

Iran in a Week

Concerns are rising in Western capitals over the trajectory of a potential US-Israeli war against Iran, amid doubts about the Trump administration and its lack of a clear strategy for ending the conflict or defining victory. Political and legal debates have intensified in Washington, London, Paris and Berlin after Washington

launched large-scale strikes aimed at regime change, curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions and destroying its missile capabilities. Although the United States and Israel have inflicted significant damage on Iranian targets, analysts highlight a strategic contradiction: regime change typically requires costly ground operations, not remote

air campaigns. French President Emmanuel Macron warned that the strikes violate international law, while the United States Senate debates limiting the war under the War Powers Resolution. With risks to the Strait of Hormuz and global oil flows, fears are growing of a prolonged war of attrition.

News

Politics:



The Assembly of Experts announced the selection of Mojtaba Khamenei, son of the late Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, as the new supreme leader.



Deputy Foreign Minister for International Affairs Kazem Gharibabadi: "We have received communications from several countries, including China, Russia and France, regarding a ceasefire."



Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Esmail Baghaei: "The United States maintains military facilities and capabilities in most countries of the region. Our armed forces may therefore target these bases in self-defense."



Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian: "They must take their dream of the Iranian people's unconditional surrender to their graves."



Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi: "They thought that in a matter of two or three days they could achieve a rapid, clean victory, but they failed."



Iranian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Alireza Enayati: "Iran had no role in the attack on the United States embassy in Saudi Arabia."

Security and Military:



Supreme National Security Council Secretary Ali Larijani: "A number of American soldiers have been captured in one of the countries of the region."



IRGC Spokesperson Brigadier General Ali Mohammad Naini: "New Iranian innovations and weapons are coming and have not yet been widely used."



Police Commander Mohammad Reza Radan: "If citizens take to the streets to protest, we will deal with them the same way we dealt with the enemy. We have our fingers on the trigger."



Iranian military officer Ali Akbar Ahmadian: "If armed groups enter Iranian borders, all facilities in the Kurdistan Region will be targeted."



Iranian Armed Forces Spokesperson Abolfazl Shekarchi: "We have not closed the Strait of Hormuz and we will not close it."



Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters Spokesperson Ebrahim Zolfaghari: "If the attack on Iranian infrastructure does not stop, similar measures will be taken."

The Region and the World:



The government of Lebanon: Any presence or activity of IRGC elements on Lebanese territory is illegal.



The Foreign Ministry of Azerbaijan has ordered the evacuation of its embassy in Tehran and its consulate general in Tabriz.



Russian President Vladimir Putin stressed the need for an immediate halt to hostilities in the Middle East and a swift return to political and diplomatic solutions.



The State Security Service of the Azerbaijan announced the arrest of several individuals linked to a criminal organization and to Iran.

Economy:



Iranian Economy Minister: "The normal activity of the stock market will be suspended until further notice."



Governor of Tehran Mohammad Sadegh Motamedian: "The fuel quota using personal cards at fuel stations has been reduced from 30 liters to 20 liters."



Deutsche Bank: If the Strait of Hormuz is completely closed, oil prices could reach \$200 per barrel.



Statistics from ship-tracking companies indicate that Iran continues to ship large volumes of crude oil to its customers in China.

Society and Culture:



NetBlocks: The internet outage in Iran has entered its 11th day, with connectivity still down by 99% after 240 hours.



The administration of Tehran has announced that 81 metro stations have been prepared for use as shelters.



Five players from the Iran women's national football team have requested political asylum in Australia.



Severe pollution has spread across Tehran following an attack on oil storage facilities south and east of the capital.