entire Western world,” he said. “Thanks to precise intelligence and our strikes, we’ve paved a path into the heart of Iran. Hundreds of aircraft and UAVs are targeting senior Iranian terror leadership.”

Defrin confirmed that two major sites tied to Iran’s nuclear program in Natanz were hit. “This is a direct strike against an existential threat,” he added. “Iran intended to launch hundreds of missiles in retaliation for our preemptive attack, and we know they possess dangerous capabilities.”

Earlier, the IDF released footage of strikes on missile launchers in western Iran that were used earlier Saturday to target Israel.

Meanwhile, the Magen David Adom emergency service said that since the start of Operation Rising Lion, it has treated 204 people: three killed, two in serious condition, seven moderately injured, 159 lightly wounded and 33 treated for shock.

In Tel Aviv, three foreign diplomats were lightly wounded when an Iranian missile struck a residential high-rise housing several diplomatic residences, mostly Western. About five diplomatic apartments were destroyed in the blast. Thirteen people were injured in Tel Aviv, including two in moderate condition.

In Ramat Gan, a 74-year-old woman was killed and a man in his 60s was severely wounded. Thirty others were injured, including one moderately and 27 lightly.

In Rishon Lezion, two civilians—a woman in her 60s and 73-year-old Israel Aloni—were killed. Twenty-nine were injured, including two in moderate condition.

Five others across different locations suffered wounds from debris and structural collapse, while 94 people were injured while running to shelters, including one seriously and one moderately. Thirty-three were treated for shock.

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The IDF launched its most extensive strike on Tehran to date late Saturday night, as part of Operation Rising Lion, now entering its third day. The wave of airstrikes coincided with a heavy barrage of rockets fired toward northern Israel.

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Defense Minister Israel Katz, who vowed just hours earlier that Tehran would "burn" in response to Iran's missile attack on Israeli civilian targets, posted a brief message on X following the strike: "Tehran is burning."

Earlier, IDF Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin said over 70 Israeli warplanes participated in an earlier round of strikes, which were designed to establish and expand Israeli air superiority over Iranian airspace. "Tehran is no longer immune. The path has been paved," Defrin said in a statement.

IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir visited Air Force crews and technicians at Tel Nof Airbase involved in the operation, expressing admiration for their courage, precision and determination. He praised their role in maintaining operational superiority and protecting Israeli security.

"We are reaching an unprecedented peak in the history of the IDF in terms of operational intelligence and technological capabilities," Zamir told the airmen. "You are paving the way to Tehran. You are confronting an extraordinary strategic threat to the State of Israel. I have drawn confidence from you—from our pilots, senior Air Force commanders and intelligence personnel. I visited every Air Force base, and saw with my own eyes the readiness that gave me confidence to move forward."

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Israel strikes Iran's critical infrastructure, hitting refineries & gas field

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In first, Israel reportedly strikes Iran's critical infrastructure, hitting major gas field Iranian media reports South Pars gas field and Asaluyeh oil refinery in Bushehr province come under attack; separate explosion reported at port of Kangan; 'Our objective is not to topple the regime, but that could change quickly,' official says
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Iran accused Israel on Saturday of expanding the scope of its military campaign, with state-affiliated media reporting airstrikes on critical energy infrastructure, including oil refineries and gas fields, for the first time since hostilities escalated.

According to Fars News, a media outlet linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), Israeli jets targeted the South Pars gas field and the Asaluyeh oil refinery in Bushehr province, along Iran's Persian Gulf coast. Fires reportedly broke out at the gas field, and emergency crews were dispatched to the site. A separate explosion was reported at the port of Kangan, also in Bushehr.

Meanwhile, the Tasnim news agency reported that three IRGC members were killed in a separate Israeli strike in western Iran, about 300 kilometers from Tehran.

In another report, ISNA news agency said at least 30 Iranian soldiers were killed in East Azerbaijan province, near the Armenian border, since Israel began its offensive early Saturday. The Iranian Red Crescent confirmed the death of one of its personnel and said 55 others were wounded in the attacks.

