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Two IDF soldiers wounded in Hezbollah anti-tank attack in southern Lebanon

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Two soldiers from the IDF's Givati Brigade were moderately wounded Friday by anti-tank missile fire during operations in southern Lebanon, the military said.

The soldiers were evacuated to a hospital for medical treatment and their families were notified, according to the IDF.



(Photo: IDF)

The Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya said [six soldiers wounded in the same incident](#) were hospitalized. Two are in serious condition and are sedated and on ventilators in intensive care.

Three additional soldiers are listed in moderate condition, and one is in light condition, all receiving treatment in surgical wards. Two other soldiers who were wounded in the attack have been released to their homes.

According to the military, 14 IDF soldiers have been wounded since the start of the war. <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/sjshsaykwg>

Iran's Assembly of Experts to meet within a day to choose Khamenei's successor - report

The Assembly of Experts will convene on Sunday to select Iran's next Supreme Leader following the death of Ali Khamenei. The move comes amid a joint US-Israeli offensive and internal regime chaos.

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Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Gholam-Hossein Mohseni-Eje'i, the head of the judiciary and Alireza Arafati, deputy chairman of the Assembly of Experts, attend the meeting of the interim leadership council of Iran in an unknown location, amid the US-Israel conflict with Iran, March 1, 2026. (photo credit: IRIB/WANA (West Asia News Agency)/Handout via REUTERS)

Iran's Assembly of Experts announced on Saturday that it would "meet within a day" to select the new leader to succeed former supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iranian media reported.

Ayatollah Mozafari, one of the 88 members of the assembly, reportedly confirmed that the meeting would take place.

The IDF on Tuesday targeted the building in which the Assembly of Experts was reportedly meeting to choose the Islamic Republic's next supreme leader, Israeli sources have told The Jerusalem Post.

Iranian news agencies said the structure in Qom was "flattened."

Tasnim, affiliated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), confirmed that the Assembly's compound in Qom had been struck and that its building in Tehran, located at the former parliament site, was also hit overnight.



A person holds an image of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as Iranian demonstrators protest against the US-Israeli strikes, in Tehran, Iran, February 28, 2026 (credit: MAJID ASGARIPOUR/WANA (WEST ASIA NEWS AGENCY) VIA REUTERS)

Assembly of Experts to select new Supreme Leader in virtual meeting

According to a report by IRGC-linked Fars News, the new Supreme Leader was going to be selected via virtual meetings, after both buildings used by the assembly were struck by the IDF.

One of the 88 members assured that a new leader would "be selected soon," Fars reported.

According to a report by *Iran International*, the assembly is divided over plans to announce Mojtaba Khamenei, the second

son of Khamenei, as the new Supreme Leader of Iran.

From early Tuesday, [IRGC](#) commanders across the country reportedly pressured members to vote for Mojtaba Khamenei through a campaign of meetings and phone calls until minutes before the assembly began.

Without firm leadership yet decided, the authority to appoint and dismiss military officials and to declare war has been transferred to the Interim Leadership Council, Iranian state news agency IRNA reported.

Alex Winston, Dannielle Greyman-Kennard, and Omid Habibinia/The Media Line contributed to this report. <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-889149>

Israel pounds Iran missile sites, airport as Tehran fires back repeated salvos, threatens Europe

More than 80 jets drop 230 bombs on Iranian targets as Tehran fires additional missiles at Israel, expands attacks across the Gulf and warns Europe nations against joining war

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

and [AFP](#) Today, 12:50 pm



Smoke and fire rise from the site of airstrikes at Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran on March 7, 2026.(ATTA KENARE / AFP)

Israel continued its military campaign against Iran overnight Saturday, striking key missile infrastructure and IRGC aircraft, as Tehran launched repeated salvos of ballistic missiles at Israel and issued new threats against European countries that might join the war.

As the war entered its second week, the Israel Defense Forces said that more than 80 air force fighter jets carried out a wave of strikes overnight

on several Iranian military sites in Tehran and central Iran, dropping around 230 bombs on the targets.

Among the targets was a subterranean site "for the storage and production of ballistic missiles, from which hundreds of soldiers from the armed forces of the Iranian terror regime operated," the IDF said.

The military said the site "contained bunkers and military headquarters of regime elements."

Additionally, the IDF said it struck another missile storage site, which included bunkers and launch infrastructure, as well as Imam Hossein University, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps military academy, which the IDF says "served as an emergency asset and an assembly complex for the IRGC," including during the war.

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As the war entered a new phase, the military said it was ramping up strikes on Iran's weapon production facilities across the country, including those used to manufacture missiles and launchers.



Smoke rises from the site of airstrikes in Tehran on March 7, 2026. (ATTA KENARE / AFP)

Earlier, footage posted to social media showed strikes and large fires at Tehran’s Mehrabad International Airport, after the Israeli military said it was carrying out an “extensive” wave of strikes against regime targets in Iran’s capital.

On Saturday, the IDF confirmed that it had attacked the airport, saying that it had destroyed 16 aircraft used by the IRGC Quds Force. The military said that Mehrabad Airport was used by the Quds Force “as a central hub for arming and funding the regime’s terrorist proxies in the Middle East,” including

Lebanon’s Hezbollah.

“Aircraft loaded with weapons and cash took off from the airport numerous times and landed across the region for the use of the Iranian terror regime’s proxies,” the military said.

As part of the strikes, the IDF says it destroyed 16 aircraft that had been used to transfer weapons to Hezbollah, other military infrastructure at the airport, as well as several Iranian fighter jets that “posed a threat to Israeli Air Force aircraft operating in Iranian airspace.”



Smoke and fire rise from the site of airstrikes at Mehrabad International Airport in Tehran on March 7, 2026. (Photo by ATTA KENARE / AFP)

Also Saturday, a military source told The Times of Israel that Air Force chief Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar took part in a strike sortie in Iran on Friday, flying an F-15 fighter jet.

