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Israel launches strikes on Iran: Live updates

The attack comes days before the sixth round of nuclear negotiations between Tehran and Washington



An Israeli fighter jet at an airbase in Eilat, Israel, July 20, 2025. © Israel Defense Forces / Anadolu / Getty Images

Israel conducted a series of strikes on Iran on Friday, and declared a state of emergency in anticipation of retaliation.

The IDF said it targeted both military and nuclear sites. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that a nuclear enrichment facility in Natanz was among the targets.

Iran has confirmed that the attacks killed Major General Hossein Salami, the commander

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of Iran's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and Major General Mohammad Bagheri, the chief of staff of the Iranian Armed Forces. Media reports also claimed that the attacks targeted and killed several other senior Iranian military commanders six nuclear and scientists.

US President Donald Trump said he had prior knowledge of the strikes and expressed hope that Tehran will return to the negotiating table where the US hopes to strike a deal on nuclear enrichment.

Iran has vowed to retaliate, suggesting that the attack *"cannot have been carried out without the coordination and authorization of the United States."*

The Israeli strikes come after five rounds of US-Iranian talks on Iran's nuclear program failed to produce a breakthrough. The sixth round of negotiations is scheduled for Sunday in Oman.

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At least 95 people were injured by the Israeli strikes, Mojtaba Khalidi, spokesman for the Iranian Red Crescent Society, has said. *"Relief and rescue operations are continuing in 12 provinces of the country,"* Khalidi noted, adding that the injured were transferred to nearby medical centers.

10:01 GMT

Israeli forces have launched new strikes on Iran's northwestern city of Tabriz, Iranian state media have reported.

Video footage purportedly shows a large plume of smoke rising after an explosion. The news agency Tasnim said Tabriz Airport was *"under heavy Israeli attack,"* while Fars reported around ten sites in the province of East Azerbaijan having been hit, without giving details.

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  **Explosions and fire reported near Tabriz Airport in Iran** Israel has struck multiple locations in Tabriz in a renewed attack, Tasnim reports. The city's airport is now being heavily targeted, with large plumes of black smoke visible overhead. pic.twitter.com/5EwVhwHdVy

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Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has appointed Major General Mohammad Pakpour as the new commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), following the killing of former chief Hossein Salami in an Israeli airstrike, Tasnim news agency reported on Friday. Several other senior Iranian military officials were also killed in the attack.

Following the martyrdom of Lt. Gen. Hossein Salami, the Commander of the IRGC in an Israeli attack, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei has appointed Major General Mohammad Pakpour as the new IRGC Chief. pic.twitter.com/w3Ny6qqtzX

— Tasnim News Agency (@Tasnimnews_EN) June 13, 2025

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09:48 GMT

The Russian Foreign Ministry has *“strongly **condemned**”* Israel’s overnight military strikes on Iran, calling them a violation of international law.

The ministry has called for restraint and reiterated that *“there is no military solution to the situation around Iran’s nuclear program, which can only be resolved through peaceful, political, and diplomatic means.”*

09:43 GMT

Top EU diplomat Kaja Kallas has expressed deep concern over escalating tensions in the Middle East, urging all parties involved to exercise restraint and prevent further conflict.

The situation in the Middle East is dangerous. I urge all parties to exercise restraint and prevent further escalation. Diplomacy remains the best path forward, and I stand ready to support any diplomatic efforts toward de-escalation.

— Kaja Kallas (@kajakallas) [June 13, 2025](#)

09:28 GMT






Crowds have gathered in central Tehran to protest against Israeli airstrikes carried out overnight across Iran.

Iranian state media reported that five people have been killed and at least 20 injured in the capital. Nationwide, at least 50 people, including women and children, have been

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