Israeli officials claimed Iran deliberately targeted civilian areas in its latest ballistic missile salvo, possibly on orders from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The officials warned that any escalation aimed at civilians would be met with a forceful response. "Our objective is not to topple the regime," one official said, "but that could change quickly."

Tensions spilled into diplomacy as Iran announced it was canceling scheduled nuclear talks with the United States in Oman. Still, a U.S. official told AFP that Washington "hopes discussions can continue."

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian vowed continued military confrontation with Israel, accusing the U.S. of bad faith in pursuing negotiations while backing Israeli strikes. "The coordination between Israel and the United States alongside talks is evidence of Washington's lack of sincerity," he said.

In a televised statement, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned, "You will soon see Israeli Air Force planes over Tehran," adding that Israel had struck key elements of Iran's nuclear infrastructure. "We severely damaged Iran's main enrichment facility, hit a vital conversion site and eliminated leading nuclear scientists," Netanyahu said. "This may set back their nuclear program by years."

Netanyahu added that the campaign also aims to cripple Iran's capacity to produce ballistic missiles. "We were at the final hour. Iran was racing to develop atomic bombs. Our strikes were necessary to stop that, and we are not done," he said. "The road to Tehran has been paved, and what they've felt so far is just the beginning. We are in a fateful battle for our existence—and we will fight until we win."

Elsewhere, a red alert siren was activated in Nir Oz, a kibbutz near the Gaza border. The IDF later reported that two rocket launches were detected coming from the Gaza Strip. Both projectiles crashed in unpopulated areas.

Earlier, a senior Israeli intelligence official told Fox News Iran is currently believed to possess around 2,000 ballistic missiles, and was projected to build an arsenal of 8,000 within two years—one of the key factors behind Israel's decision to launch a preemptive strike on Iranian territory.

"We cannot end this operation knowing that we will be in the same spot two years from now," the official said. "Everything is going as planned. Actually, better than planned." The official added: "We have lots of surprises. Not just the ones we already did. We have more surprises coming up."

While the situation has remained relatively quiet in recent hours—likely due to holiday observances in Iran—the IDF on Saturday warned that more missile salvos could resume by evening.

As the war with Iran escalates, the Shin Bet domestic security service has significantly increased protection around senior political, military and intelligence officials, fearing assassination or abduction attempts by Iran or its regional proxies. The stepped-up security follows long-standing contingency plans for full-scale conflict, which include undisclosed protocols for shielding high-ranking figures.

Security measures have also been expanded for IDF generals, particularly after Israel's strike that killed members of Iran's general staff and top scientists—actions that have prompted Tehran to vow retaliation. Current war cabinet and military general staff meetings are being held under heightened security restrictions.

The security precautions are based on intelligence gathered in recent years indicating Iranian efforts to recruit agents inside and outside of Israel. Those targeted for surveillance included Defense Minister Israel Katz, former prime minister Naftali Bennett, senior IDF commanders including an air squadron chief and scientists with access to classified projects.

Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal reported that U.S. forces assisted Israel “by air, land and sea” in intercepting the wave of Iranian missiles fired in retaliation for the Israeli strikes. U.S. officials told the newspaper that before Iran's response began, fighter jets, Navy destroyers and ground-based air defense systems had been pre-positioned in the region to help repel any attack. The Pentagon has not yet confirmed how many missiles were intercepted by U.S. forces.

Earlier, the IDF said that its planes were operating freely over Tehran after Israel's opening strikes crippled Iranian air defenses.

Spokesperson Brig. Gen. Effie Defrin said in a statement that “the path to Tehran has been paved. We attacked more than 40 targets across Tehran alongside command infrastructure. Dozens of aircraft are operating freely over Tehran thanks to our opening strikes,” he said.

“This is the deepest distance we have operated in Iran so far. We have created freedom of aerial operations all the way to Tehran, aerial freedom that will allow us to operate and eliminate threats.”

