



## Iran War Update: 6/30/26

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President Donald Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 17, outlining terms to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The MOU launches a 60-day period of technical negotiations on Iran's nuclear program. JINSA continues to release regular updates about the conflict. The update below includes information since [JINSA's last update](#) as of June 30 at 10:00 am ET.

Iranian missiles and drones launched since June 14 U.S.-Iran MOU announcement: **At least 30** (0 on June 29–30)

Ships transiting Strait of Hormuz since June 14 MOU announcement: **At least 352** (at least 44 between June 29–30)

- Note: Many ships in the area are transmitting false locations.

### 1. Overview

- U.S. Special Envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner will be in Doha today for meetings with Qatari officials to [discuss](#) talks with Iran and Lebanon, per Qatari Foreign Ministry Spokesman Majed Al Ansari.
  - » Al Ansari told the media that the pair will not be meeting with Iranian officials while in Doha.
- On June 30, *The New York Times* reported that Iran and Oman are [working](#) towards establishing a plan that would require ships traveling through the Strait of Hormuz to pay a transit fee.
- On June 30, *The Jerusalem Post* [reported](#) two incidents in which at least four Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) members were killed during clashes with armed Iranian Kurdish groups in recent days.
- On June 29, Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Special Envoy Steve Witkoff spoke with members of Congress during separate, bipartisan, unclassified [conference calls](#) for both the Senate and House of Representatives.
  - » During the calls, they reportedly reiterated that the Trump administration's objective is to reach a final deal with Iran that bans it from keeping highly enriched uranium.

### 2. Diplomatic Engagement

*Iran*

- Talks in Doha between Qatar and Iran on implementing the U.S.-Iran memorandum of understanding (MOU), including the release of Iran's frozen assets, are [expected](#) to take place on July 1, per Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmail Baghaei.
- Qatari Foreign Ministry Spokesman Majed Al Ansari [shared](#) in a press briefing on June 30 that technical discussions between the United States and Iran are "ongoing" and "haven't stopped."
  - » However, Iranian negotiator Kazem Gharibabadi [told](#) Iranian state-run outlet IRNA, "Technical working group meetings were not scheduled for this week."

### 3. U.S. and Israeli Operations

- The Israeli Ministry of Defense [stated](#) on June 30 that the Iron Dome air defense system has been upgraded after "extensive" testing that evaluated modifications to bolster the Iron Dome's "ability to deal with scenarios simulating existing and future threats, including rockets, cruise missiles, and UAVs."
  - » The Iron Beam, a laser-based air defense system, and the Iron Dome were tested side-by-side in "joint operation scenarios."
  - » The Defense Ministry noted, "The new capabilities demonstrated in the tests constitute a significant step in improving the ability to contend with a wide range of attack scenarios."

#### *Lebanon*

- On June 29, Lebanese state media [reported](#) that Israeli forces conducted an airstrike near Deir Seryan in southern Lebanon.
- On June 29, an explosion [occurred](#) in the town of Arnoun in southern Lebanon where the Israeli military's Commando Brigade was operating, causing severe injuries to a reservist. The incident is currently under investigation.

### 4. Strait of Hormuz Shipping

- On June 30, *The New York Times* [reported](#), citing an Iranian official and four informed diplomats, that Iran and Oman are seeking to collect shipping fees from vessels crossing the Strait of Hormuz.
  - » According to *The New York Times*, a regional diplomat claimed that shipping fees would be entirely optional, but the Iranian official stated they would be mandatory.

### 5. Internal Iranian Dynamics

- *The Jerusalem Post* [reported](#) that in the past few days, members of armed Iranian Kurdish groups have clashed with IRGC forces, killing at least four fighters in two incidents on June 30.
  - » In one instance, Iran's *Tasnim News Agency* reported that "two members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps were killed and two others injured in an 'armed terrorist attack' in the border city of Paveh in Kermanshah province."
  - » In another instance, two police officers were killed at a checkpoint in an attack that left three others injured. However, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that it is "not clear who was behind this attack."
  - » *Iran International*, citing the IRGC Ground Forces, later [reported](#) that "a six-member armed team" died near the northwest border of Iran in what Iranian forces are describing as "sabotage and terrorist operations."

