



Iran War Update: October 6–7, 2026

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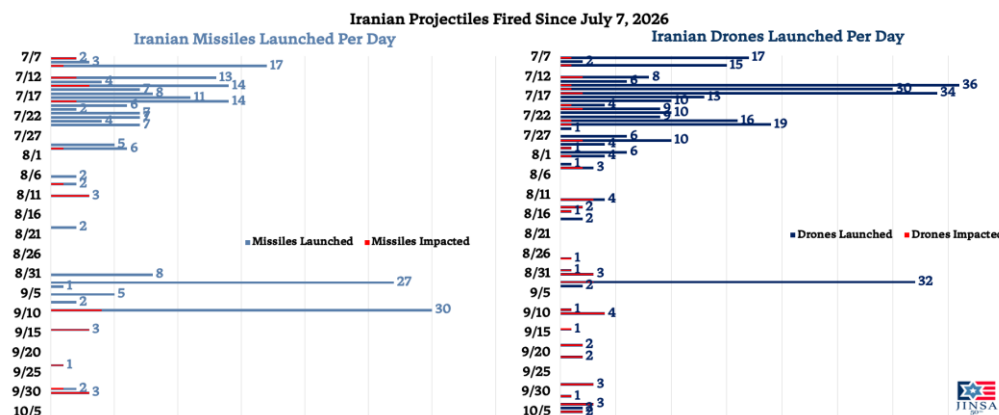
President Donald Trump and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian signed a now-expired Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on June 17, outlining terms to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz over a 60-day period of further negotiations. However, on July 8, President Trump [declared](#) the MOU to be “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 October 7 at 9:45 am ET.

Iranian missiles and drones launched since July 7: **At least 571** (0 on October 6–7)

Brent Crude Oil Price: **\$101.51 a barrel** as of **9:00 am ET** ([day range](#): \$100.76–102.35)

1. Overview

- Speaking on October 6, President Donald Trump [stated](#) that Iran’s “second group of leaders are gone, and the biggest problem I have is nobody knows who the hell is running the country.”
- In an interview with Reuters on October 5, Vice President JD Vance appeared to [scale back](#) U.S. demands by stating that the United States is open to reaching a deal with Iran if it does “something meaningful on their enrichment capacity” and not “build highly enriched fuel,” without [suggesting](#) Iran fully give up enrichment.
 - » He also stated that “we’re not going to trade words for actions,” and “one of the things we picked up on is it’s not totally clear how their country makes decisions.”
- On October 5, Saudi-led coalition forces in Yemen [recaptured](#) the key towns of Mocha and Dhubab along the country’s Red Sea Coast after the Houthis seized the strategic locations in mid-September.



2. Diplomatic Engagement

Iran

- On October 6, Qatari foreign ministry official Ibrahim Al-Hashmi [stated](#) that indirect U.S.-Iran “talks are continuing and the exchange of messages between different parties are continuing via Qatar and its regional partners.”

3. U.S., Israeli, and Arab Partner Operations

Iran

- On October 5, the Treasury Department [warned](#) foreign financial institutions that they could face U.S. sanctions without advance notice if they continued conducting transactions with sanctioned Iranian financial institutions.

Yemen

- On October 7, Houthi-affiliated media [claimed](#) that Saudi forces launched a strike in Yemen’s Ibb and Taiz governorates, but the Saudi-led coalition has yet to confirm the attack.
- On October 5, the Saudi-led coalition’s naval forces [launched](#) a military operation in Yemen’s Hodeidah governorate against Houthi fighters in the area.
 - » According to the coalition’s spokesman, Turki al-Malki, the operation [involved](#) “destroying weapons depots, facilities storing booby-trapped boats and naval mines,” and that the coalition’s forces “thwarted a planned attack” to target the Red Sea.
- On October 5, Saudi-led coalition forces in Yemen [reclaimed](#) the port city of Mocha, as well the town of Dhubab along the Red Sea, after the Houthis captured both locations in mid-September.

4. Iranian and Proxy Operations

- According to an October 6 report from the Institute for Science and International Security, satellite imagery has [revealed](#) a significant resurgence of activity at Minzadayi, an Iranian nuclear weapons facility that Israel struck in March of this year.
- According to a new report from the Congressional Research Service (CRS) [published](#) on October 5, at least 81 American military aircraft, including helicopters, drones, and planes, were lost or damaged during the Iran war, costing as much as \$3.3 billion.

Maritime

- On October 5, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Center [reported](#) that a tanker transiting the Strait of Hormuz was struck by an unidentified projectile, sparking a fire in its engine room. No casualties were reported.
- In a separate incident on October 5, UKMTO also [reported](#) an oil tanker transiting outbound through the Strait of Hormuz was struck by an unidentified projectile.

