



US Airstrike Hits Iranian Coastal City, Reports Say

Description

The United States conducted airstrikes on Iran's Qeshm Port and Bandar Abbas, according to reports from Fox News Chief National Security Correspondent Jennifer Griffin. Initially, these attacks were thought to be carried out by the United Arab Emirates. Griffin emphasised that these actions do not mark a return to war, amid ongoing discussions between Iran and the administration of President Donald Trump about a long-term resolution to the conflict.

Fox News colleague Trey Yingst noted that the U.S. strikes appeared to respond to Iranian assaults on U.S. vessels in the region. Central Command (CENTCOM) confirmed that Iranian forces had targeted U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyers with missiles, drones, and small boats, but none of the U.S. ships were damaged.

Further details from Griffin revealed that the U.S. military strike occurred shortly after Iran launched 15 missiles at Fujairah Port in the UAE, provoking strong reactions from Gulf countries. Pentagon officials classified the Iranian strikes as low-level incidents that did not constitute a breach of the ceasefire agreement.

The situation escalated as President Trump cancelled a military operation named Project Freedom, which aimed to secure shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Reports indicated that permission from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for U.S. operations had been retracted, reportedly due to displeasure with the Pentagon's assessment of the Iranian missile attacks.

Prior to these developments, Iranian media had warned of potential retaliation against the UAE, claiming there were "signs of hostile actions" from the country. The escalation highlights growing tensions in the region, with Iranian officials stating that the UAE would "pay the price" for their involvement.

Vocabulary List:

1. **airstrikes** //ˈɛr,straɪks// (noun): attacks by military aircraft using bombs or missiles
2. **emphasised** //ˈɛmfə,saɪzd// (verb): said something was important or should be noticed
3. **resolution** //ˌrɛzəˈluːʃən// (noun): an agreement to end a disagreement or problem
4. **drones** //drʊnz// (noun): small aircraft that fly without a human pilot
5. **retracted** //rɪˈtræktɪd// (verb): took back something that was previously given
6. **ceasefire** //ˈsiːs,faɪər// (noun): an agreement to stop fighting for a time

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Who reported that the United States conducted airstrikes on Iran's Qeshm Port and Bandar Abbas?
Option: Trey Yingst
Option: Jennifer Griffin
Option: Donald Trump
Option: CENTCOM
2. What did the U.S. strikes respond to?
Option: Iranian assaults on U.S. vessels
Option: Terrorist activities in the region
Option: Humanitarian crisis
Option: Nuclear threats
3. How many missiles did Iran launch at Fujairah Port in the UAE?
Option: 10
Option: 15
Option: 20
Option: 25
4. What was the name of the cancelled military operation aimed at securing shipping through the Strait of Hormuz?
Option: Operation Shield
Option: Operation Desert Storm
Option: Project Freedom
Option: Operation New Dawn
5. Which countries retracted permission for U.S. operations, reportedly due to dissatisfaction with military assessments?
Option: Iran and Iraq
Option: Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
Option: Bahrain and Oman
Option: Egypt and Qatar
6. Which media outlet reported these developments initially?
Option: CNN
Option: BBC
Option: Fox News



Option: Al Jazeera

True-False

7. The U.S. airstrikes were perceived as a step back into a war situation.
8. None of the U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyers were damaged during the Iranian attacks.
9. President Trump approved the military operation named Project Freedom.
10. Iranian media claimed there were signs of hostile actions from the UAE.
11. The Pentagon classified the Iranian strikes as significant breaches of the ceasefire agreement.
12. The situation highlighted growing tensions in the Middle East region.

Gap-Fill

13. The U.S. strikes appeared to respond to Iranian assaults on U.S. vessels in the _____ region.
14. Pentagon officials classified the Iranian strikes as _____ incidents.
15. President Trump cancelled a military operation named _____ aimed at securing shipping.
16. The Iranian military launched 15 missiles at _____ Port in the UAE.
17. Prior to the airstrikes, Iranian media warned of potential retaliation against the _____.
18. The escalation highlights growing tensions in the _____ region.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Jennifer Griffin 2. Iranian assaults on U.S. vessels 3. 15 4. Project Freedom 5. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait



6. Fox News

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. marine 14. low-level 15. Project Freedom 16. Fujairah 17. UAE 18. Middle East

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