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Pummeled by airstrikes, Iran launches new wave of attacks against Israel and U.S. bases

Iran launched a new wave of attacks against Israel, American bases and countries around the region Thursday, while warning the U.S. would "bitterly regret" torpedoing an Iranian warship. Tehran's expanding retaliatory strikes came even as Israel and the U.S. hammered Iran for a sixth day.

The war has escalated each day, affecting an additional 14 countries across the Middle East and beyond. On Thursday, Azerbaijan accused Iran of attacking it with drones — though Tehran denied that. A day earlier, the U.S. said it sank an Iranian frigate in the waters off Sri Lanka.

Israel meanwhile issued a mass evacuation warning for all of Beirut's southern suburbs as the fighting escalated with Lebanon's Iran-allied Hezbollah militants. U.N. peacekeepers reported ground combat in southern Lebanon as more Israeli troops crossed the border.

All the while, the U.S. and Israel have battered Iran with nationwide strikes, targeting their military capabilities leadership and nuclear program. Israeli and American leaders have also suggested that toppling the government was a goal — and Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed when they launched the war Saturday. But the exact aims and timelines have repeatedly shifted, and the conflict increasingly appeared to be open-ended.

Iran's attacks have targeted their Arab neighbors, disrupted oil supplies and snarled global air travel.

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Not Just Nukes: Iran Producing Ballistic Missiles with 'Chemical and Biological' Warheads

Israel's defense establishment is 'providing targets and discussing the different capabilities that need to be dealt with' in a potential strike, Israeli military adviser Amir Avivi said

Iran is producing ballistic missiles armed with "chemical and biological capabilities" in preparation for a military confrontation with the United States and Israel, according to Israeli military adviser Amir Avivi, who told the Washington Free Beacon that such missiles must be "dealt with" in any strike on Iran.

"There is a discussion in the Israeli defense establishment about the possibility of chemical and biological weapons," Avivi, who served as a brigadier general with the IDF and counsels the Israeli government on defense, told the Free Beacon in an interview Monday. "We know that they have capability to send a warhead that is chemical." For decades, the U.S. government has assessed that Iran is researching and developing chemical agents, specifically "anesthetics used to incapacitate victims by targeting the central nervous system," according to the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.

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Military Leaders Say Iran War Is So Trump Can Bring About “Armageddon”
Troops have logged more than 110 complaints about such comments with the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.

Without any clear message coming from the White House with regard to the purpose of the Iran war, U.S. military commanders have turned to Jesus, apparently telling American troops that the war is “biblically sanctioned.”

The U.S. joined Israel in striking Iran early Saturday morning. By Monday evening, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, or MRFF, was “inundated” with complaints, receiving more than 110 grievances from U.S. military personnel stationed at dozens of sites across the Middle East, reported independent journalist Jonathan Larsen.

One such note included an anecdote from a noncommissioned officer, who reported that their commander had “urged us to tell our troops that this was ‘all part of God’s divine plan’ and he specifically referenced numerous citations out of the Book of Revelation referring to Armageddon and the imminent return of Jesus Christ.”

The NCO’s complaint was lodged on behalf of 15 troops, including 11 Christians, one Muslim, and one Jew, according to Larsen. The officer stated that such remarks “destroy morale and unit cohesion and are in violation of the oaths we swore to support the [C]onstitution.”

“This morning our commander opened up the combat readiness status briefing by urging us to not be ‘afraid’ as to what is happening with our combat operations in Iran right now,” the NCO wrote.

“He said that ‘President Trump has been anointed by Jesus to light the signal fire in Iran to cause Armageddon and mark his return to Earth,’” the NCO continued. “He had a big grin on his face when he said all of this which made his message seem even more crazy.”

It wouldn’t be a stretch to blame some of the blatant constitutional violations on Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, who has repeatedly evoked God and Christian nationalism in his time fronting the Pentagon.

