

# ISRAEL WEEKLY WAR SUMMARY

Week #127 March 8 - March 14, 2026

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



**U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker refuels a U.S. Navy F/A-18F Super Hornet.**

**Source: CENTCOM on X**

Footage released by CENTCOM showed: F-18 fighters refueling mid-air from KC-135 tankers, aircraft operating from the USS Gerald Ford in the Red Sea, continued activity by the USS Abraham Lincoln in the Arabian Sea, and the USS George H.W. Bush carrier group moving toward the region



# SECURITY BRIEFING WEEK 127



+90

Iranian vessels  
sunk by the US  
navy

+30

Iranian energy  
infrastructure  
targeted

\$11.3B

The cost of the  
war to the USA  
since Feb 28th



## Massive Displacement in Lebano

500,000 to 700,000 Lebanese civilians have been displaced, with 650,000 coming from the Beirut and Dahiya regions alone



## Operation Epic Fury Escalation

President Trump has signaled a transition toward total infrastructure degradation in Iran estimating it would take 25 years to rebuild.



## Operation Eat the Eagle

Hezbollah launched a coordinated rocket offensive with dubbed "Operation Eat the Eagle" with Iran simultaneously launching over 200 ballistic missiles.



## Ground Operations in Gaza

Israel is constructing four major defensive trenches to block Hamas movement.



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- Mojtaba Khamenei, who was reportedly chosen by the Assembly of Experts on March 8, delivered his first written statement on March 12. In the declaration he reaffirmed the regime's long-term ideological goals, including:
  - The destruction of the State of Israel
  - Expelling the United States from the Middle East
  - Supporting the regional "Axis of Resistance"
- He also vowed to continue challenging freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz, threatened the opening of additional fronts (possibly through the Houthis), and called on Iranian citizens and Shiites worldwide to demonstrate during Quds Day - March 13.
- Iranian strategy also includes attempts to undermine American domestic support for the war, illustrated by reports that the FBI issued warnings about potential Iranian plots targeting sites in California.
- French President Emmanuel Macron visited the aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle and discussed the possibility of France joining efforts to protect oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz. Should this occur, France would effectively be participating militarily alongside Israel and the United States in securing maritime routes. The move reflects growing European concern over energy security and global oil supply disruptions.
- Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi criticized the new Iranian leadership, stating that whether it is Mojtaba Khamenei himself or the Revolutionary Guard leadership behind him, the regime's policies remain unchanged.



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- According to Axios, the United States and Israel are planning a special ground operation toward the end of the campaign aimed at:
  - Securing nuclear facilities already bombed from the air
  - Extracting approximately 450 kg of uranium enriched to 60%
  - Seizing Kharg Island, which handles around 90% of Iran's oil exports
- For the first time, official footage showed Israeli drones targeting and eliminating Basij members and Iranian police, similar to Israel's air dominance tactics used in Gaza. Reports indicate that Iranian civilians are passing intelligence to Israeli services, identifying regime checkpoints and security deployments. Analysts interpret this as an erosion of lower-level regime command structures and a possible early stage of rebellion preparation.
- President Donald Trump warned that mining the Strait of Hormuz would trigger massive retaliation. The United States has also issued evacuation warnings to civilians living near Iranian southern ports, signaling possible upcoming strikes on maritime infrastructure.
- A KC-135 tanker aircraft crashed due to a technical malfunction, though Iraqi militias claimed responsibility despite no evidence supporting that claim.
- An Iranian drone struck fuel reserves in Oman, despite Oman traditionally maintaining neutrality.
- Iranian drones, alongside Iraqi Shiite militias, struck a desalination facility in Bahrain, injuring 32 people and damaging critical infrastructure.

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- Turkey intercepted an Iranian missile, with debris falling on its territory. Ankara condemned the attack and deployed six F-16 fighter jets to Northern Cyprus to defend against possible Iranian drone threats.
- Reports indicate the United States is pressuring Beirut to designate Hezbollah's political wing as illegal, effectively classifying the entire organization as a terrorist group.
- According to Reuters, Israel rejected a proposal by Lebanese President Joseph Aoun to begin direct negotiations aimed at ending hostilities, indicating that Israeli leadership currently prefers to continue military pressure on Hezbollah rather than move immediately toward diplomacy.
- Israel issued evacuation orders north of the Zahrani and Awali rivers, effectively clearing southern Lebanon. A bridge over the Litani River was destroyed to prevent militant movement north and south.
- Hezbollah launched "Operation Eat the Eagle." Hezbollah fired hundreds of rockets in coordination with Tehran toward Israeli communities. In response, Israeli jets struck 10 high-rise buildings in Beirut's Dahiya district within 30 minutes and destroyed numerous launchers.
- Reports indicate Qatar informed the United States it may expel Hamas leaders after Hamas refused to condemn Iranian attacks against Qatar and Gulf states. This puts Hamas in a strategic dilemma as Iran provides it with weapons and military training while Qatar provides funding. Losing Qatari support would severely weaken Hamas's financial infrastructure.

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- Israel is building four major defensive trenches across Gaza to block Hamas movement along the Yellow Line.
- An American or Israeli aircraft struck a residential building in the Karrada district of eastern Baghdad. According to Al-Mayadeen, two people were killed in the strike. Iraqi sources report that a senior figure within the leadership of Iranian-aligned Shiite militias was eliminated in the attack. Following the assassination, Iraqi Shiite militias launched drone attacks on the US embassy complex in Baghdad. Reports indicate that a radar component of the embassy's air defense system was damaged during the strike.
- Boeing signed a \$289 million contract with Israel to supply up to 5,000 air-launched smart bombs. The deliveries are expected to begin within approximately 36 months and are not directly connected to the current war with Iran. The agreement reflects Israel's ongoing effort to expand its long-term precision strike inventory and maintain strategic stockpiles for future conflicts beyond the current regional war.
- Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan accused Israel of being responsible for extensive destruction in the region, pointing to the war in Gaza and claiming that Israeli actions are pushing the Middle East toward further instability and devastation.
- Qatari Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani reacted strongly to Iranian attacks on Qatar, describing them as a profound betrayal. He noted that Gulf states were attacked almost immediately after the war began, suggesting that Iran had planned the strikes in advance. The statement reflects growing tensions between Iran and Gulf Arab states.