



Iran War Update: August 11–12, 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 August 12 at 10:00 am ET.

Iranian missiles and drones launched since July 7: **At least 422** (7 between August 10–12)

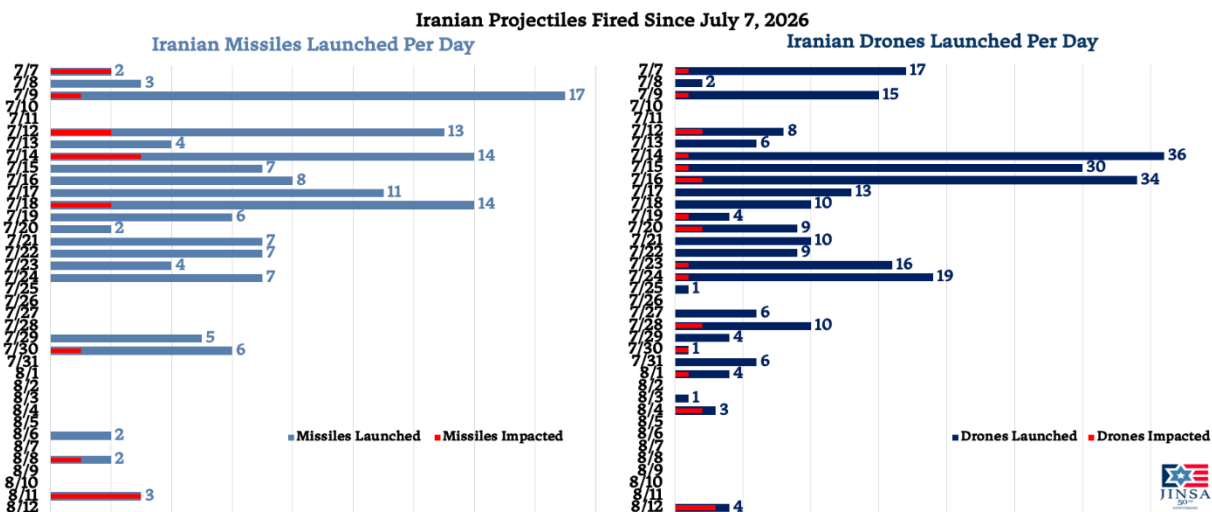
Brent Crude Oil Price: [\\$84.96 a barrel](#) as of 9:00 am ET ([day range](#): \$83.33–\$85.38)

1. Overview

- On August 12, President Donald Trump [told](#) reporters that he “doesn’t trust Iran” because “they’ve lied to me constantly,” while the president also claimed, “we have total control over the Hormuz strait right now ... we own it.”
 - » He added, “at some point maybe they’ll do something and get blown away, but right now we’re in a very good position.”
- On August 11, LTG John Rafferty, commander of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, [revealed](#) that the United States had neutralized 1,200 Iranian missiles and drones since the war began in February, as well as 125 ballistic missiles during the 12-Day War in June 2025.
- On August 11–12, Iran escalated its attacks against Kurdish groups in Iraq by launching at least seven [missiles](#) and [drones](#).
- On August 11, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) [announced](#) that American forces disabled the Panama-flagged cargo vessel M/V *Vela Nova* with two Hellfire missiles after it repeatedly failed to comply with U.S. directives to turn around while attempting to violate the U.S. naval blockade.
- On August 11, the Iran-backed Houthis [attacked](#) the Egyptian-owned cargo ship *Tihamah* in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, killing four crew members and two Yemeni rescuers—the first fatalities from a Houthi attack on commercial shipping since the Iran war began on February 28.
- On August 10, President Trump [wrote](#) on Truth Social, “I see that Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran are asking for compensation for the damage done to them during the last five month Military Conflict (started because, THEY WILL NOT HAVE A NUCLEAR

WEAPON), even though it was never mentioned in any of our negotiations or meetings! But it is an interesting idea because now I am likewise demanding compensation from Iran, for all of the people that they have killed and gravely wounded with their roadside bombs and many conflicts, for which they are famous.”

- *The Washington Post* [reported](#) on August 10 that President Trump secretly flew on an alternative plane to leave the NATO summit in Turkey on July 8, despite the White House indicating he was aboard Air Force One. Due to a threat from Iran, President Trump did not use the Qatari-donated aircraft on which he flew to the summit and instead boarded Air Force One before moving onto a C-32A aircraft by traveling in a catering container.
 - » Secretary of State Marco Rubio, White House staff, security, and reporters flew on Air Force One to leave Turkey, despite the threat, and President Trump later [confirmed](#) that he flew on a separate aircraft.
 - » On August 11, *The New York Times* reported that U.S. intelligence believed Iran knew President Trump’s [exact location](#) while he was in Turkey, including the floor of his hotel room.
 - » That day, *The Wall Street Journal* [reported](#) that Israel provided intelligence about an Iranian place to target President Trump, including possibly by using shoulder-guided missiles.



