



## Iran War Update: 6/9/26

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The United States, Israel, and Iran reached a two-week ceasefire agreement on April 7, which President Donald Trump extended indefinitely on April 21. JINSA continues to release regular updates about the conflict. The update below includes information since [JINSA's last update](#) as of June 9 at 10:00 am ET.

Days left in Israel-Lebanon ceasefire: **21**, following May 15 45-day extension

Iranian missiles and drones launched since ceasefire: **At least 400** (1 on June 8–9)

Hezbollah attacks since ceasefire: **At least 230** (at least 3 between June 8–9)

Ships transiting Strait of Hormuz since ceasefire: **At least 415** (at least 4 between June 5–8)

- Note: Many of these ships are local fast boats, tugboats, or landing craft, not commercial vessels. Numerous ships in the area are also transmitting false locations.

Total blockade-eligible ships disabled or rerouted by U.S. forces: **At least 141** (3 between June 8–June 9)

Total blockade-eligible ships that have evaded the blockade: **0** (none between June 8–June 9)

- Note: JINSA currently assesses, based on its review of Kpler shipping data, that no blockade-eligible ships have evaded the blockade. This new estimate is due to new data released by U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) on June 8, which [indicated](#) that it permitted 42 ships to pass the blockade line for humanitarian reasons.
- Note: The blockade line that the Pentagon announced crosses where the Gulf of Oman opens into the Arabian Sea, beyond the Strait of Hormuz itself. Some of the ships that evaded the blockade are small vessels with limited utility to the Iranian regime.

### 1. Overview

- Overnight local time on June 9, American forces [rescued](#) two U.S. servicemembers after their Apache helicopter went down in the Strait of Hormuz near the coast of Oman. An unmanned surface vessel (USV) [found](#) the crew two hours after the helicopter crashed, the first known case of a USV rescuing troops.
  - » It [remains](#) unclear whether the cause of the incident was Iranian fire, mechanical failure, or another issue.
- President Donald Trump [repeated](#) previous claims to reporters on June 9 that “we’re in the final throes of what will be a very, very good deal,” with Iran, further stating that reaching the deal will take another “two or three days.”

- Speaking to the BBC on June 8, President Trump [disputed](#) that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu conducted retaliatory strikes on Iran the previous day against his wishes. He instead claimed that Israel's missiles "had already gone, they were already on their way." President Trump added, "if I tell him [Netanyahu] to do something, he does it."
- According to *Axios* reporting on June 8, President Trump [warned](#) Prime Minister Netanyahu against escalating Israeli military action against Iran, telling Prime Minister Netanyahu in a call, "you better be careful, or you will be on your own very soon."
  - » Israel had reportedly been preparing for the largest wave of strikes on Iran since the ceasefire was reached in April, targeting dozens of sensitive sites in Iran, according to Israeli officials cited by *Axios*. However, after the call with President Trump, Prime Minister Netanyahu reportedly canceled the strikes.
  - » President Trump told *Axios* that five regional countries asked him to pressure Prime Minister Netanyahu to halt strikes against Iran, stating, "these countries were very concerned. They love the deal that we have been negotiating."
- A F/A-18 Super Hornet from the USS *Abraham Lincoln* [disabled](#) the Palau-flagged oil tanker M/T *Marivex* in the Gulf of Oman on June 8 after it ignored warnings and attempted to transit toward Iran in violation of the U.S. naval blockade.

## 2. Diplomatic Engagement

### *Iran*

- Speaking to CNN on June 9, Israeli Ambassador to the United States Yechiel Leiter [stated](#) that the United States and Israel "have pretty much aligned interests. And here and there, there are some differences of opinion that need to be ironed out."
  - » He added, "If we can end this war where Iran no longer has a nuclear weapons program, no longer has a ballistic missile program that can hold the world hostage and no longer supports its proxies like Hamas and Hezbollah ... then the war will be won, whether it's in two weeks or two hours."
- Vice President J.D. Vance [stated](#) on June 9 that preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon remains Washington's primary objective, while acknowledging that U.S. and Israeli interests may diverge and that Jerusalem "may not like" a potential agreement with Tehran.
  - » Vance argued that a successful deal would include a robust verification regime and said that, if reached, it would be "a home run for the American people."
- Speaking to *Axios* on June 8, President Trump [repeated](#) his claim that the deal with Iran "is going to stop Iran from getting a nuclear weapon and stop enrichment," noting that "We are getting everything we wanted."
  - » He noted that the Iranians reached out to him on June 8, "and said that they are not doing any more attacks and asked us to tell Israel not to do any more attacks."
  - » U.S. and Israeli officials speaking to *Axios* confirmed that President Trump called Prime Minister Netanyahu on June 7, asking that Israel not retaliate against Iran's missile attack.
    - Speaking to the BBC on June 8, President Trump [stated](#) that "All I said [to Prime Minister Netanyahu] was we have to use common sense, we're close to signing a very powerful deal, a very good deal."

