

‘They Will Taste Hell’: Iran Says It Hit Eight US Bases After New American Strikes

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File photo showing the aftermath of a previous US strike on Qeshm and Sirik in southern Iran. (Photo: Al Mayadeen)

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Iran announced missile and drone strikes on eight US military sites after fresh American attacks, warning future violations could collapse diplomacy.

Key Developments

- Iran said it targeted eight US military sites in Kuwait and Bahrain with ballistic missiles and drones.
- The operation followed fresh US strikes on Iranian coastal military infrastructure.
- Tehran said Washington violated the Islamabad Memorandum and warned further attacks would halt all diplomatic tracks.

- Iranian military officials warned US bases in the region would “taste hell” if attacks continue.

Iran dramatically escalated its response to renewed American military action early Sunday, announcing that it had launched a coordinated missile and drone operation targeting eight US military installations in Kuwait and Bahrain following fresh US airstrikes on southern Iran.

The exchange marks one of the most serious military confrontations between Tehran and Washington since both sides signed a Memorandum intended to end hostilities and launch negotiations toward a permanent agreement.

Iran now argues that continued American military operations amount to a direct violation of both the memorandum and international law, warning that any further attacks could derail the diplomatic process altogether.

Operation Against US Bases

In a statement issued before dawn Sunday, Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) announced that its naval and aerospace forces carried out a joint operation between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m.

According to the statement, ballistic missiles and drones struck eight important US military sites, including Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait and the headquarters of the US Fifth Fleet at Mina Salman in Bahrain.

The IRGC claimed the targeted sites were destroyed, describing the operation as “a firm response to the recent American aggression.”

The statement did not identify the remaining targeted locations, while no immediate confirmation was issued by US authorities.

Tehran: US Violated the Memorandum

The IRGC accused Washington of violating its commitments under the Islamabad Memorandum only hours after Israeli violations of the ceasefire in southern Lebanon.

According to the statement, the United States launched attacks against five Iranian coastal sites under the pretext of Iran’s interception of a vessel in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Guard maintained that, under Article Five of the Islamabad Memorandum, responsibility for regulating navigation through the Strait of Hormuz rests with the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It warned that vessels violating those arrangements would face stricter enforcement from now on.

The statement also warned that any future American attack—“even if it targets secondary objectives, as happened last night”—would be met with what it described as a “crushing response.”

It concluded by asserting that any violation of the ceasefire constitutes a breach of Article One of the memorandum and would result in “the complete suspension of all tracks” established under the agreement.

‘Bases Will Taste Hell’

Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Navy issued an additional warning directed at US military forces across the region.

“The random American shooting at Sirik will not solve the mystery of the Islamic Republic’s control over the Strait of Hormuz,” the force said.

It added that Iran’s actions against vessels violating navigation arrangements were intended to remind other ships of what it described as the safe and authorized route through the strategic waterway.

Turning directly to Washington’s military presence in the Gulf, the statement warned:

“The American bases in the region are a different matter. They will taste hell in the coming days.”

Washington Launches Fresh Strikes

Hours earlier, US Central Command (CENTCOM) announced another round of airstrikes against Iran.

According to the US military, American aircraft targeted military surveillance infrastructure, communications systems, air-defense positions, drone storage facilities and naval mine-laying capabilities.

Washington said the strikes were carried out in response to what it described as an Iranian attack on an oil tanker transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian state television subsequently reported explosions near Taheroui in Sirik as well as around the village of Masan on Qeshm Island, while local media also reported blasts in Bandar Lengeh and Bandar Kong in Hormozgan Province.

Foreign Ministry Statement

Iran’s Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the American attacks, describing them as violations of both international law and the ceasefire memorandum.

“The terrorist US army’s airstrikes against a number of surveillance and monitoring facilities on the country’s southern coast constitute a flagrant violation of Article 2(4) of the United Nations Charter and a clear violation of Article One of the Memorandum of Understanding on Ending the War,” the ministry said.

The statement argued that the attacks demonstrate that Washington places “no value or credibility” on its commitments.

The ministry reaffirmed Iran’s determination to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity under Article 51 of the UN Charter, while reminding the UN Security Council of its responsibility for maintaining international peace and security.

Long-Term Military Adaptation

Separately, Iranian Army spokesperson Brig. Gen. Mohammad Akrami-Nia said the country’s armed forces had significantly upgraded their military capabilities during what he described as the 40-day war.

He said Iran had introduced newly developed drones whose research had begun before the conflict but which entered operational service during the fighting.

He also stated that upgraded missile systems had been deployed during the war, adding that Iran had continued expanding its military capabilities despite sustained hostilities.