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## Nonstop sirens in north as Hezbollah fires at Haifa

*About 10 rockets and drones set off fresh alerts across the Galilee after a heavier barrage earlier in the night, while Israeli strikes send smoke billowing over Beirut's Dahieh; officials warn against another Majdal Shams-type disaster*

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**Sirens warning of incoming missiles and rockets sounded overnight in the Haifa Bay area, the valleys and the Galilee as about 10 rockets were fired toward northern Israel, while additional alerts warning of a suspected drone infiltration were activated in Metula and other Lebanon border communities in the Galilee Panhandle.**

**Some of the rockets were intercepted and others fell in open areas. The Magen David Adom emergency service said it had received no immediate reports of casualties.**



*(Illustration: Cumta)*

**Earlier, sirens warning of both rocket fire and a drone infiltration had sounded in Haifa. Home Front Command later said that incident had ended and residents could leave protected spaces, though they were advised to remain close to shelter. The drone was intercepted, officials said.**

**The alerts followed a heavier Hezbollah barrage earlier Wednesday, when dozens of rockets were fired toward Haifa and the Haifa Bay area in a coordinated salvo launched from several locations in Lebanon.**

That earlier attack set off sustained sirens across the Galilee, the Golan Heights and Haifa, and came alongside missile fire from Iran and later drone alerts in the north. One rocket scored a direct hit on a house in Bi'ina in the Lower Galilee, and two people were lightly hurt.

After that earlier barrage, Hezbollah announced the start of what it called "Operation Devoured Chaff," signaling what appeared to be a new phase in its attacks on northern Israel as sirens were heard repeatedly along much of the Lebanese border through the night.

**Hezbollah rockets intercepted over northern Israel**  
*(Photo: Amir Yarchi)*

After the earlier heavy barrage, Golan Regional Council head Uri Kellner said Israel could not wait for another disaster like the one in Majdal Shams to secure life along the northern border.

"We do not need another disaster, like the massacre in Majdal Shams, to ensure the safety of our lives here on the northern border," Kellner said Wednesday evening. "The brutal rampage of fire by the terrorist organization is a test for Israeli security, and the response to it should be determined by the intent, not by the result."



His remarks referred to the July 2024 attack on the Druze town of Majdal Shams in the Golan Heights, when a rocket strike killed 12 children and teenagers, one of the deadliest Hezbollah attacks on civilians since the war along the northern border began.



*IDF airstrikes across Dahieh, Beirut*



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Meanwhile, plumes of smoke rose over Beirut's southern Dahieh district—a Hezbollah stronghold—after strikes in the area. IDF Arabic-language spokesman Avichay Adraee issued what he described as an urgent warning, saying residents should not return to Dahieh until

further notice. <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/hj39di15wl>

## Outrage in Gaza as Hamas kills civilians in crackdown on critics

Recent killings

[Einav Halabi](#) | 16:06

**While Israeli attention remains focused on Iran and Lebanon, Hamas has continued consolidating its control in the Gaza Strip, in part through violent enforcement measures and killings that have in the past week alone, Hamas operatives have killed three civilians in incidents that have drawn sharp criticism inside Gaza sparked anger among residents.**



*Hamas terrorists in Nuseirat (Photo: Eyad Baba / AFP)*

The first incident took place at the Abu Srar crossing in the Nuseirat refugee camp, where a Gazan civilian, Asaad Abu Mahadi, was shot dead by Hamas personnel. According to reports, Abu Mahadi was driving his car normally and showed no suspicious behavior when he was shot without apparent cause. He was evacuated to a hospital in critical condition, but doctors pronounced him dead several hours later.

“We must speak about the crime in Nuseirat camp against Asaad

Abu Mahadi, who was ambushed and murdered in cold blood,” Hussein Jamal, a local activist, wrote on X. He condemned what he described as the “absolute silence of human rights institutions in the face of such crimes,” adding: “If it is not their role to expose those responsible now, then when will the time come?”

**Asaad Abu Mahadi, executed by Hamas forces**

According to the Saudi newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat, a Hamas delegation attempted to reach a settlement with the victim's family, but the family rejected the proposal. A family source emphasized that Abu Mahadi had no connection to any group, while the delegation reportedly claimed he had been killed “by mistake due to suspicion about his vehicle.”



A Hamas security source said Abu Mahadi had been asked to stop at the crossing but did not comply, after which he was shot. "There was no justification for shooting him," the source added, saying immediate steps had been taken against the security personnel involved.

Two days after that incident, Mohammed Abu Amara, a former aid worker, was also shot dead in the Deir al-Balah area. His uncle had reportedly been killed recently by Hamas forces as well. Residents said the shooting came amid an intensification of security activity, including arrests of people posting on social media.



**Social activist Ashraf Nasser, affiliated with Fatah, was abducted and tortured in front of his family**

Meanwhile, social activist Ashraf Nasser, who is affiliated with the rival Fatah faction, was abducted and tortured in front of his family following social media posts criticizing living conditions in Gaza and Hamas' policies, and calling for peace and coexistence with Israel.

