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Israel's Operation Rising Lion: 6/19/25 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 19, 2025 at 10:00 am ET since JINSA's [last release](#).

1. Israeli Operations

- Overnight on June 19, Israel's military targeted a variety of nuclear and military weapons sites throughout Iran.
 - » The IDF attacked [ballistic missile sites](#) and regime soldiers in western Iran. Israel's Air Force also carried out a drone strike targeting ballistic missiles while they were being moved to their launch site.
 - » In another wave of strikes, which involved 40 fighter aircraft and over 100 munitions, the Israeli Air Force [targeted](#) missile component manufacturing sites, missile storage sites, air defenses, and radars.
 - » The IDF also [conducted](#) airstrikes against two key Iranian nuclear sites: the Natanz enrichment facility and the Arak heavy water reactor.
- During the evening of June 18, Israel struck [20 military and nuclear sites](#) in Tehran, including centrifuge production and research and development sites related to Iran's nuclear program; an [anti-tank missile production facility](#) that supplied weapons to Hezbollah; [surface-to-surface missile launch and storage sites](#) in western Iran; three [AH-1 helicopters](#) at Iran's Kermanshah military base; and sites close to the [National Police headquarters](#) in Tehran.
- Israeli preemption continues to limit Iran's ability to launch ballistic missiles.
 - » An Israeli military official [told](#) Reuters on June 19 that Israel has eliminated an estimated two-thirds of Iran's ballistic missile launchers.
- On June 18, the IDF revealed it has [conducted](#) over 600 aerial refuelings since the war began.
- On June 18, Iranian [TV broadcasts](#) were reportedly hacked with protest videos and messages encouraging the Iranian people to speak out and demonstrate against the regime.

2. Iranian and Proxy Operations

- On June 19, Iran launched roughly 45 ballistic missiles over three waves of attacks, according to JINSA [data](#), and [three drones](#) that reached Israeli territory before being intercepted. With Israel having degraded Iran's missile launch and stockpile capacity, Iran's possible use of cluster munitions in this attack may indicate a shift to using more advanced weaponry to evade Israeli air defenses.
 - » At approximately 4:30 pm Israel time, Israel's *Channel 12* news outlet [reported](#) that Iran launched a missile barrage of up to 15 missiles.
 - » At approximately 7:00 am Israel time, Iran fired around [30 ballistic missiles](#) towards Israel, its single largest barrage since June 16, with one directly hitting the [Soroka Hospital](#) in Beersheba. Missiles impacted in [Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, and Holon](#).
 - Missiles [struck](#) and severely damaged dozens of buildings in Holon and Ramat Gan.
 - Israel's *Channel 12* outlet [reported](#) that 271 people were injured, including four seriously, in the attack.
 - » The IDF [analyzed shrapnel](#) from a missile in the morning barrage that landed in central Israel and indicated it carried multiple munitions or cluster bombs.
 - According to the *Israel Hayom* media outlet, Israeli officials [suspect](#) Iran may have used a Khorramshahr-4 missile in the attack. The missile is reportedly capable of dispersing up to 80 small projectiles the size of artillery munitions.
 - » At approximately 5:00 am Israel time, a barrage of five missiles and a drone were all [intercepted](#). According to Israel's *Channel 12* outlet, U.S. air defenses [intercepted](#) the five missiles.
 - » On June 19, Israel [intercepted](#) an Iranian drone flying over the Jordan Valley.
- During the evening local time on June 18, Iran launched one ballistic missile (on top of the 30 it launched earlier in the day) and at least three drones that reached Israeli territory before being intercepted.
 - » For the first time, Iran [launched](#) a Sejil (2,000 km range) ballistic missile at Israel. Iran likely used this weapon because Israel has degraded the regime's ability to fire from western Iran, forcing it to fire from central Iran and use longer range munitions.
 - Iran's Haj Qassem (1,400-km range), Fattah-1 (1,400-km range), and Kheibar Shekan (1,450-km range) ballistic missiles [cannot reach Israel](#) from locations in central Iran, including Isfahan, from where the regime has attempted to launch in recent days.
 - However, Iran likely maintains substantial missile capabilities against closer targets in the Middle East, including U.S. forces deployed in and near Arab nations in the Persian Gulf.
 - » The Israeli Air Force shot down two [Iranian drones](#) over the Golan Heights in separate attacks.