The military said that over 70 aircraft participated in dismantling Iranian air defenses, adding that the ability to reach Tehran had both strategic and operational significance, rather than attacking targets from a great distance. “We will reach any place necessary to protect the citizens of Israel. Tehran is no longer immune.”

Following successful airstrikes deep inside Iran, the IDF said Saturday morning it is executing a long-planned operation aimed at dismantling Tehran's military and nuclear capabilities. “We are moving forward according to a plan that has been prepared for months,” Defrin said. “We’re dismantling threat after threat, step by step. We’ve applied lessons from ground combat in Gaza and coordination with Northern Command to operate effectively even in distant Iran, just as we did over Gaza and Lebanon.”

The military emphasized that while the Air Force alone cannot neutralize all components of Iran's dispersed nuclear infrastructure, it is targeting missile production, key national infrastructure, regime leadership and nuclear facilities. “This combination will delay the nuclear program for years,” the IDF said.

Israel launched a series of retaliatory airstrikes after Iran fired over 100 ballistic missiles at central Israel late Friday night and into the early morning hours, killing at least three people and wounding dozens more.

Among those killed was 73-year-old Israel Aloni, who died early Saturday after a missile struck his residential street in Rishon LeZion. Etti Cohen Angel, a resident of Ramat Gan, was also killed when a missile exploded in the city late Friday night, the Ramat Gan municipality confirmed.

Following a situational assessment, the Home Front Command announced Saturday that there is no longer a need for residents across the country to remain near protected spaces. The IDF said the opening salvo of Operation Rising Lion struck dozens of targets across Iran. Nine senior Iranian nuclear scientists were killed in the strikes, which the IDF described as a “significant blow” to Iran’s nuclear weapons development.

In a separate strike, Iranian military intelligence chief Gholam Reza Mehrabi and deputy operations chief Mahdi Rabbani were also killed, according to Iranian state media. According to the New York Times, Iran had originally planned to launch a barrage of 1,000 ballistic missiles at Israel, but Israeli strikes on missile storage and launch sites severely hampered Tehran’s ability to mobilize. Iranian officials ultimately managed to fire about 100 missiles. Internal communications cited in the report show growing frustration within the Iranian leadership over failed aerial defenses and concerns about the regime’s ability to withstand a prolonged war.

During an emergency national security meeting in Tehran, one senior official warned that Israeli strikes on water or energy infrastructure could provoke public unrest. Katz warned that further attacks on Israeli civilians would result in severe consequences. “The Iranian dictator is holding his people hostage to a reality they do not want,” Katz said. “They will pay heavily for the criminal attack on Israeli civilians.”

Iranian media reported that Tehran has warned the United States, United Kingdom and France that any intervention would prompt attacks on their regional bases and naval forces. The Fars news agency quoted Iranian military officials vowing a “decisive and extensive” response to any future assaults.

In a situation assessment held on Saturday, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir and Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar said the “path to Iran has been paved,” with air operations over Tehran ready to continue.

06.14.25 – Sa – Saturday

Home Front Command revamps missile alert policy after deadly overload glitch

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After 200 missiles and drone attacks, IDF unveils 4-stage alert system: pre-alert 15–30 mins before fire, loud SMS on launch, sirens 90 secs before impact and official all-clear; ten missiles breached defenses; more fire expected tonight
Yoav Zitun|0816

In the wake of deadly Iranian missile strikes that killed three civilians in central Israel overnight Saturday, the military is set to introduce a new four-stage alert protocol aimed at giving residents more time and clearer instructions in the event of future attacks.

Under the planned changes, the first stage would include a pre-alert message sent 15 to 30 minutes before a missile salvo is expected, warning residents via the Home Front Command app to remain close to reinforced shelters. A second stage would issue a location-based SMS alert about 10 minutes before launch, using loud audio notifications. Traditional sirens will still sound about 90 seconds before impact. The final stage will revamp the all-clear process, moving from open-ended instructions to wait "until further notice," to explicit clearance messages from the Home Front Command.