His whereabouts remain unknown. There are concerns he may be held in underground tunnels, and his fate remains unclear. <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/h111esik9wg>

## **400 million barrels to be released from oil reserves as Iran effectively blocks Strait of Hormuz** **Release is largest in history of International Energy Agency, which touts 'major action aiming to alleviate the immediate impacts,' as Tehran targets ships, oil fields, refineries**

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*This photograph shows the Bunkering Tanker GAS VITALITY (L) and the Oil and Chemical Tanker HAFNIA MAGELLAN waiting in the Grand Port Maritime de Marseille-Fos, off the Mediterranean coast of southern France on March 11, 2026. (Thibaud MORITZ / AFP)*

**The International Energy Agency agreed Wednesday to release the largest volume of emergency oil reserves in its history, in a bid to counter the effects on energy markets of the war in the Middle East.**

**The IEA said the release had been backed unanimously by 32 member countries, the sixth such move it has made since its creation in the 1970s. It is**

**aimed at preventing a further rise in oil prices on fears that Iranian attacks will continue to block Middle East oil exports from reaching markets.**

The Paris-based organization said it will make 400 million barrels of oil available from its members' emergency reserves. It's a larger stock than the 182.7 million barrels that were released in 2022 by the IEA's 32 member countries in response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

"Without sufficient routes to market and with no more available storage, Middle East oil producers have started to reduce production," IEA executive director Fatih Birol said. "And we have seen further attacks and damage to energy and energy-related infrastructure. Refinery operations have also been disrupted, with major implications for jet fuel and diesel supplies in particular."

IEA member countries currently hold over 1.2 billion barrels of public emergency oil stocks, with a further 600 million barrels of industry stocks held under government obligation. In response to US and Israeli strikes, Iran

has attacked commercial ships across the Persian Gulf, escalating a campaign of squeezing the oil-rich region as global energy concerns mount. On Wednesday alone, [three commercial ships](#) traversing the Gulf were hit by Iranian fire. *This handout photo taken on March 11, 2026, and released by the Royal Thai Navy shows smoke rising from the Thai bulk carrier 'Mayuree Naree' near the Strait of Hormuz after an attack. (ROYAL THAI NAVY / AFP)*



Iran has effectively stopped cargo traffic in the narrow Strait of Hormuz through which about a fifth of all oil is shipped from the Persian Gulf toward the Indian Ocean. It has also targeted oil fields and refineries in Gulf Arab nations, aiming

at generating enough global economic pain to pressure the United States and Israel to end their strikes.

Sources said Wednesday that Iran has also laid about a dozen mines in the strait, a day after the US [said it had destroyed](#) 16 Iranian minelaying vessels in the area. One source said the locations of most of the mines are known, but declined to say how the US planned to deal with them.

Germany and Austria said earlier Wednesday they would release parts of their oil reserves following an IEA request for members to release the record 400 million barrels to help temper energy price spikes due to the Iran war. Japan also said it will release some of its reserves starting Monday.

Group of Seven energy ministers met Tuesday at IEA headquarters in Paris to look at ways to bring down prices. Birol said afterward that they discussed all available options, including making IEA emergency oil stocks available to the market.

The IEA reserves were established in 1974 following the Arab oil embargo.

“This is a major action aiming to alleviate the immediate impacts of the disruption in markets,” Birol added. “But, to be clear, the most important thing for a return to stable flows of oil and gas is the resumption of transit through the Strait of Hormuz.”

The G7 is comprised of the leading industrialized nations of Canada, the United States, France, Italy, Japan, Germany and Britain. Austria is not a member.



**A navy vessel is seen sailing in the Strait of Hormuz, a vital waterway through which much of the world's oil and gas passes on March 1, 2026. (Sahar Al Attar/AFP)**

The group's leaders, including US President Donald Trump, met Wednesday via videoconference to discuss energy issues.

During his introductory remarks, French President Emmanuel Macron praised the IEA decision to release emergency oil stocks, saying it amounted to the equivalent of “20 days of the volume being exported through the Strait of Hormuz.” The amount being released by G7 nations, alone, comprises 70% of the total, he said.

“I think it's very important to see as well everything we can do in order to increase our global production,” Macron added.

The French president said it was important to coordinate “to make sure that freedom of navigation is clearly restored in all the states as soon as possible,” including engaging “with third parties to avoid any type of export restrictions for oil and gas.”



After being given the floor by Macron, Trump said: “I think we are having a tremendous impact, unbelievable actually, on the world.” It was not immediately clear whether Trump was talking about the release of oil stocks decided minutes earlier.

**US President Donald Trump (right) holds a bilateral meeting with France's President Emmanuel Macron on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, in New York City, on September 23, 2025. (Brendan SMIALOWSKI / AFP)**

Germany's economy ministry, Katherina Reiche, said the IEA asked Germany to release 2.64 million tons of its oil reserves. It was not immediately clear how much Austria was releasing.



She said it would take a couple of days before the delivery of the first quantities.

“Germany stands behind the IEA's most important principle of mutual solidarity,” Reiche said.

The G7 energy ministers announced Tuesday that they supported in principle “the implementation of proactive measures to address the situation, including the use of strategic reserves.”

According to the IEA, export volumes of crude and refined products are currently at less than 10% of prewar levels.

*High gas prices are listed at Chevron gas station in Los Angeles on March 9, 2026. (Frederic J. BROWN / AFP)*

Austrian Economy Minister Wolfgang Hattmannsdorfer said his country was releasing part of the emergency oil reserve and extending the national strategic gas reserve, adding: “One thing is clear: in a crisis, there must be no crisis winners at the expense of commuters and businesses.”