Iran launches missiles at Israel

Even as Israeli strikes intensified inside Iran, Tehran continued firing missiles toward Israel overnight and into Saturday morning.

Frequent launches throughout the night triggered sirens in Jerusalem, Beersheba and northern Israel, repeatedly sending millions of people scrambling for bomb shelters.

At around 6:20 a.m., the IDF said it detected the fifth launch of ballistic missiles from Iran since midnight, triggering sirens in Tel Aviv and other parts of central Israel.

While the attacks came every few hours, there were a relatively small number of missiles in each salvo and most were intercepted. Medics said there were no reports of injuries following the attacks, and there were no reports of missile impacts.

Short warnings

On Friday evening, several Iranian missile barrages prompted sirens across central Israel, though the advance warning time before the alarms sounded was shorter than in previous attacks.

A review of Home Front Command alerts showed that at 7:16 p.m., an early warning was issued for central Israel, with sirens sounding three minutes later at 7:19 p.m. Another alert at 8:40 p.m. was followed by sirens just one minute later, and a third warning at 9:54 p.m. preceded sirens by about two minutes.

Israelis prepare to celebrate Shabbat in a shelter in an underground parking lot in Tel Aviv during the war with Iran and Lebanon as missiles are fired toward Israel, March 6, 2026. (Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)



Earlier attacks during the war had typically provided civilians four to eight minutes of preparation time.

The IDF Home Front Command on Saturday morning clarified that the shorter-than-usual early warnings issued for the Friday night attacks were related to a variety of factors surrounding the detection of the projectiles, rather than a technical issue.

“The detection of barrages and launches is

influenced by a variety of operational factors, and therefore it is not always possible to provide a long preparation time between the advance notification and the sirens,” the military said in a statement.



“At times, the notification may be received relatively close to the sirens. It is important to clarify that there are situations in which sirens may be sounded without a prior advance notification, depending on operational conditions,” the IDF said.

The military said that the Home Front Command “sends an advance notification to mobile phones in the relevant areas as early as possible, as part of its public warning policy.”

Israeli air defense system fires to intercept missiles during an Iranian attack over Tel Aviv, Israel, Friday, March 6, 2026. (AP Photo/Ohad Zwigenberg)

The early alerts are issued based on the detection of launches from Iran and the stage of flight the missile has reached, meaning that in some cases, the warning may come only shortly before the siren itself.

Some unverified reports have attempted to tie the shorter warnings to damage caused to US radars in the region in Iranian strikes; however, this is highly unlikely.

The radar systems were damaged days ago, not on Friday night, and overnight attacks saw typical early warnings of three to seven minutes before sirens sounded.

Tehran presses attacks on Gulf states

The conflict has also spilled across the Gulf region, where Iran has targeted countries hosting US forces.

On Saturday morning, AFP journalists reported hearing two explosions in Dubai and another blast in Bahrain’s capital Manama, where warning sirens sounded, and authorities urged residents to seek shelter.

Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, said it had intercepted an Iranian missile fired at an airbase southeast of the capital Riyadh. The nation also reported at least two drone attacks earlier in the week that targeted the Ras Tanura refinery in the east.

Saudi Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman warned Iran against further escalation.

“We stressed that such actions undermine regional security and stability and expressed hope that the Iranian side will exercise wisdom and avoid miscalculation,” he wrote on X after meeting Pakistan’s army chief to discuss the attacks.

Iran’s warning to Europe

As the conflict widens, Tehran has also issued direct warnings to European governments.

Iran’s deputy foreign minister Majid Takht-Ravanchi said any European Union member states that join the US and Israel in attacks against Iran would become “legitimate targets” for Iranian retaliation.

“Any country that joins in the aggression against Iran, joins America and Israel in the aggression against Iran, definitely, they will also be legitimate targets for Iran retaliation,” Takht-Ravanchi said in an interview with France 24.



A US Air Force B-1 Lancer bomber lands at RAF Fairford in south-west England on March 7, 2026. Britain’s Prime Minister Keir Starmer has given approval for Washington to use the bases of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean and RAF Fairford in south-west England to bomb Iranian missile sites, after several Gulf countries were targeted by Iranian retaliation. (Photo by JUSTIN TALLIS / AFP)

While some EU countries, such as France, Greece and Italy, have sent warships towards the Middle East and most EU top officials have condemned Iranian strikes in the region, they have mostly called for an end to the conflict and called for a diplomatic solution.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said on Friday that Berlin was working with partners to find an approach to end the fighting with Iran, while saying his country shared the aims of the US and Israel.

US mulls future of war

In Washington, the White House sought to reassure the public about America’s readiness as the war

entered its second week.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said the United States has sufficient weapons stockpiles to meet operational needs related to the conflict in Iran.

Her comments came as US President Donald Trump prepared to meet with major defense contractors

alongside Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, in talks expected to focus on expanding weapons production as the war continues.

This came as Trump has privately expressed interest in deploying ground forces to Iran, according to NBC News. **Members of the US military offload equipment from a US Air Force C-5 Galaxy at RAF Fairford in south-west England on March 6, 2026.** (Photo by JUSTIN TALLIS / AFP)

In a report citing several sources, the US broadcaster said that Trump had raised the idea with White House aides and Republican officials while laying out his vision for Iran after the war, which he envisions will include cooperation between Tehran and Washington on oil similar



to the US and Venezuela.

The sources cited in the report said Trump hasn't discussed a major ground offensive in Iran, but instead a small group of US forces to carry out missions that the report describes as having specific strategic purposes. The sources add that Trump hasn't yet made any decision on the matter.

Meanwhile, Trump said unconditional surrender in the American-Israeli war against Iran could mean the total destruction of the Islamic Republic's military capabilities and not necessarily a formal capitulation by Tehran.