### *Lebanon*

- On June 9, the commanders of the Pakistani and Lebanese armed forces [agreed](#) to expand military cooperation and defense ties during talks in Rawalpindi amid ongoing regional diplomatic efforts tied to hostilities in Lebanon and Iran.

- During an interview with CNN on June 8, Lebanese President Joseph Aoun [addressed](#) Israel's government and public, arguing that military action "will never provide you with security and safety," adding that "we are ready, we are willing, we are committed. Are you? If you are, let's sit and talk."
  - » He emphasized that "we are fed up and we want to live in peace," noting that the people of Lebanon "deserve to live in peace and in dignity, they deserve not seeing their homes being destroyed every five to 10 years."
  - » President Aoun also insisted that until Israel and Lebanon reach a non-aggression pact to end hostilities, he refuses to meet Prime Minister Netanyahu.

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

- President Trump [told](#) *Axios* on June 8 that Prime Minister Netanyahu "gave us very late notice" about Israel's retaliatory strikes on June 7 against Iran, stating that "They were already on their way. But eventually I had [the Israeli strike] limited."
  - » An Israeli official speaking to *Axios* shared that Prime Minister Netanyahu and other Israeli officials discussed the targets Israel would strike in Iran with Secretary of State Marco Rubio on June 7.

#### *Iran*

- On June 9, Iran's state television [announced](#) that Israeli strikes on June 8 killed two members of the Iranian army's air defense force.
  - » Iran's state media noted that the two members "attained martyrdom while carrying out their mission of defending the country's skies during yesterday's aggression by the Zionist regime."

#### *Lebanon*

- On June 9, Israel's *Ynet News* outlet [cited](#) an unnamed senior Israeli cabinet official who said, "We ordered the army to maintain the equation we established vis-à-vis Hezbollah, and that will be the test," adding that "Whenever there is fire meant to cross the fence, toward our communities, we will fire at Dahieh, and then we will see what happens in Iran."
- On the morning of June 9, Lebanese media [announced](#) that the Israeli military conducted airstrikes near the city of Tyre in southern Lebanon.
  - » The announcement came after the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) [urged](#) residents of Tyre to evacuate north of the Zahrani River.
    - For the first time, the evacuation warning included the city's Christian neighborhood.
- On the evening of June 8, the Lebanese Red Cross [stated](#) that four of its rescuers were injured in an Israeli strike in front of the organization's center in Tyre.

### 4. Strait of Hormuz Shipping and Blockade Status

- On June 8, CENTCOM [announced](#) that American forces disabled the Palau-flagged oil tanker M/T *Marivex* after it failed to comply with U.S. directives to stop transiting toward an Iranian port in violation of the U.S. naval blockade.
  - » CENTCOM stated that an F/A-18 Super Hornet from the USS *Abraham Lincoln* struck the vessel's engineering and steering spaces with precision munitions, preventing it from continuing to an Iranian port.
- CENTCOM [reported](#) on June 8 that 134 ships in total—an increase of two from JINSA's last update—had complied with U.S. orders to turn back toward Iranian ports since the U.S.

blockade took effect. CENTCOM has disabled seven additional vessels in non-compliance with the U.S. blockade.

## 5. Iranian and Proxy Operations

### *Israel*

- On June 9, Soar Atlas, a digital mapping platform, [posted](#) satellite imagery to X depicting possible damage to a hangar at northern Israel's Ramat David Air Base sustained during an Iranian missile strike on June 7–8.
- Overnight on June 9, Israeli air defenses [intercepted](#) a Houthi drone flying over Eilat in southern Israel.
- On June 9, Israeli troops [shot and killed](#) a gunman from Lebanon who crossed into northern Israel and began firing at Israeli forces in the area of the Ramim Ridge.
  - » The IDF did not report any injuries, but has urged residents living in Misgav Am, Margal-iot, and Manara to stay inside as the Israeli military investigates the incident to ensure no other attackers accompanied the gunman.
- Overnight on June 9, a Hezbollah drone prompted [sirens](#) in the Western Galilee but caused no injuries.
- On June 9, the Shin Bet and Israeli police [announced](#) that Israeli prosecutors are ready to indict Haifa resident Raanan Ohana, who was arrested in May for videoing “sensitive locations” in Israel and sending the film to an Iranian agent from January to March of this year.

### *Iraq*

- On June 8, Iran [launched](#) a drone at a Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (PDKI) opposition facility in Iraqi Kurdistan.

### *Internal Dynamics and Repression*

- On June 9, the Human Rights Activists News Agency (HRANA) [announced](#) that an Iranian court has sentenced 26-year-old Alireza Peyghambari to death after authorities arrested him for participating in the January protests in Iran, charging him with “moharebeh” (enmity against God).
  - » According to HRANA, Iran's Supreme Court is currently reviewing his case.
- On June 9, Iran's judiciary spokesperson, Asghar Jahangir, [announced](#) that Iranian authorities seized over 200 Iranian dissidents' assets, according to Iran International.