The German government also said it will introduce a measure to allow gas stations in Germany to raise fuel prices no more than once a day. The federal government wants to introduce this as quickly as possible, Reiche said.

In Austria, starting Monday, price increases at gas stations will be allowed only three times a week, the country’s economy minister said.

IEA nations have released emergency stocks on five previous occasions: During the 1990-1991 Gulf War, after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, during the Libyan civil war in 2011, and twice after the Russian invasion of Ukraine. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/400-million-barrels-to-be-released-from-oil-reserves-as-iran-effectively-blocks-strait-of-hormuz/>

**3 ships hit in Gulf as Iran targets oil-exporting neighbors, vows oil price will hit \$200 a barrel**  
**Pentagon says troops destroyed 16 Iranian minelaying vessels; drones impact near Dubai airport; after Tehran bank reportedly struck, regime says US and Israel ‘forcing our hand’ to target their economic centers**  
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*This handout photo taken on March 11, 2026 and released by the Royal Thai Navy shows smoke rising from the Thai bulk carrier 'Mayuree Naree' near the Strait of Hormuz after an attack, March 11, 2026. (ROYAL THAI NAVY / AFP)*

**Three commercial ships took fire in the Gulf on Wednesday, as Iran launched strikes against its oil-exporting neighbors, threatening shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.**

**“Any vessel whose oil cargo or the vessel itself belongs to the United States, the Zionist regime or their hostile allies will be considered legitimate targets,” the Iranian military said, in a statement carried by state TV.**

Iran will switch from “reciprocal hits” after attacks to continuous strikes on adversaries, and the US will not be able to control oil prices, said Ebrahim Zolfaqari, the spokesperson for Tehran’s Khatam al-Anbiya military command headquarters. “We won’t allow even one liter of oil to reach the US, Zionists and their partners.”

“Get ready for the oil barrel to be at \$200 because the oil price depends on the regional security which you have destabilized,” he added.

The Thailand-flagged bulk carrier Mayuree Naree was targeted and damaged approximately 11 nautical miles north of Oman, two maritime security sources said.

Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed responsibility for the attack, the Guardian reported.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said later, referring to the incident, that the fire had been extinguished and that there was no environmental impact. Necessary crew remained on the vessel.

Earlier, the Japan-flagged container ship One Majesty sustained minor damage from an unknown projectile 25 nautical miles (46 km) northwest of Ras Al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates, two maritime security sources said.

Its crew members were safe and the vessel was sailing toward a safe anchorage, the sources added.

A third vessel, a bulk carrier, was hit by an unknown projectile approximately 50 miles northwest of Dubai, maritime security firms said.

The projectile had damaged the hull of the Marshall Islands-flagged Star Gwyneth, maritime risk management company Vanguard said, adding that the vessel’s crew were safe.

Traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, a key artery accounting for about 20% of global oil and gas supply, has dropped rapidly since the Iran conflict began on February 28.

The leaders of the G7 powers were to hold a video meeting later in the day to discuss opening their strategic

petroleum reserves to counter the rising prices. Ahead of the talks, the group's energy ministers said they "stand ready to take all necessary measures."

Meanwhile, Iran's military vowed to launch further strikes against US and Israeli economic targets in the region, after overnight attacks reportedly hit an Iranian bank.

An administrative building linked to Bank Sepah, which is one of the country's largest public banks and has historical links to the military, was hit overnight in Tehran, according to the semi-official Mehr news agency.

"Following their failed campaign, the terrorist US army and cruel Zionist regime have targeted one of the country's banks," state media quoted a spokesman for Tehran's Khatam al-Anbiya military command headquarters as saying.

"With this illegitimate and uncommon action, the enemy is forcing our hand to target economic centers and banks linked to the US and Zionist regime in the region," he added, and warned people of the region to stay 1,000 meters away from banks.

### **Pentagon says US destroyed 16 Iranian minelaying vessels**

On Tuesday, the Pentagon said US forces had carried out strikes that destroyed 16 minelaying vessels that could have been used to attack or deter traffic in the strait.

"If for any reason mines were placed, and they are not removed forthwith, the military consequences to Iran will be at a level never seen before," US President Donald Trump posted on social media.

Trump has said the US Navy could accompany tankers through the strait, but his administration acknowledged that a post by his energy secretary that briefly reassured markets by announcing a first such escort was untrue.

Experts were dubious about whether naval escorts would be enough to reopen Hormuz to trade.

"Any escort mission would likely face persistent threats from Iranian missiles and drones, and the security risks alone could make a single transit through the strait more costly than the profit margin on the oil shipment itself," the Soufan Center think tank said, in a briefing note.

"Experts estimate that Iran's naval mine stockpile sits anywhere from 2,000 to 6,000 mines, which would further complicate any naval plan to escort commercial tankers," it said.

### **Iranian drones impact near Dubai airport; four wounded**

Meanwhile, two drones impacted in the vicinity of Dubai International Airport (DXB) on Wednesday, injuring four people, Dubai's media office said.

Three foreign nationals — two Ghanaians and one Bangladeshi — were lightly injured in the attack, and one Indian was moderately injured, according to Dubai.