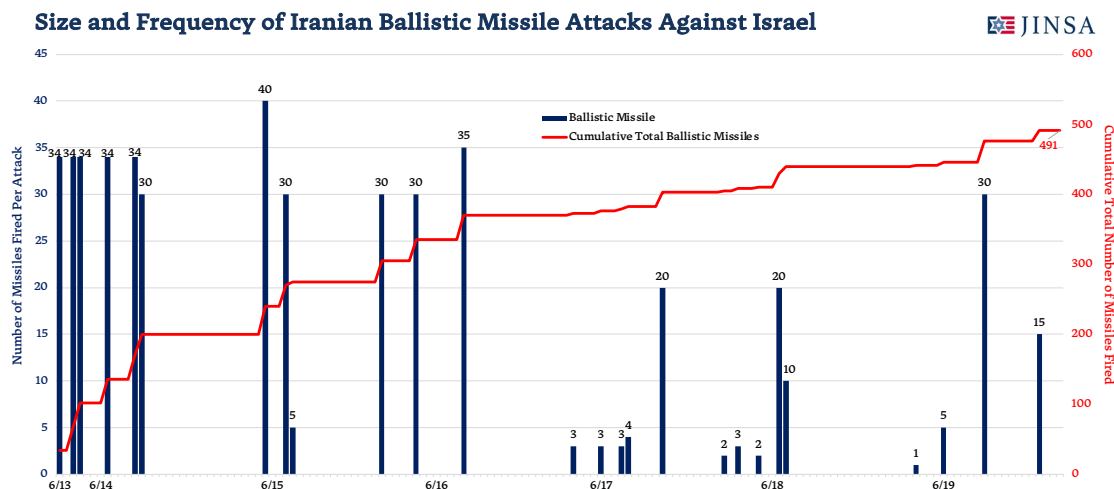
- » Israel's air defenses [intercepted](#) a small barrage of Iranian missiles after sirens sounded in central Israel and Jerusalem.
- » Iran [launched](#) approximately five to seven missiles towards Israel with air defenses intercepting some and the others failing to reach their targets.
- » An Israeli man [sustained](#) minor injuries after an Iranian missile fragment hit his car in central Israel.
- On June 18, the IDF had [indicated](#) that Iran had launched at least 400 missiles and 1,000 drones towards Israel, but only roughly 20 of the missiles had hit civilian areas at that point, according to the Israeli military, and at least 200 drones had reached Israeli territory.
- On June 18, Iran [imposed](#) temporary internet restrictions throughout the country, claiming that these measures were necessary to protect national security interests as Iran fears Israeli cyberattacks.
- On June 18, terrorists in Gaza [launched](#) a rocket towards Israel which landed in an open area close to Nirim.

3. U.S. and Partner Operations

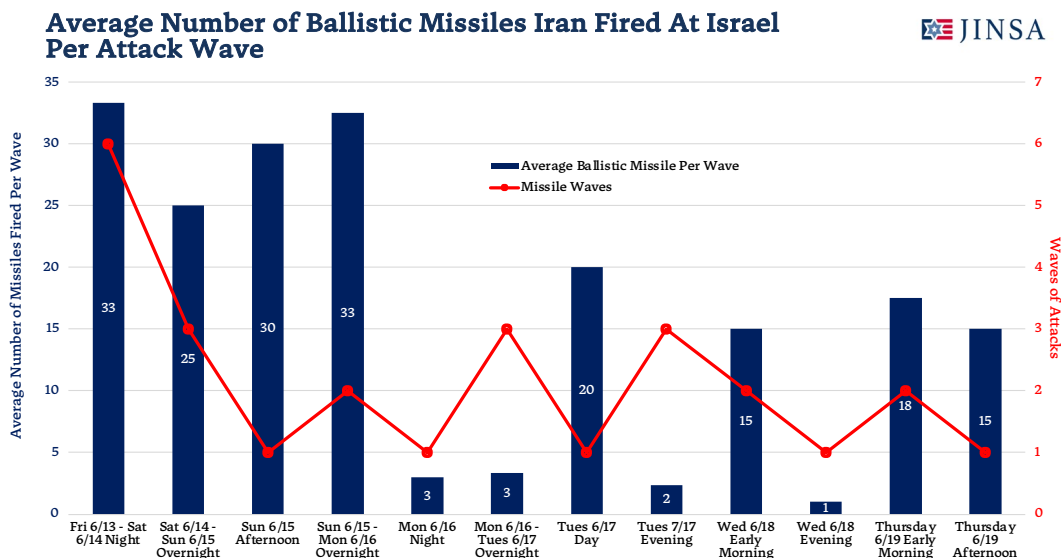
- As the direct conflict between Israel and Iran enters its second week, the United States is steadily reinforcing its regional deterrence posture while considering potential military intervention to pressure Iran.
 - » According to media reports on June 18, President Donald Trump has [approved](#) plans to strike Iran but will not order the strike if Iran is willing to abandon its nuclear weapons program.
 - U.S. officials are reportedly [preparing](#) for a strike to take place as imminently as June 21, with *Bloomberg* citing knowledgeable sources as saying an American military strike could occur over the weekend.
 - » On June 18, *CNN* [reported](#) that the USS *Ford* Carrier Strike Group will carry out its scheduled deployment and sail to Europe next week. The ship could further bolster U.S. posture near Israel alongside the USS *Carl Vinson*, which is already in the Persian Gulf, and the USS *Nimitz*, which is sailing to the Middle East from the South China Sea.
 - » On June 18, the United States began [evacuating](#) American diplomats and their family members from the U.S. embassy in Israel.

4. Charts and Trends

- During the early morning hours of June 19, Iran launched 30 ballistic missiles, its largest ballistic missile attack since June 16.
 - » Iran has launched at least 491 ballistic missiles at Israel since June 13, according to JINSA's [Iran Projectile Tracker](#).



- Iran launched 20 percent more ballistic missiles per wave during the early morning hours of June 19 than it did during the early morning hours of June 18. Iran launched two waves during the early morning hours of both days.
 - » Iran continued its strategy of launching several smaller waves of attacks before launching a much larger barrage, but it launched fewer waves and total missiles, as well as put more time between attacks, during the evening of June 19 compared to the evening of June 18. Iran may have intended this to coax a sense of complacency in Israel before launching a much larger attack or it may reflect its lost missile launch capacity.
 - During the evening of June 18, Iran launched 66 percent fewer attack waves and launched half as many ballistic missiles per wave as it did during the evening of June 17.



- So far on June 19, Iran has launched 50 percent more ballistic missiles at Israel than it did on June 18.
- » Iran has already launched roughly 50 ballistic missiles at Israel on June 19—the most missiles Iran has launched at Israel since June 16—compared to only 31 missiles on June 18.

Projectiles Iran Fired At Israel