The adjustments come after a pre-dawn technical failure in Israel's alert system resulted in no warning before a barrage struck cities including Ramat Gan and Rishon LeZion. The Home Front Command said the malfunction was caused by system overload due to the high volume of polygon-based alerts—over 800 in central Israel—which temporarily disabled mobile broadcast alerts. Officials said the issue has been fixed. The IDF estimates that 200 missiles were launched toward Israel in four waves, along with 40 armed drones. Of these, about 10 missiles breached Israeli defenses. The Air Force said it successfully intercepted the drones.

The military said the civilian deaths were avoidable, noting that there were reinforced rooms near those killed. "If they had entered the shelter, nothing would have happened," officials said. "We will improve and learn how to influence people's behavior in such situations."

In anticipation of further attacks, which are expected to resume Saturday evening, the Home Front Command has activated its full operational force—about 30,000 soldiers—and deployed over 50 search and rescue battalions nationwide. The IDF has emphasized the importance of proper protection, pointing to recent missile impacts in Tel Aviv where three apartments were destroyed but the reinforced rooms withstood the blast.

Authorities have already opened a wide range of public shelters, including in schools, parking lots and light rail stations, particularly for residents without home shelters. Officials noted that most Israelis have shown resilience, choosing to remain calm rather than fleeing during attacks. However, they acknowledged a need for improvements to support those without access to reinforced spaces.

In Ramat Gan, where a missile directly struck a residential building, officials said the stairwells remained intact, but urged residents of older buildings not to shelter in stairwells and instead move to basements or designated shelters.

Despite previous expectations that older buildings would collapse under a direct hit, the Ramat Gan building remained standing, prompting a reevaluation of evacuation policies. Home Front Command officials said they have decided against quietly evacuating large numbers of residents from Tel Aviv or other urban centers, despite the fact that about 40% of Tel Aviv residents lack access to reinforced shelters. They also cited the ongoing threat from missiles in both the north and south of the country. Security officials expect non-essential work and all educational activities to be suspended nationwide again on Sunday, as part of an emergency alert level known as “Red Policy 4.”

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Tehran warns citizens to monitor covered vehicles, issues detailed reporting guidelines and makes arrests in response to a covert Mossad operation, as officials work to prevent further security breaches

Lior Ben Ari|14:36

Iranian authorities have launched an extensive internal alert campaign following the exposure of an Israeli Mossad operation on Iranian soil, underscoring once again the depth of Israel’s intelligence reach into the Islamic Republic.

Over the weekend, local media reported the seizure of trucks allegedly carrying armed drones intended for deployment by Israeli agents operating within Iran. By Saturday morning, Iranian outlets published images of pickup trucks said to be involved in the covert activity.

In the wake of the revelations, Iran issued a public advisory urging citizens to be vigilant and report “suspicious activity involving covered pickups or Toyotas.” Authorities instructed the public to flag unmarked vehicles, tampered license plates, or drivers attempting to conceal their identities using hats, sunglasses or scarves. Suspicion should also be raised if such vehicles are parked near military facilities or linger in one location for an extended time.

A detailed directive called on Iranians to provide security officials with license plate numbers, vehicle descriptions, driver appearance (including estimated age and skin tone), and precise locations if anything suspicious is observed.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard’s intelligence arm also warned against any cooperation with Mossad, threatening severe punishment. Separately, Iranian media claimed Mossad operatives had used mobile apps and ads in Persian to encourage panic-buying of

essentials, allegedly aimed at straining national resources, including misuse of Red Crescent symbols.

Reports Saturday also indicated that five individuals were arrested in Yazd, a central city in Iran, for allegedly filming and collaborating with Israel.

A covert operation unveiled

The security measures follow a wider Israeli campaign, dubbed Rising Lion, that included high-profile assassinations of military commanders and nuclear scientists, and attacks on strategic missile and nuclear infrastructure.

The operation revealed a long-term Israeli presence inside Iran and highlighted the collaboration between Mossad and the Israel Defense Forces in building precise intelligence portfolios for targeted strikes.

