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US not ready to strike Iran – WSJ

An attack is not imminent, American officials have told the outlet



The US is not ready to strike Iran as it needs to deploy more air defenses to the Middle East to be able to repel a possible retaliation, the Wall Street Journal has reported, citing unnamed American officials.

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Over the past few weeks, Washington has dispatched what US President Donald Trump described as a *“massive and beautiful armada”* to the Middle East, led by the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier, to pressure Tehran into accepting a new nuclear deal.

Despite the buildup, American airstrikes on Iran *“aren’t imminent”* because Washington needs to make sure that Israel, its Arab allies and US forces in the region are properly protected, the WSJ said in an article on Sunday, citing its sources.

The Pentagon is currently moving additional Thaad battery and Patriot air defense systems to bases hosting American troops in Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and elsewhere, defense officials told the outlet.



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saying that *“they should know that if they start a war this time, it will be a regional*

After the US and Israel bombed the Iranian nuclear facilities last June, Tehran responded with attacks on Israel as well as by striking the al-Udeid American air base in Qatar. The damage to the US facility was limited due to the Iranians giving advanced warning to Washington.

Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned on Sunday that any US military action would have far-reaching consequences across the Middle East,

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war.”

Later in the day, Trump dismissed Khamenei’s remarks, but left the door open to diplomacy. *“Of course he is going to say that,”* the president noted. *“Hopefully we’ll make a deal. If we don’t make a deal, then we’ll find out whether or not he was right.”*

The head of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council, Ali Larijani, who held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Friday, said that progress was being made toward negotiations with the US.

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Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov also urged dialogue between the sides, stressing that *“any forceful actions can only create chaos in the region and lead to very dangerous consequences.”*

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I heard that 30 Patriot interceptors were launched defending the al-Udeid base. Typically 3 are needed for each successful interception.

I think the USA will run out of interceptors before Iran runs out of missiles. The only produce around 600 interceptors each year, and between Ukraine burning through them for 4 years and Israel's use over the 12 day war, they must have significantly reduced reserves.

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E Eileen Dover 2/2/2026 at 10:59 AM ↕

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US can start wars, but loses them all. But this is what happens when you base your military operations on nonsense fed to you by losers from the overrated wehrmacht and nazi party nuts. Losers teaching losers. And just like in ukraine, the US is again overestimating its capabilities and underestimating Iran's.

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