

# ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

Week #125 February 22 - February 28, 2026

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Account of the main events in the Israel-Hamas war and hostilities by the Iranian Axis



**IDF Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir with IAF commander Tomer Bar overseeing the “Roaring Lion” Operation in IAF HQ**

**Source: IDF Spokesperson**

On February 28, 2026, at approximately 08:00 Israel time, the Israeli and US Air Forces launched a coordinated preemptive strike against targets in Tehran and across Iran. Targets reportedly included the Presidential Complex, Judiciary building, Ministry of Intelligence, and Khamenei’s compound (he was not present). Israel called the operation “Roaring Lion” and the US Department of War called it “Epic Fury”



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40

Iranian Leaders  
Killed in Initial  
Strike

200

Israeli Aircrafts  
participated in  
the first round

28

Rounds of  
Missiles fired at  
Israel



**70,000**

Israel mobilized 70,000 reservists, with 20,000 under immediate emergency "Tzav 8" orders



**25,000 caravans**

The UAE-financed "New Rafah" initiative will deploy 25,000 caravans in March 2026, secured by an International Stabilization Force (ISF) including an Indonesian contingent.



**+500**

The IAF conducted its largest flyover in history, deploying approximately 200 fighter jets to strike roughly 500 objectives simultaneously.



**8 military sites**

the IDF struck 8 military sites belonging to Hezbollah's Radwan Force in the Beqaa Valley as a preemptive warning to remain out of the Iran-Israel confrontation.



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- The strikes eliminated supreme leader Ali Khamenei along with 40 top Iranian officials. Among them are the Defense minister, Aziz Nazirzadeh, Abdolrahim Mousavi, who served as chief of staff of Iran's armed forces, Mohammad Pakpour who served as IRGC chief.
- According to the IDF Spokesperson, Operation "Lion's Roar" included the largest military flyover in the history of the Israeli Air Force. Approximately 200 fighter jets conducted a coordinated strike campaign against the missile array and air defense systems of the Iranian regime across western and central Iran. The aircraft reportedly dropped hundreds of munitions, targeting roughly 500 objectives simultaneously, including ballistic missile launchers and advanced aerial defense systems.
- In his national address, President Donald Trump delivered an unprecedented ultimatum directly to members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, armed forces, and police: "You must lay down your weapons and have complete immunity, or in the alternative, face certain death." The offer of immunity in exchange for surrender signals a strategic effort to fracture regime cohesion and encourage mass defections. Trump also addressed the Iranian people directly, urging them to move against the regime once its security forces are neutralized: "When we are finished, take over your government. It will be yours to take. This will be probably your only chance for generations."
- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that Operation "Lion's Roar" was launched to remove the threat posed by the Iranian regime against Israel. In a notable escalation in rhetoric, Netanyahu directly called on Persians, Kurds, Azeris, Balochis, and Ahvazis to rise up and free themselves from what he described as the burden of tyranny.

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- This marks the first time in history that the United States and Israel are conducting a fully coordinated war effort side-by-side.
- According to The Wall Street Journal, Israeli hackers infiltrated a widely used Iranian prayer application, gaining access to the phones of millions of Iranian users. Through the breach, Israel reportedly transmitted direct messages to military personnel and members of the Revolutionary Guards, urging them to defect and revolt against the regime.
- Iran launched broader regional barrages affecting Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and the UAE, with reported casualties in Gulf states.
- The US Fifth Fleet headquarters in Bahrain sustained a direct missile hit, and drones struck a US base in Qatar. Missile impacts were also reported in Dubai and Abu Dhabi.
- The IRGC Navy announced its intention to close the Strait of Hormuz, through which approximately 30% of global fossil fuel shipments transit, raising the specter of global economic disruption. The US Navy is expected to move to neutralize this threat and secure maritime routes
- Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi held calls with counterparts from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Iraq, asserting Iran's right to self-defense. Qatar condemned Iranian missile attacks on its territory and reserved the right to respond. Australia and Canada publicly announced support for the strike campaign against Iran.

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- According to a report in the Financial Times, the so-called “Peace Council” is planning to launch a dollar-backed StableCoin for Gaza residents. The goal is to circumvent cash usage and significantly reduce Hamas’ ability to generate revenue through taxation, diversion, and shadow financial systems. The initiative, reportedly led by an Israeli entrepreneur in coordination with a technocratic governing structure, would require the restoration of internet infrastructure across Gaza and the distribution of digital wallets to residents.
- Fighters from the “Gefen” unit, operating alongside the elite combat engineering unit Yahalom, located and destroyed 5 kilometers of tunnel infrastructure in the Beit Hanoun area. The continued exposure of extensive underground networks underscores that despite months of combat; Hamas’ subterranean capabilities remain partially intact and operationally relevant.
- Speaking before the Knesset, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized that India deeply admires Israel’s determination, courage, and achievements, and highlighted that relations between the peoples predate the modern states by over 2,000 years, reinforcing the narrative of historical civilizational ties
- According to Reuters, the Lebanese government warned Hezbollah against entering the war. Israel reportedly conveyed that any Hezbollah attack would result in strikes on national infrastructure, including Beirut’s international airport. Hezbollah issued condemnations but did not threaten direct entry — signaling a significant strategic restraint

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- A bombing which targeted an Iraqi military base housing a pro-Iran militia caused casualties, intended to deter Iraqi militias from launching drones toward Israel after they said they would join the war.
- In Syria, an ISIS spokesman released his first audio message in two years, condemning regional actors as apostates and urging defections. ISIS cells have conducted multiple motorcycle-based attacks amid what appears to be a security vacuum following shifting US deployments and weakened SDF control.