The broader mission featured three coordinated phases:

Precision Weapons Pre-Positioned Inside Iran: Mossad commando units deployed advanced weapon systems near Iranian missile defense sites. These systems were activated during the strike to launch precision-guided missiles simultaneously at key targets.

Vehicle-Based Air Defense Attacks: Hidden strike systems smuggled into Iran on civilian vehicles launched advanced munitions at Iran's air defense infrastructure, reportedly neutralizing key systems and paving the way for Israeli air superiority.

Drone Attacks from Within Iran: Explosive drones, staged in advance by Mossad near Tehran, were launched overnight at one of Iran's central surface-to-surface missile bases, Espajabad.

A senior Israeli security official described the mission as requiring "unprecedented planning, breakthrough technological deployment, and flawless execution by operatives inside Iran—all without detection." He noted the seamless coordination between intelligence, operational forces, and technology.

The operation has triggered widespread concern in Tehran, where security agencies are now scrambling to secure internal vulnerabilities and prevent further intelligence breaches.

06.14.25 – Sa – Saturday

IDF strikes prevented Iran plan to launch a full barrage of 1,000 missiles at Israel

06.14.25 – Sa – Saturday

Report: IDF strikes prevented Iran plan to launch a barrage of 1,000 missiles at Israel
Internal communications of the regime in Tehran showed anger at the failure of aerial defenses to thwart the attacks; officials warned that a strike on water or energy infrastructure could result in protests against the regime

Ynet|11:38

Iran intended to launch a barrage of 1,000 ballistic missiles toward Israel in response to the attack on its nuclear sites, but was not able to fire so many missiles at once because of the damage inflicted in Israel's strikes, the New York Times reported on Saturday, citing Iranian officials.

"Ultimately, Mr. Khamenei ordered Iran's military to fire on Israel. Initially, the plan was to launch up to 1,000 ballistic missiles at Israel to overwhelm its air defense and ensure maximum damage, according to two members of the Guards. But Israel's strikes on missile bases had made it impossible to move missiles quickly from storage and place them on launchpads, they added," the Times said in its report, adding that in the end, Iran could only muster about 100 missiles in its first waves of attacks.

According to the report, in a meeting of Iran's emergency national security meeting, there were disputes about when and how to respond to the Israeli attack and questions were raised about Iran's ability to withstand a long-lasting war that could include American forces. One senior official said that if Israel attacked Iran's water or energy infrastructure, the Iranian people could come out to the streets in protest against the regime.

The Iranian missile strikes on Israel resulted in at least four fatalities and dozens of injuries. Homes in Tel-Aviv, Ramat Gan and Rishon Lezion were hit, causing immense damage on Friday and early on Saturday.

The Times published internal communications between Iranian officials who were angered at the failure of the aerial defenses to thwart the Israeli strikes. Senior officials told the paper that the military managed to quickly repair its defenses.

The Iranian news agency "Fars" quoted a "knowledgeable source" who claimed that, according to "senior military commanders" in Iran, "the war will expand in the coming days and will also include US bases in the region. The attackers will be the target of a decisive and extensive Iranian response."

06.14.25 – Sa – Saturday

Israel mobilizes reserve troops to bolster Lebanon, Syria borders & PA cities

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Israel mobilizes reserve troops to bolster defense on the Lebanon, Syria borders
Reserve division called up to defend frontier and communities; swarm of Iranian attack
drones target Israel's north; IDF says its airforce struck targets in Tehran
Yoav Zitun|10:00

The IDF said it was bolstering the defense along Israel's borders with Lebanon and Syria. A division of IDF reserves was deployed along the frontiers and in communities in the north.

Drones targeted Israel's north early on Saturday after another swarm targeted the Arava region. The military said that the drones were shot down and no injuries were reported.

The military said, meanwhile, that air force jets attacked targets in Iran's capital, Tehran, overnight, including surface-to-air missile infrastructure, as part of efforts to degrade the Iranian air defense capabilities.