Flight resumed at the world's busiest airport.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-threatens-banks-as-3-commercial-ships-hit-in-gulf-drones-impact-near-dubai-airport/>

## **Trump: War to end soon, 'practically nothing left to target'; Israel: No 'time limit'**

***At least four salvos of Iranian missiles target Israel Wednesday, with no injuries reported; IDF chief says thousands of Iranian soldiers have been killed and 'no one is immune'***

By [Lazar Berman](#), [Emanuel Fabian](#) and [Nava Freiberg](#)

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People walk past a sign reading "Thank you God & Donald Trump" in Tel Aviv, March 10, 2026. (Flash90)

**Israel and the US appeared Wednesday to be increasingly at odds over the time frame for the war with Iran, with US President Donald Trump saying the conflict would end "soon" as there was "practically nothing left to target" and Israel's defense minister meanwhile insisting there was no time limit to the US-Israeli operation against Iran.**

**The conflicting views came as missiles continued to rain down on Israel, with at least four salvos of Iranian missiles targeting the country throughout Wednesday morning and early afternoon, sending millions to seek shelter. No direct impacts or serious injuries were reported, aside from those lightly injured running for shelter or suffering from**

## severe anxiety.

Government ministers reportedly said following a briefing that toppling Iran's regime could take up to a year, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated his call for Iranians to seize the opportunity to bring down their government. A New York Times [report on Tuesday](#) said Iran was adapting its military methods as the war drags on, targeting American vulnerabilities in the region and aiming to wait out the campaign.

Trump told the [Axios news site](#) that there was "practically nothing left to target" in Iran and that the war there will end "soon."

"Little this and that... Any time I want it to end, it will end," Trump said. Recent days have seen Trump convey mixed messages on whether or not he expects an imminent end to the war.

Trump also indicated the initial campaign was designed as a six-week fight. "The war is going great," he said. "We are way ahead of the timetable. We have done more damage than we thought possible, even in the original six-week period."



*People take cover in an underground bomb shelter as air raid sirens warn of incoming Iranian missile strike, in Ramat Gan, Israel, Wednesday, March 11, 2026. (AP Photo/Oded Balilty)*

Trump also insisted that Iran was not only threatening Israel and the US, but "were after the rest of the Middle East."

"They are paying for 47 years of death and destruction they caused. This is payback. They will not get off that easy," he said.

In Israel, Defense Minister Israel Katz offered a different view of the future of the war.

"The operation will continue without any time limit, as long as required, until we accomplish all objectives and achieve

victory in the campaign," Katz said Wednesday during a situational assessment with IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir and members of the IDF General Staff, in a video released by Katz's office.



*Defense Minister Israel Katz holds a situational assessment on March 11, 2026. (Ariel Hermoni/Defense Ministry)*

According to [some reports](#), there is a measure of concern in Israel that Trump could decide to end the war earlier than Jerusalem would like, leaving Israel's key goals unaccomplished.

Katz reiterated the Israeli message that one of the aims of the IDF strikes is "to allow the Iranian people to rise, act, and overthrow this regime. Ultimately, this depends on them."

He said the US and Israel are "carrying out impressive and systematic operations targeting the regime personnel themselves, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and the

Basij," the latter referring to the state militia that has been a key player in Iran's brutal repression of domestic protests.



*A man waves an Iranian flag as a crowd attends the funeral procession for senior Iranian military officials and civilians killed during the US-Israel campaign in Tehran, Iran, March 11, 2026. (AP/Vahid Salemi)*

The defense minister called the Iranian leaders who have survived the strikes "a bunch of cowards who attack women, children, and the elderly in the streets, specialize in massacres and killing civilians."

"They are already threatening to murder and slaughter anyone who protests," he claimed.

Zamir, in comments to pilots Tuesday night that were released by the IDF on Wednesday, said "many

thousands" of Iranian soldiers and commanders have been killed in Israeli strikes in Iran and warned that "no one is immune."

"We are in a campaign that is deepening the damage to the Iranian regime and its foundations and pushing

the threat further away over time. So far, we have eliminated many thousands of the regime's soldiers and its commanders," Zamir said to pilots during a visit to the Tel Nof Airbase.



**IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir (unblurred) speaks to Israeli Air Force pilots at the Tel Nof Airbase, March 10, 2026. (Israel Defense Forces)**

"I say from here as well to all our enemies: No one is immune. We will know how to reach anyone who tries to harm the citizens of the State of Israel," he said. Zamir said the IDF will continue to "weaken the axis of terror, from the head in Tehran to its central arm in Beirut," a reference to the Hezbollah terror group.

"It is paying the price for standing alongside Iran. We will not give up on disarming it; this campaign will help us accelerate

this," he said, referring to Hezbollah.

Amid contradicting comments from US and Israeli officials over the potential timeline for the ongoing war against Iran, the Kan public broadcaster reported Tuesday night that government ministers said, following a security briefing, that the fall of Iran's regime could take up to a year, even as the ongoing military campaign Iran is expected to end sooner.

"After [the campaign ends], the work will be up to the Iranian people," ministers told the network, while Israeli security officials add that "there is real fog regarding the duration of the attack in Iran," since it is "difficult to decipher" Trump's intentions.



