

Iran in a Week

The outbreak of war with Iran poses a strategic challenge in the Middle East. US-Israeli strikes aim to undermine Iran's military capacity and reshape the regional balance of power. In response, Tehran launched ballistic missiles and drones at US targets in the Gulf, signaling that any confrontation would extend beyond Iran's borders. The conflict erupted mere hours

after Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi spoke optimistically about nuclear negotiations, highlighting the fragility of diplomatic channels amid deep mutual suspicions. The appointment of Mojtaba Khamenei, influenced by "hardliner" figures like Ahmad Vahidi and Hossein Taeb, signals a security-driven, retaliatory approach following the supreme leader's assassination. In

Washington, domestic constraints such as Congress' oversight limit full-scale war, yet allow targeted strikes. The crisis points to two scenarios: renewed deterrence forcing harsher talks, or prolonged regional conflict through proxy, economic and energy dimensions, elevating the nuclear issue into a broader regional security struggle.

News

Politics:



Security and Military:



The United States and Israel launch a joint attack on Iran.



The IRGC launches missile attacks in response to US-Israeli aggression.



Iranian army Commander-in-Chief Major General Hatami: "We will move with all our strength to defend the state."



Brigadier General Ebrahim Jabari: "We will burn any ship attempting to pass through the Strait of Hormuz."



Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Commander Major General Abdollahi: "Iran determines the end of the war."



IRGC: "Since the beginning of the war, we have shot down 26 enemy drones and captured one intact and armed drone."



Iran announces the killing of the IRGC commander-in-chief, the minister of defense, the chief of staff, the head of the Iranian Defense Council as well as several senior military and security commanders in the US-Israeli attack.

The Region and the World:



The International Atomic Energy Agency confirms damage to the entrance buildings of the underground Natanz Fuel Enrichment Plant in Iran.



Saudi Arabia announces that it shot down eight drones near the cities of Riyadh and Al-Kharj.



US Department of State: US citizens must immediately leave 14 countries.

Economy:



The Central Bank of Iran: "We will provide sufficient cash liquidity to the banks; therefore, citizens should not worry about cash."



Secretary-General of the Iranian Chamber of Commerce Abu al-Fazl Rughani: "We will not allow any disruption to exports and imports."



The Iranian government bans the export of all food and agricultural products until further notice.

Society and Culture:



One hundred and sixty eight female students killed in a US-Israeli attack on a girls' school in the city of Minab, Hormozgan Province, southern Iran.



Internet in Iran cut by 99% for the fourth consecutive day.



Golestan Palace, the historic palace in northern Tehran, sustains damage due to an airstrike.

Editorials

All editorials were published before the war, and Iranian newspapers are inaccessible due to the internet blackout.

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Ebtekar



Has the Alarm Bell Rung in Universities?

Universities mirror society, revealing anger and social divisions. Recent campus incidents exceed ordinary student protests. Shockingly, students fight with daggers, knives and sticks.

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Setar-e Sobh Newspaper



War Is One Step Away

The US Congress is planning a bill requiring approval for any attack on Iran, scheduled for Tuesday. Trump may act sooner. If war erupts, Iran could face a fate like Gaza or Lebanon.

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Jahan-e Sanat Newspaper



Should Iranians Be Informed, or Not?

One view holds that citizens should not know of imminent war or if US forces near Iran. Another view supports informing the public, excluding sensitive security details, as secrecy risks misinformation, panic and societal tensions.

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Our Social Responsibility Under Exceptional Circumstances in Iran

Society faces a mix of hope, despair and exhaustion. Institutions are challenged, gaps widen and trust erodes.