"We carried out a wave of precise strikes with operational and national significance over Tehran's skies, which improves our air superiority and freedom of operation in Iran," Air Force Commander Tomer Bar said in a situation assessment, adding that for the first time since the war with Iran began early on Friday, Dozens of air force fighter jets operated in the sky over Tehran.

On Friday, the military mobilized thousands of reserve soldiers under an emergency order, primarily for critical units in the Air Force, Home Front Command, Northern and Central Commands, Military Intelligence, and Logistics. The military said it was also increasing its readiness on the West Bank after imposing closures on Palestinian areas.

06.14.25 – Sa – Saturday

Sirens across central Israel amid Iran missile attack; woman dies in hospital

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Fresh sirens sound across Israel amid Iran missile attack; woman dies in hospital
Iran launches fifth missile barrage targeting Israel as strikes escalate; air defenses intercept incoming fire, with US support reported; explosions reported across Tehran, Isfahan and other cities amid growing fears of prolonged fighting
Ynet|05:37

Air raid sirens wailed across Israel on Saturday morning as Iran launched its fifth salvo of ballistic missiles, prompting nationwide alarm. The IDF said that it intercepted most incoming threats.

A 60-year-old woman was moderately to seriously injured in the missile strike in a residential area in central Israel. severe damage was reported to apartment blocks, homes and vehicles when the missile fell. MDA teams reported that nine people sustained light to moderate injuries and six buildings were damaged at an impact site in central Israel.

Sirens had already sounded about an hour earlier in northern towns including Beit She'an, Nazareth, Tiberias and the southern Golan, after the IDF confirmed a fourth wave of incoming missiles from Iran was being intercepted. A third swarm struck around 1 a.m.

Earlier, the IDF reported it shot down three Iranian drones heading toward the country. U.S. officials told The Washington Post that American Patriot and THAAD missile-

defense batteries helped intercept Iranian missiles bound for Israel—a more limited role compared to last year's full-spectrum air support.

Each evening and overnight barrage from Iran comprised dozens of missiles—substantially fewer than the hundreds fired during last year's exchanges, as Israel assesses Iran is conserving its arsenal for sustained conflict.

Earlier, at Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva, a critically wounded woman succumbed to wounds from the previous Iranian missile strike in Ramat Gan, where 63 people had been injured.

In Tehran, the Tasnim agency reported “loud explosions” in the Hakimiyyeh and Tehranspars neighborhoods.

Pro-Iran Iraqi militia outlet Sabreen claimed an Israeli strike hit a communications tower in Karaj, Alborz province, while reports also surfaced of blasts in central Tehran and Isfahan.

Iranian air defenses were reportedly active over Narmeh Kharab in northeast Tehran and Kermanshah in the west, with explosions heard over Mehrabad International Airport where two missiles reportedly struck—one injuring a person. Lebanon's Al Mayadeen network reported strong explosions in Isfahan, saying Iran's defenses were intercepting Israeli targets.

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Ynet-News, June 13, 2025 – Friday
Feast of Weeks – Shavuot – June 7 to 13

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

US helps military intercept Iranian missiles; Russia volunteered to mediate crisis

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Calls for revenge erupt in Tehran after Israeli strike on nuclear, military sites

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Khamenei vows to make the evil Zionist regime miserable; retaliation without restraints

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Three children injured by shrapnel after Houthi missile lands in West Bank

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

NSC chief says Iranian political leadership is not a target of Israel's strikes

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Quds commander to Iran's proxy network across Middle East & beyond; killed

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

UN Security Council hold emergency session on Israeli strikes in Iran

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Israel eliminated Iran's top air force brass by tricking them to meet at the facility

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Netanyahu to speak with Trump, Putin as Iran strikes continue

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Russia denounces, Germany & France defend Israel's defensive strike on Iran

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Trump urges Iran to strike deal: Next planned attacks are even more brutal

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Israel wipes out strategic Iran airport in fifth round of strikes

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Operation Rising Lion explained: Where Israel struck and who was targeted

06.13.25 – Fr - - News Placed in June 13 spot – Friday - Shavuot 07

Iran nuclear facility sustained heavy damage, with targeted kill of key people

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Mossad planted explosive drones near Iran missile arsenal & air defense systems