**Military ground personnel work on a US Air Force B-1 Lancer bomber on the tarmac at RAF Fairford in southwest England on March 11, 2026. (Henry NICHOLLS / AFP)**

The officials added that conditions are not yet ripe for the Iranian public to take to the streets, and that Israeli and US airstrikes are expected to continue in the coming week.

Israeli officials also acknowledged to Channel 13 News — apparently referring to the same briefing — that there is no certainty Iran's regime will fall, and that no signal has been received from Trump indicating when the fighting will end.

The officials said that for now, Israel's strategy is to maintain sustained military pressure until the Iranian people can overthrow their rulers.

"Our role is to continue striking the oppressors," one official told Channel 13, "until the public rises up."

In comments Tuesday evening, Netanyahu repeated his promise to the Iranian people that Israel will soon "create the conditions" for them to "grasp your destiny."

"People of Iran," he wrote in English on the Prime Minister of Israel X account. "We are waging a historic war for liberty. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for you to remove the ayatollah regime and gain your freedom."



**Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visits the National Health Command Center, March 9, 2026. (Kobi Gideon/GPO)**

Netanyahu said that "together with the United States, we are hitting the Tyrants of Teheran harder than ever," promising that "we will continue to hit with growing force the tyrants who terrorized you for decades."

Netanyahu said that "in the coming days we will create the conditions for you to grasp your destiny."

"When the time is right, and that time is fast approaching, we will pass the torch to you," he added. "Be ready to seize the moment!"

And in an interview with the German Bild newspaper on Tuesday, President Isaac Herzog also did not offer a clear timetable on when the war with Iran could end: "We need to take a deep breath and get to the end result."



President Isaac Herzog, left, visits an air defense battery along Israel's border with Lebanon, March 10, 2026. (Haim Zach/GPO)

Herzog said the US and Israeli attacks on Iran are changing the whole configuration of the Middle East. He defended controversial strikes on Iranian oil sites as a way of taking away money from Tehran's "war machine."

"The Iranians are the ones spreading chaos and terror throughout the region and the world. So I think if we measure everything by a speedometer, we won't get anywhere. We need to take a deep breath and get to the end result," Herzog told Bild. Eliminating the Iranian threat would "enable the entire system in

the region to suddenly breathe again and develop further. That's fantastic." <https://www.timesofisrael.com/trump-war-to-end-soon-practically-nothing-left-to-target-israel-no-time-limit/>

## Iran's new supreme leader was injured in legs on 1st day of war – report

*New York Times says Mojtaba Khamenei was hurt in US-Israeli strikes; son of Iranian president Pezeshkian insists he is 'safe and sound'*

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This handout picture taken in Tehran on October 30, 2024, shows Mojtaba Khamenei, son of Iran's slain supreme leader ayatollah Ali Khamenei. (Office of Supreme Leader / AFP)

**Iran's new supreme leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, was wounded in his legs on the opening day of US-Israeli strikes on Iran, The New York Times reported Wednesday, citing Israeli and Iranian officials.**

**Khamenei, 56, was announced on Sunday as the successor to his father, Ali Khamenei, the longtime supreme leader who was killed in the opening day of the war.**

**The Times report said the younger Khamenei was wounded, including in his legs, on that day as well, which may be one reason he has yet to appear in public or on video.**

He had still issued no statement or appeared in public by Wednesday morning, over 48 hours after his selection.

Sources told the Times that in addition to his injuries, there was concern Khamenei could be targeted if he were to issue any public communication.

Previous reports had [indicated](#) that Mojtaba Khamenei was injured in the war, including [state media reports](#) describing him as "janbaz," or wounded by the enemy.

A banner is displayed at Valiasr Square in central Tehran on March 10, 2026, depicting Iran's late supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (left) watching as his successor the late Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (center) hands over an Islamic Republic of Iran flag to his son and new supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei (right). (AFP)



**It was unclear whether Khamenei's injuries precluded him from running the country.**

**The son of the Iranian president said Wednesday that Mojtaba Khamenei was "safe and sound," without denying the supreme leader was injured.**

"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, who is also a government adviser, in a post on his Telegram channel.



Though an influential backroom operator for decades spent running his father's office, Mojtaba Khamenei remains an obscure figure to many Iranians.

*A woman poses with a picture of Iran's new Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei during a rally in support of him at Enghelab Square in central Tehran on March 9, 2026. (Atta KENARE / AFP)*

Already very powerful, the IRGC has gained yet greater sway since the war began and quickly overcame the misgivings of senior political and clerical figures whose opposition to the choice delayed the announcement by hours, the sources said.

Israel's Defense Minister Israel Katz said last week that any leader appointed by the Iranian regime would be an "unequivocal target for elimination."

"Any leader appointed by the Iranian terror regime to continue leading the plan to destroy Israel, threaten the US and the free world and the countries of the region, and oppress the Iranian people, will be an unequivocal target for elimination," Katz said in a statement.

