

Gulf Stands With Kuwait

Regional leaders condemn the strikes and reaffirm commitment to Kuwait's sovereignty

Kuwait Fires Back Diplomatically

Kuwait on Thursday condemned what it called "criminal Iranian attacks" after missiles and drones struck its territory in what its Foreign Ministry described as a dangerous escalation and a flagrant violation of its sovereignty, security, and territorial integrity. Kuwait reserved its full right to self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter, calling on Iran to immediately and unconditionally halt the attacks and bear full responsibility for them.

Kuwait's military confirmed its air defence systems had intercepted the hostile missiles and drones, assuring citizens that explosion sounds heard were the result of successful

interceptions — not ground impacts — while urging the public to follow official safety instructions.

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The response from Gulf neighbours was swift and unanimous. Saudi Arabia condemned the attacks "in the strongest terms," reaffirming its solidarity with Kuwait and rejecting all violations of state sovereignty. Qatar called the strikes a flagrant breach of international law, while the UAE labelled them "Iranian terrorist attacks" and a direct threat to Kuwait's security. Bahrain's Foreign Minister personally called his Kuwaiti counterpart to condemn the attacks and affirm Kuwait's right to protect itself.

"Tracherous Aggression"



The Gulf Cooperation Council went further, with Secretary-General Jassem Alabdaiwi denouncing the strikes as "treacherous aggression" and a violation of international law, the UN Charter, and principles of good neighbourliness — with all GCC states standing firmly behind Kuwait.

Diplomacy Under Fire

Kuwait's Foreign Ministry noted the attacks came precisely when regional and international efforts were underway to reduce tensions — making the strikes not only an act of aggression, but a deliberate blow to diplomacy and regional stability.

Saudi Arabia Provides \$150 Million Emergency



Saudi Arabia has provided an urgent grant of \$150 million to Yemen to help sustain the operation of power plants that rely on diesel and mazout across the country.

This move is part of ongoing Saudi support for Yemen and aims to strengthen electricity generation and improve essential public services.

The assistance was ordered by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz and Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman.

Saudi officials said the initiative reflects the Kingdom's continued commitment to supporting the Yemeni people and addressing urgent humanitarian and infrastructure needs. Saudi Defence Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman has been tasked with overseeing follow-up on the grant's implementation.

Development Programme

The Saudi Development and Reconstruction Program for Yemen (SDRPY) will supervise the execution of the grant, ensuring the delivery and distribution of fuel supplies to support electricity generation.

Officials said the funding will help stabilise power production, improve basic services, and reduce the pressure on Yemen's strained energy infrastructure.

Focus on improving living conditions

Saudi Ambassador to Yemen and General Supervisor of SDRPY Mohammed Al-Jaber said the initiative reflects the Kingdom's consistent support for Yemen, particularly as seasonal temperatures rise and demand for electricity increases.

He added that the assistance is intended to ease humanitarian hardship and strengthen essential services for the Yemeni population.

US and France Align on Africa and Middle East Cooperation

A senior U.S. official held talks with a French foreign ministry representative to review shared priorities and strengthen cooperation on key geopolitical issues in the Middle East and Africa.

Massad Boulos met with Romaric Roignan, Director for North Africa and the Middle East at France's Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, to discuss areas of mutual interest between Washington and Paris.

Both sides emphasized continued coordination on regional stability, particularly in conflict-affected countries.

On Western Sahara, the two officials underlined the importance of pursuing a peaceful, durable, and mutually acceptable political

solution, in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 2797.

The discussions also addressed the ongoing crisis in Sudan, where both countries highlighted the need for continued international cooperation following the Berlin Conference on Sudan. They referenced a joint statement of principles endorsed by the United States, France, and more than 20 other countries and organizations. The U.S. side stressed that resolving the Sudan conflict remains a priority for the administration of the President of the United States, given the scale of the humanitarian emergency, widely described as the world's most severe.

Libya was another key topic, with both parties discussing the



importance of an inclusive, Libyan-led political process aimed at unifying state institutions, in coordination with the United Nations' roadmap for political reconciliation.

The meeting reflects ongoing U.S.-French efforts to align their diplomatic approaches across North Africa and the wider Near East amid multiple regional crises.

Air Medical Units Provide Rapid Hajj Response



The air medical evacuation department under the General Directorate for Health Services of the Ministry of Defense (Saudi Arabia) has deployed four fully equipped aircraft to support emergency

medical operations during this year's Hajj season.

The aircraft are dedicated to providing advanced in-flight emergency medical care to pilgrims, ensuring rapid response in critical situations across the

holy sites.

These air ambulances operate in close coordination with field hospitals, medical centers, and ambulance teams stationed throughout the pilgrimage zones. The integrated network is designed to reduce response times and ensure that patients receive timely and specialized treatment when needed.

Officials said the aerial evacuation system is part of a broader healthcare strategy aimed at strengthening emergency preparedness during Hajj, when

millions of pilgrims gather in and around the holy sites.

Beyond operations within the Kingdom, the air medical evacuation fleet also continues to handle patient transfers to and from international locations. This forms part of a wider integrated healthcare system managed by the Ministry of Defense to ensure advanced medical transport services are available both domestically and abroad.

The deployment highlights ongoing efforts to enhance medical readiness and ensure the safety and well-being of pilgrims throughout the Hajj season.

India, Saudi FM attend Cyprus talks on Middle East



India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud participated in the Foreign Affairs Council held in its informal "Gymnich" format in Cyprus.

The high-level discussions brought ministers together to examine the evolving geopolitical situation in the Middle East and explore ways to improve coordination in responding to regional crises.

A key focus of the meeting was maritime security, particularly safeguarding freedom of navigation through

the Strait of Hormuz, a critical global energy corridor widely regarded as being in a fragile balance between escalation and stability.

Ministers reportedly stressed the importance of maintaining open sea routes and avoiding further deterioration of security conditions in the region, given the wider implications for global trade and energy supplies.

The talks reflect ongoing international efforts to align diplomatic approaches amid heightened tensions across the Middle East and surrounding maritime routes.

Call for Peace and Unity Mark OIC Chief's Eid Al-Adha Message

The Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Hissein Brahim Taha, extended his congratulations and blessings to Muslims around the world on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha 1447H.

In a message issued for the Islamic holiday, the OIC chief conveyed his sincere wishes to the Muslim Ummah, praying that Allah accepts the good deeds of pilgrims performing Hajj and Mus-

lims celebrating Eid worldwide.

Taha described Eid Al-Adha as a blessed occasion that reflects the values of sacrifice, compassion and selflessness, while expressing hope for peace and harmony across the Muslim world.

The Secretary-General also extended congratulations to the leaders of OIC member states, wishing them good health and continued prosperity for their nations and peoples.

He paid special tribute to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, praising Saudi Arabia's efforts in serving Islam and caring for pilgrims during the Hajj season.

Taha highlighted the Kingdom's leading role in supporting causes related to the Islamic Ummah and

ensuring the welfare and safety of pilgrims visiting the holy sites.

Concluding his message, the OIC Secretary-General prayed for greater security and stability across the Muslim world, expressing hope that Eid Al-Adha would help strengthen solidarity and joint Islamic cooperation.

He also voiced hope for an end to hardships facing Muslim nations and for a future marked by peace, prosperity and progress.

