



Day 6 of the Israeli-US war of aggression against Iran (Ticker 7:30 a.m.)

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According to Iranian military officials, the war hasn't even begun. Iran has systematically dismantled military installations and bases in West Asia. Further expansion is possible today, perhaps towards US bases in Turkey. Coordination with Hezbollah in Lebanon is also being observed. The US and Israel are continuing their massive bombing campaign against the Iranian civilian population, schools, hospitals, and police stations, because Iran's underground launch sites for all types of missiles and drones remain undetected.

The death toll from the ongoing US and Israeli attacks on Iran has risen to 867, Iranian Health Ministry spokesman Hossein Kermanpour announced on Wednesday. "Of the 5,946 wounded, 2,184 are still being treated in various hospitals," Kermanpour said in a statement released by the Iranian news agency ILNA.

The White House is expected to ask Congress for an additional \$50 billion in military spending to replenish stockpiles of weapons used up in the Iran war and other recent conflicts in the Middle East, [Reuters reports](#).

Sources told *Reuters* that Deputy Defense Secretary Steve Feinberg is leading the Pentagon's efforts to draft an additional military spending package, which could be released as early as Friday. The \$50 billion figure is preliminary and subject to change.

House Speaker Mike Johnson [said Wednesday](#) that Congress was awaiting the amendment and was in favor of its passage. "We will pass an amendment when it is appropriate, and we will do it right," he said. "We are waiting for the White House and [the Pentagon] to brief us, but we are having an open dialogue about it."

Iran has already destroyed three of the four THAAD missile defense batteries installed in West Asia; the fourth is located in Turkey. Iran, under attack from the US and Israel, has the right to disable any installations belonging to the aggressor in order to protect itself, unless the host country has prohibited the US from using the bases, as has happened in Spain. Hotels housing active US troops are therefore also legally permissible targets. To prevent attacks, Turkey would have to do the same as Spain.

Those who completely disregard international law are the USA and Israel, and not just recently, but for decades—80 years to be precise. What the USA has made standard practice is double bombing. They bomb a hospital, a school, a police station, or a residential building, wait until paramedics and aid workers arrive, and then bomb them. This violates all Geneva Conventions and international law designed to protect medical personnel and paramedics. Israel has been doing this for a long time in Palestine, in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as in Lebanon. And all of this has been going on for decades.

China's aid

The aggressors have extensive control of the airspace over northwestern Iran and Tehran. Support for Iran from Russia and especially China is immensely valuable. China's satellites over West Asia act as a silent shield for Iran.

Beijing's expanding satellite network now hangs over the region, serving as an unmistakable warning to Washington and Tel Aviv: every one of their operations is visible.

When MizarVision began publishing [satellite images](#) of the US troop concentration in the Persian Gulf and Jordan in the lead-up to the US-Israeli war against Iran, scheduled to begin on February 28, 2026, the internet reacted immediately. The photos spread rapidly because they showed something that Western providers had carefully avoided.

The role of the Chinese satellite fleet in monitoring the activities of the US and Israel, as well as in supporting forces allied with Ansarallah in Yemen and the Iranian military during the 12-day war between the US and Israel against the Islamic Republic last June, is suspected by American and Israeli diplomats and security experts; however, the general public was largely unaware of this and assumed that Iran obtained the images for military purposes from its own military satellites.

China's satellite fleet comprises an estimated 1,100 to 1,350 active units, spanning GEO, LEO, and special orbits such as those used for BeiDou navigation. Military and commercial platforms operate in parallel. Many satellites designated as civilian are designed for dual functionality. Any platform capable of resolving the details of a football stadium can just as easily map a military base.

The breadth of the Chinese constellation enables continuous imaging, radar penetration through cloud cover, signal collection, meteorological tracking, telecommunications, and data transmission. In scope and sophistication, the network is in no way inferior to the system of the US National Reconnaissance Office, which secures the strategic dominance of the US and Israel.

Russia's support for Iran

Since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in 2022, military relations between Russia and Iran have deepened into an “unprecedented defense partnership,” as described by international defense analysts and Western intelligence agencies.

In return for Iran providing Russia with thousands of Shahed attack drones, artillery shells and ballistic missiles for use in Ukraine, Russia supplies Iran with advanced military technology, equipment and strategic support.

Due to the strict sanctions and secrecy surrounding both nations, the exact delivery schedules are sometimes unclear, but based on confirmations from Iranian state media, Russian officials, and Western intelligence agencies, Iran receives the following military support from Russia:

Advanced aircraft and aviation technology

Russia is currently helping Iran modernize its fleet:

Yak-130 training jets: In September 2023, Iranian state media confirmed the arrival of Russian Yak-130 combat training aircraft. These jets were specifically designed to train pilots for use in advanced 4th and 5th generation fighter jets.

