



Iran War Update: August 6–7, 2026

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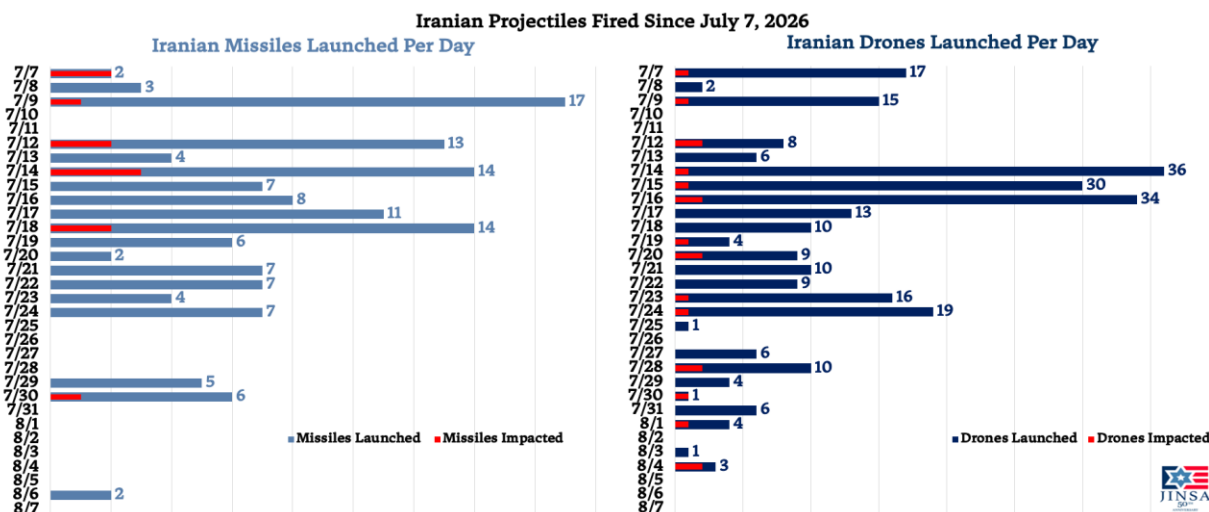
President Donald Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 17, outlining terms to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz over a 60-day period of further negotiations. However, on July 8, President Trump [declared](#) the MOU to be “over,” and both sides have resumed exchanging fire. JINSA continues to re-release regular updates about the conflict. The update below includes information since [JINSA's last update](#) as of August 7 at 10:00 am ET.

Iranian missiles and drones launched since July 7: **At least 413** (2 between August 5–August 7)
Brent Crude Oil Price: [\\$81.71 a barrel](#) as of **9:00 am ET** ([day range](#): \$81.65–84.44)

1. Overview

- On August 7, Reuters [reported](#) that Saudi Arabia expects imminent coordinated attacks by Iran-backed Iraqi militias and the Iranian-backed Houthis, under supervision from the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), targeting energy infrastructure, ports, and airports across the kingdom.
- On August 6, *The Washington Post* [reported](#) that President Trump criticized Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth at Camp David last week, with the president claiming that he had been misled about the severity of U.S. munitions stockpile depletion and that he thought the problem “had been fixed.”
 - » A few hours prior to *The Washington Post*'s article, President Trump [posted](#) that “The U.S. has massive amounts of ‘munitions,’ especially of certain types. Additionally, large amounts are being manufactured and shipped to the U.S. as needed. Defense companies are building the largest number of plants and factories in our country’s history. The “leakers” of these treasonous statements are being hunted down.” After the article was published, President Trump also [posted](#) his support for Secretary Hegseth on Truth Social.
 - » President Trump [told](#) reporters on August 6 that he believes the war with Iran is “going to end pretty soon. I don’t think they can go much longer,” while claiming that “we have certain types of munitions that are very powerful, that we have unlimited, virtual unlimited supply. We have others where it’s a little bit tighter.”
 - » On August 6, *The Wall Street Journal* [reported](#) that President Trump also ordered an investigation into the recent leaks to media outlets about U.S. munitions stockpiles.

