

Iran's eastern airspace, six airports reopened after security review

Airlines prepare to resume flights



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Iran has reopened parts of its airspace and six airports following a security and safety review, aviation authorities said, after a closure imposed during the Israeli-American aggression began on February 28.

The Civil Aviation Organization said in a statement

that, with approval from relevant authorities and after security and safety assessments by its national civil-military coordination committee (CMC), parts of the country's airspace and several airports were reopened as of 7 a.m. on Saturday in line with a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM).

According to the statement, air routes in the

eastern section of Iran's airspace have been reopened for international overflights.

Separately, Maqsood Asadi Samani, secretary of the Association of Iranian Airlines, said six airports — Imam Khomeini, Mehrabad, Mashhad, Birjand, Gorgan and Zahedan — have resumed operations.

He added that airlines are

preparing to restart both domestic and international flights, noting that, as per standard procedures, carriers must obtain the necessary permits from the Civil Aviation Organization before operating flights.

The aviation authority also said flight operations at airports across the country will gradually resume from Saturday, depending on

technical and operational readiness in both military and civilian sectors to provide passenger services.

According to Iranian media reports, seven Iranian airports were targeted during the 40-day military conflict, with attacks focusing more on tourism, passenger and cargo infrastructure than on military facilities.

Gov't plans high-tech overhaul for war-scarred industries



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Iran's government intends to use new technology and production lines to rebuild industrial units damaged during the 40-day US-Israeli aggression, with environmental considerations involved in the relocation of some facilities, the economy minister said.

According to a report by Tasnim, Economy Minister Ali Madanizadeh outlined the reconstruction strategy, stating, "In

the renovation program for damaged industrial units, new technology or production lines will be used instead of previous technologies, and even new site allocations for damaged industries have been considered based on environmental considerations."

Madanizadeh added that support measures are already underway for other manufacturing and industrial units facing demand shortfalls or disruptions in their

production chains. "Supportive decisions by the government for other production and industrial units that have faced demand or production chain problems are being implemented," he said.

Describing the current phase as a period of economic renewal, the minister noted, "The post-war period is a period of economic renovation, and support packages, such as the recent one for workshops with fewer than 50 employees, have been considered." The US and Israel launched their aggression against the country on February 28, with civilian targets and infrastructure among the primary sites struck.

While no official statistics have yet been released on the extent of damage to industrial facilities, attacks on the petrochemical and steel sectors ranked among the most prominent targets of the campaign.

Tehran, Ankara agree to expand agricultural, border ties after SCO meet

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The Iranian agriculture minister said on Saturday that Iran and Turkey have agreed to deepen agricultural and border cooperation, driven by a notable surge in bilateral farm trade over the past year.

According to a report by IRNA, Gholamreza Nouri-Qezeljah detailed his recent trip to Turkey and his attendance at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) agriculture ministers' meeting in Kyrgyzstan. He said he held extensive meetings with his Turkish counterpart and senior Turkish officials, adding that "the significant increase in agricultural exchanges over the past year is the reason both sides agreed to continue and expand joint cooperation."

Nouri-Qezeljah also addressed his participation in the SCO gathering, emphasizing that discussions focused on food security and the strategic role of member states, which collectively represent more than 40 percent of the global population.

During his diplomatic engagements, the minister met with



Gholamreza Nouri-Qezeljah
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representatives from 10 to 12 participating countries and organizations. He noted that a unified position emerged regarding recent geopolitical developments, stating that "condemnation of recent US and Israeli actions against Iran was a common stance" among the attendees.

The US-Israeli aggression, among the primary sites struck, targeted civilian and infrastructure positions.

On the regional front, Nouri-Qezeljah held consultations with the provincial governors of Turkey's Agri and Iğdir regions. Both sides emphasized the need to facilitate border traffic, strengthen local border markets, and advance efforts to establish a joint free trade zone. He added that the Iranian president has given special attention to this area of bilateral cooperation.

Indian ships warned off Hormuz as Iran tightens grip amid US blockade



The UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) reported that the incident occurred around 20 nautical miles northeast of Oman.

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Two Indian-flagged ships were warned to stay away from the Strait of Hormuz after being fired upon by Iranian gunboats, sources told The Indian Express on Saturday, as Iran reasserted military control over the strategic waterway following a US-imposed maritime blockade.

Iranian state media and international reports provided accounts of the incident. Tasnim news agency reported that an Indian tanker was fired upon with warning shots to return after ignoring alerts from Iranian forces. TankerTrackers, an online service that tracks ships and tankers, reported that two vessels retreated and turned back from the Strait of Hormuz.

In an unconfirmed report, TankerTrackers stated that following a warning from the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy, two Indian-flagged vessels carrying Iraqi oil were forced to retreat and return to the western side of the Strait of Hormuz. According to Tasnim, shooting also occurred during the incident. One of the vessels is a Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC) flying the Indian flag and carrying 2 million barrels of Iraqi oil.

According to The Indian Express, tensions in the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz escalated sharply on Saturday after Iran reportedly opened fire on two merchant vessels attempting to transit the waterway, following its decision not to reopen the critical oil route. Two Indian vessels also have had to reverse course in the Strait of Hormuz following the gunfire, a vessel-tracker said.

The new strike comes a day after US President Donald Trump announced the continued, full-force naval blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) said on Saturday the Islamic Republic will maintain control of all traffic through the strategic Strait of Hormuz until a negotiated end to the US-Israeli-imposed war is achieved.

New Delhi on Saturday summoned the Iranian envoy after the two Indian-flagged ships were fired at. Iran said it had reimposed military control over the strait after the US blocked its ports, effectively tightening its grip over a passage through which nearly a fifth of global oil consumption flows.

The US, through the United States Central Command, confirmed enforcing a complete maritime blockade on ships entering or exiting Iranian ports and coastal areas.

"US Central Command has initiated a full maritime interdiction effort targeting Iranian coastal operations. Vessels attempting to enter or exit Iranian-controlled ports will be subject to inspection and possible denial of passage," CENTCOM said in a statement.

Following the move, at least 23 vessels reportedly reversed course, highlighting the immediate disruption to commercial shipping.

Another Indian oil tanker crosses Hormuz

Another report by the Times of India said that an Indian crude oil tanker crossed the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday, even as tensions around the waterway remained high. Maritime traffic data showed that Dosh Garima passed through the strait, becoming the 10th Indian vessel to cross Hormuz since the war between Iran and the United States began, and the second since the ceasefire that began last Wednesday.

According to the data, the tanker started its journey from Ras Laffan port in Qatar and is now in the Gulf of Oman after crossing the Strait of Hormuz. Meanwhile, an AFP report said at least eight oil and gas tankers crossed Hormuz on Saturday.