Su-35 fighter jets: Iran has signed a contract to purchase Russian Sukhoi Su-35 fighter jets, among Russia's most advanced tactical aircraft. While the exact delivery status is being kept strictly secret, the acquisition of the Su-35s represents a significant improvement in Iran's air superiority.

Attack helicopters: Iranian defense officials have stated that they have reached agreements to purchase Russian Mi-28 and Ka-52 attack helicopters, which would significantly modernize Iran's helicopter fleet. Several of these helicopters have already been sighted in Iran, but their current role is unclear.

Russia has reportedly supplied Iran with advanced radar technology and components for air defense systems.

While Russia previously sold the S-300 air defense system to Iran (delivery in 2016), intelligence reports indicate that Iran has been aggressively pursuing the acquisition of Russia's highly advanced S-400 surface-to-air missile system. It is unclear whether the delivery has already taken place, but military cooperation in the field of integrated air defense has intensified.

Russia actively supports Iran, much like China, in its space and surveillance programs, which have direct military applications.

The exchange of hardware goes hand in hand with an exchange of knowledge.

Russian technical advisors have worked closely with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

By observing the performance of Iranian drones and missiles against Western air defense systems (such as Patriot and NASAMS) in Ukraine, Russia and Iran are exchanging data to modify and improve the evasive tactics of Iranian munitions.

The situation between the USA and Israel

Iran's unexpected decision to crack down on US assets across the region and close the Strait of Hormuz, despite warnings to do so, has placed the US and Israel in a very difficult position, in addition to the attacks on Israel. And while Israel should have learned its lesson from the 12-day war, the settler colony has already suffered significant damage, even if the drone and missile attacks on Israel are not as rapid and intense as some had anticipated. Importantly, Iran appears to be maintaining a sufficiently high frequency of attacks on Israel to force citizens in major cities to spend most of their time in bunkers, crippling the economy and creating widespread anxiety.

The retaliatory measures on multiple fronts are almost certainly depleting US air defense reserves faster than expected, as an article in the Jerusalem Post confirms: [Experts say the US is considering deploying additional THAAD and Patriot air defense systems to the Middle East](#) to support Operation Epic Fury.

The US and its allies, as well as innocent bystanders, are also suffering economic damage due to the impact of the suspension of air traffic and other disruptions to Middle Eastern economies, coupled with the prospect of oil and gas prices remaining at their new, higher levels and potentially rising further. And the closure of the Strait of Hormuz affects more than just energy costs and availability.

Trump is becoming increasingly unpredictable, making wild claims about US capabilities, even by his own exaggerated standards, and cracking down hard on perceived defectors, most recently Spain and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. A sign of his desperation is his outlandish idea that the US should escort tankers through the Strait of Gibraltar with naval escorts and offer insurance against political risks—in reality, risks of war.

It's not just Trump who's losing his temper. The New Republic pointed to [Pete Hegseth's frantic, angry tirades about Iran, which offer Democrats a great opportunity](#). Even the normally reserved Marco Rubio was filmed struggling to give coherent answers to not particularly difficult questions from the media.

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US escalation in Iran: From airstrikes to Kurdish-led ground operations?

Recent reports indicate a crucial shift towards ground operations. The US is preparing to transition from an air-based campaign to a ground phase, using Kurdish forces as a vanguard to incite internal uprisings and destabilize the Iranian government.

The ongoing airstrikes primarily target western Iran, where the Kurdish population is concentrated. These attacks, carried out by Israeli forces with US support, aim to weaken Iranian air defenses and create opportunities for guerrilla movements. The bombings are not merely kinetic in nature but part of a larger psychological operation designed to demoralize the Iranian state and population.

The spearhead of this escalation is the arming of Kurdish militias in western Iran. According to CNN reports, the CIA, together with Kurdish leaders in Iraq, has been coordinating arms

smuggling into Iran since last year and is preparing thousands of volunteers for an upcoming operation.

A senior Iranian Kurdish official told CNN, "We believe we now have a great opportunity," underscoring the expectation of support from the US and Israel. ITV News confirms this, reporting plans for a ground attack led by these forces to incite sectarian and separatist uprisings. This strategy is reminiscent of historical US tactics in proxy wars, where local groups serve as the front line to minimize direct American casualties.

Reports of mysterious US troop deployments to Iraq, such as a helicopter landing in the Najaf-Karbala desert documented by Independent Arabia, suggest preparatory measures to open further fronts.

In summary, while there is no official confirmation of the presence of US troops in Iran, the coordination of Kurdish-led ground operations heralds a dangerous new phase. Whether this will trigger the desired uprising or consolidate Iranian resistance remains to be seen, but the stakes – for regional stability and global power dynamics – are undeniably high.

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The Iranian Baloch tribes, who have always had problems with the government, vowed to defend Iran's borders against separatists and to fight for the Islamic Republic.