



White House preparing for prolonged Iran conflict over the Strait of Hormuz - report

July 9, 2025 Jerusalem Post reported: “The White House is preparing for what could turn into a multi-day or even multi-week exchange of fire with Iran over the Strait of Hormuz, US officials told *Axios* on Thursday.

The duration and intensity of the new campaign depend entirely on Iran's upcoming actions, according to US officials who spoke with *Axios*. They noted that the current escalation could last anywhere from one day to a month, depending on whether Iran continues its attacks on commercial ships in the Strait of Hormuz...US officials also told *Axios* that the White House believes it has more room to escalate because hundreds of oil tankers have successfully navigated through the Gulf via the strait in recent weeks.

“That has eased concerns within the administration that a renewed clash would immediately trigger a major oil price spike,” the officials said.

“Iran saw its leverage in Hormuz slipping as hundreds of ships transited through the southern route close to the Omani coast,” they added. Another US official source claimed that the current escalation stems from frustration among more radical members of Iran’s fractured leadership, who believe the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has not delivered any real benefits for Tehran.

“They started shooting, and we decided it's time to slap them back hard. It's a process. We have patience. If we don't feel we're getting the deal we want, we are not going to do it,” the official said...”

Tensions Escalate Between Russia and NATO’s European Members

July 8, 2025 nytimes.com reported: “Tensions between Russia and other European nations have grown as NATO leaders convened for their summit in Turkey, with the Kremlin directing extra hostility at countries that back Ukraine in the war with Russia, while showering positive words on President Trump.

Some European NATO members that stridently support Ukraine — like Finland and the Baltic nations of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia — feel particularly insecure, worried that the United States under Mr. Trump might not come to their aid in the event of a Russian attack.

On Friday, President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia made a veiled threat, accusing European nations of trying to prolong the war and saying they were celebrating Ukrainian attacks that have left civilians dead. “We must also analyze the involvement of each of them in actual combat operations,” Mr. Putin said, addressing his military commanders. “We need this analysis to make responsible decisions in the future. In any case, we may need it.”

Days later, Russia’s foreign intelligence service, known as the S.V.R., put out a statement accusing the British government of being behind a Ukrainian attack on a museum in Sevastopol, a city on the Black Sea, that houses a famous panorama depicting a battle from the Crimean War. The British government did not respond to a request for comment about the accusation.

There has also been tension on Russia’s northwestern border with Finland and the Baltics. Last month, Finnish lawmakers voted to remove a Cold War-era ban on nuclear weapons, which would allow NATO allies to take the weapons through the country or host them there. Finland, which shares an 830-mile border with Russia, joined NATO in 2023 in response to Moscow’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

A spokeswoman for Russia’s foreign ministry, Maria Zakharova, said the move “creates genuine threats to Russia’s national security” and would require Moscow to respond with political and military steps...”

U.S. Launches ‘Powerful Strikes’ on Iran After Attacks on Ships in Hormuz

July 8, 2025 Breitbart.com reported: “U.S. forces launched a series of what the military described as “powerful strikes” against Iran early Wednesday after Tehran attacked three commercial vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz, with U.S. Central Command declaring the Islamic Republic’s actions amounted to “a clear violation of the ceasefire.”

CENTCOM said the strikes were intended to impose “heavy costs” on Iran for targeting civilian-crewed commercial shipping in an international waterway, describing the attacks as “unwarranted” and “dangerous.” The operation came as Washington and Tehran were implementing a memorandum of understanding aimed at ending months of regional conflict and restoring safe navigation through the strategic waterway.



The escalation followed a series of Iranian attacks on commercial vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz over Monday and Tuesday, including a Qatari liquefied natural gas tanker and a Saudi tanker, prompting condemnations from Gulf states, the reimposition of U.S. sanctions on Iranian oil exports, and raising new questions about the future of the agreement.

A U.S. official told Axios the strikes targeted Iranian air-defense systems, coastal surveillance systems, surface-to-air missile batteries, anti-ship cruise missile sites, drone launch sites, and port facilities. Iranian state media reported explosions in Bandar Abbas, Sirik, and on Qeshm Island. The official said the operation was roughly four to five times larger in scope than U.S. strikes carried out in the area about ten days earlier...”

New poll confirms it: Democrats are abandoning Israel, and American Jews are footing the bill

July 7, 2025 israel365news.com reported: “A new Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs poll published Tuesday delivers hard numbers to a trend Israel’s supporters have watched unfold for two years: the Democratic Party is turning against the Jewish state, even as American Jews continue to vote for it in overwhelming numbers.

The poll, conducted June 11-17 among 3,040 adults, including an oversample of 1,022 Jewish respondents, found that 58% of Democrats now say the United States is too supportive of Israel, up from 45% in January 2024. 62% of Democrats say the U.S. is not supportive enough of the Palestinians, up from 49% over the same period. 31% of all Americans now say Israel’s military actions in Gaza constitute genocide, a claim embraced by 52% of Democrats and rejected by 87% of Republicans.

Republicans moved in the opposite direction entirely. 61% now say U.S. support for Israel is “about right,” up from just 33% in January 2024. In 2024, 39% of Republicans said Washington wasn’t supportive enough of Israel; today, most Republicans believe the balance has been struck.

The poll’s most revealing numbers concern Jewish Americans themselves. Jewish adults remain sharply divided along party lines even as their community as a whole tilt toward supporting Israel’s actions: 73% of Jewish respondents call Israel’s immediate military response to the October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorist attack justified, and 42% support Israel’s ongoing operations in Gaza. But among Jewish Democrats, 51% say the U.S. is too supportive of Israel, and 45% believe Israel committed genocide in Gaza, a figure that stands in stark contrast to the 3% of Jewish Republicans who say the same...”

'Traitor': U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly wears FOREIGN jersey during World Cup watch party

July 6, 2025 World Net Daily reported: “Democrat U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly of Arizona is being seriously kicked online for his decision to wear a *Mexican* jersey for a recent World Cup watch party and post photos of his getup. Kelly shared a photo on Sunday, grinning ear to ear in the foreign nation's jersey, saying, "Lots of people out in Tucson to watch Mexico take on England. Tucson and La Rosa sure know how to do the World Cup!"

Outkick founder Clay Travis then posed the question: "What do we think about U.S. politicians putting on jerseys from another country — in a tournament the U.S. is playing in — and rooting for the foreign country in public?

"Zero percent chance any American sports fans I know would do this."

Quipped CNN commentator Scott Jennings: "Modern Democratic Party: wear another country's jersey and post a photo of yourself taking a photo of yourself..."

Massive crowds of mourners vow 'revenge' for Khamenei's death

July 6, 2025 foxnews.com reported: “Mourners dressed in black poured into Tehran on Monday for the funeral procession of Iran’s late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, with massive crowds calling for President Donald Trump’s death and vowing revenge against the United States and Israel.

Khamenei’s coffin was carried through the Iranian capital alongside the coffins of family members killed in a Feb. 28 airstrike at the start of the war launched by Israel and the U.S.

Iran’s ruling theocracy encouraged the turnout as a show of strength while the regime remains locked in tense negotiations with Washington over an end to the war.



As the funeral truck moved slowly through the capital, mourners waved signs and banners targeting Trump. Some also called for the killing of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and an effigy of Trump was seen hanging along the route. “Today that we are here for the funeral for our leader, it’s a very tough day,” mourner Fatima Hassan said. “We are not here to say goodbye to him. We are here for revenge. And we will take revenge...”

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