"Unconditional surrender could be that [the Iranians] announce it. But it could also be when they can't fight any longer because they don't have anyone or anything to fight with," he told Axios.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-pounds-iran-missile-sites-as-tehran-fires-back-repeated-salvos/>

IDF targets IRGC's Air Force situation room, aircraft used to transfer weapons to Hezbollah

The strikes include Tehran's main air situation room, operated by the IRGC air force, and 16 aircraft belonging to the elite Quds Force that were used to transfer weapons to Hezbollah.

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An underground facility for producing ballistic missiles struck by the IAF, March 6, 2026. (photo credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S UNIT

A fleet of over 80 Israel Air Force fighter jets completed another wave of strikes targeting infrastructure belonging to the Iranian regime in Tehran, which included the Islamic Republic's IRGC Air Force situation room, which was key to the air defense systems in Iran and was located in the heart of Tehran, the IDF announced early Saturday.

The strikes also targeted 16 aircraft belonging to the elite Quds Force that were being used to

transfer weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon, the military said.

An earlier IDF statement said that several military sites were struck, including the main Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) military university, the Imam Hossein University, which was used for the training of IRGC officers and as an emergency asset, and, most recently, an IRGC assembly compound during Operation Rising Lion.

The university contained multiple military assets used by the [IRGC](#).

A storage site of the Iranian missile unit, in which military bunkers and launching infrastructure were located were also targeted, as well as underground infrastructure used for storing ballistic missiles where hundreds of regime operatives were operating. The site included military bunkers and command centers housing senior officials of the Iranian regime, the IDF said.



An IDF F-35 "Adir" shot down an Iranian Air Force YAK-130 fighter jet on March 4, 2026. (credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON UNIT)

IDF continues strikes on launch pads across Iran

Moreover, several launch sites identified in western and central Iran were also struck in order to reduce the scope of fire directed toward Israel, the IDF said.

The combined effort to impact the Iranian regime's firing and defense capabilities, as well as to degrade the Iranian regime's production infrastructure, is ongoing, the IDF added.

IDF strikes senior Iranian regime commander in Tehran

On Friday, the IDF confirmed striking former Iranian supreme leader Ali Khamenei's underground bunker in Tehran.

Some 50 aircraft targeted the bunker, which, according to the IDF, was located beneath the regime leadership's Tehran compound.

Although Khamenei himself was killed nearly a week prior, the IDF noted that the bunker was intended to be used as "a secure emergency command center" and "continued to be used by senior Iranian regime officials."

The IDF went on to assert that it had been one of the Iranian regime's most critical military command centers. <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-889132>

US, Israeli strikes hit Iranian oil depots for first time since war began

IDF said Israeli Air Force jets struck several fuel storage complexes used by Iran's military, acting on intelligence guidance

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U.S. and Israeli strikes targeted fuel storage facilities in Tehran on Saturday, marking the first reported attacks on Iran's oil infrastructure since the start of the war.

The IDF said Israeli Air Force jets struck several fuel storage complexes used by Iran's military, acting on intelligence guidance. The military said the tanks are used to support military infrastructure and supply fuel to military entities.



US, Israeli strikes hit Iranian oil depots for first time since war began

Iranian state media reported that an oil depot in southern Tehran, near the capital's main refinery complex, was hit. The ILNA news agency said the refinery itself was not damaged.

Additional strikes hit a fuel depot in northwestern Tehran, where an AFP journalist reported flames and thick smoke rising from the site. Another strike was reported in the Shahrn area of the capital.

The IDF described the attack as a significant step in

expanding strikes on Iran's military infrastructure.

"The IDF will continue to operate with determination in order to significantly degrade the regime's capabilities and remove threats to the State of Israel," the military said.

The war between Israel and Iran is now entering its second week.

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Iranian officers abandon posts, conscripted troops amid US and Israeli strikes - report

The soldiers who spoke with the outlet reported that since the killing of former supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Saturday, confusion has erupted within the Iranian military.

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Flags of Israel and Iran painted on a cracked concrete wall with soldier shadow.(photo credit: SHUTTERSTOCK)

Amid the ongoing Israeli and US strikes against the Iranian regime, some officers in the Islamic regime's armed forces have abandoned their barracks, leaving behind the soldiers under their command to remain on guard duty, a number of conscripts told Iranian opposition outlet Iran International.

The soldiers who spoke with the outlet reported that since the killing of former supreme leader Ayatollah Ali

Khamenei on Saturday, confusion has erupted within the Iranian military.

Several soldiers stationed at a military base in Lorestan province told Iran International that they were uncertain about the command structure and were uneasy about the deteriorating security situation.

One soldier told the outlet that many commanders had, fearing strikes, abandoned their posts, leaving conscripted soldiers behind without support.i



Some soldiers, also fearing American and Israeli strikes, have been spending nights in open areas outside of the base for fear of being hit in an airstrike, the soldier said, adding that leadership was not paying adequate attention to the needs of the regular troops.

An Iranian soldier holds an RPG on Quds Day, in Tehran, Iran, April 5, 2024 (credit: SHUTTERSTOCK)

Israel, US vow to finish the job

The Iran International report comes as the US and Israel have vowed an escalation in the campaign against Iran's regime.

On Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that Israel would intensify its attacks against Iran in the coming days. On Friday, the Israel Air Force launched its 15th wave of strikes on Iranian targets in Tehran and Isfahan.

During its strikes in the country, the IDF said it had hit over 400 targets, including a "senior Iranian terror regime commander in Tehran."

US President Donald Trump [has also said](#) on Friday that he would only accept unconditional surrender from the Islamic Republic after saying on Thursday that "We want to fight now more than they do."

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-889107>

Shorter, faster, deadlier: World's militaries stunned by the power of the Israel Air Force

The Iranians are no fools. We were not the only ones preparing for the event. They were too. The previous operation taught them a few things.

ByBEN CASPIT/MAARIVMARCH 7, 2026 12:11Updated: MARCH 7, 2026 12:30



IAF pilots and crew prepare fighter jets for strikes on Houthi targets in Yemen, August 24, 2025(photo credit: IDF Spokesperson's Unit)

Three raids a day and a staggering munitions pace that shattered global standards. As pilots raced to Iran on stimulant pills, the partnership with the United States and the ingenuity of the women in the force created a single arm that choked off Tehran's launching capabilities.

