

Army downs intruding drone in Persian Gulf

Iranian strike on US base in Kuwait injures five, damage two expensive UAVs

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Iran has shot down a drone over Qeshm Island in the Persian Gulf, the Army said on Saturday amid renewed military tensions between Tehran and Washington, which pose a threat to a ceasefire in place since early April. "The compact and lightweight drone belonging to the aggressor US-Zionist enemy was detected and shot down by the Army Air Defense Force," a statement by the Army's Public Relations Department read. On Tuesday, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) also announced that its air defense units had brought down a US MQ-9 drone flying over Iran's airspace in the Persian Gulf. The IRGC added that its forces also fired at an RQ-4 drone and an intruding F-35 fighter jet, forcing them to leave Iran's airspace.

Attack on Kuwait military base

Iran also responded to an attack on the port city of Bandar Abbas airport on Thursday by firing ballistic missiles at a US military base in neighboring Kuwait.

The IRGC said it had deliberately targeted the US base, noting that the site had been used to launch an earlier American attack.

The Guards vowed that any future acts of aggression would be met with a stronger response, saying that responsibility for any escalation would rest with the party initiating hostile actions.

According to a report by Bloomberg, the Iranian missile strike on the Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait has wounded five American service members and caused serious damage to two MQ-9 Reaper drones.

The report claimed Kuwaiti air defenses



This picture shows the wreckage of an Orbiter unmanned aircraft shot down by the Iranian Army in the skies over Qeshm Island, southern Iran, on May 30, 2026.

intercepted an Iranian Fateh-110 missile before it reached its intended target. However, debris from the intercepted projectile fell onto the US-operated Ali Al Salem Air Base, causing the injuries and damage.

Since April 8, Iran and the US have been observing a ceasefire mediated by Pakistan to give a chance to diplomacy to end the US-Israeli aggression against Iran.

The US and Israel waged a war against Iran on February 28, almost eight months after they carried out unprovoked attacks on the country. Iran retaliated against the strikes by



launching a barrage of missiles and drone attacks on the Israeli-occupied

territories as well as on US bases in regional Arab countries.

Qatar says temporary Hormuz fee negotiable

Iran's decisions on strait not 'provisional': Iranian MP

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Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said on Saturday that temporary legal fees for transit through the Strait of Hormuz is negotiable and could help restore normal passage through the key waterway.

Short-term charges used for mine clearing or similar purposes can be considered, the Qatari official said at an Asian defense conference in Singapore.

However, he said that Doha objects to permanent legal fees, arguing that it would impact consumers.

The comments were in response to a question about talks between Iran and Oman to impose a permanent toll system to formalize control of maritime traffic through Hormuz, one of the world's most important trade routes. Iran



has effectively closed the waterway in response to US-Israeli aggression that began in late February, triggering an energy crisis.

"Qatar and also the partners in the [Persian] Gulf stated very clearly that charging fees will always impact the consumer, so we are against this," Sheikh Saoud said at the Shangri-La Dialogue.

"But for certain times that they say they will use it for mine-clearing or some usage of the fees for a temporary time, this is something that is

negotiable."

The US, Europe and Middle East nations like the United Arab Emirates have rejected the notion of any tolls for passage through Hormuz.

Alireza Salimi, a member of the Parliament's Presiding Board, said on Saturday that the parliament is expected to review and approve legislation formalizing Iran's management and sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz.

Salimi said the legislative body will "soon" vote into law a measure gov-



Vessels are pictured anchored in the Strait of Hormuz off Bandar Abbas in southern Iran.

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erning Iran's management over the Strait of Hormuz. He added that all details related to the plan will be approved and finalized by Parliament.

The Strait of Hormuz is shared between Iranian and Omani territorial waters, Salimi emphasized, and therefore no other country will be allowed to make decisions regarding the waterway.

"When [US President Donald] Trump and others say the Strait of Hormuz must be opened, this issue concerns us, and we will not allow them to decide," Salimi said.

The lawmaker stressed that decisions on managing the Strait of Hormuz "are not tactical or temporary" but rather "definite and permanent."

Trump betraying diplomacy for third time: Leader's advisor

A senior advisor to the Leader of the Islamic Revolution warned that US President Donald Trump is betraying diplomacy in favor of war for the third time with his aggressive actions.

In a post on his X account on Saturday, Mohsen Rezaei wrote, "As predicted, the US President is betraying diplomacy for the third time."

"By continuing the maritime blockade and making excessive demands in negotiations, he has proven more than ever that he is not a man of negotiation and is pursuing other goals," he added.

Rezaei, also a former chief commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), had previously told China's CGTN network that Iran "will break the blockade either through negotiation or, if not, through direct action."

He also said earlier that the Americans have no choice but to negotiate, and that continuing this war would lead them into a very dark tunnel.

"America is coming toward us in darkness, while we monitor their every move," he said.

Iran has shut down the strategic corridor to enemies and their allies in re-



Mohsen Rezaei
IRNA

tiation for the United States' and the Israeli regime's latest bout of unprovoked aggression against the country. It began applying far stricter controls after US President Donald Trump announced continuation of an illegal naval blockade of Iranian vessels and ports on April 13 in violation of the terms of a ceasefire he had unilaterally announced earlier that month. The two sides have been holding intermittent talks to end the war permanently.

Israel expands ground offensive on Lebanon

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Israel launched fresh strikes across south Lebanon Saturday after ordering evacuations from more than a dozen locations a day after its premier said Israeli forces had pushed even deeper into Lebanese territory. Lebanon's Army said a "targeted" Israeli strike wounded two soldiers near the southern city of Nabatieh, just a day after military delegations from both countries held landmark security talks in Washington.

The military talks in the US capital came ahead of US-brokered negotiations early next week -- the fourth round since the latest Israel-Hezbollah conflict erupted.

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported Israeli sev-

eral strikes in the south, including artillery fire near the mediaeval-era Beaufort castle.

The Lebanese presidency announced in a statement that President Joseph Aoun and Prime Minister Nawaf Salam had agreed "to intensify contacts to put an end to these condemned Israeli practices" ahead of the new round of talks with Israel scheduled for June 2 and 3.

Aoun and Salam discussed "Israeli attacks and their expansion to a number of southern cities and villages, especially in the districts of Tyre and Nabatieh, in addition to the continued bombing and bulldozing of houses, and the destruction of historical landmarks in the south". Also on Saturday, Hezbollah resis-

tance group said it fired rockets at the northern Israeli town of Kiryat Shmona.

The group said it also ambushed Israeli soldiers near Ghandouriyeh in southern Lebanon, adding that it forced them to withdraw, and fired rockets at a military base in north Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Friday that Israeli forces had advanced beyond the Litani river that runs around 30 kilometers (20 miles) north of the frontier.

Israeli strikes on the south killed 11 people on Friday, according to the Health Ministry in Beirut.

The ministry says that Israeli attacks have killed more than 3,300 people since March 2.



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