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ISRAEL-IRAN CONFLICT: DFAT (CRISIS CENTRE) SITREP V11
AS AT 0600 24 June 2025

KEY UPDATES

1. Military strikes by Iran and Israel continued for a 12th consecutive day.
2. On 24 June at 0241 AEST Iranian missiles were fired toward US bases at Al Udeid in Qatar and Al Asad in Iraq. No damage is reported at this time. All DFAT and Defence staff are safe and accounted for.
3. Israeli Defence Minister Katz said Israeli forces were striking 'regime targets and governmental oppression entities'.
4. The US issued a worldwide security alert advising US citizens overseas to exercise increased caution, following its 22 June strikes on Iran's nuclear sites.

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9. Prime Minister Albanese and Foreign Minister Wong said publicly that US strikes were unilateral action taken by the US and Australia supports actions to prevent Iran gaining nuclear weapons.

SITUATION UPDATE

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- On 24 June at 0241 AEST (23 June at 1941 local time), Iran launched a missile attack on US bases at Al Udeid in Qatar and Al Asad in Iraq ([CNN](#), [AP](#)).
 - Media reporting indicates Iran may have coordinated the attacks on the American air base in Qatar with Qatari officials and gave advanced notice that attacks were coming to minimise casualties ([NYT](#)).
- US Secretary of State said it would be a “terrible mistake” for Iran to close the Strait of Hormuz and urged China, which depends heavily on oil and gas from the region, to exert its influence on Iran ([WP](#)).
- At the IAEA Board of Governors meeting, IAEA Chief Rafael Grossi said “armed attacks on nuclear facilities should never take place” ([Al Jazeera](#)). Grossi also said the US strikes on Isfahan hit several buildings including some “related to the uranium conversion process”, as well as entrances to tunnels used to store enriched material. At Natanz, the US hit its fuel enrichment plant ([Al Jazeera](#)). The IAEA was standing by to inspect Fordow, Natanz and Isfahan ‘when agreed with Iran’ (IAEA).

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- Chief of the Iranian army’s Joint Staff reportedly warned Washington the strikes on its nuclear facilities were tantamount to invading the country and gave Tehran a “free hand” to “act against US interests and its army” ([WP](#)).

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- South Korean President warned of global economic consequences after the Israel-US attack on Iran ([ALJazeera](#)).

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- On 23 June, Prime Minister Albanese expressed support for action to prevent Iran getting a nuclear weapon, noted the 'US action was directed at specific sites central to Iran's nuclear program', and called on Iran 'to come to the table and abandon any nuclear weapons program'.
- During media engagements on 23 June, Foreign Minister Wong [said](#) Australia supported action to prevent Iran acquiring a nuclear weapon and clarified 'that is what [the US strikes were]', while emphasising the need for de-escalation and urging Iran 'to come back to the negotiating table and engage in diplomacy' – noting 'we do not want to see a full-scale war in the Middle East'. She also outlined efforts to assist Australians stranded in the region amid closed airspace and rising risks.

ISRAEL RESPONSE

- Prime Minister Netanyahu [said](#) Israel was close to meeting its goals in Iran and 'when the objectives are achieved, then the operation is complete and the fighting will stop' ([Reuters](#)).
- Defence Minister Katz told media the IDF was 'striking, with unprecedented force, regime targets and governmental repression bodies in the heart of Tehran.' ([Times of Israel](#))
- UN Ambassador Danon, said the US attacks had made the world 'a safer place' and the entire world should say 'thank you' to President Trump. He said Iran 'used the negotiating table as... a way to buy time while building missiles and enriching uranium. [...] We gave it every possible off-ramp, Iran would not move, so it had to be moved'.

IRAN RESPONSE

- Foreign Ministry spokesperson Baghaei said Iran had 'specific expectations' of Russia within the framework of their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. (Reuters)
- UN Ambassador Bahreini accused the US of 'waging war' and criticised 'the silence, double standards, and complicity of international organisations and some Western countries'. He said the Iranian military would decide on the 'timing, nature and scale' of its 'proportionate' response. ([ALJazeera](#))
- The Iranian parliament voted to block the Strait of Hormuz, with a final decision resting with Iran's Supreme National Security Council. ([Politico](#))

UNITED STATES RESPONSE

- The [US Embassy in Qatar](#) posted an alert on its website advising American citizens to shelter in place until further notice.
- President Trump [reiterated](#) that 'monumental damage was done to all nuclear sites in Iran'; and asked 'if the current Iranian regime is unable to make Iran great again, why wouldn't there be a Regime change?'.
- At the 22 June UNSC meeting, the US defended its military operation to end the Iranian nuclear threat and warned that 'any Iranian attack – direct or indirect – against Americans or American bases will be met with devastating retaliation.'

OTHER INTERNATIONAL RESPONSES

- President Putin condemned the US strikes as ‘absolutely unprovoked aggressions’, and told Iranian FM Araghchi, in televised comments, that Russia was ‘making efforts to assist the Iranian people’ but did not elaborate on what this assistance might look like. ([Times of Israel](#)) (Reuters)
- UK PM Starmer said he had [spoken](#) with President Trump to stress the need for de-escalation, warning of regional and global risks, but said Iran developing a nuclear weapon was ‘the greatest threat’ to regional stability .
- French President Macron posted that ‘engaging in dialogue’ and securing Iran’s commitment ‘to renounce nuclear weapons’ was ‘the only path to peace and security for all’; French FM Barrot said Iranians had to ‘choose for themselves the time and circumstances to change the regime and ‘it would be illusory and dangerous to think that such a change can be provoked by force and bombs’.
- German Chancellor Merz said ‘there is no reason to criticize what America did at the weekend. Yes, it is not without risk. But leaving things as they were was not an option either’.
- Canadian Prime Minister Carney posted that, while US military action was ‘designed to alleviate’ the threat of Iran developing a nuclear weapon, ‘the situation in the Middle East remains highly volatile’.
- E3 Leaders (UK, France, Germany) published a declaration calling upon Iran to ‘engage in negotiations’ and urging it ‘not to take any further action that could destabilise the region’. The E3 said they would ‘continue our joint diplomatic efforts to defuse tensions and ensure the conflict does not intensify and spread further’.

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