

‘Wave of strikes’



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The United States launched a wave of strikes against Iran yesterday, after it reimposed a naval blockade in a return to war between the two foes.

Iran’s Revolutionary Guards said they targeted the US Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, where the military said it had intercepted attacks against civilian targets, while Jordan’s armed forces said they had downed three missiles from the Islamic republic.

US President Donald Trump, meanwhile, threatened to widen strikes next week to hit power plants and bridges unless Tehran returns to the negotiating table.

“Next week it gets really bad for them,” he told Fox News. Despite a return to hostilities, mediated talks between the two sides have not formally ended.

US outlines objectives

Days after the return to war, US Central Command (CENTCOM) said it launched “a wave of strikes... designed to further degrade military capabilities Iranian forces have used to attack commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.”

Iranian state media reported explosions near the port city of Bandar Abbas, on the island of Qeshm and on Bandar Imam Khomeini. It later said fresh US strikes hit the southern port city of Bushehr, home to the country’s only civilian nuclear plant.

Trump scraps levy

Trump meanwhile said he was scrapping a planned levy on ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz that he announced Monday, replacing the fee with trade deals with Gulf allies.

“I have decided to replace the 20% United

US-IRAN STRIKES: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

90-MINUTE STRIKES

- The US military said it had staged 90 minutes of strikes that “further degraded Iran’s ability to attack commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz” where the United States is imposing a blockade.
- US Central Command (CENTCOM) said on X that it had “launched precision munitions against coastal defence systems and cruise missile storage and launch sites on Greater Turb Island during the 90-minute wave”.

IRANIANS KILLED

- Seven hours of US raids earlier hit dozens of targets, the US military said, with the Iranian army saying seven personnel had been killed in a missile strike at a barracks close to the southeastern city of Iranshahr.
- “US fighter aircraft, drones, and naval vessels launched precision munitions against Iranian missile and drone sites, naval capabilities, and coastal defence systems during the seven-hour wave to further degrade Iran’s ability to threaten commercial shipping and civilian crews,” CENTCOM said.

IRAN HANGS PROTESTER

- Iran’s judiciary said Mohammad Amini Dehaghani had been hanged after he was found guilty of taking part in anti-government protests at the start of the year.
- The judiciary’s press agency called him “a collaborator with the enemy”.

BRITON’S TERM EXTENDED

- Iran has added two years to a 10-year jail term being served by British man Craig Foreman for talking to the media, his son said.
- Foreman, who was accused of spying, and his wife Lindsay were detained while in Iran during a round-the-world motorbike trip in 2025.

BAHRAIN INTERCEPTS BARRAGE

- Bahrain’s military said it had intercepted aerial attacks from Iran.
- The military accused Iran of “criminal attacks” on civilians and said in a statement it had “succeeded in intercepting and destroying a number of the treacherous Iranian aerial attacks this morning”.

SAILOR’S BODY FOUND

- The body of an Indian sailor, Heramb Karmarkar, who went missing after his ship was attacked off the coast of Oman on Sunday has been recovered, a seafarers’ union official said.

HORMUZ TO STAY SHUT

- Iran’s Revolutionary Guards said the Strait of Hormuz would remain closed until the United States ends its “acts of aggression” and warned that other regional oil export routes could become targets.

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States Reimbursement Fee with Trade and Investment Deals that the various Gulf States will be making into the United States,” Trump said in a post on his Truth Social network.

Since last week, renewed US attacks have killed at least 30 people in Iran, government spokesman Fatemeh Mohajerani said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose country has not so far rejoined the war, warned Iranian leaders on Tuesday that Israel would deal a heavy blow if they launched an attack on his country.

Speaking from Dimona, a southern town widely believed to house Israel’s undeclared nuclear arsenal, he told them: “Do not count on things remaining quiet if you attack us.”

Araghchi visits Doha

Iran said Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi travelled to Qatar yesterday to pay tribute to its deceased former emir, days after the Islamic republic launched salvos at the gas-rich emirate.

Araghchi is scheduled to “meet with Qatari authorities and offer his condolences”, the foreign ministry said in a statement, following the death on Sunday of Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, who ruled the Gulf state from 1995 to 2013.

Qatar, which hosts the largest American base in the Middle East, said it was targeted by an Iranian attack on Sunday.

Body of Indian sailor missing after Oman ship attack found

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The body of an Indian sailor who went missing after his ship was attacked off the coast of Oman has been recovered, a seafarers’ union official said yesterday.

Heramb Karmarkar, a 30-year-old marine engineer from the western Indian city of Pune, had been missing since Sunday’s attack on the Cypriot-flagged GFS Galaxy.

“I got a call Tuesday evening from the company the ship belonged to informing me that Heramb Karmarkar’s body has been found by the Omani coast guard,” Manoj Yadav, of the Forward Seamen’s Union of India, told AFP.

“This was almost 60 hours after we first received news that he was missing.”

The other 23 crew members -- including 10 Indian nationals -- were rescued Sunday.

The US Central Command said the ship had been disabled by fire and damage to its engine room, accusing Tehran of attacking it.



A handout video released by US Central Command shows what the US military says is a strike in Iran.

the Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7 flying in formation over the USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) in the Arabian Sea.

