

Iran Strikes US Base, Ceasefire Announced: Deescalation Or Another Trick?

Iran fired missiles at a US base in Qatar but apparently there were no casualties as the number of missiles was low and there seem to have been prior warnings. Only minutes later, Trump announced that a ceasefire had been agreed although the Iranians's are disputing this. The Iranian Foreign Minister sent out tweets, however, that seem to be confirming at least the basic intent of Trump's announcement.

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Hello everybody. Things are happening very fast. As I woke up this morning in Japan, we learned that Iran struck against the United States, and it did so against a U.S. base in Qatar. As you can see here in this video, there are very good recordings of this, and at this point it seems that there was no direct impact and the U.S. air defenses were able to shoot down, according to current claims, about six missiles that were fired from Iran. Now, I immediately thought that this is, of course, exactly the kind of answer to be expected. I was surprised that all of these missiles were intercepted, and then we learned that apparently there was a prior warning to the United States about this. It seems that this action is very reminiscent of the way that Iran responded to the killing of Mr. Soleimani, the previous head of the Revolutionary Guards, back in 2020, when Iran struck a U. S. airbase in Iraq but made sure that it wouldn't hit anyone and that nobody died.

And it seems that, very similarly, right now there is—this might have been some sort of coordinated effort to allow Iran to say that it struck back against the United States, but without actually truly harming them, which would then trigger, of course, even more retaliation. Now, furthermore, as this progressed, we've learned that Donald Trump announced that there is a ceasefire. As crazy as this sounds, the White House reposted a message on Truth Social in which Donald Trump says that a ceasefire between not just Iran and the United States, but Iran and Israel, had been reached. Now, let me read this out to you, the way that it was reported originally on Truth Social and then reposted on the Twitter page of the White House.

I mean, it's really strange. The way that public communication happens by the current administration and everybody—it's just strange, weird, and bizarre that we don't do press briefings anymore. Everything is happening on Truth Social, and then there's cross-posting of social posts in order to inform people. But that's where we are. Let me read to you what Donald Trump is saying, and keep in mind this is after, you know, Iran struck back at this U.S. base. Just let me show you—the U.S. base is here in Qatar, right? Small little Qatar, right in front of Iran. So this is the part that got hit without being truly hit.

Now, let's read the actual post on Truth Social: "Congratulations to everyone. It has been fully agreed between Israel and Iran that there will be a complete and total ceasefire in approximately six hours from now, when Israel and Iran have wound down and completed their in-progress final missions." Let me just interject here. Okay, it seems that there's some kind of understanding, or Trump is indicating that there's an understanding, that after 4 a.m. Tehran time, the weapons would cease to speak—the normal missiles—and that currently ongoing operations are not part of this. Let me continue reading.

"...for 12 hours, at which point the war will be considered ended. Officially, Iran will start the ceasefire, and upon the 12th hour, Israel will start the ceasefire, and upon the 24th hour, an official end to the 12-day war will be saluted by the world. During each ceasefire, the other side will remain peaceful and respectful." On the assumption that everything works as it should—which it will—I would like to congratulate both countries, Israel and Iran, on having the stamina, courage, and intelligence to end what should be called the 12-day war. This is a war that could have gone on for years and destroyed the entire Middle East, but it didn't and never will.

God bless Israel, God bless Iran, God bless the Middle East, God bless the United States of America, and God bless the world. Donald J. Trump, President of the United States. It's bizarre. And the obvious first question that any intelligent person will ask is: Is this actually the United States trying to take an off-ramp and actually get out of this goddamn war that they should never have gotten into, and that everybody said was a horrible idea except for the neocons who have wanted this for decades? Is this Trump actually living up to his election promise of not starting new wars, or is it the next trick?

Is it the third trickery in a row of tricks? Is it another ruse in order to somehow get the Iranians to stop firing at Israel while Israel is being pounded, and then just prepare a counter-strike—an even mightier counter-strike—for when Iran actually then stops its aggression? It's aggression, sorry. It's counter-strikes, is what I want to say. So, Saeed Marandi, a professor at Tehran University who was on this channel before, actually tweeted, I suppose late in his evening, right before he went to sleep: "No ceasefire, fake news, Zionists are in trouble." So Marandi doesn't believe it. Marandi isn't taking it, but Marandi must currently be sleeping, as it is past 6 a.m. in Tehran.