It is horrifying to recall what the IDF had to deal with ahead of this operation. The repeated attacks on Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir, appointed by this government and then

abandoned to the claws of propagandists who branded him a "Kaplanist" and smeared him from morning to night. A chief of staff who has become a regional commander, not only leading the IDF to extraordinary operational achievements, but also coordinating actions with his many counterparts across the region and working closely with the American chairman of the Joint Chiefs and the commander of CENTCOM in what is described as nothing less than a masterwork.

Consider what they did to Air Force Commander Maj.-Gen. Tomer Bar during the judicial overhaul period, when he had to deal with the rising emotions of hundreds of pilots, some of them older reservists, who threatened to stop volunteering if the legislation advanced. Bar knew he did not have the luxury of dismissing so many pilots from the IDF, especially since they were not refusing orders but exercising their democratic freedom to protest and suspend what was, in effect, voluntary reserve service. He was torn between worlds, yet somehow managed to hold both ends of the stick.

He, nor anyone else, had any doubt that when the moment came, all of them would show up, far beyond the expected mobilization numbers, and that is exactly what happened. But they demanded his removal, and then raged over the excellent appointment of Maj.-Gen. Shlomi Binder as head of Military Intelligence, replacing the resigning Aharon Haliva. True, Binder bears some responsibility for October 7, though not a dominant share, but under the circumstances and reality of those days, he was the most necessary and appropriate appointment.

The man who appointed him, then-chief of staff [Herzi Halevi](#), planned the campaign against Iran after the Mossad's original plan had collapsed. He knew Binder was the most suitable man on the General Staff to take over Military Intelligence, rebuild the organization on the move, and prepare it for the decisive rounds ahead. These days, it is becoming clear just how right Halevi was, and how brilliant Binder is. I spoke this week with several



people in the Air Force, and they did not know how to express their amazement at the quality of the intelligence fed to them in Tehran, Beirut, and everywhere else. "It's insane work, what Military Intelligence did, pure magic. Everything starts there," one of those who carried out the operations said.

IDF Intelligence Chief Maj. Gen. Shlomi Binder speaks during a replacing ceremony held at the IDF Intelligence Command headquarters in Gilot, August 21, 2024. (credit: TOMER NEUBERG/FLASH90)

By the time we got to the Air Force, there was already a shortage of superlatives. There is no choice but to open the emergency stockpiles: it begins with Tomer Bar's quiet leadership. Unlike his predecessor Amikam Norkin, who was an excellent Air Force commander but also highly extroverted, Bar is quiet, keeps away from media storms — though unfortunately they pursued him — and does not engage in glorifying his own name, which has been glorified for him in his absence.

The race between launchers and bombers

The Air Force's preparations for war were fascinating. Because the number of aircraft and pilots is fixed and known, and because it was clear a race would develop between Iran's launch capability and the Air Force's ability to destroy launchers and missiles, the solution devised by the Air Force was to increase the number of waves. How? Fly to Iran and back three times a day. Every pilot. And how is that done? With stimulant pills. That was the trick they planned. And it worked.

When every pilot does this three times a day instead of once or twice, the number of strikes soars, literally and figuratively, the number of strikes surges, and the ability to reduce Iran's launch capability is dramatically strengthened. "We understood that we had to bring as many bombs as possible to the target in as little time as possible," an IDF official said this week, "to jam them up, destroy them, and bring them down as quickly as possible, without giving them time to lift their heads."

The Iranians are no fools. We were not the only ones preparing for the event. They were too. The previous operation taught them a few things, and they stationed large numbers of bulldozers and tractors at launch sites so they could quickly reopen bombed tunnels after each wave. They were counting on attacks frequency, but the high pace left them no chance.

A learning competition developed here between our side and the Iranians. A competition that was decided, but not without effort. And we have not yet spoken about the American aircraft that joined in. Bottom line: by Wednesday afternoon, the Air Force had dropped its 5,000th munition on targets in Iran in four days. Throughout all 12 days of the previous operation, 3,700 munitions were dropped.

The heart of the race was during the first 48 intense hours. With medical supervision, the Air Force found the most suitable stimulant pills and trained with them to ensure there were no side effects, no damage to the pilot's sharpness or motor skills, while also identifying the optimal nutrition for such a situation. They also learned from the Americans' experience, since the Americans are used to long-duration flights of this kind. B-2 bombers, for example, can fly continuously for very long hours.

What happened was that the pilots and ground crews were pushed beyond anything they had ever

experienced during the first three days. The only ones who pushed harder were the Iranians. They took the full blow, and the sharp decline in the pace of launches recorded in recent days is the result of that effort. As of Thursday, the assessment was that the Air Force was on the verge of breaking Iran's launch capability. No, not reducing it to zero, but bringing it down to "manageable" dimensions that would leave the interception systems with a reasonable workload.

In wartime, the Air Force's motto is: "Either you're flying, or you're sleeping, or you're eating." In the current war, that was shortened to: "Either you're flying, or you're eating." They simply did not sleep. Throughout all this, everyone had to be kept on a tight leash, to make sure there was no hubris, no excess self-confidence, no creeping contempt. The historic downing of an Iranian aircraft by an F-35 improved morale, but did not reduce the intensity. Here and there Iranian MiGs also took off against our pilots, but quickly broke contact.

And despite the clear results, the Air Force is not getting confused. It is not underestimating the Iranians. They are fighting, someone said, they are putting up a fight, they came to wage war, they learned, they prepared, they are not giving up on anything, they still take off here and there, they continue launching even though they know that after every launch they will be hit. They are more determined in this round than they were in the previous campaign.