"It does not matter what his name is or where he hides," he said. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/irans-new-supreme-leader-was-injured-in-legs-on-1st-day-of-war-report/>

## Thousands in Iran mourn slain top commanders under heavy security presence

*Mass funeral held for Armed forces chief of staff Moussavi, Revolutionary Guards chief Pakpour, defense minister Nassirzadeh, and top security adviser Shamkhani*

*By Sébastien RICCI and Mostafa DADKHAH Today, 10:19 pm*



*Mourners attend the funeral procession for senior Iranian military officials and some civilians killed during the U.S.-Israel campaign, in Tehran, Iran, Wednesday, March 11, 2026. (AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)*



*A man shows the remains of an Iranian drone that was reportedly aimed at Erbil International Airport and crashed outside Erbil, the capital of the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq, on March 3, 2026. (Safin HAMID / AFP)*



*An Iranian woman holds a poster bearing the portraits of Iran's slain supreme leader Ali Khamenei (L) and of his son, the country's new Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, during the funerals of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) commanders, army commanders and others killed in the early*



*Mourners salute as they attend the funeral procession for senior Iranian military officials and civilians killed during the US-Israel campaign in Tehran, Iran, March 11, 2026. (Vahid Salemi/AP)*



A Revolutionary Guard member stands next to the coffins of the guard's commander Mohammad Pakpour, bottom, and a girl, during the funeral procession for senior Iranian military officials and some civilians killed during the US-Israel campaign in Tehran, Iran, March 11, 2026. (Vahid Salemi/AP)

**TEHRAN, Iran (AFP) — Thousands of people in Tehran defied ongoing bombardments on Wednesday to publicly mourn commanders killed by US-Israeli strikes, in the largest gathering since the start of the war.**

**In the otherwise mostly deserted Iranian capital, the funeral crowds gathered at the symbolic Enghelab Square, offering a stark contrast to the vacant avenues in the surrounding areas.**

Mourners paid their respects under a ubiquitous security presence as special forces, heavily armed and wearing balaclavas, remained on high alert throughout the ceremony.

One officer was clad in a black scarf bearing the image of late supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, killed on the first day of the US-Israeli strikes on February 28, after 36 years in power.

Armed forces chief of staff Abdolrahim Moussavi, Revolutionary Guards chief Mohammad Pakpour, defense minister Aziz Nassirzadeh, and influential security adviser Ali Shamkhani were also killed in simultaneous strikes.

On Wednesday, trucks carrying the coffins of the top officials and their entourage formed a procession through central Tehran.



An AFP journalist saw one small coffin bearing a picture of its victim, a two-month-old baby, alongside the Iranian flag.

***Iranians attend the funerals of Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) commanders, army commanders and others killed in the early days of the United States and Israeli strikes on Iran, at Enghelab Square in Tehran on March 11, 2026. (Atta KENARE / AFP)***

Revolutionary Guards personnel stood guard over the somber occasion, taking place under a grey sky and unusually cold temperatures, just days before the Nowruz springtime celebration.

The mourners, many of them women dressed in black chadors, bore flags and flowers to a soundtrack of religious music.

**'Death to America!'**

Teenagers, meanwhile, held up pictures of Ali Khamenei alongside images of his son and successor, Mojtaba Khamenei, who was injured in the same raid that killed his father, his wife, and his mother.

The 56-year-old has yet to make any public appearances since being selected for the top post over the weekend.

The procession progressed along avenues lined by buildings with blown-out windows and damaged facades.

On the burned-out shell of a car was emblazoned the tagline "Make Iran Great Again" — a reference to the catchphrase used by US President Donald Trump, who has called on Iranians to rise up against the clerical state.

Suddenly, the voice of an announcer cut through the ceremony to announce a new Iranian attack against its enemies.

In response, the crowd chanted in unison, "Allahu akbar" (God is the greatest).

The announcer then proceeded to sweep the crowd up into a frenzy of shouts of "Death to America!", "Death to Israel!"



Mourners attend the funeral procession for senior Iranian military officials and civilians killed during the US-Israel campaign as a portrait of Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei, son and successor of the late Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, is seen at center, in Tehran, Iran, March 11, 2026. (Vahid Salemi/AP)

The show of defiance comes as the Islamic Republic is embroiled in a war on several fronts, fighting its traditional foes but also launching unprecedented attacks across the wider region.

It is also grappling with the prospect of a complete overhaul as the US and Israel, but also members of the Iranian diaspora, call for the end of the clerical state, two months after unprecedented protests in the country.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/thousands-in-iran-mourn-slain-top-commanders-under-heavy-security-presence/>

## **IDF targets Hezbollah command centers, weapons sites in strikes on Beirut suburbs** **Death toll in Lebanon at 570, authorities say; IDF boosts troop presence in north, more reinforcement may come amid terror group's rocket and drone attacks**

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

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Smoke billows from the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the Hadath Lailaky neighborhood in Beirut's southern suburbs on March 11, 2026. (AFP)

**Israel launched new waves of airstrikes in Lebanon overnight Tuesday and into Wednesday, striking Hezbollah targets while ramping up its troop presence in northern Israel, amid continuing rocket and drone attacks by the terror group.**

**One wave of airstrikes in Beirut's southern suburbs overnight and Wednesday targeted Hezbollah command centers and weapon storage sites, the military said.**

The IDF also said it had struck a Hezbollah command center in the coastal Lebanese city of Tyre on Tuesday.

Four people were wounded in an Israeli strike targeting an apartment in central Beirut overnight, the Lebanese health ministry said. Earlier reports had said four were killed.