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Trump distances US from Israeli strike, urges Iran to return to talks

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Iran launched over 100 drones at Israel, all intercepted by US & Israel defense

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Inside Israel's strike: Iran inches toward first nuclear weapon, unveils secret program

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Iran's supreme leader says severe punishment coming after Israel's wicked, bloody crime

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Airport evacuated, schools closed, outdoor events canceled, imposed PA cities closure

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Iran commander killed in Israel strike; officials warn of missile, drone attack

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Israeli warns: Iran strike could happen Sunday, if Iran doesn't halt fissile production

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

Iran published sensitive Israeli documents, alleges IAEA-Israel collusion

06.13.25 – Fr - Shavuot 07

UN General Assembly vote demands immediate Gaza cease fire

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

Hamas turned aid to Gaza into a profit machine; IDF reveals documents to verify

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

Security underway ahead of Avner Netanyahu's wedding in central Israel

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

Iran breached IAEA nuclear commitments, enough to produce 9 to 10 nuclear warheads

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

Orthodox Minister resigns after his bill to dissolve Knesset is defeated in draft row

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

US embassy in Israel bars staff from travel outside major cities over Iran threat

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

Large IDF night raid near Damascus; weapons, ammunition & seven Hamas seized

06.12.25 – Th - - News Placed in June 12 spot – Thursday - Shavuot 06

UN declare Iran nuclear violations, escalating threats; US & Israel prepare attacks

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

Hamas attacks GHF aid bus, kills 5 workers, may have taken others hostage

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

Israel survives Knesset dissolution vote 61–53 after draft compromise

06.12.25 – Th - Shavuot 06

More serious than any in the past: Israel poised to strike Iran; US staff leave embassies

06.11.25 – We Full Moon - Shavuot 05

IDF recovered two deceased hostage bodies from Gaza; 53 still in Hamas captivity

06.11.25 – We Full Moon - Shavuot 05

US issues stern warning to UN summit; two-state agenda is anti-Israel

06.11.25 – We Full Moon - Shavuot 05

Draft rift narrows as Haredi drop demand of exemption; opt for guiding principles

06.11.25 – We Full Moon -Shavuot 05

Argentina's president Milei demanding the immediate release of all hostages

06.11.25 – We Full Moon -Shavuot 05

Reshaping the IDF: Expanding ranks, new divisions and Haredi integration amid war

06.11.25 – We - - News Placed in June 11 spot – Wednesday Full Moon -Shavuot 05

Trump losing Iran nuclear deal; Iran threatened to strike all US bases in reach

06.11.25 – We Full Moon -Shavuot 05

FM Sa'ar refused to talk to UK Secretary after sanctions on Ben-Gvir & Smotrich

06.11.25 – We Full Moon -Shavuot 05

IDF to send 54,000 draft notices next month to Haredi men, will enforce against dodgers

06.11.25 – We Full Moon -Shavuot 05

Flotilla mates claim tortured, made a tool in Israel's propaganda; returned to Sweden

06.11.25 – We Full Moon -Shavuot 05

Settler push for permanent military presence at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus

06.11.25 – We Full Moon -Shavuot 05

Haredi threat to quit, Netanyahu scrambles to prevent government collapse

06.10.25 – Tu - - Shavuot 04

Trump told Netanyahu: No green light for Iran strike; renew negotiations Sunday

06.10.25 – Tu - - Shavuot 04

US fears Syria's opponents will attempt to assassinate new president al-Sharaa

06.10.25 – Tu - - Shavuot 04

Netanyahu: significant progress on hostage deal, too early to give hope

06.10.25 – Tu - - Shavuot 04

Holocaust Stolen property archive to open after survivors file Supreme Court petition

06.10.25 – Tu - - Shavuot 04

Ambassador Huckabee says; a Muslim country could provide land for a PA state

06.10.25 – Tu - - Shavuot 04

UK fuels global terrorism; sanctions Ben-Gvir, Smotrich over monstrous Gaza comments