The Tehran Times came out and said, no, this is not true. Iran has not agreed to a ceasefire. Trump is lying again, underlining that this is a claim without any proof. Now, what do we make of this? The thing is, we also have tweets by the foreign minister of Iran, by Saeed Araqchi. Let me read you this tweet—actually, there are two tweets. I'm going to read you the first one, the more recent one, which is from about two and a half hours ago. Sorry, this might make little sense to you because you will obviously watch this video at some point in the future. So, two tweets that he sent out probably before going to sleep, or if he sleeps at all tonight.

As Iran has repeatedly made clear, Israel launched war on Iran, not the other way around. As of now, there is no agreement on any ceasefire or cessation of military operations. However, provided

that the Israeli regime stops its illegal aggression against the Iranian people no later than 4 a.m. Tehran time, we have no intention to continue our response afterwards. The final decision on the cessation of military operations will be made later. Then he sent off another tweet about 20 minutes later, saying that the military operation of our powerful armed forces to punish Israel for its aggression continued until the very last minute at 4 a.m.

Together with all Iranians, I thank our brave armed forces who remain ready to defend our dear country until their last drop of blood and who responded to any attack by the enemy until the very last minute. So this, to me, coming from the foreign minister, indicates that there was some form of understanding that 4 a.m. Tehran time was some kind of cutoff, and that an order must have gone out to the Iranian forces to stop fighting, to stop operations at 4 a.m., because otherwise the foreign minister wouldn't talk about the very last minute at 4 a.m.—I mean, if there was no agreed-upon cutoff time. So, despite all of my admiration for Professor Marandi, maybe this time it's true. We don't know.

I mean, at least Araqchi, the foreign minister, seems to believe that, or seems to signal that there is an understanding—whether that was a formal understanding, whether this was negotiated, or if this was just an offer from the United States and the Iranians are taking it and saying, "Good, let's try this. Let's see if this will lead to a cessation of hostilities." We don't know. We also don't know if the Trump administration is putting any pressure on Israel right now to stop, because obviously this whole thing hinges on whether Israel will also stop firing.

If they don't stop, if they do what they did in Lebanon, if they do what they do in Syria—which is agree on a ceasefire and then just keep pounding the other party anyway—and the Western media then keeps making headlines about Israeli strikes, raising doubts about the ceasefire, as if those were not already breaches of the ceasefire, then, well, that would also be a pattern. There's a clear pattern of Israel agreeing to ceasefires and then just breaking them blatantly and pretending that it is normal that during a ceasefire you still strike the other side. And then if the other side replies, then that's a breach of the ceasefire.

I mean, that's the pattern, right? Bizarre, bizarre moment. We see now these articles appearing already in the New York Times, which makes me really question: how does the New York Times get all of this up and running so fast? You know, articles about how Qatar intervened and persuaded Iran to accept a ceasefire deal—diplomats say. I mean, this to me sounds a little bit like—not a little bit, sounds very much like—the New York Times trying to already put the spin, you know, the spin towards the US population that a ceasefire has been agreed and that everything was done very tactically, and this is a long operation, and anything that comes next—if Iran doesn't accept it, then Iran is, if Iran keeps firing, then Iran is the attacker and the aggressor.

But here we had a diplomatic arrangement which obliges everybody to stand down, and Donald Trump is this great peacemaker—as he tries to portray himself here, the MAGA peacemaker. At this point, I mean, it's really, really hard to tell. If we didn't have these tweets by the foreign minister, I

would say that probably this is fake. But considering that this is also his real account, and this is Araqchi's—must be, sounds like Araqchi—and this is the same account that he used before, this doesn't seem to be... This doesn't seem to be fake news, that the Iranians are at least seemingly trying to tell their military to stand down as long as the Israelis do the same.

Jackson Hinkle is warning—top tweet under Araqchi's tweet: "The Zionists lied to Iran about nuclear talks for three months only to launch their terrorist war. I hope for peace, but do not trust these genocidal maniacs." Yeah, do not trust them at all. I mean, this might be just the third ruse in a row, right? First, pretending to be in diplomatic negotiations with the U.S. while already green-lighting an Israeli strike. Secondly, telling Tehran that for two weeks the U.S. will take time to decide what to do, when actually already giving the green light on B-2 bombing of these military structures.

Now, this might be the third ruse. This might be the third time that the U.S. will try to lull Tehran into, um, into complacency. But then again, I don't see how they would—currently, other than stopping firing for a moment—how they would actually let down their guard. I mean, that would make no sense. But then again, we don't know what the United States would want to do with this. I mean, are they going to launch a huge aerial campaign and just want to make sure that, for that period of time, no Iranian missiles are in the skies? Who knows?

