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## Israel's Operation Rising Lion: 6/18/25 Update

During the ongoing Israel-Iran conflict, JINSA will regularly release updates. JINSA continues to [map Israeli strikes](#) against Iranian targets and [track international responses](#) to Israeli and Iranian operations. The update below includes information as of June 18, 2025 at 10:00 am ET since JINSA's [last release](#).

### 1. Israeli Operations

- In the 24 hours since 5:00pm Israeli time, Israel continued to strike Iranian military targets after destroying a substantial portion of Iran's air defense capabilities.
  - » On June 18, Israel struck the [Khojir missile production facility](#) near Tehran, as well as other sites in Tehran, such as Iran's [internal security headquarters](#); destroyed five Iranian [AH-1 helicopters](#) at the Kermanshah airbase; [struck](#) over 40 Iranian missile infrastructure targets, including storage sites; and [targeted](#) a number of Iranian regime military officers.
    - The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed that the IDF struck two [centrifuge production sites](#), including the Tehran Research Center and the TESA complex in Karaj.
    - The Israeli Air Force bombed [weapons factories](#) that build components for surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles.
  - » On June 17, the Israeli military struck 12 [missile storage and launch sites](#) and 60 Israeli military jets launched strikes targeting [ballistic missile launchers](#) in Iran.
  - » On June 17, Israel indicated that it had [destroyed](#) 70 Iranian air defense batteries since Operation Rising Lion began.
    - In the first 24 hours of the war, Israel [hit](#) 40 Iranian air defense batteries and has destroyed 30 air defense batteries since.
- Since Operation Rising Lion began, Israel has [struck](#) approximately 1,100 Iranian targets, according to Israeli officials.
- Israel's Home Front Command [lifted](#) restrictions on small gatherings throughout the country, a potential signal that the Iranian missile threat to Israel is weakening.

## 2. Iranian Operations

- In the 24 hours since 5:00pm Israeli time, Iran launched 41 ballistic missiles over five waves of attacks and 13 drones at Israel, according to JINSA's [Iran Projectile Tracker](#). Iran has steadily decreased the total number of missiles it has fired at Israel, but by switching to a strategy of launching more waves and supplementing its missile attacks with frequent drone infiltrations, Iran is able to repeatedly disrupt Israeli life.
  - » On June 18, Iran launched 30 ballistic missiles over two waves of attacks and 11 drones, according to data [tracked](#) by JINSA.
  - » During the afternoon and evening of June 17, Iran [launched](#) 11 ballistic missiles during three waves of attacks and three drones at Israel.
- On June 18, the Israeli government [announced](#) that just 35 of roughly 400 Iranian missiles launched at Israel over the course of the war have impacted on Israeli soil.
  - » A total of 24 Israelis have been [killed](#) by Iranian missiles and over 600 Israelis have been injured as of June 18.
  - » Though most missiles have been intercepted, Iran's missile attacks are reportedly having an attritional effect. *The Wall Street Journal* [reported](#) on June 18, citing a U.S. official, that Israel's stockpile of Arrow missile interceptors is running low due to Israel's high rate of interceptor expenditure.
- Since the war began, Iran has [launched](#) roughly 200 drones towards Israel.
  - » Israel's Navy has [intercepted](#) 30 of them, with an interception rate of 100 percent, according to Israeli officials.
- The IDF [confirmed](#) that Iranian forces had shot down an Israeli Air Force Hermes 900 drone over Isfahan.