Outside the Middle East

- CBS News [reported](#) on October 7 that the Trump administration thinks the aim of Iran-linked threats to the British RAF Fairford Airbase was to cause maximum casualties to U.S. forces at the base and destroy the greatest possible number of American aircraft there, according to an American official.

Saudi Arabia

- On October 7, Saudi-led coalition forces [shot down](#) a Houthi ballistic missile targeting Khamis Mushait in southern Saudi Arabia.

- On October 6, the Houthis [announced](#) that their fighters carried out a drone and missile attack on Saudi Arabia, striking Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport, the Aramco refinery in Rabigh, and other military targets in the country's south.
- On October 5, three people [sustained](#) injuries after the Houthis carried out attacks on Jazan's King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Airport and Najran International Airport in Saudi Arabia.

Yemen

- On October 7, the Houthis [fired](#) two missiles at Aden International Airport without causing any injuries, according to the city's security department.

5. Internal Iranian Dynamics

- On October 7, *Iran International* [reported](#), based on leaked internal records, that U.S.-sanctioned Bank Parsian used its foreign-exchange arm, Parsian Exchange, to facilitate millions of dollars in overseas payments through intermediaries, obscuring the Iranian origin of payments between November 2022 and May 2023.

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

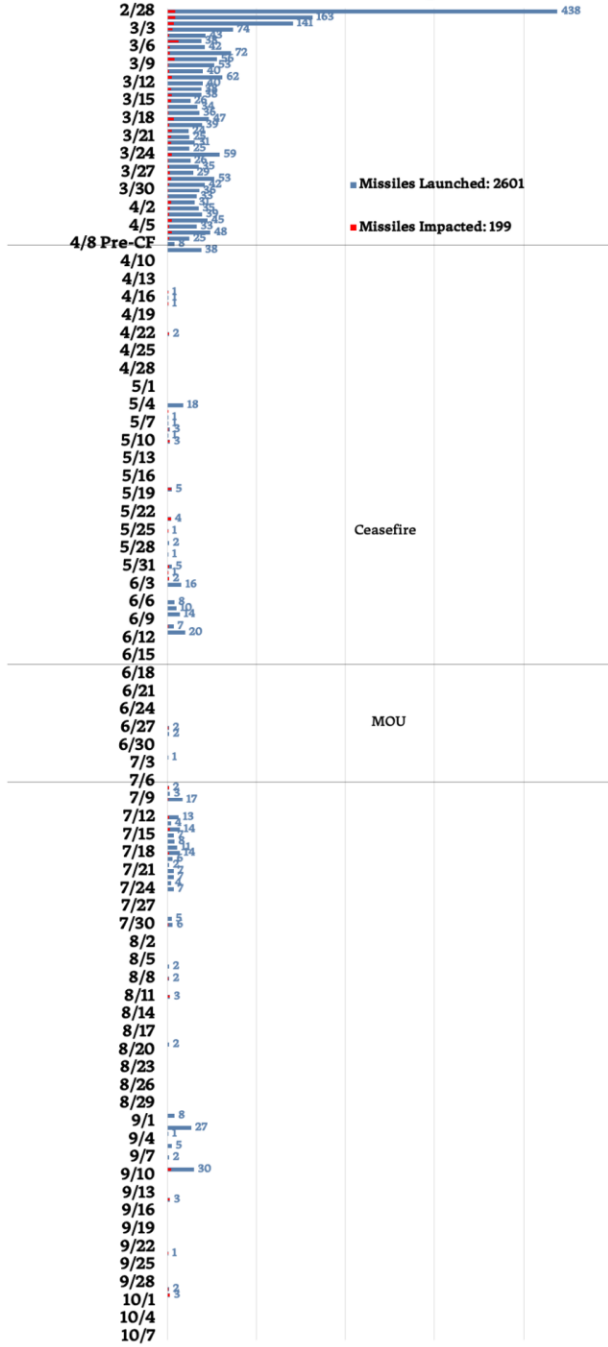
- On October 7, senior Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) adviser Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Naqdi [refuted](#) Secretary of State Marco Rubio's claims that Iran has "lost complete control" over the Strait of Hormuz, insisting that Tehran maintains control and that it would continue blocking the strait until the United States meets the regime's "legitimate demands."
 - » He also warned that the IRGC would soon block "illegal routes" in the waterway.

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- Ari Cicurel and Jonah Brody, [All Is Not Quiet on the Houthi Front](#), September 11, 2026
- Michael Makovsky, PhD, [Why Iran Fears Israel, But Not America](#), September 9, 2026
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Iranian Projectiles Fired During 2026 War

Iranian Missiles Launched Per Day



Iranian Drones Launched Per Day