At this point, you cannot trust anything the United States says. Nothing. Zero. Nada. Because they've lied, tricked, and deceived so many times just over the last two weeks that Iran can't seriously trust any of this. Then again, if the United States—and if Trump actually doesn't want this to be the next Gulf War, if he actually wants to somehow cater to his America First base that has already lost huge amounts of trust in this man—then it would suddenly make sense why he now tries to take the off-ramp and even rebrand. The guy loves branding, right?

He loves branding stuff—rebranding what just happened as the "12-day war," of course, in allusion to the Six-Day War that Israel fought in the past. So, I mean, at least for now, from this tweet and the way he expresses himself, it seems as though he wants to wind this down. Then again, we don't know if it's an olive branch in one hand and a dagger behind the other, just waiting until Iran reaches out for the olive branch. We don't know. It could be either of the two, 50-50. Marandi doesn't believe it. Jackson Hinkle doesn't believe it. Nobody who's looked at the last two weeks can just say, "Oh, great, we're done with it."

But... I mean, I would hope it's true. I would hope it's true. Also, Trump saying, like, "God bless Iran, God bless Israel." Okay, fine. God bless everybody. Sure. That'd be nice. The international media calls it "dramatic days of diplomacy culminate in Trump announcing Iran-Israel ceasefire." This is really also, of course, the role into which he wants to cast himself, right? As the peacemaker, right? A ceasefire is not announced by Iran and Israel. It's announced by the United States—a third party, right? The third party, just as the US is the third party militarily in the Russo-Ukrainian war.

All of these proxy wars—the U.S. proxy wars, or whatever you want to call them, or coalition wars—these things are then framed as the U.S. going in between and forcing peace. I mean, this is at least, again, the image that he tried to foster of himself. So maybe, for the sake of actually getting out of this quagmire at the very last minute, it might be true. And again, we've seen the repercussions already, right? The repercussions were huge: the Iranians thinking about closing the Strait of Hormuz, the Arab world and basically the Global South denouncing not only Israel but also the United States for their blatant attack on international law and a sovereign state.

The Europeans all rallied behind the United States, of course, but that was to be expected because they're satellites and not independent sovereign states. They are poodles, and poodles follow what their master says, so that was normal. But the whole "free world," the Global South—they didn't want this. They were not happy with it. Pakistan was not happy with it. The blowback was tremendous. And yesterday, by the way, even the Japanese and the Koreans indicated that, after this, they're not going to join the NATO summit anymore, which is taking place today and tomorrow in Europe, in the Netherlands. Ishiba said he would skip. And when I say the Japanese won't take part, that's technically not correct.

They will still send a delegation, but it will not be at the highest level. Ishiba will not be there, and the new president of South Korea won't be there. So there will be no summit meetings or sideline meetings between them and Trump, or between them and the other leaders. This is a clear way for Japan and South Korea to indicate their displeasure—their very strong displeasure—with someone they also consider their ally, right? The United States is an ally of these two states. But this is the first time the Asian allies are actually, you know, publicly displaying very, very strong displeasure at what's going on, and that they want to avoid, at this point in time, being seen as, you know, in the same row as the other satellites of the United States.

So, I know that South Korea and Japan are deeply integrated into the US military system in the Pacific, but politically they do not want to be seen as the same type of poodles as the Europeans are. They did not issue these statements either, by the way. The Europeans, Kaya Callas, and also the Canadian Prime Minister and the Australian Prime Minister, all issued these statements saying things like, "Israel has the right to self-defense," and "the United States, in these attacks, took out a grave danger." I haven't seen any such statements from the Japanese or the South Koreans.

So it seems that the Asian part of the US alliance system is maybe not crumbling, but definitely, politically, they are not on the same page as the warmongers in Europe and North America. So maybe all of this together gave Trump reason to rethink this, or his staff and the people immediately around him, especially also because he wants to brand himself as a president of peace. I am very sorry to say that, but only time will tell. But the fact that we have an official statement from the Iranian foreign minister makes me hopeful that this is at least an honest effort to wind this war down, also considering, of course, that this attack here could have been much, much more forceful.

The Iranians could have used one of their hypersonic missiles—the ones that you can't stop—and they would have gone through, and they could have actually targeted things. They could have killed American servicemen. So the fact that they didn't even try, whether or not they announced it, whether or not the Americans knew—and probably, I mean, it's likely, it's possible that the Americans knew. It's possible that they were warned, because that's what happened before. So if that's the case, then this is actually the off-ramp to get out of the third Gulf War and actually transform it into the 12-day war, as Trump already branded it. Hope for the best, and I'll send some updates in the future. Thanks.