What kept the pilots and ground crews going at this murderous pace? Simple: in addition to the uncompromising professionalism of the force, there was also the knowledge that every sortie, every takeoff, every flight of hours out and hours back, was intended to ensure that the family of that pilot, that female pilot, that extraordinary ground crew member, would have to run to shelters fewer times.



An IAF F-35 participates in Operation Roaring Lion, March 5, 2026. (credit: ISRAEL AIR FORCE)

The force multiplier

The Air Force is not only pilots. The ground crews are another unresolved wonder. During every visit by American or foreign officers to Air Force bases, the visitors try to understand how it can be that the servicing, preparation, and arming time of an Israeli fighter jet between strike waves is significantly shorter than in the United States, Britain, or anywhere else, and with less manpower, or women-power. Try explaining that to them. They won't understand.

Speaking of women, it is an advantage. Everyone I speak to about the issue praises the extra ingenuity and intelligence of the young Israeli women who race with endless energy between the hardened shelters, bombs, and missiles, making sure as few minutes as possible pass between one takeoff and the next. Books will still be written about the cooperation with

the American gorilla. It was an unprecedented event in which the naval, air, and intelligence arms of the two countries were integrated as equals and became a single arm.

Israelis suddenly understood American power. The fact that more than 100 modern refueling aircraft flooded the skies of the Middle East meant that every Israeli pilot could change course or stop for refueling almost anywhere. The dialogues between the refueling pilot and the pilot being refueled will one day be published and warm many hearts. Then there is the intensity with which the United States can strike anywhere, at any time, at any hour, with any munition, from any possible bomber. The unchallenged air superiority of the F-22s, and of course the B-2 bombers, the strategic game-changers.

But the Americans, too, got a chance to witness some extraordinary things: the professionalism, precision, and capabilities that exist only in the Israeli Air Force; intelligence so precise it is jaw-dropping, down to a hair's breadth; and endless creativity that we will only learn about in the distant future. Interlocking American-Israeli tools that made history this week. <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-889138>

From fortified ORs to popup clinics, Israel's medical centers streamline wartime operations



Using knowledge gleaned the hard way during the Oct. 7 Hamas invasion and June war with Iran, hospitals go underground amid incoming missile fire – and staff know the drill

By [Diana Bletter](#)

Today, 7:24 am

Patients and medical staff are seen in an underground parking area converted into a treatment ward at Shaarei Tzedek hospital in Jerusalem after many patients were relocated following the outbreak of war and missile fire from Iran toward Israel, March 4, 2026. (Chaim Goldberg/Flash90)

Two days after the deadly Iranian missile attack on Beit Shemesh that killed nine and wounded dozens, Dr. Jonathan Lifshitz, a family

doctor in the city’s Mishlat General Clinic, traveled to Jerusalem to provide medical care to his patients who were among the 780 people evacuated to two Jerusalem hotels.

On a hotel table covered with a tablecloth, Lifshitz connected two computers, setting up a makeshift clinic, and got to work.

“When I learned that my patients were evacuated from their homes, it was clear to me that I would reach out to them,” Lifshitz said in a statement. “Beyond medical care, sometimes the mere encounter with a familiar doctor gives a sense of security during such a turbulent time.”

In improved pop-up clinics, underground parking lots converted to wards and fortified operating rooms, hospitals and health clinics around the country are once again providing services under fire since the joint US-Israeli strikes on Iran began on February 28.

Immediately after the start of the war, the Health Ministry directed medical centers around Israel to switch to [emergency](#) mode, moving intensive care patients and operations to underground complexes or performing surgeries in protected spaces.

During the two years of war sparked by the bloody Hamas invasion of October 7, 2023, Israeli medical centers provided care even as some hospitals — such as Barzilai Medical Center in Ashkelon — sustained rocket damage themselves.



Dr. Yonatan Lifshitz, Family Physician at the Mishlat Clinic, Beit Shemesh, Clalit Jerusalem District, left, and Tamar Laufer, Chief Psychiatric Nurse, Clalit Jerusalem District, provide medical services at a Jerusalem hotel housing evacuees after the March 1, 2026, Iranian missile attack on Beit Shemesh on March 3, 2026. (Courtesy/Spokesperson’s Office, Clalit Jerusalem District)

At Beersheba’s Soroka University Medical Center, an Iranian ballistic missile slammed into the hospital’s surgical ward during the 12-day war with Iran this past June, injuring more than 80 people and wrecking eight operating rooms along with six research laboratories.

“This is something that no hospital in Israel or the world has ever had to deal with,” said Soroka University

Medical Center director Prof. Shlomi Codish. “Soroka now operates at the highest level of alert and continues to provide life-saving medicine.”

Smoke rises from a building at the Soroka hospital complex after it was hit by a missile fired from Iran, in Beersheba, June 19, 2025. (AP/Leo Correa)
‘Implementing all the things we have learned’

“We’ve been there, done that,” was how Dr. Mira Maram, deputy director general at Clalit Health Services put it, speaking to The Times of Israel by telephone on Wednesday.

Maram, who oversees 14 hospitals across the country, said that after the war with Iran in June, which saw heavy incoming ballistic missile fire, “We’re now implementing all the things we learned.”



“We learned exactly what kind of equipment we have to take, what kind of beds we need to take and the distance needed between them, how to handle infection control, and what other machines we need to bring,”

Maram said.

Dr. Mira Maran, right, Deputy Director General of Clalit Health Services, with staff at the Rabin Medical Center underground hospital. (Courtesy)

Northern hospitals in ‘fortified facilities’

Staff at the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, located less than 10 kilometers (six miles) from the northern border, went into emergency mode soon after the Health Ministry directive on February 28.

In a race against the clock, a hospital spokesperson said the staff moved everything underground and into protected areas four hours faster than they did immediately after the start of the October 7 onslaught.



“All surgical procedures, deliveries, and cardiac and neuro catheterizations are being conducted in fortified facilities,” CEO/Director Prof. Masad Barhoum told The Times of Israel.