- On August 5, *MS NOW* [reported](#) that Oman agreed to a framework of a deal with Iran that would temporarily reopen the Strait of Hormuz by establishing an Iranian-controlled inbound shipping route in the Strait and an outbound route controlled by Oman, without tolls.
 - The deal would reportedly facilitate a new U.S.-Iran ceasefire and the resumption of talks on Iran's nuclear program.
- On August 5, the U.S. Treasury Department [lifted](#) sanctions on the Iraqi Fly Baghdad airline and two of its aircraft, which were previously sanctioned due to ties to the IRGC.
- The seventh round of Israel-Lebanon talks, consisting of parallel legal, political, and military tracks, [concluded](#) on August 6 after three days of discussions.



2. Diplomatic Engagement

- In an interview with *Fox News* on August 6, Vice President JD Vance [refuted reports](#) of being confronted by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about his criticism of Israel. Vice President Vance added that “we had a nice and frank conversation.”
 - Vice President Vance referred to Israel as a “great partner,” though he added that “the simple reality is that my job is to pursue the interests of no other nation on earth except for the United States of America. So when our interests are aligned with Israel, we talk about how to accomplish those shared objectives.”

Iran

- On August 5, Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei [announced](#) that an understanding was reached with Oman on the coordinates of a shipping corridor in the Strait of Hormuz.
 - Baghaei added that, if third parties do not interfere with negotiations, a joint Iranian-Omani statement outlining the key considerations and points of understanding is in the last stages of drafting and review.

Lebanon

- The seventh round of Israel-Lebanon talks concluded on August 6, with the U.S. State Department Spokesman [stating](#) that “the two sides are a lot closer on what needs to be done to advance and expand the pilot zone process.”
 - Haaretz* [reported](#) on August 6 that Israel has rejected the expansion of pilot zones in Lebanon prior to inspections verifying that Hezbollah fighters do not remain in territory where Israeli forces have already withdrawn.

- Israel and Lebanon have not reached an agreement on which parties would supervise the pilot zones' progress.
- After negotiations between Israeli and Lebanese officials [ended early](#) on August 5, an Israeli official told *The Times of Israel* that Israeli Ambassador to the United States Yechiel Leiter had accused Lebanon's delegation of leaking misleading statements to the Lebanese press.
 - » U.S. officials later [claimed](#) that the talks ended early not because of leaks to the media but because of "events on the ground."
 - » According to reporting from the Lebanese *Al Akhbar* outlet cited by *The Times of Israel*, on August 5, U.S. mediators [shared](#) with their counterparts from Beirut that the United States does not plan to pressure Israel to more rapidly withdraw from Lebanon. Instead, the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) must clearly move to enforce the disarmament of Hezbollah, in order to facilitate the expansion and acceleration of pilot zones.

3. U.S. and Israeli Operations

- White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavett [responded](#) to questions from *Washington Post* reporters about President Trump criticizing Secretary of Defense Hegseth for the U.S. munitions shortage by claiming it was "100% fake news. Literally never happened. And President Trump has the utmost confidence in Secretary Hegseth."
 - » *The Washington Post's* report indicated that Secretary Hegseth blamed Deputy Secretary of Defense Stephen Feinberg.

Lebanon

- Lebanese media [reported](#) that overnight on August 5–6, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) carried out strikes and shelled the town of Mansouri, in addition to shelling the town of Majdal Zoun and striking Burj al-Shamali in southern Lebanon.
 - » The IDF [confirmed](#) launching strikes in Majdal Zoun, claiming its forces targeted Hezbollah command centers and weapon depots.
 - » The strikes and shelling come after a Hezbollah bomb in Majdal Zoun exploded on August 5, killing two Israeli soldiers and wounding four others.