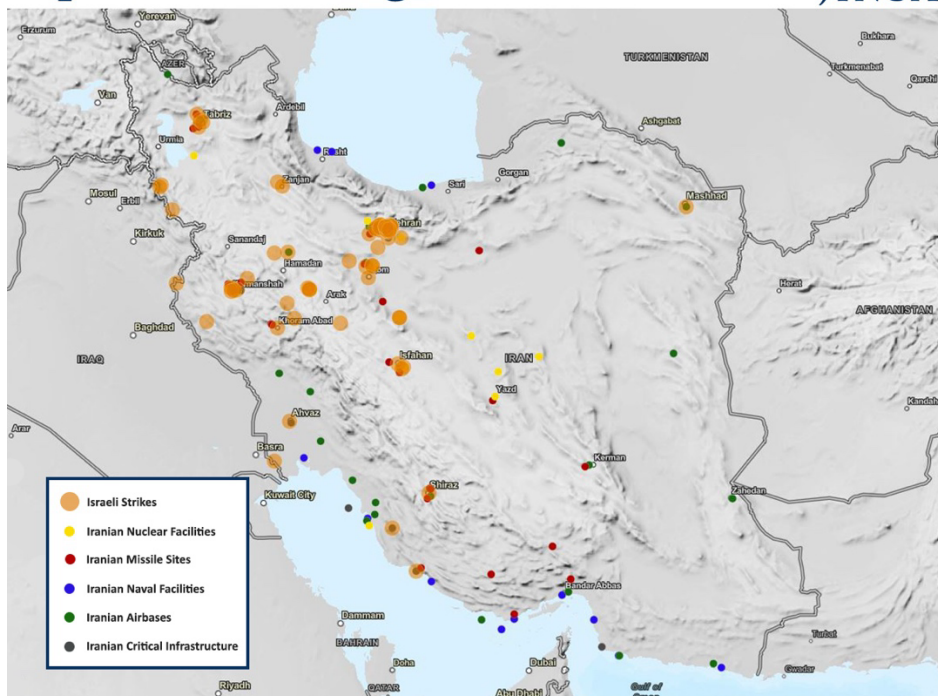
## 3. U.S. and Partner Operations

- The United States continued to transfer military assets closer to the Middle East to boost deterrence.
  - » On June 17, [satellite imagery](#) revealed that U.S. Navy vessels previously moored at the Fifth Fleet's Bahrain headquarters dispersed into open water. This move is likely a precautionary repositioning to protect regional military assets from possible Iranian attack.
  - » On June 17, the United States [moved](#) additional aerial refueling tankers and C-17s to bases in Scotland and Italy.
- On June 18, *CNN* published a [video](#) showing Jordanian air defenses intercepting Iranian rockets over Jordan's airspace.
  - » On June 17, Jordanian helicopters [intercepted](#) an Iranian drone over Jordanian airspace.

## 4. Charts and Trends

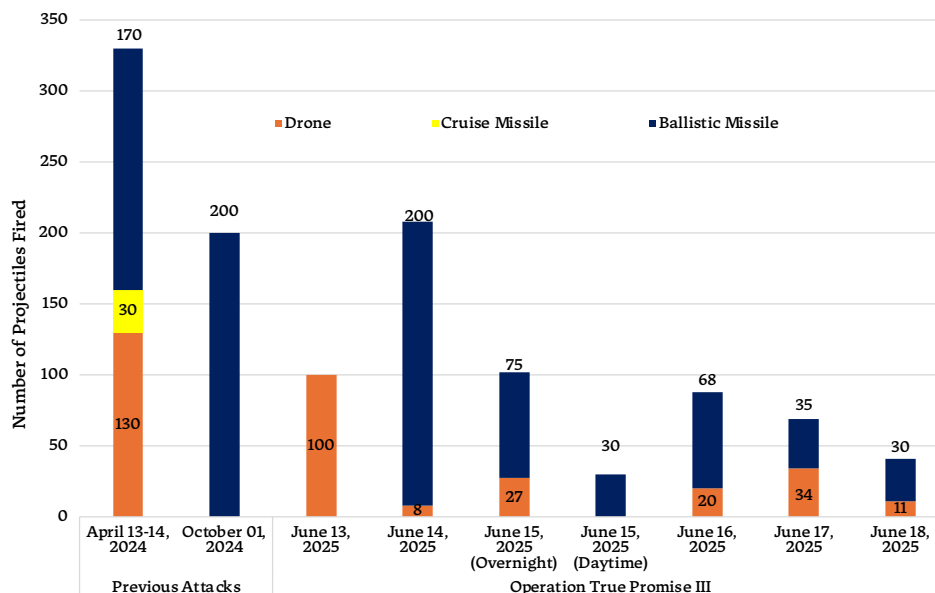
- As JINSA has documented on its [map of Israeli strikes in Iran](#), Israel has struck at least 41 military sites, 12 nuclear sites, 4 energy sites, and 45 leadership targets.

### Mapping Israel's Operation Rising Lion



- So far on June 18, Iran has launched 14 percent fewer ballistic missiles at Israel than it did on June 17, according to JINSA's [Iran Projectile Tracker](#).
  - According to JINSA [data](#), Iran has launched 30 ballistic missiles—the same number that it had launched at this time on June 18—and 11 drones on June 18, compared to a total of 41 ballistic missiles and 34 drones on June 17.

### Projectiles Iran Fired At Israel



- Overnight on June 18, Iran increased the number of ballistic missiles it fired at Israel per wave by 200 percent, according to JINSA’s [Iran Projectile Tracker](#). In recent days, Iran has adopted a strategy of launching a small number of ballistic missiles in successive waves, followed by a much larger number of ballistic missiles in a single wave. This approach, when also supplemented by frequent drone attacks, has enabled Iran to exert repeated pressure on the Israeli population, exhaust Israeli interceptors, and then try to penetrate through Israeli air defenses.
  - » The average number of ballistic missiles per wave largely increased because Iran launched two waves of only three total missiles late on June 17, shortly before launching the larger wave of 20 missiles early on June 18.
  - » Iran launched 20 ballistic missiles during a single wave early on June 18, compared to six ballistic missiles per wave on June 17.

