

No New Air Threats Detected Over UAE

- Total deaths since onset: 2 + 1 Moroccan civilian contractor; 10 civilian fatalities overall
- No injuries recorded in latest update
- Total injuries remain 224

The UAE Ministry of Defence confirmed on 9 April 2026 that the country's air defence systems did not detect any ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, or unmanned aerial vehicles launched from Iran in the past hours.

The Ministry said that since the beginning of what it described as Iranian attacks, UAE air defence systems have intercepted a total of 537 ballistic missiles, 26 cruise missiles, and 2,256 UAVs.

It added that no injuries were recorded in the latest reporting period, keeping the total number of injuries at 224. The injured include individuals of multiple nationalities.



The Ministry also stated that no fatalities have been reported in the past hours. It noted that since the onset of the attacks, the total number of deaths has reached two, in addition to one Moroccan civilian contractor with the Armed Forces. Overall civilian fatalities stand at 10, according

to the statement. Reaffirming its position, the Ministry of Defence said it remains fully prepared to deal with any threats and will respond firmly to any attempts to undermine the UAE's security, sovereignty, and stability, while continuing to safeguard national interests.

Lebanon to File Urgent UN Complaint Over Israeli Escalation



Following a Cabinet session at Baabda Palace, Lebanese Prime Minister Nawaf Salam spoke to reporters, outlining two key decisions the government took.

The first decision was to submit an urgent complaint to the United Nations Security Council regarding what the government described as escalating Israeli attacks on Lebanon. The statement highlighted a significant increase in strikes on Wednesday, April 8, including attacks in the capital, Beirut, that resulted in numerous civilian casualties. The government said this

escalation defies ongoing regional and international efforts to halt hostilities in the region. It further accused the attacks of violating principles of international law and international humanitarian law, adding that they represent a continued and serious breach of these rules.

The second decision, grounded in the National Accord Document (the Taif Agreement) and related Cabinet resolutions, focuses on internal security and state authority. To safeguard citizens, their security, and property, the Cabinet in-

Guided by the Taif Agreement, the Cabinet ordered security forces to strengthen state control across Beirut to protect citizens and property.

structed the Lebanese Army and internal security forces to immediately strengthen state control across the Beirut Governorate.

UAE Calls for Nationwide Flag Display in Show of Unity

His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, urged the public to raise the UAE flag as a show of loyalty to President His Highness



and reinforces the flag's role as a unifying symbol across society.

In a post on the social media platform X, Sheikh Mohammed called upon "the sons of the UAE and its residents... to raise it above homes, institutions and buildings as a symbol of our loyalty to our country's president and a shared sense of belonging."

"The UAE faced recent challenges united and has come through them stronger and more cohesive. Everyone stood behind one flag. The UAE flag reflects our strength and what we have built as a country. I invite everyone to raise it across homes and workplaces," His Highness said, adding, "We take pride in our country, our president, our Armed Forces, our economy, and all citizens and residents who move this country forward every day."



Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The call highlights a renewed focus on unity, national identity, and shared responsibility,

Sultan of Oman receives written message from South Korean President



His Majesty the Sultan received a written message from the President of the friendly Republic of Korea, underscoring the strong relations between the two countries.

The message was delivered on behalf of His Majesty by the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs during a meeting with the Head of

the Presidential Office of the Republic of Korea, who is serving as an envoy of the Korean President.

The exchange reflects continued diplomatic communication and cooperation between Oman and South Korea, particularly in areas of mutual interest and economic collaboration.

Oman Sultan, Macron Discuss Regional Ceasefire Efforts



His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik held a phone call on Thursday with French President Emmanuel Macron. During the call, the two leaders discussed the latest regional developments in the context of the recently announced ceasefire.

Both sides underscored the

importance of reinforcing and building upon the ceasefire framework, while continuing international efforts to address the conflict's root causes. They stressed that such efforts are essential to strengthening security and stability at both regional and global levels.

GCC calls for lasting solution to end regional crisis



The General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) welcomed the announcement of a ceasefire between the United States of America and Iran.

In a statement, the secretariat underlined the significance of concerted regional and international efforts to

reach a permanent solution to end this crisis in order to ensure the security and stability of the region and the world.

The GCC general secretariat praised the significant efforts exerted by Pakistan as well as those of other regional and international parties in achieving the ceasefire. It called for an end to the ongoing conflict.

Starmer Visits Saudi Arabia for Talks on Security and Economic Cooperation



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman welcomed British Prime Minister Keir Starmer to the Kingdom, and the two leaders met in the city of Jeddah.

The discussions occur amid ongoing regional tensions, with Starmer having previously condemned attacks on Saudi Arabia attributed to Iran in recent months.

According to London, the British Prime Minister was expected to focus on diplomatic efforts aimed at supporting and upholding the US-Iran

ceasefire. The broader goal is achieving a lasting resolution to the conflict and safeguarding both the UK and global economy from further instability.

Starmer previously visited Saudi Arabia in December 2024, traveling to the capital, Riyadh, where he pledged to strengthen bilateral relations and deepen the UK's engagement in the Middle East.

The latest meeting underscores both countries' continued efforts to expand cooperation on regional security and economic ties.