Unusually, the latter strike took place in central Beirut, and not in the Hezbollah Dahiye stronghold in the city's southern suburbs, where the IDF urged residents to evacuate.

Footage showed heavy damage to two floors of the apartment building in the Aicha Bakkar neighborhood, and smoke rising from the structure.

There was no immediate comment from the IDF.



**A man takes pictures of destroyed apartments that were hit by Israeli airstrikes in Beirut, Lebanon, March 11, 2026. (AP/Hussein Malla)**

Lebanese media and health authorities reported at least 17 dead and dozens wounded in further Israeli strikes in southern and eastern Lebanon on Wednesday morning.

In the town of al-Shahabiya, in the Tyre District, Israeli strikes "resulted in the martyrdom of seven citizens and the injury of 11 others," Lebanon's health ministry said in a statement carried by the official National News Agency.

In the eastern Beqaa Valley, the ministry said, a strike in the town of Tamnin al-Tahta killed seven and wounded 18, while in the town of Ali al-Nahr, another five were wounded.

The state news agency reported that three more people were killed in a strike in the Bint Jbeil area of

southern Lebanon early Wednesday morning.

The IDF has not yet commented on the morning strikes.

They were followed, according to Lebanese reports, by a further wave of attacks in Dahiyeh around 11 a.m., which came after the IDF reiterated an evacuation warning for the area, saying it would target Hezbollah sites.



*Smoke rises from a building following an Israeli airstrike in Dahiyeh, Beirut's southern suburb, Wednesday, March 11, 2026. (AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)*

Israel launched an offensive against Iran-backed Hezbollah after the terror group opened fire on March 2 to avenge the killing of Iran's supreme leader at the start of the US-Israeli war on Iran.

Israeli strikes so far have killed 570 people in Lebanon, and uprooted 700,000 more, according to Lebanese authorities.

Lebanon's health ministry said Wednesday that of those killed, 439 were men, 45 were women, and 86 were children. It did not distinguish between combatants and civilians.

The toll includes 14 healthcare workers, the ministry said.



*A displaced family sits inside their tent at the Camille Chamoun Sports City stadium, which was converted into a reception and shelter facility for displaced people, in Beirut on March 10, 2026. (Anwar AMRO / AFP)*

Hezbollah's rockets and drone attacks, meanwhile, have continued, with several drone infiltrations setting off sirens in Israel's north on Wednesday.

At least one drone was intercepted after setting off sirens in the Golan Heights.

The IDF has warned that Hezbollah will likely attempt to increase the rate of the attacks amid the renewed fighting.

**IDF bolstering troops in Israel's north, may**

**reinforce further**

The IDF said it was bolstering troops in northern Israel amid the ongoing fighting.

Following a fresh assessment, Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir ordered the Golani Brigade sent from the Southern Command to the Northern Command, the military said.

"Subsequently, and in accordance with a situation assessment, it will be decided whether to reinforce with additional forces," the IDF added. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-targets-hezbollah-command-centers-weapons-sites-in-strikes-on-beirut-suburbs/>



**OP ED**

## The Big Lie of "Greater Israel"

Tue, 10 Mar 2026 12:04 PM PST by Daniel Greenfield

**Tucker Carlson, who has defended Islam, Sharia law, Hamas and Hezbollah, flew into Israel for a few hours, only long enough to put out a fake claim that he was harassed by Israeli security (later disproven by video footage) and to berate Trump's Ambassador Mike Huckabee with assorted Islamic propaganda, like his claim of a "Greater Israel".**

**The former FOX News talking head, who now seems to spend much of his time in the Muslim world and spoke of buying a home in the terrorist state of Qatar, has**

**spent the last few years bringing on increasingly disreputable figures like Soros-funded UN official Jeffrey Sachs, George Stephanopoulos's sister, and John Mearsheimer to push this particular lie.**

The premise of the lie is that Israel is starting wars to expand its territory across the Middle East.

Knowing that Ambassador Huckabee is an evangelical Christian who believes in the literal truth of scripture, Tucker challenged him over the 'from the Nile to the Euphrates' in Genesis 15:18 as his idea of 'Greater Israel'. (Deuteronomy alternatively states that the borders will be "from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the river – the Euphrates – to the Western Sea.")

Mainstream media talking heads asking religious people if they believe in the truth of biblical prophecies is an old cynical liberal media gotcha game. And Tucker was using it to prop up the Islamic 'Big Lie' that Israel was expanding when it's actually been shrinking for 50 years.

It's a matter of simple math.

Israel was at its largest size in the seventies when it controlled some 33,000 square miles: a territory around the size of South Carolina. As part of Carter's 1978 Camp David peace accords, which Egypt has spent the last decade flagrantly violating, Israel turned over the Sinai, some 23,000 acres, a territory the size of West Virginia, leaving it with around 10,000 square miles.

That's the size of Massachusetts.

(Egypt's territory is over 380,000 square miles. And yet after losing several wars to Israel, it demanded massive territorial concessions from a country less than 3% its size.)

During Bill Clinton's Oslo Accords, Israel directly turned over 1/10th of its remaining land, around 1,000 square miles, also known as 'Area A' to the control of the PLO, Area B, making up around 500 square miles, was to be under joint control, with further concessions expected as part of a final agreement. That shrank Israel down from Massachusetts to New Hampshire.