2. Diplomatic Engagement

Iran

- On August 12, a senior Iranian source [informed](#) Reuters that the United States and Iran have not agreed to extend the June ceasefire between the two countries despite Turkish news reporting an extension.
 - » According to the Iranian source, “There is no talk of an extension because, from Iran’s perspective, there is no period that began and therefore nothing to extend. The United States violated the interim agreement 48 hours after it was reached and withdrew from it a few days later.”
 - » The source also noted that “one of the issues that is being discussed via mediators is the US returning to the interim agreement and defining a timeframe for implementing the commitments. There has been absolutely no progress on this issue.”
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- » He continued, “Compensation should be paid to the families of the hundreds of thousands of innocent protestors that Iran has killed over the last 50 years, not to mention the 52,000 that have been killed in the last five months. I have instructed my representatives to put this firmly into any, and all, future negotiations.”
- » Later, he [added](#) that, “With respect to the Iran negotiations, Iran should be responsible for the damages and death caused to the people of Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Gaza!”

Lebanon

- On August 11, *The Times of Israel* [reported](#) that despite renewed fighting between Israeli forces and Hezbollah in southern Lebanon last week, a U.S. State Department spokesperson is insisting that the diplomatic talks between Israel and Lebanon in Rome were “constructive” and that, “At the next round of technical talks, Lebanon will present detailed roadmaps for securing new areas as implementation proceeds in the current pilot zones.”
 - » The spokesperson added that “we need to work through important details, including who verifies the LAF’s clearance operations. Once those details are clear, the process will move much faster.”
 - » Additionally, the spokesperson noted that, “Both sides face political constraints. We are working through them methodically because shortcuts produce the same failed outcomes we have seen for decades. The direction of travel remains positive, and nobody is dragging their feet on implementation.”

3. U.S. and Israeli Operations

Iran

- On August 11, *The New York Times* [reported](#) that U.S. forces launched approximately 50 Patriot interceptors in a single day at Iranian projectiles, each costing around \$4 million.
 - » The article also noted that the American military retains fewer than 1,700 Patriot interceptor missiles after firing over 1,500 during the war.
- During a meeting in Israel with Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir on August 10, CENTCOM Commander Admiral Brad Cooper [stated](#) that “we achieved the unimaginable together. Our joint achievement is historic,” and “we have a high and enduring commitment to you.”

4. Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea Shipping

- On August 11, CENTCOM [announced](#) that American forces disabled the Panama-flagged M/V *Vela Nova*. According to CENTCOM, the cargo vessel repeatedly failed to comply with U.S. directives while attempting to transit the Gulf of Oman in violation of the U.S. Naval blockade.
 - » CENTCOM stated that a U.S. Navy MH-60 helicopter fired two Hellfire missiles into the vessel’s engine room, thereby disabling it from continuing its voyage.
- On August 11, CENTCOM [reported](#) that U.S. forces have redirected 55 commercial vessels attempting to bypass the Strait of Hormuz blockade, disabled three ships that failed to comply with orders, and boarded two others to enforce compliance.

5. Iranian and Proxy Operations

Iraq

- On August 12, four drones [struck](#) three camps belonging to Iranian Kurdish opposition groups near Erbil, with no casualties reported.
- On August 11, three Iranian missiles [struck](#) a base in the Alana Valley belonging to the Iranian Kurdish opposition group the Komala of the Toilers of Kurdistan. Two of its members were lightly injured.

Maritime

- On August 11, the Iran-backed Houthis [attacked](#) the Egyptian-owned cargo ship *Tihamah* in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, killing four crew members and two Yemeni rescuers. That same day, the Houthis attacked a vessel—without revealing the name—in the Bab el-Mandeb that the group claimed was carrying Saudi military equipment.

Yemen

- On August 11, the Houthis [launched](#) an unspecified number of missiles and drones against the port city of Mokha and the central province of Marib, both of which are held by the internationally recognized government of Yemen.

6. Internal Iranian Dynamics

- On August 10, Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei [announced](#) six senior appointments across Iran's armed forces and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), including Maj. Gen. Ali Abdollahi as chief of staff of the armed forces and Brig. Gen. Ahmad Vahidi as IRGC commander-in-chief.

