



Iran War Update: July 31, 2026

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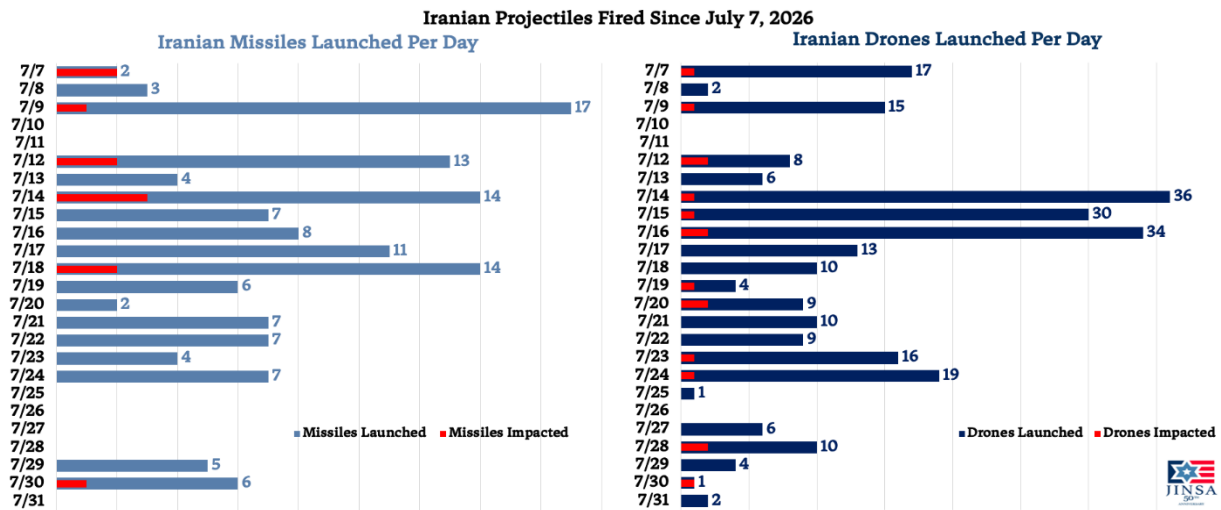
President Donald Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 17, outlining terms to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz over a 60-day period of further negotiations. However, on July 8, President Trump [declared](#) the MOU to be “over,” and both sides have resumed exchanging fire. JINSA continues to release regular updates about the conflict. The update below includes information since [JINSA's last update](#) as of July 31 at 10:00 am ET.

Iranian missiles and drones launched since July 7: **At least 399** (9 between July 30–31)

Brent Crude Oil Price: **[\\$90.35 a barrel](#)** as of **9:31 am ET** ([day range](#): \$86.79–90.47)

1. Overview

- On July 31, *The Telegraph* [reported](#) that President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu discussed a possible land blockade on Iran during their meeting earlier this week.
- President Trump is [convening](#) a cabinet meeting at Camp David on July 31, with the meeting's agenda likely to heavily feature foreign policy, as the president wrestles with finding a resolution to the war in Iran and reducing gasoline prices.
- On July 31, the U.S. Treasury Department [sanctioned](#) six entities and individuals in China, India, Russia, and Iran connected to Iran's Mahan Air, which was designated in 2011 for transporting weapons to Tehran's proxies.
- On July 30, *The Guardian* [reported](#) that Saudi Arabia is preparing to intensify attacks against the Houthis, with preparations including withdrawing from eastern Yemen to concentrate forces, possibly for a land invasion.
 - » Riyadh also announced on July 28 that 14 nations issued a joint statement supporting a multinational coalition to protect shipping in the Red Sea.
- On July 30, *Axios* [reported](#) that Prime Minister Netanyahu confronted Vice President J.D. Vance about his criticism of Israel during their meeting on July 28, with an Israeli official saying it was a “frank and candid conversation” and a U.S. official confirming it was “direct.”



2. U.S. and Israeli Operations

Lebanon

- On July 30, Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Israel Katz [announced](#) that the Israel Defense Forces demolished a Hezbollah subterranean complex underneath Beaufort Ridge in southern Lebanon.

3. Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea Shipping

- On July 30, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) [rejected](#) Iranian claims that the commercial tanker M/T Nora had breached the U.S. blockade, stating that U.S. forces continued to fully enforce the blockade.
- On July 30, the Saudi Defense Ministry [shared](#) that the country had convened 43 states and the European Union (EU) to review the draft charter for the Saudi-led Multinational Maritime Defense Alliance, which would be focused on addressing threats in the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, the Red Sea, and the Gulf of Aden.