Hegseth has parroted the views of Douglas Wilson, a conservative theologian who advocated for Christian dominance over government and society. He has followed through in practice, instating regular prayer services at America’s military headquarters. He also entered office with several Christian symbols already emblazoned on his skin—a Jerusalem cross and the phrase “Deus vult”—in what Hegseth has described as emblems of the “modern-day American Christian crusade.”

U.S. service members are afforded the religious liberty protections in the First Amendment. They also have a legal right to seek religious accommodations—and the MRFF told Larsen that it has been overwhelmed with complaints about commanders who are apparently tapping into the same sort of Christian nationalism espoused by the Pentagon chief.

“These calls have one damn thing in freaking common; our MRFF clients [service members who seek MRFF aid] report the unrestricted euphoria of their commanders and command chains as to how this new ‘biblically-sanctioned’ war is clearly the undeniable sign of the expeditious approach of the fundamentalist Christian ‘End Times’ as vividly described in the New Testament Book of Revelation,” MRFF president and founder Mikey Weinstein, a veteran of the Air Force and the Reagan White House, told Larsen.

“Many of their commanders are especially delighted with how graphic this battle will be zeroing in on how bloody all of this must become in order to fulfill and be in 100 percent accordance with fundamentalist Christian end of the world eschatology.”

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Isolationist US right-wing commentators decry Iran war; Trump says he doesn't care
Tucker Carlson, Megyn Kelly claim Israel is dragging the US into a damaging war;
president says that's not true, and that he alone represents MAGA

Prominent right-wing commentators came out against the US-Israeli campaign against Iran on Tuesday, drawing a dismissal from US President Donald Trump.

“This happened because Israel wanted it to happen. This is Israel's war. This is not the United States' war,” said Tucker Carlson, a prominent voice on the right.

Carlson said the war was based on “lies” and led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's manipulations, and argued that the campaign was not in the interest of Israel or the US.

“You have that country breaking apart, and what does that mean? Hard to see that as a good thing for the rest of the world,” he said.

“The United States didn't make the decision here. Benjamin Netanyahu did,” Carlson said, dismissing concerns about Iranian weapons development.

“The point is regional hegemony. Really simple,” he said. “Israel wants to control the Middle East.”

Carlson regularly asserts that Israel controls the US, echoing traditional antisemitic tropes. He also blamed Israel for getting the US to kill Muammar Gaddafi in Libya in 2011, and has previously said Israel made the US invade Iraq.

He claimed Israel was seeking to “sow chaos and disorder” in the Gulf states in its pursuit of regional power, adding that authorities in Qatar and Saudi Arabia arrested Mossad agents in their territory this week, a claim that appeared to be baseless and was rejected by Qatar.

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China tells oil refiners to suspend exports: Bloomberg report

China has told its largest oil refiners to suspend exports of diesel and gasoline, Bloomberg News reported Thursday, citing unidentified sources, as the war in the Middle East risks an energy supply crunch.

China is a net importer of oil and is one of several major Asian economies that depend on the vital Strait of Hormuz for energy.

Traffic through the strait is currently blocked.

The Middle East was the source of 57 percent of China’s direct seaborne crude imports in 2025, according to analytics firm Kpler.

Officials from China’s top economic planner, the National Development and Reform Commission, met refinery representatives “and verbally called for a temporary suspension of refined product shipments that would begin immediately”, Bloomberg said Thursday, citing unidentified people familiar with the matter.

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Gunman in 'Property of Allah' sweatshirt kills 2 in mass shooting at Texas bar; terrorism motive probed

Suspect Ndiaga Diagne, 53, shot dead at by police at scene in Austin; official says he was also wearing shirt with Iranian flag emblem; 14 wounded

A gunman opened fire outside a bar in a popular entertainment district in the Texas capital of Austin, killing two people early Sunday in a mass shooting.

He was wearing a sweatshirt that said "Property of Allah," and another shirt with an Iranian flag design, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

The shooting left 14 others wounded, including three who were critically injured, before officers killed the shooter, police said.

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