



## Saudi Arabia, UAE and Qatar to strike Iran soon, Western officials believe

March 5, 2026 *ynetnews.com* reported: “Western diplomats assess that Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and likely Qatar are very close to joining the strikes against Iran, even if only in a limited or symbolic capacity. Earlier today, reports said Qatar had attacked Iran.

A spokesperson for Qatar’s Foreign Ministry said in response that ‘Qatar was not part of the campaign directed against Iran. We are exercising our right to self-defense and deterring Iranian attacks against our country.’

Meanwhile, *Reuters* reported that Iranian missile and airstrikes on Gulf states — including attacks on ports, cities and oil facilities — could push the region’s Sunni Arab states into a broader coalition aligned with the United States, widening the war. Analysts said Tehran may have miscalculated by targeting the economic lifelines of six Gulf Cooperation Council countries, all U.S. allies that host American military bases...”

## On Iranian TV, cleric calls for ‘shedding’ of blood from Israelis and Trump

March 5, 2026 *timesofisrael.com* reported: “Iranian state television aired a message Thursday from an ayatollah in Iran calling for the ‘shedding’ of blood from Israelis and US President Donald Trump, as the Islamic Republic continued to threaten revenge and repercussions for the war being waged against it by the US and Israel.

The message from Ayatollah Abdollah Javadi Amoli represented one of the few clerical statements coming from Iran as it faces a combined airstrike campaign from the two countries.



Ayatollah Abdollah Javadi Amoli

‘We are now on the verge of a great test and we must be careful to fully preserve this unity, to fully preserve this alliance,’ he said in the statement. He called for ‘the shedding of Zionist blood, the shedding of Trump’s blood.’

‘The imam of the time says, ‘Fight the oppressive America, his blood is on my shoulders,’’ the ayatollah added...”

## Ali Khamenei’s son chosen as successor

March 4, 2026 *israelnationalnews.com* reported: “Iran’s Assembly of Experts has selected Mojtaba Khamenei, the son of Ali Khamenei who was eliminated in US-Israeli strikes, as the next Supreme Leader of Iran, according to a report by *Iran International* on Tuesday evening.

According to the report, Mojtaba’s selection was made under heavy pressure from the Revolutionary Guards. Mojtaba, 56, lost his wife in the strike in which his father was eliminated.

Earlier, the Assembly of Experts’ building in the city of Qom was bombed while votes were being counted to determine Khamenei’s successor.

Due to fears of targeted eliminations, the 88 members of the Assembly of Experts did not convene in a single location; the ballots were counted at the building in Qom...”

## Missile fired at central Israel identified as cluster bomb

March 3, 2026 *israelnationalnews.com* reported: “Sirens sounded Tuesday morning in central Israel and Samaria, following the launch of a cluster bomb from Iran. One of the fragments hit a home in Petah Tikva. No one was injured.

A cluster bomb releases 20 small missiles approximately seven kilometers above the target area. The small missiles spread out over an eight-kilometer area.

Iran possesses three type of ballistic missiles with cluster warheads, among them the Qader and Khorramshahr, both of which can reach Israel. The missiles cannot penetrate a safe room, but they may cause injuries and damage...”

## Iran claims Hormuz Strait is closed, threatens to set shipping there ‘ablaze’

March 3, 2026 *timesofisrael.com* reported: “An Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps senior official said on Monday that the Strait of Hormuz is closed, threatening that if any vessels pass through it, Iran ‘will set those ships ablaze,’ state media reported.

Choking off the Persian Gulf waterway, the world's most vital oil export route, threatens to send crude prices soaring. However, Fox News cited the US military's Central Command (CENTCOM) as saying the strait was still open.

In remarks carried by Iran's state media, Ebrahim Jabari, a senior adviser to the Guards commander-in-chief, said: 'The Strait [of Hormuz] is closed. If anyone tries to pass, the heroes of the Revolutionary Guards and the regular navy will set those ships ablaze.'

It was the most explicit threat to Hormuz shipping by Iran's Guards since the force told ships on Saturday that the export route was closed..."

### **Intelligence assessment warns of Iranian attacks on US following Khamenei's death**

*March 3, 2026 jpost.com* reported: "Iran and its proxies could target the US with attacks in response to the Saturday killing of Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei by Israeli and US strikes, according to a US intelligence assessment reviewed by *Reuters*."

The February 28 threat assessment produced by the Office of Intelligence and Analysis at the Department of Homeland Security said Iran and its proxies 'probably' pose a threat of targeted attacks on the United States, although a large-scale physical attack was unlikely.

The report added that in the short term, the main concern was that Iran-aligned 'hacktivists' would conduct low-level cyber-attacks against US networks, such as website defacements and distributed denial-of-service attacks.

'Although a large-scale physical attack is unlikely, Iran and its proxies probably pose a persistent threat of targeted attacks in the Homeland, and will almost certainly escalate retaliatory actions – or calls to action – if reports of the Ayatollah's death are confirmed,' the DHS report reviewed by *Reuters* said..."

### **Trump: US ready to sustain Iran strikes 'four to five weeks'**

*March 2, 2026 israelnationalnews.com* reported: "US President Donald Trump said on Sunday that the United States is prepared to continue its military assault on Iran for 'four to five weeks' if necessary, while acknowledging the likelihood of additional American casualties."

In a brief telephone interview with *The New York Times*, Trump said the Pentagon had sufficient resources to maintain the operation 'if we have to.'

Asked how long the United States and Israel could sustain the current level of attacks, he replied, 'Well, we intended four to five weeks.'

'It won't be difficult,' Trump added. 'We have tremendous amounts of ammunition. You know, we have ammunition stored all over the world in different countries.'

Speaking from Mar-a-Lago approximately 36 hours into the conflict and shortly after receiving news of three American casualties, Trump said, 'Three is three too many as far as I'm concerned. If you look at projections, they do projections, it, you know, it could be quite a bit higher than that.'

'We expect casualties,' he added..."

### **Britain, France, Germany ready to step in to defend interests**

*March 2, 2026 jpost.com* reported: "The leaders of Britain, France, and Germany said they were ready to take steps to defend their interests in the region after the 'indiscriminate and disproportionate' missile attacks by Iran on Sunday."

'We will take steps to defend our interests and those of our allies in the region, potentially fire missiles and drones at their source,' the leaders of the so-called E-3 said in a statement.

'We have agreed to work together with the US and allies in the region on this.'

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer additionally said on Sunday that his country has accepted a United States request to use British bases for defensive strikes against Iranian missiles in storage depots or launchers..."



*Iran Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei killed by Israeli-U.S. Airstrike on February 28, 2026*