

# Armed Forces stand ready for any faceoff with US



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The Commander of the Khatam al-Anbiya Joint Air Defense

Headquarters on Friday said that Iran's Armed Forces had prepared themselves for "any kind of confrontation" after the

United States launched new round of attacks against the country. "The confrontation between

the front of truth and the front of falsehood will continue, and ... we have prepared ourselves for any kind of confrontation,

both today and in the future," Alireza Elhami said at a meeting to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Khatam al-Anbiya Air Defense Headquarters and the Islamic Republic of Iran Army's Air Defense Force, IRNA reported.

"Today, we know that the enemy's threats have not ended, and that the enemy may be pursuing its sinister objectives on other fronts," Elhami said, adding, "But their objectives will once again be thwarted through the vigilance and profound insight of the great Iranian nation."

Iranian Army spokesman Mohammad Akraminia also said on Friday that the US and Israel suffered a major defeat in their latest aggression against Iran, failing to achieve their stated objectives.

Speaking at a local event in Mashhad, Akraminia said the enemy entered the war after making a series of miscalculations about Iran and its capabilities.

"The criminal enemy had set many goals in its attack, including destroying Iran's missile and nuclear capabilities, overthrowing the government and, of course, partitioning Iran. However, it failed to achieve any of these objectives," he said.

The US and Israel waged their

first war against Iran, which lasted 12 days, in June 2025. Their second aggression began on February 28, 2026, and came to a halt in early April after 40 days.

In both wars, Iran's resistance and retaliatory operations forced the aggressors to accept a ceasefire.

In July, however, the US conducted waves of deadly air raids on Iran and imposed a naval blockade of the country in violation of the Islamabad Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Iran, signed on June 17, to end the war.

In response, Iranian Armed Forces launched devastating attacks against strategic American targets across West Asia and declared the Strait of Hormuz closed to all traffic.

In their latest retaliatory attacks, the Armed Forces hit US military bases in Kuwait, Bahrain and the UAE on Thursday in response to a US missile strike on a wedding party which claimed the lives of at least five people and wounded scores others.

The new clashes, which began with new US raids on Sunday, have deepened the impasse in the six-month war, as Iran maintains a stranglehold on the strategic Strait of Hormuz and Washington presses its blockade of Iranian ports.

## Deadly strike on Iranian wedding likely direct hit by US munitions: *Analysis*

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An explosion that ripped through a wedding celebration in southern Iran on Tuesday, killing five people and injuring at least 68 others, likely resulted from a direct hit by a US munition and not a ricochet off another target, according to an analysis by weapons experts who reviewed images and video verified by Reuters.

The incident in the small town of Kuhestak has reignited concerns about the civilian toll in the US war with Iran and marks the most dramatic case since a missile struck an Iranian primary school in February, killing scores of children and teachers inside.

On Thursday, a funeral ceremony was held in Kuhestak for the victims of the US attack. The Iranian Red Crescent has urged the International Criminal Court to investigate a potential war crime.

The US Central Command had claimed its forces carried out multiple strikes across Iran's south on Sept. 1, targeting Islamic Revolution Guards Corps air defense sites, radar systems, and communications facilities. On Thursday, US Vice President JD Vance said the United States was investigating the strike. "We're investigating it because obviously we care. We want to know," Vance said during a White House press briefing.

The US military said it



The photo shows the aftermath of a US strike on a wedding ceremony in southern Sirik county in Hormozgan Province in southern Iran on September 1, 2026.   
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was aware of reports and was looking into them. On the night of the attacks, dozens of residents had gathered in a home in Kuhestak for a wedding ceremony, according to eyewitnesses. During the party, a munition likely struck the building's roof, according to photos and video verified by Reuters and reviewed by experts.

### Direct hit

Reuters shared video and images of the incident with four military weapons experts who said the damage was consistent with a direct hit, as opposed to secondary damage from a munition ricocheting off a separate target. Three of the experts said the munition was likely a US weapon, rather than an errant Iranian air defense missile. One of the experts said the weapon may have

simply missed its objective.

"Given the number of bombs that have been dropped, this does occur from time to time even with the most sophisticated guidance systems," said Gareth Collett, a retired British Army brigadier who specialized in counterterrorist bomb disposal and holds a doctorate in explosives engineering.

After the strike, bloody shoes lay amid the rubble, and wedding decorations that are common in that part of Iran were strewn about, the images show.

Two US officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, claimed that the US military had carried out strikes in Kuhestak on Sept. 1, specifically targeting the town's telecommunications tower. That tower is roughly 135 meters from the site

of the wedding celebration, according to satellite imagery. The tower was hit at approximately 9:30 PM local time, according to Iranian media. The incident comes more than six months after a missile destroyed a primary school in Minab on Feb. 28, hours after the start of the US and Israeli attacks on Iran that launched the current conflict. That hit killed more than 175 children and teachers.

The Pentagon has not publicly released the findings of its investigation into the Minab strike, which was the US military's biggest civilian casualty incident in decades. But Reuters first reported on March 5 that an initial, internal US military investigation showed US forces were likely responsible for that strike on the opening day of the war with Iran.

## Araghchi posts sarcastic reply to Jordan FM over Iran's response to US attacks

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Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi challenged Jordan's account of Iran's military response to the United States, asking how long Tehran was expected to wait before responding to an aggressor violating both Iranian and Arab sovereignty.

Araghchi was responding to recent remarks by Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi, who accused Iran of attacking his country and other countries in the region just two hours after the start of the US war on Iran and described Tehran's response as a "premeditated policy", Press TV reported.

"How much time does the Jordanian Foreign Minister believe Iran should wait before responding to an aggressor that respects neither Arab sovereignty nor Iranian sovereignty?" In Araghchi asked Safadi an Arabic-language post on X on Friday.

"And is he truly unaware that Arab airspace, lands, and waters were used in the initial American attacks that resulted in the killing of innocent Iranians?" he added.



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AFP

The exchange followed a series of US strikes on southern Iran on September 1 that killed and wounded dozens of people.

In Hormozgan Province, US missiles struck a residential building in Kouhestak, in Sirik County, where a wedding reception was being held.

At least five people were killed and 68 others wounded. Two children, aged four and 16, and two women were among those killed.

Seven other people were killed and eight wounded in US missile strikes on three locations near the cities of Ahvaz and Aghajari in Khuzestan Province.

Iranian Armed Forces subsequently launched a "crushing" operation against US military bases in Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and Bahrain in retaliation.



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