## 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. servicemembers 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, Sgt. Benjamin Pennington, 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. servicemembers 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 58 people have been killed in Israel](#), while over 7,795 have been [injured](#). At least 28 of these [casualties](#) include 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, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (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 3,637 people have been [killed](#), and nearly 11,188 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 9, Hezbollah [called](#) on Lebanese authorities to “correct their official relationship” with Iran in a way that serves the interests of both countries.
- On June 9, Hezbollah also [commended](#) Iran’s attacks on Israel following an Israeli strike on Beirut’s southern Dahiyeh suburb on June 7, stating, “The Iranian response came to emphasize that the interest of the stability of the region and its countries lies in exerting every effort to ensure that the agreements are upheld and that the Zionist enemy, before anyone else, adheres to them.”
- On June 8, IRGC Quds Force commander Esmail Qaani [announced](#) that “from the Strait of Hormuz to Bab al-Mandab, and from the Persian Gulf to the Red Sea, a new security belt of the resistance will be formed,” as he commended the Houthis for their attacks targeting Israel.

- » He also noted that the “hostile acts of the Zionist regime and America in this region will draw a reaction from the united resistance front,” adding, “Borderless fighters are overlooking your passage chokepoints. Continue the aggression and they will grab you by the throat.”

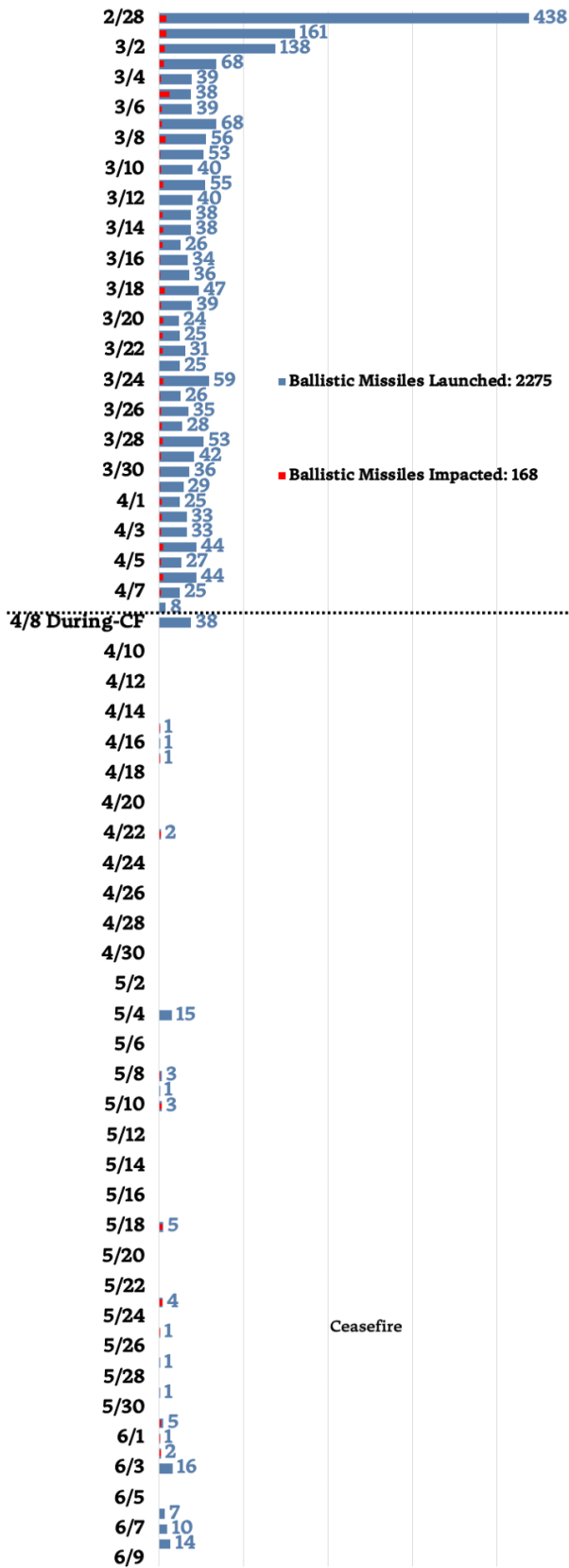
## 8. International Response

- On June 9, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres [wrote](#) on X that he is “deeply alarmed by the renewed escalation in the Middle East,” and that “All attacks must stop immediately.”
  - » He added that “The ceasefires in Lebanon, Iran & Gaza must be fully respected,” and called on “all concerned to work towards diplomatic solutions that advance regional & international peace & security.”
- On June 9, an unnamed European diplomat told *The Times of Israel* that ongoing U.S.-Iran negotiations do not cover Iran’s missile program or regional proxy aggression. The diplomat [opined](#) that if the negotiating teams “have stricken out the missiles [and] they have stricken out the proxies ... we have a complete strategic disaster.”
  - » The diplomat added, “this is dangerous because Iran may retain enough nuclear capability while Hezbollah and other proxies remain active.”

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### Iranian Missiles Launched Per Day



### Iranian Drones Launched Per Day

