



Iran fires missiles at US base in Qatar

Explosions heard over Doha as air defences intercept those; no casualties, damage reported; Trump floats 'regime change' idea



ISRAEL-IRAN WAR

ME countries shut airspace, disrupting flights

US says no other bases came under attack

Putin says US strikes on Iran 'unjustified'

Concerns grow as Iran mulls closing Strait of Hormuz



EXPLOSIONS HEARD ACROSS DOHA



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Iran's military said it carried out a missile attack on the Al Udeid US airbase in Qatar yesterday after explosions were heard across the Qatari capital following Tehran's threat to retaliate for US airstrikes on its nuclear sites.

The Iranian military said the attack was "devastating and powerful", but US officials said no US personnel were killed or injured in the attack on the airbase, the largest US military installation in the Middle East.

Iran, which had been warned by Washington not to retaliate or face massive US military action, had informed the US via two diplomatic channels hours ahead of the attack, as well as Qatari authorities, a senior regional source told Reuters.

Reuters

Qatar's defence minister told Al Jazeera its air defences had intercepted missiles directed at the Al Udeid air base, the largest US military installation in the Middle East.

Iran had issued threats to retaliate against the United States after US bombers dropped 30,000-pound bunker-busters on Iranian underground nuclear facilities over the weekend, joining Israel's air war against Tehran, and President Donald Trump mooted the possibility of the Iranian government being toppled.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates yesterday condemned the attacks against Qatar calling it 'unacceptable'.

The attack came shortly after a Western diplomat told Reuters there had been a credible threat to a US military base in the Gulf state following the unprecedented US airstrikes on Iran's uranium enrichment programme.

A source familiar with the matter told Reuters that Qatar, situated just across the Gulf from Iran, had shut its airspace after receiving the advance warning from Iran.

Bahrain, another US allied Gulf Arab state just to the north of Qatar, said it had also shut its airspace after the Iranian strike against the Al Udeid base. Kuwait also did the same causing flight disruptions.

In addition, the US Ain al-Asad air base in Iraq had activated its air defence system out of concern for a potential attack, military sources said.

The main US military base in Iraq's

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DENGUE OUTBREAK Patients from outside swarm city hospitals

Highest single-day hospitalisations recorded yesterday; 2 more dead

HELEMUL ALAM and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Mohammad Mizan, 38, from Juranpur in Cumilla's Daudkandi upazila, has been undergoing treatment for dengue at the Tropical Medicine Ward of Dhaka Medical College Hospital since Friday.

Though initially treated at home after being diagnosed on Tuesday, he was rushed to DMCH when his platelet

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IMF approves \$1.3b in loans Unlocks fourth, fifth tranches together

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The executive board of the International Monetary Fund yesterday approved the fourth and fifth instalments of its loan for Bangladesh, a top-up of the original \$4.7 billion credit by about \$800 million with a six-month extension.

Following the approval, Bangladesh has received about \$1.3 billion from the IMF, the first disbursement under the country's interim government.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur confirmed the IMF approval in a text message to The Daily Star. "Certainly. The meeting was over a few hours ago as confirmed by the IMF

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