Prof. Masad Barhoum, director-general of the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya (Courtesy/ Galilee Medical Center)

During the 14 months of conflict with Hezbollah concurrent with the war in Gaza, Hezbollah fired thousands of rockets, missiles, and drones into northern Israel in support of Hamas. Amid the bombardments, hospital staff worked in underground, fortified rooms without windows or fresh air.

After the temporary ceasefire was signed with Hezbollah in late November, the hospital began moving back to its regular facilities.

However, deputy director Dr. Tsvi Sheleg [said at the time](#), “It could happen again, and we’re still prepared to go underground.”

Since then, the hospital has expanded the inpatient internal medicine capacity by 60 beds. It has also activated semi-elective services within protected facilities, including oral and maxillofacial surgery



and other services.

Medical teams waiting for the arrival of injured people from the scene of a drone attack on the Druze village of Hurfeish, at Ziv Medical center in Safed, northern Israel, June 5, 2024. (David Cohen/Flash90)

In Safed, Prof. Salman Zarka, director of Ziv Medical Center, seven miles from the Lebanese border and 50 miles from the border with Syria, told The Times of Israel that after the conflicts of the last few years, the hospital teams are “accustomed to dealing with extreme situations,” such as the deadly July, 2024, Hezbollah missile attack on the Druze town of Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights, in which 12 children were killed and dozens wounded.

“Even in the most complex situation, such as a mass casualty incident, civilians and soldiers are in the most skilled hands,” Zarka said.



After the June war, said Dr. Osnat Levtzion-Korach, the director of Shamir Medical Center in central Israel, hospital staff “prepared a heavy, thick booklet with the protocols” for transferring patients and equipment to parking lots three to four stories underground.

Shamir Medical Center staff move patients to underground facilities in the hospital’s parking lot on February 28, 2026. (Courtesy)

“It’s a whole operation,” said Levtzion-Korach. “It’s huge, and it’s definitely not easy.”

She said that the staff “tweaked different things, but the protocol that worked for us then worked very well this time.”



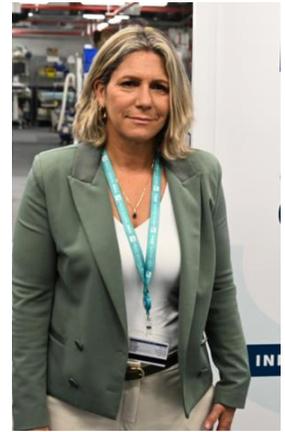
Dr. Osnat Levtzion-Korach, the director of Shamir Medical Center, stands in the hospital's underground facility. (Courtesy)

Even before the Health Ministry's directive, Levtzion-Korach began preparations in case a war with Iran broke out, and closed the underground parking lot to be ready to receive patients.

"It's really unimaginable what we've done here, but it's a temporary solution," she said. "The right solution is to build departments that are protected so that the patient can stay in their own bed. Having 200 patients in a parking lot is definitely not ideal. There's no privacy, there's no infection control management. Of course, it's very safe, but it has many issues. Thankfully, all the patients are very collaborative and cooperative, and you don't hear any complaints."

"I'll probably get invited to conferences of CEOs of hospitals to tell people how to deal with earthquakes or other emergencies," she quipped. "There's much to learn from us, and we'll share the knowledge that we have here."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/from-fortified-ors-to-popup-clinics-israels-medical-centers-streamline-wartime-operations/>



US intel report: Large-scale military assault unlikely to topple Iran regime - The Washington Post

The National Intelligence Council report was completed a week before the start of the war, which broke out last Saturday. **By SAM HALPERN** MARCH 7, 2026 17:16



A man waves a giant Iranian flag during a rally marking the 47th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic revolution in Tehran on February 11, 2026. (photo credit: AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES)

Even a large-scale military assault against the Islamic Republic of Iran would be unlikely to oust the regime and its armed forces, The Washington Post reported on Saturday, citing a classified National Intelligence Council report.

The Washington Post noted, however, that the National Intelligence Council report was completed a week before the war broke out last Saturday.

The publication of the report comes days after

US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Wednesday that the US had "only just begun" to dismantle the Iranian regime's capabilities.

US President Donald Trump told NBC News the following day that the US wanted to ensure a new future of governance for Iran by going in to "clean out everything."

According to *The Post*, the report outlined succession scenarios for Iran's leadership, either amid limited strikes on senior officials or as part of a larger campaign. People familiar with the report told *The Washington Post* that, in either case, Iran's military and political echelon would respond to the killing of now former supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei by enacting pre-arranged protocols in order to retain power, and that the odds that Iranian

opposition could seize control of the country were "unlikely."

An Iranian flag is planted in the rubble of a police station, damaged in airstrikes yesterday, on March 3, 2026 in Tehran, Iran. (credit: Majid Saeedi/Getty Images)

The National Intelligence Council is comprised of senior analysts and national security policy experts who, according to the body, serve as a "bridge between the intelligence and policy communities."

The Post, however, noted that the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, under which the National Intelligence Council serves, declined to comment and that the council's report did not seem to consider alternative scenarios, including the deployment of US troops into Iran or the launch of a rebellion within the country by the Kurds in Iran.



Unclear if operation considered in report is identical to current US military action

Additionally, *The Post* noted that it is unclear whether the large-scale operation examined by the report was the same as the operations that began last Saturday.

Further, while according to *The Post*, the report outlines succession scenarios, in the week since the killing of Khamenei, the Islamic Republic, under continuous US and Israeli bombardment, has yet to select a new supreme leader.

Khamenei's succession is set to be determined by Iran's 88-member Assembly of Experts, a clerical body that has been suspected of favoring the late supreme leader's son, Mojtaba Khamenei, to fill the role.

However, the selection process has been complicated, and on Tuesday, the IDF targeted the building where the Assembly of Experts was meeting to choose the next leader. Iranian news agencies reported that the building was "flattened" in the strikes.

On Friday, Trump issued a demand for Iran's "unconditional surrender," a demand he later clarified in an interview with *Axios* would be fulfilled by the total destruction of its military capabilities, rather than a formal surrender.