## 6. Estimated Casualties of Iranian Operations

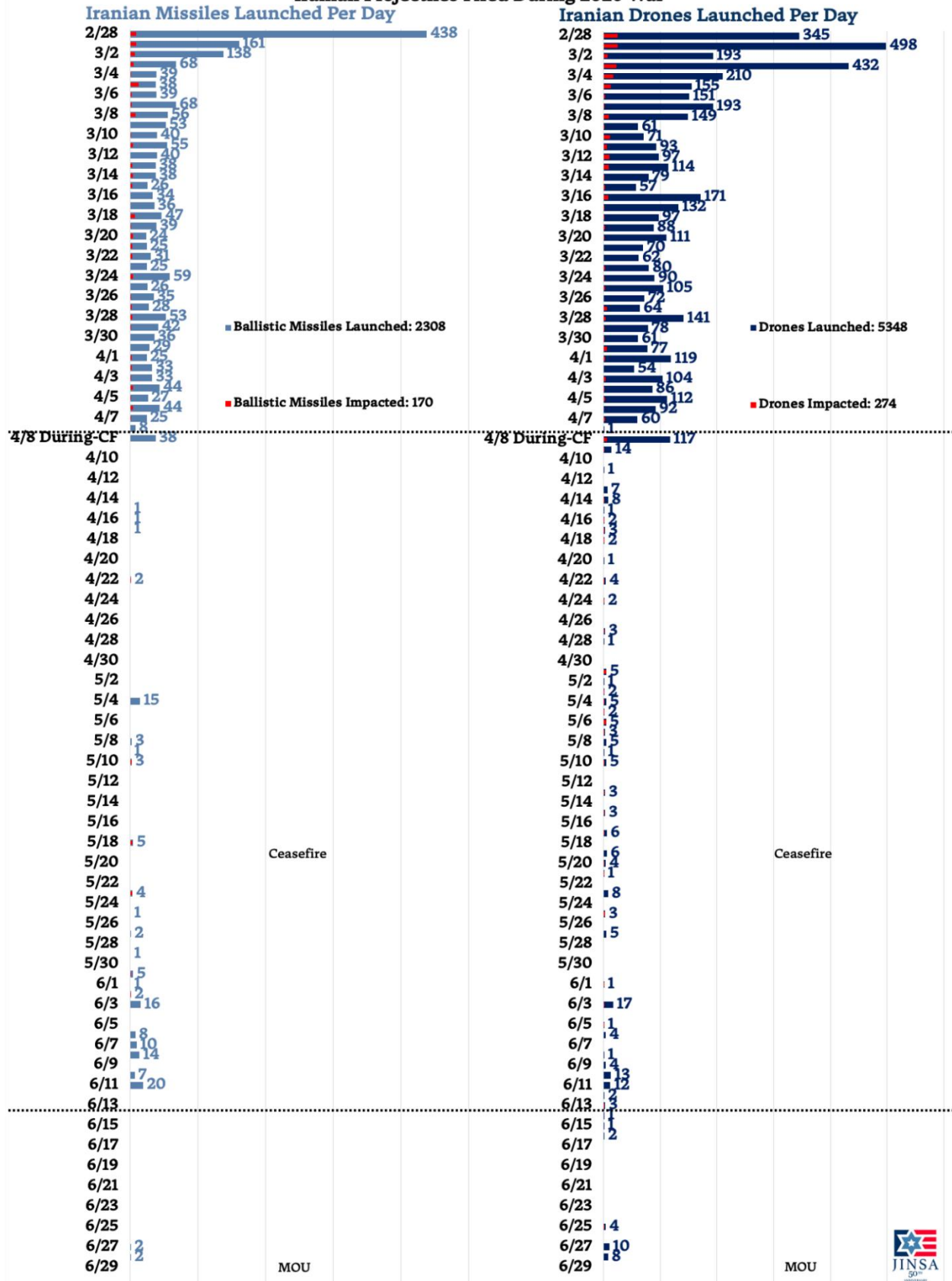
- Thirteen U.S. service members have died during Operation Epic Fury.
  - » An Iranian drone attack [killed](#) six U.S. service members at Port Shuaiba in Kuwait on March 1: Maj. Jeffrey O'Brien, 45; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Robert Marzan, 54; Capt. Cody Khork, 35; Sgt. 1st Class Nicole Amor, 39; Sgt. 1st Class Noah Tietjens, 42; and Sgt. Declan Coady (posthumously promoted from specialist), 20.
  - » A U.S. servicemember, Staff Sgt. Benjamin Pennington (posthumously promoted), 26, was [killed](#) in a March 8 Iranian attack targeting U.S. troops at the Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia.
  - » Six U.S. service members were [killed](#) when a KC-135 aerial refueling aircraft crashed over western Iraq on March 12: Major John A. Klinner, 33; Captain Ariana G. Savino, 31; Technical Sergeant Ashley B. Pruitt, 34; Captain Seth R. Koval, 38; Captain Curtis J. Angst, 30; and Technical Sergeant Tyler H. Simmons, 28.
- At least 400 members of the U.S. military have been [injured](#) thus far in the war.
  - » Ten have been seriously [wounded](#), and at least 354 of the injured have reportedly returned to duty.
  - » At least 15 Americans were [hurt](#) in an Iranian drone strike on Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait on April 6, most of whom were lightly injured.
  - » In the March 27 Iranian attack on a U.S. base in Saudi Arabia, at least 15 U.S. service members were [injured](#), including two who were seriously wounded.
- Since the war began, at least 65 people have been killed in Israel, including [26](#) civilians, while over 7,795 have been [injured](#). At least 39 of these [casualties](#) include 38 Israeli soldiers and one defense contractor killed while fighting Hezbollah.
- Since the war's outbreak, numerous other casualties have been reported:
  - » Iran: At least 3,636 people, including at least 1,221 military personnel, have been [killed](#), with at least 26,500 [wounded](#). *Iran International* reports that over 4,700 security personnel have been [killed](#), including members of the Basij, IRGC, and police forces.
  - » Azerbaijan: Four civilians have been [injured](#).