06.10.25 – Tu - - News Placed in June 10 spot – Tuesday - - Shavuot 04

Israel Navy Flotilla strikes Yemen Houthi port from the Red Sea

06.10.25 – Tu – Shavuot 04

IDF expands buffer zone in Gaza, destroys Hamas tunnel near border fence

06.10.25 – Tu – Shavuot 04

Nablus in the West Bank under lockdown as IDF launches counter-terror operation

06.10.25 – Tu – Shavuot 04

Haredi leaders reject Huckabee's unity plea; push for vote to dissolve the Knesset

06.10.25 – Tu – Shavuot 04

Defense Ministry and Netanyahu authorized covert defense exports to Qatar - Qatargate

06.10.25 – Tu – Shavuot 04

Argentina's president Milei visits Jerusalem, vows continued support for Israel

06.10.25 – Tu – Shavuot 04

Civil war in Gaza; militia backed by Israel, claims it ambushed, killed 6 Hamas

06.10.25 – Tu – Shavuot 04

Israeli Navy attacks Houthi targets in Yemen with two missiles

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

IDF orders Houthi-controlled ports in Yemen evacuated, possible attack

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Trump said Iran is involved in Gaza hostage negotiations, no breakthrough yet

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Gaza flotilla arrives at Ashdod port after naval interception, activists will be deported

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Coalition in uproar over reported arming of Gaza militias

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Vote to dissolve Knesset over Torah student draft; Hasidic rabbis insist exemption

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Less rockets, more UAVs: Hezbollah ramped up drone effort to target Israel

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Spain rebukes Israel over flotilla seizure; stunt insults hostages who WERE kidnapped

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Coalition revive 50 stalled bills to delay vote on dissolution; Gantz withdraws his bills

06.09.25 – Mo – Shavuot 03

Fire rages in Ein Kerem area of Jerusalem, Swedish center for special needs evacuated

06.09.25 – Mo - Shavuot 03

Vance: Many on the left ignore the massacre, too many on the right dismiss the suffering

06.09.25 – Mo - - News Placed in June 09 spot – Monday - Shavuot 03

Israeli Navy redirected Gaza flotilla to Ashdod; show horror video of October 7 massacre

06.09.25 – Mo - Shavuot 03

IDF prepares for Gaza flotilla to avoid a media trap; they want to create a spectacle

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

UN orders search to verify IDF claims of Hezbollah stronghold after Beirut strike

06.08.25 – Su - - News Placed in June 08 spot – Sunday - Shavuot 02

Under Gaza hospital: IDF leads media tour of tunnel of Hamas key command center

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

Hamas sends threat texts to Gaza aid workers: centers closed Saturday, opened Sunday

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

Gaza building collapse: IDF troops mistaken of explosive defused before deadly blast

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

Gaza militia armed by Israel: A history of terror, ISIS ties and attacks on IDF

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

Macron walks diplomatic tightrope ahead of high-stakes two-state June summit

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

Katz to 12 pro-Palestinian activists: Turn back—you will not reach Gaza

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

Gaza's civil defense spokesman is a Hamas media, shown by IDF documents

06.08.25 – Su - Shavuot 02

Gaza flotilla is preparing for confrontation with IDF by Monday

06.07.25 – Sa - Shavuot 01

France flip-flop on PA state, pressure by US; going every direction is a French guess

06.07.25 – Sa - Shavuot 01

Hamas threatens to kill hostage if IDF attempts rescue near Hospital in south Gaza

06.07.25 – Sa - Shavuot 01

Gaza aid suspended after Hamas directly threatens drivers and workers, Saturday

06.07.25 – Sa - Shavuot 01

Iran claims spy operation seized trove of Israeli nuclear, strategic documents

06.07.25 – Sa - - News Placed in June 07 spot – Saturday - Shavuot 01

IDF orders Gaza City residents: We will attack, evacuate south immediately

06.07.25 – Sa - Shavuot 01

Israel asked US to send \$500 million to new Gaza aid fund for 180 days