4. Iranian and Proxy Operations

Lebanon

- On August 5, an explosive device [detonated](#) as Israeli troops entered a building in Majdal Zoun, southern Lebanon, during an operation to demolish Hezbollah infrastructure, killing two IDF reservists and seriously wounding four others.
 - » The two soldiers killed were Maj. (res.) Harel Birenstock, 34, a company commander, and Sgt. Maj. (res.) Tamir Vaknin, 33, both from the 2855th Battalion of the 55th Paratroopers Brigade.

Maritime

- On August 5, the Iran-backed Houthis [claimed](#) they launched missile attacks against two Saudi oil tankers, one near the Red Sea port of Yanbu and another in the Gulf of Aden. Saudi Arabia has yet to confirm either attack.
- The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Center [reported](#) on August 5 that a tanker reported two explosions near the vessel. The incident occurred in the Strait of Hormuz roughly nine nautical miles southeast of Kumzar, Oman.

Saudi Arabia

- On August 7, Reuters [reported](#), citing a senior Saudi official, that Riyadh expected imminent coordinated attacks by Iran-backed Iraqi militias and Yemen's Houthis, under IRGC supervision, targeting the kingdom from the north and south. The official said potential targets included energy infrastructure, ports, and airports.
- On August 7, the Houthis [launched](#) an attack on the Najran area of southern Saudi Arabia, injuring 11 civilians, including a 4-year-old child.

Yemen

- On August 7, Houthi forces [shelled](#) several residential areas and camps for displaced people in the Yemeni city of Marib, killing two civilians and injuring 14 others.
- On August 6, Houthi forces [killed](#) at least 58 troops in Yemen's Saudi-backed, internationally recognized government during a ballistic missile and drone attack on their [military camps](#) in the Marib and Hadramout provinces.

5. Threats, Condemnations, and Statements from Iranian and Proxy Officials

- On August 5, Reuters [reported](#), citing five regional sources, that Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi conveyed to Pakistan's army chief, as well as his Qatari, Saudi, and Turkish counterparts, that Iran will strike Gulf states again if the United States targets Iranian infrastructure, but that he is hoping to seek a diplomatic path to prevent more escalation.
 - » According to one senior diplomat, Araghchi called on the Gulf countries to talk President Trump down from ordering more strikes, but that Iran is "ready to retaliate" if provoked.
 - » According to Reuters reporting on August 6, Iran had explicitly [threatened](#) to target Gulf oil, power, and water infrastructure following President Trump's July 28 threat to hit Iranian energy infrastructure.

6. International Response

- According to Reuters, leaders from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey are [set](#) to sign a joint defense agreement on August 7 in Saudi Arabia.
 - » Saudi Arabia's Deputy Minister for Public Diplomacy Rayed Krimly [posted](#) to X, writing, "The agreement does not represent an effort to establish a military axis or a sectarian bloc. Nor is it linked to any nuclear ambitions or arms race, rather it is focused on building sustainable capabilities."
- On August 6, a Kuwaiti education ministry source [told](#) Agence France-Presse that Kuwait's government has ordered the closure of the country's only private Iranian school after months of Iranian strikes on the Gulf country.