Meanwhile, Israel reached an agreement with Jordan that ceded yet more land as part of the 'Island of Peace' that was supposed to be under Jordanian sovereignty but with Israeli access.

(Jordan has a territory of over 34,000 square miles or over three times the size of Israel.)

In 1997, a Jordanian Muslim soldier opened fire on a group of seventh and eight grade Jewish girls touring the area, killing 7 and wounding 5. The terrorist is considered a hero in Jordan, with the majority of the Jordanian parliament calling for his release. He has been freed. Two years later, Jordan cut off the access of Israeli farmers to the land.

Meanwhile no final agreement was ever reached with the PLO because its leader Yasser Arafat and his Communist-trained successor Mahmoud Abbas broke up multiple negotiations efforts, and continued carrying out and funding terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians.

Still, Israel went on turning over territory to be occupied by the Islamic terrorists.

At the Wye River summit in 1999, Netanyahu agreed to turn over another 11% of Judea and Samaria while the Clinton administration demanded 13% in exchange for an end to terrorism. The withdrawal became much more limited when the Islamic terrorist attacks continued.

In response, Bill Clinton worked to bring down the Netanyahu government and replaced him with Prime Minister Ehud Barak, currently in disgrace over his ties to Clinton pal Jeffrey Epstein.

Barak agreed to a multi-stage handover of 18% of Judea and Samaria. That included a single handover of 400 kilometers.

At the Camp David summit in 2000, Barak, accepted the 'Clinton Parameters' for, in Bill Clinton's words, "a Palestinian state in roughly 97 percent of the West Bank, counting the swap, and all of Gaza" along with the land swap that would annex Israeli communities in exchange for more land in Israel. Arafat rejected it and launched another war. Barak did go ahead with a 'unilateral withdrawal' from Lebanon that allowed Hezbollah to seize the formerly Christian country.

In 2003, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and later Prime Minister Ehud Olmert implemented a unilateral withdrawal from Gaza, violently expelling the Jewish population, and allowing Hamas to come to power. This added 141 square miles of Israeli land to the control of the terrorists.

By the time that Obama was elected, Israel had shrunk to 8,986 square miles or the size of New Jersey. More negotiations with John Kerry followed and so did more Islamic terrorism.

Since then, President Trump recognized Israeli control over the Golan Heights, around 400 square miles, and all of Jerusalem, another few dozen miles. This was land that Israel already controlled, but it at least validated that land as legitimately being a part of Israel.

Over the last 50 years, the amount of territory under Israeli control shrank from around 33,000 square miles to 10,000 square miles to around 9,000 square miles. It's possible to dispute these exact numbers and decades have been spent debating exactly how to calculate them, but it's indisputable that Israel has not only not been growing, but it's been steadily shrinking down.

Over the last two generations, Israel made 'peace' deals with the PLO and Jordan that traded land for peace (without ever getting peace) and unilaterally withdrew from Gaza and Lebanon, turning over yet more land to Islamic terrorists, and certainly not getting peace out of it.

Not only isn't Israel growing from the 'from the Nile to the Euphrates': it's continually shrinking.

When Tucker Carlson claims that Israel is fighting Hamas in Gaza after the massacres of Oct 7 to create a 'Greater Israel', he's ignoring the fact that Israel withdrew from Gaza in the first place. If its goal was to create a 'Greater Israel', it sure had a funny way of doing it.

But the purpose of a 'Big Lie' is to invert the truth. To swap perpetrators and victims, good and evil, and truth and lies. For the last 50 years, Israel's territory shrank while that of the Muslim entities on and inside its borders has increased. Telling the truth about that would make it all too clear who is expanding, who is colonizing and who is really building a 'Greater' territorial entity.

'Greater Israel' is a lie put out by Muslim countries and their pawns to justify their invasion and colonization to create an 'Ummah', a Greater Islam, to dominate the entire Middle East.

And then the world.

The only part of the Middle East that is still not under the dominion of Islam, is Israel.

Anyone who talks to you about 'Greater Israel' is out to distract you from 'Greater Islam'. And the intended boundaries of Greater Islam, as Islamic clerics and leaders have said over and over again, are the entire planet. It is in the name of this 'Greater Islam' that Europe and America have been flooded with Muslim mass migration just as Israel once was.

Europe, America and the West, like Israel, are becoming 'lesser', their lands bisected and segregated into 'No-Go Zones' where Islamic law and Islamic terror reign violence and death.

The Christian and Jewish realms have been steadily shrinking while Islam has been growing. And anyone who notices this is accused of 'Islamophobia', of plotting wars against Islam, rather than recognizing a war that has been going on for over 1,000 years.

"Is Islam really evil?" Tucker asked on a recent broadcast. "Or is that how they're framed by the political elite to create perpetual wars?"

Who is fighting those perpetual wars? How did Constantinople become Istanbul? Why was Spain occupied by the Moors? What happened to the Christians of the Middle East? Where did Israel's Muslim population come from? Where did London and New York's Muslims come from?

Instead of asking about 'Greater Israel', what is the position of our leaders on 'Greater Islam'?

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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.

Eye Exam/Eyeglasses: \$60 per child.

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**Your support will be appreciated.**

Yaffa Smolensky