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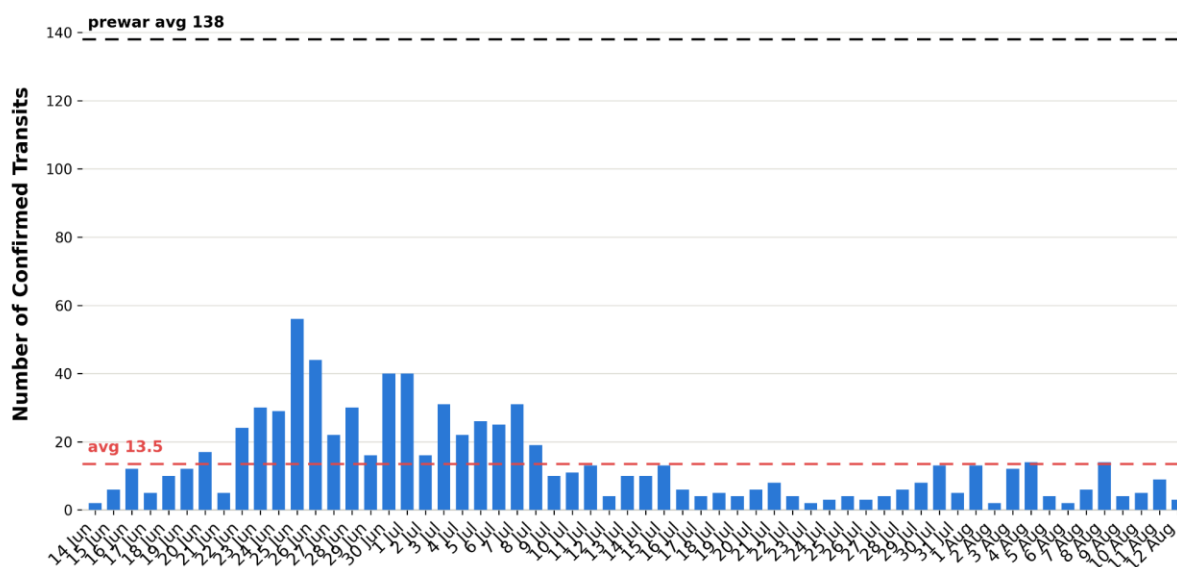
Estimated Casualties of Iran War Operations



Country	Killed	Injured	Notes
United States	18	500+	1 missing; 10 seriously wounded; 100 wounded in July; 358+ returned to duty
Israel	67+	7,795+	Killed include 26 civilians and 41 troops killed fighting Hezbollah (40 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	4,335	12,277	Figures do not distinguish Hezbollah operatives from civilians
Oman	3+	17+	
Qatar	7	23	Killed occurred in March 22 helicopter crash
Saudi Arabia	3	34	Killed include 1 Saudi national and 2 foreign nationals
Syria	4+	Several	
United Arab Emirates	12	230	
International Waters	16	Several	

Data compiled by JINSA from various sources.

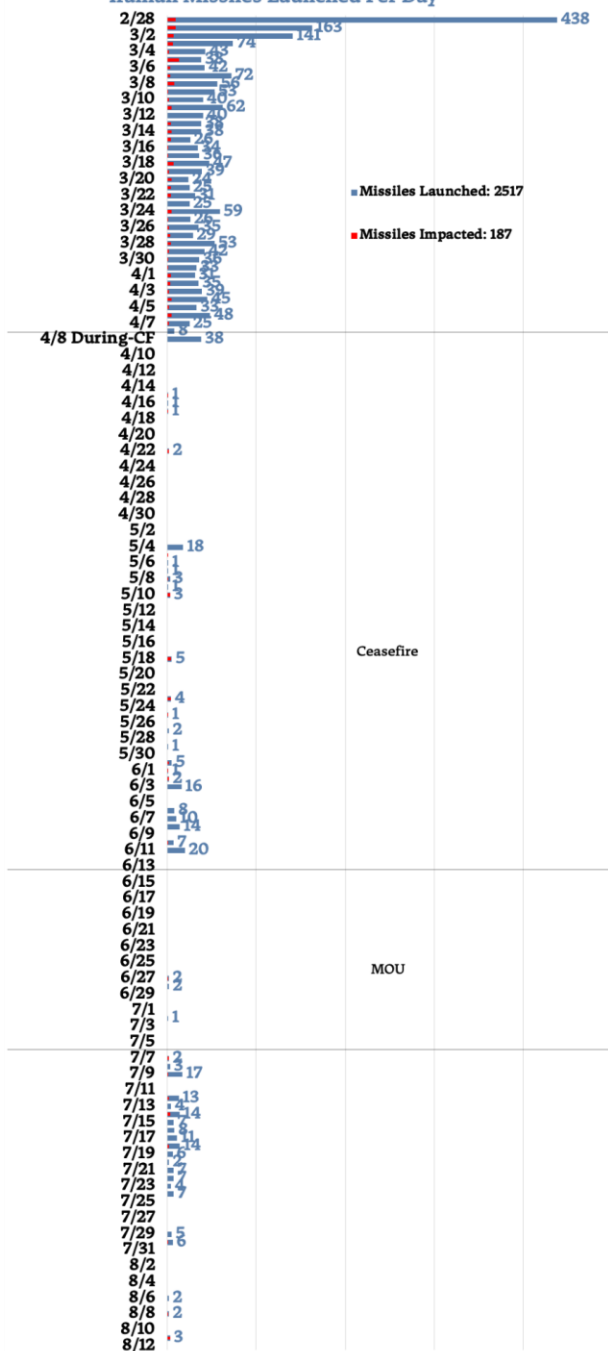
Commercial Ships Transiting Strait of Hormuz Since MOU



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