7. JINSA Resources

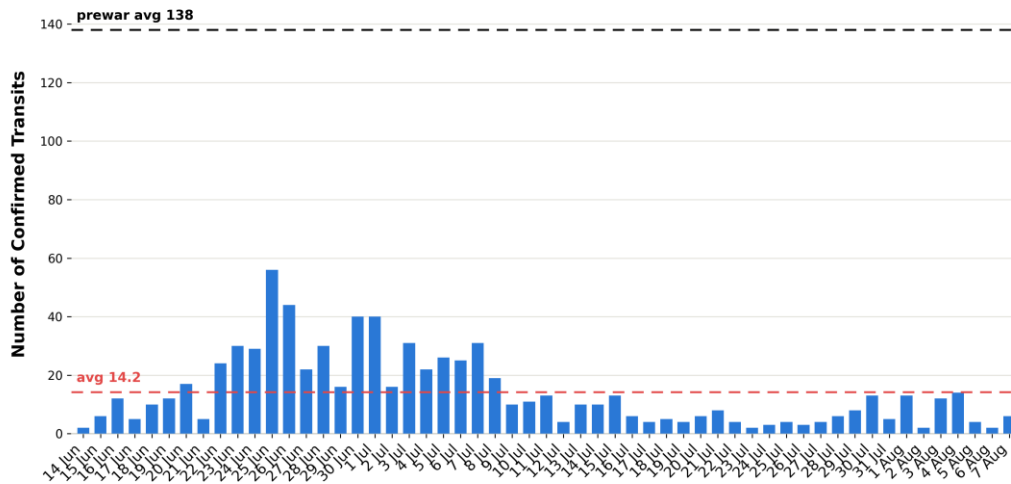
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Estimated Casualties of Iran War Operations			JINSA
Country	Killed	Injured	Notes
United States	18	500+	1 missing; 10 seriously wounded; 100 wounded in July; 358+ returned to duty
Israel	67+	7,795+	Killed include 26 civilians and 41 troops killed fighting 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	4,333	12,250	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	10	Several	

Data compiled by JINSA from various sources.

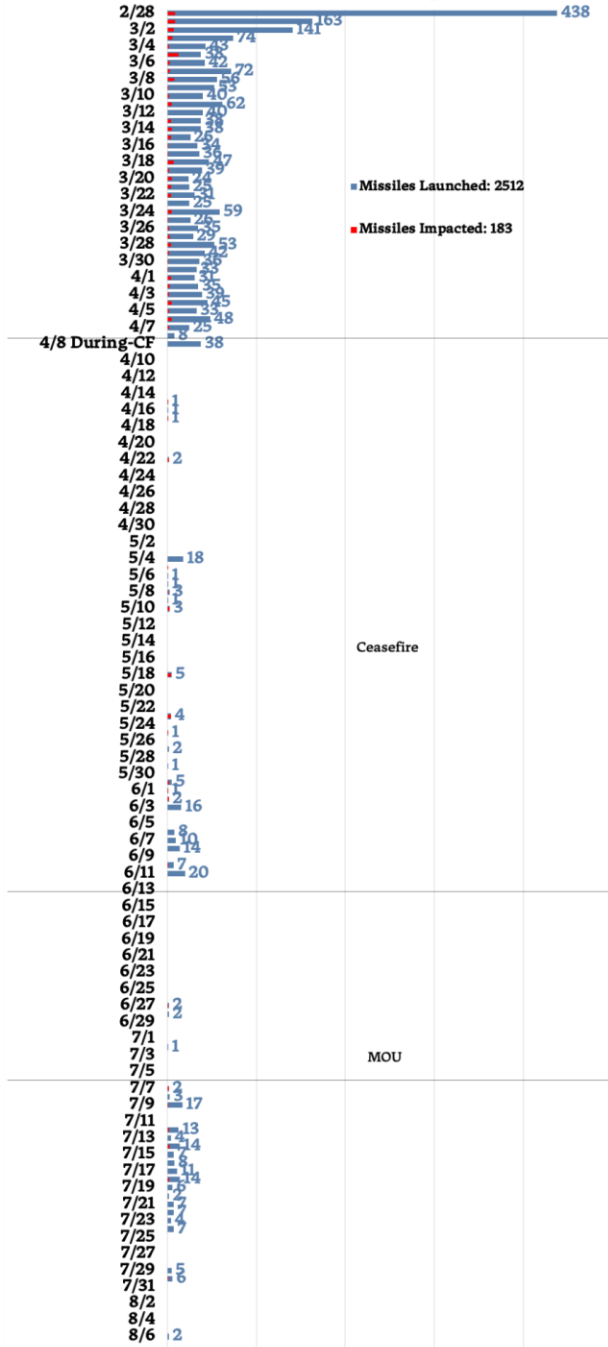
Commercial Ships Transiting Strait of Hormuz Since MOU



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