4. Iranian and Proxy Operations

- On July 30, CENTCOM [denied](#) claims that Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) missile strikes had destroyed three U.S. F-35s and three other aircraft, stating that no U.S. aircraft were damaged and that all Iranian missiles and drones were intercepted or failed to reach their targets.
- On July 30, the U.S. State Department's Rewards for Justice Program [announced](#) a reward of up to \$15 million for anyone with information on the financial networks of the Kimia Part Sivan Company—an organization that produces drones for Iran's IRGC Quds Force.
- On July 30, *The New York Times* [reported](#) that American officials believe Iranian cybercriminals are responsible for carrying out a major hacking operation this week against 36 municipal water systems in Minnesota.

Cyprus

- On July 31, British police [said](#) they arrested a British-Azerbaijani man in Cyprus for allegedly conducting hostile surveillance of the British air base RAF Akrotiri on behalf of Iran's IRGC.

Egypt

- On July 30, the Iranian-backed Houthis [denied](#) responsibility for the drone strike on a U.S.-owned and -operated gas storage vessel at Egypt's Damietta port, while Egyptian authorities had not publicly attributed the attack.

Iraq

- On July 31, the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran (KDPI) [said](#) Iran launched two drones at one of its bases in Koya, with no casualties reported.

Kuwait

- On the morning of July 31, Kuwaiti forces [intercepted](#) Iranian drones targeting "a number of vital and military facilities," per a statement from the Kuwaiti Army.
 - » Iran's military [announced](#) in a statement that the drone attacks in Kuwait had targeted American assets at the Ahmad al-Jaber Air Base,
- The Chinese Foreign Ministry [announced](#) on July 31 that none of its citizens were injured in the Iranian attack that struck a building occupied by a Chinese-owned company in Kuwait on July 30.

Maritime

- On July 31, the IRGC [claimed](#) that its forces fired at two tankers that were trying to transit the Strait of Hormuz with U.S. aircraft assistance, announcing that the "non-compliant oil tankers... were struck and brought to a halt, while four other oil tankers quickly changed course and returned to their previous positions."

Saudi Arabia

- On July 30, Reuters [reported](#), citing two regional officials, that the Iran-backed, Yemen-based Houthis collaborated with Iraqi militias to fire at Saudi oil facilities from Iraqi territory earlier this week.

5. International Response

- On July 30, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi [spoke](#) with his Bulgarian counterpart, urging her to prohibit U.S. forces from stationing aircraft at a Bulgarian base as part of U.S. operations against Iran.
 - » Araghchi also spoke with his Cypriot counterpart, warning him against permitting foreign bases in Cyprus to support American strikes on Iran.

6. JINSA Resources

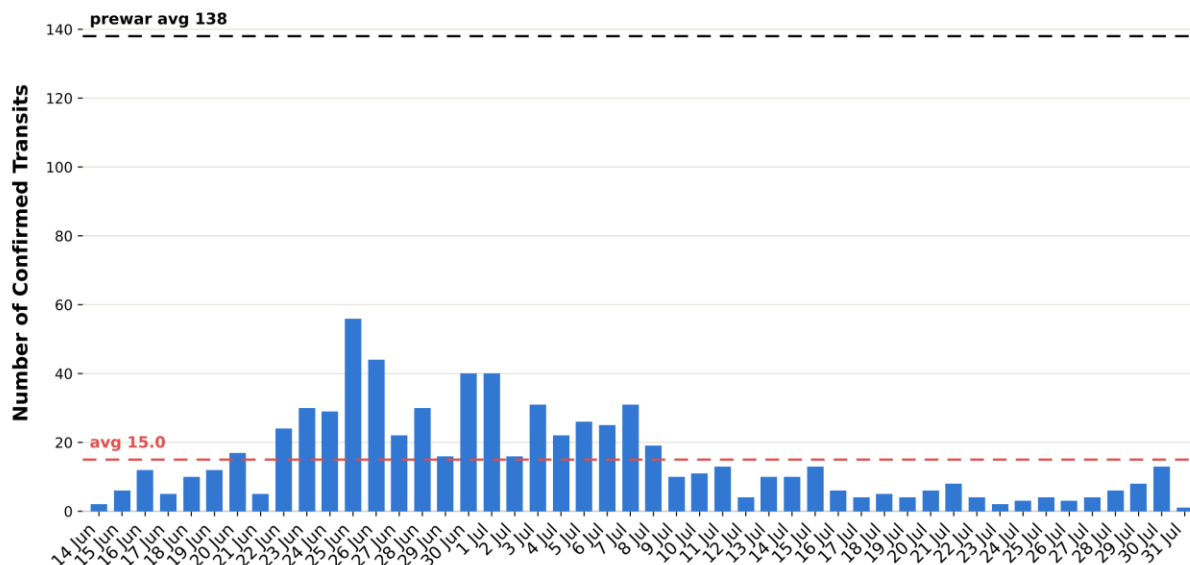
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Estimated Casualties of Iranian Operations			JINSA
Country	Killed	Injured	Notes
United States	18	500+	1 missing; 10 seriously wounded; 100 wounded in July; 358+ returned to duty
Israel	65+	7,795+	Killed include 26 civilians and 39 troops killed fighting Hezbollah (38 soldiers, 1 contractor)
Iran	3,720+	26,580+	Includes 1,221+ military; Iran International reports 4,700+ security personnel killed
Azerbaijan	—	4	All civilians
Bahrain	3	46	Killed include a Moroccan contractor; injured include 5 Emirati soldiers
Iraq	127	Several	Includes 28 in Iraqi Kurdistan
Jordan	—	31+	
Kuwait	8	161+	Injured includes 90 soldiers
Lebanon	4,333	12,236	Figures do not distinguish Hezbollah operatives from civilians
Oman	3+	17+	
Qatar	7	23	Killed occurred in March 22 helicopter crash
Saudi Arabia	3	23	Killed include 1 Saudi national and 2 foreign nationals
Syria	4+	Several	
United Arab Emirates	12	230	
International Waters	10	Several	