On Saturday, the president asserted that Iran would "be hit very hard" that day.

Still, no internal uprising in Iran has so far challenged the regime. Earlier this year, in response to nationwide protests, the Iranian government cracked down on demonstrations, killing an estimated tens of thousands of people.

"There's no other force within Iran that can confront the remaining power that the regime has," Suzanne Maloney, an Iran scholar and vice president of the Brookings Institution, told *The Post*. "Even if they're not able to project that power very effectively against their neighbors, they can certainly dominate inside the country."

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-889146>

Gulf leaders are about to pass up the Iran moment - comment

Most world leaders are thinking of the next election. These leaders are freer to make long-term decisions for long-term stability.)By [EZRA TAYLOR](#) MARCH 7, 2026 17:59



Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan receives Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates December 7, 2021. (photo credit: BANDAR ALGALOU/COURTESY OF SAUDI ROYAL COURT/HANDOUT VIA REUTERS)

Gulf nations are blinking at a once-in-a-generation chance to reshape the Middle East.

With drone and missile attacks from Iran, nearby Arab nations have felt increasing pressure since the war began. Diplomatic tones shifted from asking the US and Israel not to attack to outright condemnation of the regime before shifting

again to pushing to be left out of the conflict.

The language would be more fitting from Brussels than Riyadh. Most leaders always have the next election cycle somewhere within their thought process. These leaders don't. Meaning that joining a war to wipe out the Iranian regime shouldn't be an impossible choice. It should be an obvious one.

Inside Arab countries, the delicate balance that keeps the non-democratic systems stable looked to be the top priority. It became extremely clear as influencers in Dubai, in particular, began posting videos on social media containing the simple, short message: "I'm not scared because our leaders protect us." Many have speculated that, given the scale of the online campaign, it was backed and pushed by leadership.

So, as investors begin to rethink the Gulf, tourists scramble for [evacuation flights](#), citizens back away from a potential protracted conflict, and Western media outlets write sensationalist pieces painting the region as the dusty warzone they grew up with, Gulf nations appear, at least for now, to be taking a blinkered, narrow view.

They like the world order as it is.

China and [Russia](#) have a regional partner for their interests; Israel stays stuck fighting endless wars with Iranian proxies, local business deals come to their doorstep, and they get to play a familiar regional game with less competition.

In the long term, though, this makes little sense.



US President Donald Trump attends an event in the East Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on February 11, 2026 (credit: ARIE LEB ABRAMS/FLASH90)

While Trump has changed his messaging depending on the prevailing wind, or which media outlet he's talking to, Israelis understand the regional implications, even if they're not saying it out loud.

All terror-paved roads lead to Tehran, and if October 7 has taught Israelis anything, a "[mowing the grass](#)" strategy delays deaths, has untold consequences for perceptions, and most importantly, cannot bring stability.

For Gulf nations, their strategy is this exact poor gamble: contain the conflict and hope the world quickly forgets drones hitting fancy hotels, so money and oil keep flowing.

At the same time, though, these countries are squandering what makes them unique: their lack of democracy. With no fear of ballot boxes holding the keys to power, leaders could act decisively.

They could lead the Middle East into a safer future and join in militarily, freeing the oppressed Iranian people, and creating the kind of regional stability thought impossible for generations.

It wouldn't be an easy decision, but it could actually work in their favor.

Post-Islamic Republic, [major multi-national deals](#) would be needed to solve the crises compounded by decades of mismanagement by the mullahs. Iranian expats from around the globe would come flooding back.

This would show regional stability far more than any untested containment strategy.

Europe and Asia had their Germany and Japan moments, respectively. This is the Gulf's Iran moment, and autocratic leaders, despite their drawbacks, are best placed to tackle it. <https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-889142>

NYC Mayor Mamdani's wife liked pro-October 7 Instagram posts

One of the posts described the attack as a form of resistance to "apartheid," while another showed people on a captured IDF vehicle with messaging about opposing "occupation" and "oppression."

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New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani speaks during a press conference on Universal Childcare at the Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling on March 03, 2026 in New York City. (photo credit: MICHAEL M. SANTIAGO/GETTY IMAGES)

New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani is facing scrutiny after a report revealed that his wife, Rama Duwaji, liked several Instagram posts regarding the October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorist attack on Israel.

Duwaji's Instagram activity included interactions with posts that framed events of that day in sympathetic terms, as well as the antisemitic protests that

followed.



New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani's wife Rama Duwaji smiles as confetti falls after her husband's ceremonial inauguration as mayor at City Hall Thursday January 1, 2026 in New York, NY. (credit: David Dee Delgado/Getty Images)

One of the posts Duwaji reportedly liked featured images of Palestinians breaching Israeli defenses and described the attack as a form of resistance to "apartheid." Another showed people on a captured IDF vehicle with messaging about opposing occupation and oppression. Both posts were shared on the same day Hamas carried out its [assault on Israel](#).

Duwaji also liked posts supporting pro-Palestinian demonstrations that took place the day after the attack. These included material from organizations calling on people to stand with the Palestinian cause and

highlighting their "right to resist" what they described as "occupation."

The resurfacing of Duwaji's social media activity comes as questions mount about how her views intersect with [Mamdani's political stance](#). The two met online in 2021 and married in early 2025.

Response from City Hall

In response to the reporting, Mamdani has declined to directly address his wife's past social media activity regarding October 7.

New York City Hall emphasized that the mayor has been clear about his own stance on the events of October 7. A spokesperson said that Mamdani "has condemned that violence unequivocally" and reaffirmed that Hamas is a terrorist organization. <https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/article-889116>

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Feminists for Killing Feminists

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While tens of thousands of protesters were being killed in Iran, many of them authentic feminists, young women demanding equal rights and freedom from the oppressive compulsory 'hijab', the Women's March remained silent. So did the National Organization for Women.

