

WEST ASIA WAR | 2 die in Oman as Iranian drones, missiles hit Gulf countries Blast at Tehran Quds Day rally

Explosion takes place after Israeli warning At least one person killed

AP DUBAI A large explosion rocked a Tehran area where thousands had gathered on Friday for the annual state-organised Quds Day rally in support of Palestinians and against Israel.



Smoke from an explosion rises behind demonstrators in Tehran, Iran, on Friday.

The explosion struck the Ferdowsi Square around midday, where thousands assembled for the annual government-organised rally, chanting "death to Israel" and "death to America".

Reports say more than one person lost his life in the blast as panic spread among participants. Despite the tensions and reported strikes, President Masoud Pezeshkian attended the march.

Israel issued a warning on a Farsi-language on X asking people to clear the area before the blast. Many Iranians were unlikely to have seen the warning as authorities have shut down the internet. Video footage showed smoke rising above the crowd as people chanted "God is greatest".

Israel did not specify what it was targeting, though Iranian leaders often attend the annual rallies.

Gholamhossein Mohseni Ejei, the hardline head of Iran's judiciary, had been giving an interview to a reporter at the demonstration site. His bodyguards surrounded him as he raised his fist and said Iran "under this rain and missiles will never withdraw".

Senior security official Ali Larjani, also present at the Quds Day demonstrations, told Iranian media the suspected Israeli strike was a "sign of its desperation".

The blast came as fighting between Iran and Israel continued to escalate. Iran has

been launching missile and drone attacks on Israel and Gulf states, while US and Israeli warplanes have been striking military and other targets across Iran. The Islamic republic has also effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz.

On Friday, Saudi Arabia said it had intercepted nearly 50 drones launched.

In Oman, two people were killed after debris from two drones fell in an industrial area in Sohar, the Oman News Agency reported.

Sirens sounded in Bahrain. In Dubai, UAE, black smoke rose from an industrial area after a blaze authorities said was sparked by debris from an interception.

A building in the Dubai International Financial Centre was damaged after being hit by debris after a "successful interception". The financial centre is a free zone housing banks, financial firms and wealth managers.

In Turkey, Nato defences intercepted another ballistic missile fired from Iran, the third such interception since the conflict began. Residents in Adana reported hearing a loud explosion and sirens sounding at Incirlik Air Base, used by US forces.

Nearly 60 people sustained minor injuries in northern Israel after Hezbollah fired rocket salvos towards the area and at Israeli troops in southern Lebanon.

In Lebanon, one person was killed in Beirut in an Israeli strike. Another strike hit an apartment building and set it ablaze. The Israeli military said it had targeted a Hezbollah member.

In eastern Lebanon, a strike on an apartment wounded an official linked to the Lebanese branch of the Muslim Brotherhood and killed his two sons, the state-run National News Agency reported. Israeli

strikes have killed over 100 children in Lebanon since the latest fighting erupted between Israel and Hezbollah militants, its health ministry said on Friday.

It said of the total 773 people killed, 62 are women. Iran said over 1,400 people have been killed, while Israel has reported 12 deaths. The US has lost at least 11 soldiers and eight others have suffered severe injuries.

MACRON SAYS FRENCH SOLDIER KILLED IN IRAQ President Emmanuel Macron said a French soldier was killed in an attack targeting Erbil in Iraq's northern Kurdish region. Earlier, France said six soldiers were injured in a drone strike in Erbil, where French troops are deployed as part of a multinational mission supporting Iraq in its fight against the Islamic State.

UK officials said US personnel suffered minor injuries on Wednesday when drone strikes hit a base in Erbil housing British and American troops. Italy said a base where it has troops in Erbil was struck. No one was hurt.

Fear is in the air as bombs strike Tehran sans warning

AP CAIRO

An engineer crouches under a park bench as fighter jets roar overhead. An athlete wracked by anxiety can't sleep as explosions go off. With the internet shut down, families and friends rely on each other for news and the damage.



Rescuers pull a man out of the debris following a strike in southern Tehran on Friday.

US-Israeli bombardment of Tehran, now at the end of its second week, has left residents in shock. From central historic quarters to upscale areas, bombs are shaking the city day and night, with no sirens or warning systems to alert the public.

"The psychological pressure is real," said the athlete. Israeli strikes on oil depots in Tehran last weekend had a particularly profound impact on residents' psyches. After the blasts, giant fires raged, and toxic, black smoke filled the air — partially eased by rains in the following days.

"I could barely breathe and had to go buy an inhaler," a

54-year-old Tehran resident, a human-rights activist, said. "People are worried it will affect their drinking water." As she spoke to AP, a blast went off in the background.

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Israelis dance on at Tel Aviv 'bunker party' as missiles fly



Tel Aviv: While missile alerts and piercing sirens have become routine for Israelis since the conflict began 11 days ago, some revellers have been partying in bomb shelters converted into nightclubs, AFP reported. "Dancing in difficult times is a relief. It gives us strength," said Ruben Chekroun, one of the organisers of the semi-clandestine dance nights. "It's hard right now, so we might as well try to make the best of it."

Chekroun, a French-Israeli, was visiting Tel Aviv with friends for the Jewish holiday of Purim when they got stranded after the conflict shut down flights. "Stuck because of the war and unable to go out at night, we spent our days on the beach and came up with this idea for partying safely," said Ilan Eber, his cap on backwards. "We did a bit of advertising on social media and it just went crazy."

Four "bunker parties" have been held in locations such as underground car parks designated as bomb shelters.

Though the events appear to contravene restrictions on mass

gatherings, authorities have tolerated them. "Police came each time. Now they understand we're not doing anything wrong," Eber said.

For the first time, that night's party was held in the basement of a nightclub off the usually buzzing Dizengoff Street that had remained shut.

"It's just like being in a shelter. If there's a siren, we're protected from the bombing," said a clubber who gave only her nickname, "Goldilocks." "It's the place to be."

BUSINESS AS USUAL While Israel's air defences have largely protected the country from Iran's barrages, Tel Aviv has been repeatedly targeted. On day one, a woman in her 40s was killed by missile fire, which wounded 20 others in the bloodiest incident there so far.

Despite the threat, daytime life remains laidback in a city known for its hipster atmosphere. Shirtless joggers run along the Mediterranean seafront and yoga sessions take place near the beach.

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