

**Drones hit Oman port**

Drones struck fuel tanks at Oman's Salalah port on Wednesday, state media reported.

# War enters 13th day

On shore, drones fell near Dubai airport, injuring four people, the city's government said.

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“Hey man, what’s up?”  
“All good. What about you?”  
“Not bad... going as usual,” I replied.  
“So what’s happening?” I asked my friend casually.  
“Just trying to finish some work – and making sure not to be part of the rumour mills!” he laughed.  
“Still staying at the same place?” I asked curiously.  
“Yes, of course.”  
“You mean the apartment on the ninth floor?”  
“Yes,” he said.  
There was a brief pause before he added quite calmly:  
“Life is becoming more colourful these days. From my window, I can occasionally see a few missiles heading somewhere in the distance.”  
“Isn’t that scary?” I asked.  
“Not really,” he replied.  
“I know Bahrain is trying its best to protect us. I have faith in the system.”  
The answer came so naturally that it caught me slightly off guard.  
“What about food?” I asked, shifting the conversation to something more practical.  
“Talabat is active,” he said with a laugh. “The delivery boys are right on time. No worries.”  
“Any plans to travel back home?” I asked.  
“What for?” he laughed again. “Our highways back home are more dangerous than these missiles.”  
His humour was disarming.  
“So when do you think this war will end?”  
“Honestly, I don’t bother about that,” he said.  
I found myself quietly admiring his perspective. Just then, he paused.  
“Hold on a second,” he said.  
The doorbell rang. It was the food delivery.  
A minute later, he returned to the call, smiling.  
“You know,” he said, “I usually give the delivery guy one dinar as a tip. These days I give two.”  
“Why the upgrade?” I asked.  
“Let the cash move, man,” he laughed. “That’s my way of supporting the economy.”  
“So how do you spend your time these days?” I asked.  
He turned his phone camera around. Two of his friends were sitting in the room watching a cricket match.  
“We’re just chilling,” he said.  
“What do you expect will happen next?” I asked.  
He thought for a moment.  
“This time will also pass,” he said calmly. “Maybe one day, instead of missiles, Iranian drones will start flying to Bahrain carrying Fesenjan and saffron rice – or perhaps some other delicious food.”  
He started laughing too.  
“Good night,” he said. “Sleep tight.”  
As I pulled the blanket over my head, I heard another loud sound in the distance – perhaps the interception of yet another drone.  
But instead of fear, I felt something else growing inside me: a quiet sense of comfort and confidence.  
And in that moment, his words echoed again in my mind.  
This time will also pass.

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## Iran’s new leader hurt in strike that killed his father: report

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Iran’s new supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei was injured in an air strike that killed his father at the start of the US and Israel’s attack on the country, the Iranian ambassador to Cyprus told The Guardian newspaper yesterday.

**Ayatollah ‘safe and sound’**

“I heard news that Mr Mojtaba Khamenei had been injured. I have asked some friends who had connections.

They told me that, thank God, he is safe and sound,” said Yousef Pezeshkian, son of Iran’s president, in a post.

injured in that bombardment but I haven’t seen that reflected in the foreign news,” ambassador

Alireza Salarian told the London-based newspaper. “I have heard that he was

injured in his legs and hand and arm... I think he is in the hospital because he is injured.”

The daytime air strike on the first day of the war on February 28 on a compound in Tehran killed his father, former supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, as well as his mother and wife.



Military ground personnel transport Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) to a US Air Force (USAF) B-1 Lancer bomber on the tarmac at RAF Fairford in south-west England

**Macron urges G7 action to restore Hormuz strait navigation ‘as soon as possible’**

## US military warns of possible strikes on Iran’s civilian ports along Hormuz Strait

**Iran Guards warn of ‘war of attrition’ with US, Israel**  
Tehran, Iran

Iran’s Revolutionary Guards warned on Wednesday of a long “war of attrition”, as the conflict with the United States and Israel presses on.

“They (the enemies) must consider the possibility that they will be engaged in a long-term war of attrition that will destroy the entire American economy and the world economy, and will cause all of its military capabilities to be eroded to the point of destruction,” Ali Fadavi, advisor to the Guards’ Commander-in-Chief, told state television.

## Targeting mistake led to US missile strike on Iranian school: report

Washington, United States

The United States was responsible for a Tomahawk missile strike on an Iranian school because of a targeting mistake, The New York Times reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper, citing US officials, said the investigation into the February 28 strike was ongoing but preliminary findings were that the United States was responsible.

The US military was conducting strikes on an adjacent Iranian base of which the school building was formerly a part and target coordinates were set using outdated data, it said.

President Donald Trump suggested earlier this week that Iran itself may have been responsible but later said he could “live with” whatever the investigation reveals.



Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) sit next to a US Air Force (USAF) B-1 Lancer bomber (behind) on the tarmac at RAF Fairford in south-west England

Iran has said the strike on the elementary school in the southern city of Minab killed more than 150 people.