The Women's March stayed quiet as young women in Iran were [gang raped by masked men](#) at gunpoint, much as it had remained quiet during the rapes by Iran's Hamas allies on Oct 7.

Instead the social media feed for the Women's March and the National Organization for Women were filled with hysterical attacks on ICE for deporting rapists like Yonis Mohamud, a Somali who had kidnapped and raped a woman in Ohio, Shayan Kahhal, whose record listed sex assaults and the sodomy of a woman, a girl and a boy in Virginia, and Asirullah Khalid-Khan, a rapist from Afghanistan, taken into custody in Austin, Texas.

Considering that under Trump, the ratio of male ICE detainees, who form a larger percentage of violent criminals, rose from 78% to 90%, ICE was actually reducing the gender ratio of women being detained, leaving the Women's March to protest for male rapists.

And while the killing and the rapes went on in Iran, as women and girls risked their lives to take off their hijabs, protest child marriage and campaign for actual feminism, the Women's March and the National Organization for Women fumed with outrage and organized rallies against the deportation of male rapists from the Muslim world without saying a word about Iranian women.

The Women's March took a brief break to attack Israel in the name of what it claimed was feminism while propping up a Hamas lie, before calling for boycotts of Starbucks and Target and then celebrating 'Bad Bunny'.

The death toll in Iran had reached over 30,000, and families were being forced to pay thousands to get back the bodies of their loved ones. The victims included underage girls.

The National Organization for Women however was outraged that Trump had criticized Bad Bunny.

Finally, after the United States and Israel took out the regime leaders responsible for the massacres of women, the Women's March responded with a poster of a woman in a "Feminists vs Fascists" jacket raising a fist and the slogan "No War On Iran".

Feminism had been redefined as support for the mass murder of feminists while fascism had been redefined as support for a fascist regime in Iran. The poster pretending to speak for Iranian women had actually come from Gianluca Costantini: an Italian man.

The Women's March repeated the lie that "the US and Israel bombed a girl's elementary school in Iran". In fact it was an Iranian rocket that misfired.

In the comments, women, some of them Iranian, blasted the Women's March for repeating Iranian regime propaganda and propping up a regime that was massacring women.

"I am an Iranian woman and we want this war. we are thankful our freedom is finally coming! please do not speak for us!" one comment said. Another added, "I am an Iranian and we want the war!!! I consider myself a feminist and a democrat but trust me not just me but my entire country is celebrating today!!!!"

To understand why this happened, it helps to understand who runs the Women's March.

The Women's March lists a gift shop and protest events, but not its COO, that's because, as Freedom Center Investigates [had exclusively revealed](#), he's actually a gay Muslim man.

[Aquib Shaheed Yacoub](#) cut his teeth on early BLM activism and became the chief of staff to Tamika Mallory, one of the three March leaders, just as controversy broke out over her support for Nation of Islam leader Louis

Farrakhan who had praised Hitler. After Mallory's departure, Yaqoob climbed the ladder and eventually became the chief of staff for a "women-led" group.

The Women's March seems to have stopped filing reports, including apparently tax forms, but hasn't stopped loudly attacking ICE and promoting Islamic causes. Including Iran.

The March however was not the only group of feminist leftists to come out for killing feminists.

The National Organization for Women had said nothing about Iran's massacre of women protesting, but when the United States bombed the regime, it rallied to defend their killers.

"Humanity's only hope lies in the decent people of this country rising together—nonviolently, but with determination and unshakeable resolve—to drive the Trump f—st regime from power. NOW is the time to meet this grave escalation together in the streets in massive nonviolent protest and resistance," it declared.

Women in Iran had been killed trying to drive the same region from power NOW was defending.

"STOP the U.S. WAR on IRAN!" NOW demanded.

Eve Ensler, who currently goes by 'V', of the Vagina Monologues, repeated the same Iranian propaganda describing our government as "devilish", in an echo of Iran's regime calling us the 'Great Satan', claiming that the equally fictional "genocide continues in Gaza" and urging an end to the war to remove the ayatollahs and mullahs killing women and girls from power.

Ensler had previously rallied for the Marxist regime in Venezuela, attacked ICE and Israel, but had made no comments about Iran's brutal massacres and rapes of female protesters.

The ugly truth about American feminism is that its members ignored the massacres of Iranian women and girls, not because they were far away, but because they supported the regime.

The moment that the United States moved against the theocratic regime, they rallied.

Whether it comes to preventing ICE from deporting rapists and child abusers, rallying to keep men in women's sports or fighting to keep the killers in Tehran in power, the country's professional feminists support the oppression, abuse and murder of women and girls.

And when it comes to Iran, these fake feminists support the murder of actual feminists.

While the leftist feminists posture as if their rallies against Trump represent actual courage and risk, women and girls in Iran have been fighting and dying to bring down a truly evil regime.

American feminists have stayed silent and now are working to lend their killers a hand.

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STEP BY STEP

STEP BY STEP: Good news is that many friends and supporters of Lev U'Neshama (Heart and Soul) donated towards the Education Fund project to provide basic school supplies for actually 350 children within our Lev U'Neshama families.

We are grateful that the school supply part of our effort has been successful.

According to the Israel Population and Statistics office, Tzfat's population is about 40,000, and one third live at the poverty level. We do what we can so at least the children within our struggling LUN families can get the things they need.

Every week we are providing new sport shoes and eye exams/eyeglasses to the children on our request list. However, previous donations are rapidly dwindling. I am reaching out now before the fund has been emptied and we will have to say "no" to additional requests.

We work with two local shoe merchants who give Lev U'Neshama a discount but they advised us the cost of the shoes has increased. Also, we work with an accredited optician in town who also gives us a discount but his cost is stable.

Lev U'Neshama is an Israeli registered non-profit charity organization, volunteer run, no business expenses whatsoever and every \$ goes into our programs.

Shoes: \$45 per pair regular and \$60 for First Steps, baby shoes.

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Your support will be appreciated.

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