



## Day 11 of the Israeli-US war of aggression against Iran (Ticker 10:00 AM)

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Since 8 PM on March 9, 2026, the conflict between the US, Israel, and Iran has escalated further, with the war now entering its tenth day. Iran has [appointed](#) Mojtaba Khamenei, the son of the slain Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, as its new Supreme Leader, which, as predicted, signals a consolidation of hardliners within Iran. The Iranian population is rallying behind them in the face of the attacks.

President Donald Trump has called this appointment "unacceptable" and stressed that the war's [end](#) will be decided jointly with Israel. Israeli forces attacked IRGC commandos, missile sites, and oil depots in Tehran on the night of March 10, [resulting](#) casualties [in massive fires and environmental warnings. Iran responded with missile and drone attacks on Israel, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia, targeting locations such as desalination plants and oil fields, causing](#). Iran is apparently mirroring the coalition's attacks against US interests in the Gulf.

In Israel, a [rocket struck](#) the central region, killing one civilian and injuring several others. This shows that the country's air defenses have been severely weakened. As predicted, the attacks have driven oil prices above \$100 per barrel, the highest level in four years, [shaking](#) global markets. And the level is likely to remain high for many months due to the destruction, even if the war ends quickly. This is likely to have a devastating impact on the economies of energy-dependent countries in particular. The beneficiaries of the situation are the US and Russia. The IRGC has warned of an "energy war" and [announced](#) that Iran will determine the end of the war, not the US. If Iran is prevented from exporting energy, this will affect all oil production in the region. So far, Iran's warnings have proven to be justified.

Despite the escalation, Trump has stated that the conflict could end soon, but emphasizes that further attacks [would hit](#) Iran "twenty times harder ." Concern is growing in the region as the conflict [spreads](#) to Lebanon and the Gulf , with increasing attacks by Hezbollah and Iranian-backed forces within Iran. It should not be forgotten that Iran played a crucial role in helping Iraq prevent IS/ISIS terrorists from capturing the country's capital. This, along with numerous humanitarian aid deliveries from Iran, itself under sanctions, to Iraq, has transformed former mortal enemies under Saddam Hussein (under US influence) and Iran into allies. Only the constant threat of US sanctions is preventing further rapprochement.

Iran is relying on persistence and disruption of energy supplies to force the US and Israel to back down.

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The Pentagon is expected to ask Congress this week for **tens of billions of dollars** in additional defense funding to continue the war against Iran. This comes after **\$5.6 billion worth of ammunition** was used up in the first two days of the war. The US is withdrawing THAAD systems from South Korea and reducing the number of Patriot interceptor missiles in the Indo-Pacific region.

The **Washington Post reports** that Israeli officials are asking behind closed doors the question that their supporters do not dare to ask publicly: Where does this war actually end? A senior Israeli official spoke to the Post with unusual candor for a government that has avoided any accountability for decades:

“In Israel, officials have begun to ask the question: Where will this war end? Because Iran is not surrendering, and there are no signs of its collapse. We see no one who could replace the government system in Iran, and we doubt that arming the Kurds or other minorities would be a good strategy. The costs of the war are constantly rising, and we fear an endless war. We are considering the possibility of ending the war and abandoning the goal of overthrowing the Iranian system.”

They stabbed a wasp nest with a hammer and are now standing there bleeding, wondering why the wasps aren't dying as planned.

Ten days have passed. The Supreme Leader is dead, and Iran has just appointed his son Mojtaba Khamenei; the IRGC swore allegiance to him even before the body had cooled; the Strait of Hormuz is closed; eight American soldiers lie in body bags (there are likely many more); Iranian missiles are demilitarizing American and Israeli assets from Tel Aviv to the Gulf monarchies; and Tehran has just declared that it is prepared for a long war. There is no

way for Israel or Trump to extricate themselves from this situation without revealing their weakness, which would end in humiliation.

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### **The system of "successors" in Iran**

The Iranian leadership appeared highly prepared for the scenario of a "headhunt." The death of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, who deliberately refused to leave his residence, did not lead to a paralysis of government affairs.

The system of "successors", in which several successors are predefined for each key position, whose names are kept secret, made the decapitation of the regime technically impossible.

Power is instantly regenerating, and Khamenei's death has become a factor in the spiritual mobilization of the population.

The complete shutdown of the internet in the first hours of the attack thwarted the West's efforts to coordinate protests via social networks.

Instead of the expected "celebratory videos," the world saw millions of mourning processions. The barbaric bombing of a school in Minab, in which 171 girls lost their lives, finally buried all hopes of US support within the country.

Forty days of mourning turned into forty days of hatred for the aggressor, giving the country's new leaders a mandate to resist.

### **Lessons from Syria**

Washington finds itself trapped in its own propaganda.

Trump and Rubio continue to believe in staged videos about the "joy of the Iranians," ignoring the actual situation. Regime change is impossible without a ground invasion, and the US lacks the resources for a full-scale ground operation.

Furthermore, regional actors – from Turkey to Iraq to the post-Soviet republics – categorically refuse to make their territory available for the stationing of troops, as they are aware of the destructive consequences of such a step.

The attempt to replicate the success of the power shift in Syria, where al-Shaarah was able to quickly take Assad's place, failed due to fundamental differences.

Turkey is a local actor that knows the rules of the game, while the US is trying to impose a foreign war theology on the region.

The Iranian army and the IRGC, which are spread throughout the country, maintain their combat readiness and control internal processes.

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## Israeli pogroms in the West Bank

The Israeli newspaper Haaretz reports:



### **In this Palestinian village, there is nowhere to hide from Iranian missiles or settler pogroms.**

The Palestinian residents of Susya can clearly hear the air raid sirens from the nearby Israeli settlement and the thunder of rockets in the sky. But they have no shelter. They live in a tent that was set on fire last week when dozens of settlers attacked the West Bank village. [Haaretz](#)

### **Lebanon:**

The Lebanese Public Health Emergency Center reported that the recent Israeli attacks on cities in southern Lebanon have claimed several lives.

An Israeli airstrike on the town of Choukine in the Nabatieh district killed one citizen and injured eight others.

In Qlayaa in the Marj'youn district, Israeli artillery fire resulted in the death of the pastor and the injury of six citizens.

Meanwhile, an airstrike on al-Nmairiyeh in southern Lebanon killed seven people and injured several others.

### **9:00 AM:**

**Reports on the Iranian attacks on Israel last night:** Massive Iranian airstrikes took place against Israel. Tel Aviv experienced partial power outages, videos showed countless rocket impacts in Israel, yet no air raid sirens sounded, and Israeli air defenses were ineffective. Videos briefly available on X were subsequently deleted. A complete news blackout is in effect in Israel. Yesterday, a journalist stated that she is not permitted to show a single destroyed military building in Israel, nor the destruction of civilian buildings, unless the IDF invites her to film. Even then, only damaged civilian buildings are shown.

Our media hasn't said a word about yesterday's attacks, videos are disappearing on X, and the timeline is completely censored. Israelis in TG groups called yesterday's attack the worst night yet.