  - » Bahrain: Three people have [been killed](#), including a [Moroccan contractor](#), and at least 46 people [have been injured](#), including five [Emirati soldiers](#).
  - » Iraq: At least 119 people have been [killed](#), including 20 [people](#) in Iraqi Kurdistan.
  - » Jordan: At least 31 people have [been injured](#).
  - » Kuwait: Two [Kuwaiti navy sailors](#), two [Kuwaiti interior ministry officers](#), two [Kuwaiti civilians](#), and two [Indian nationals](#) have been [killed](#); over 90 Kuwaiti military [personnel have been injured](#), and [over 70 civilians](#), including two [medical staff](#), have been wounded.
  - » Lebanon: At least 4,257 people have been [killed](#), and nearly 12,196 have been wounded—figures that do not distinguish between Hezbollah operatives and civilians.
  - » Oman: At least [three people](#) have been killed, and at least 17 have [been wounded](#).
  - » Qatar: Around 20 people have been [wounded](#), and seven were [killed](#) on March 22 in a helicopter crash in Qatari territorial waters due to a technical issue.
  - » Saudi Arabia: Three people have been killed, including a Saudi [national](#) and two [foreign nationals](#), and at least 23 others [have been injured](#).
  - » Syria: At least four people have been [killed](#) in Syria, and several others have been [injured](#).

» United Arab Emirates: 13 people have been [killed](#), and at least 230 have been injured.

## 7. Threats, Condemnations, and Statements from Iranian Officials

- On June 30, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei [warned](#) against the United States violating the MOU, stating that, “We will not leave any action unanswered. As Iran’s powerful armed forces have demonstrated, any act of aggression against the objectives of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be met with an immediate and decisive response.”
  - » He added, “Such actions would constitute a violation of Article 1 of the memorandum of understanding. Naturally, if such violations are repeated and continue, the continuation of this process will encounter difficulties.”

### Iranian Projectiles Fired During 2026 War



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