Data compiled by JINSA from various sources.

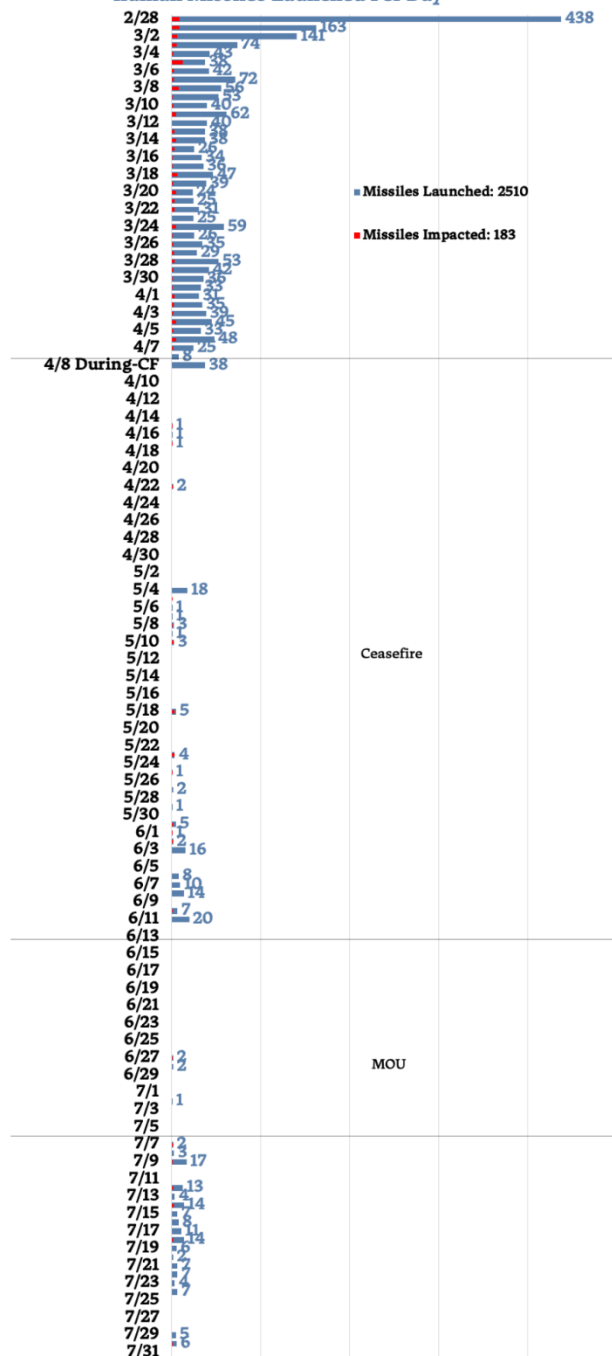
Commercial Ships Transiting Strait of Hormuz Since MOU



Figures derived from Kpler shipping data reviewed by JINSA.

Iranian Projectiles Fired During 2026 War

Iranian Missiles Launched Per Day



Iranian Drones Launched Per Day

