

# Earthquakes and Wars Updates Judgements!

**Mark 13:7** And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall not be yet*. **8** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows.

**April 17, 2026**

## Russian UAV hits Jewish center in Ukraine

**An intercepted Russian drone struck the Chesed Michael in Zaporizhzhia. Rabbi says the building's mezuzot prevented casualties.**

Retrieved April 17, 2026, from [Russian UAV hits Jewish center in Ukraine | Israel National News](#)

## EU states to push Israel sanctions after Orban election defeat

**Several EU member states will reintroduce proposals for sanctions on Israel at a foreign ministers' meeting in Luxembourg next week.**

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**April 15, 2026**

## Trump: China won't send arms to Iran

## **US President Donald Trump says China 'happy' that US is reopening Strait of Hormuz, won't send weapons to Iran.**

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## **Trump Rips Italy's Meloni: 'I'm Shocked By Her'**

President Donald Trump sharply criticized Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni in an interview Tuesday, escalating tensions between the two leaders over remarks about Pope Leo XIV and Europe's role in the ongoing Iran conflict, The Hill reported. Speaking to the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, Trump said he was "shocked" by Meloni's rebuke of his recent comments directed at the pope.

"Do Italians like the fact that your prime minister isn't giving us any help to get oil?" Trump said. "Do people like her? I can't imagine. I'm shocked by her. I thought she was brave, but I was wrong."

Retrieved April 15, 2026, from [Trump Rips Italy's Meloni: 'I'm Shocked By Her' | Newsmax.com](#)

**April 14, 2026**

## **Italy suspends defense agreement with Israel**

**Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni announced that 'in light of the current situation' her country would not renew the defense agreement with Israel**

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# **IRGC threatens: We haven't used our real power yet**

**IRGC spokesman warns the enemy has "no idea" about undisclosed capabilities as the US begins a blockade of Iranian ports and the Strait of Hormuz.**

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*(I was stationed on Guam while in the Navy from 1971 to 1973, had one of these.)*

## **Super Typhoon Sinlaku Pounds Remote US Islands in Pacific Ocean With Ferocious Winds**

A super typhoon with ferocious winds and relentless rains was battering a group of remote U.S. islands in the Pacific Ocean, forcing residents to seek shelter from flying tree limbs and collapsed buildings.

The center of the Super Typhoon Sinlaku pounded the Northern Mariana Islands early Wednesday local time, the National Weather Service said.

It's the strongest tropical typhoon on Earth so far this year and was packing sustained winds of up to 150 mph (240 kph) that were likely to bring widespread power outages to the islands, home to roughly 50,000 people.

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**April 13, 2026**

# Official: US Naval blockade of the Strait of Hormuz begins

Starting at 5:00 p.m. today (Monday), U.S. Central Command has begun implementing a full maritime blockade on all sea traffic entering and leaving Iran's ports.

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## Starmar: UK Will Not Back Blockade of Strait of Hormuz

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said on Monday that whatever the pressure, Britain would not be dragged into the Iran war nor be involved in a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. "We're not supporting the blockade," he told BBC Radio 5 Live, adding that it was vital to get the Strait reopened. "It is, in my view, vital that we get the Strait open and fully open, and that's where we've put all of our efforts in the last few and we'll continue to do so," Starmer said.

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### USGS Magnitude 2.5+ Earthquakes, Past Day

**4.7 116 km W of Ternate, Indonesia** 2026-04-13 06:56:59 (UTC-06:00) 31.1 km

4.4 Fiji region 2026-04-13 06:25:42 (UTC-06:00) 611.0 km

4.4 168 km NE of Lospalos, Timor Leste 2026-04-13 05:02:14 (UTC-06:00) 136.4 k

**April 12, 2026**

## **Trump announces a naval blockade in the Strait of Hormuz**

**The U.S. president ordered the American Navy to block all vessels in the strait and seize ships that paid "protection money" to Iran. "The Iranians are carrying out global extortion."**

Retrieved April 12, 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

## **Vance: Iran rejected our terms for an agreement**

**US Vice President JD Vance says no agreement was reached with Iran after 21 hours of talks hosted in Pakistan, saying Tehran refused core US demands on its nuclear program.**

Retrieved April 12, 2026, from [Vance: Iran rejected our terms for an agreement | Israel National News](#)

## **Turkey indicts Netanyahu and Ben-Gvir**

**The Istanbul prosecutor's office said it has filed charges against 35 Israelis, including Prime Minister Netanyahu, alleging, among other things, abuse of activists from the Gaza flotilla in October last year.**

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April 8, 2026

# Zelenskyy: Iran Ceasefire Welcomed, Ukraine Ready for Same

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Wednesday he welcomed the ceasefire between the U.S. and Iran, adding that Kyiv was ready to "respond in kind" if Moscow ceased strikes. "Ukraine has always called for a ceasefire in the war waged by Russia here in Europe against our state and our people, and we support the ceasefire in the Middle East and the Gulf that paves the way for diplomatic efforts," he wrote on X. "It is obvious to everyone that a ceasefire can create the right preconditions for agreements," added Zelenskyy.

Retrieved April 8, 2026, from [Zelenskyy: Iran Ceasefire Welcomed, Ukraine Ready for Same | Newsmax.com](#)

April 7, 2026

**Trump: 'A whole civilization will die tonight, never to be brought back'**

**US President reiterates his ultimatum to Iran to reach an agreement by tonight to end the conflict or face devastating consequences.**

Retrieved April 7, 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

## US launches dozens of strikes on Kharg Island

**US launches about 50 strikes on military facilities on the island which controls 90% of Iran's oil exports.**

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**April 6, 2026**

## Two earthquakes happened Sunday on opposite sides of NC golf course, USGS says

Golfers had a legitimate excuse for missing strokes on Easter when two earthquakes rattled opposite sides of the [Holly Ridge Golf Links](#) southeast of Archdale, North Carolina.

The first happened just east of the 18-hole course around [2:15 p.m.](#) and the second was just west of it, about [30 minutes later](#), the U.S. Geological Survey reports.

Both were 2.3 magnitude, which is below the threshold for damage, but strong enough for some people to feel.

Witnesses have reported feeling both earthquakes in communities as far away as Randleman (64 miles away) and High Point (80 miles away), the USGS says. Holly Ridge Golf Links was open on Easter, but it's not clear if any golfers felt the earth move.

Geologists say the earthquakes were centered from a half mile deep to 3.5 miles deep.

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# Earthquake in Mediterranean felt in northern Israel

**Residents of northern Israel report feeling earthquake, EMSC says magnitude 4.5.**

Residents of northern Israel on Monday morning reported feeling an earthquake.

According to the reports, from residents of the Haifa area, Akko (Acre), Nahariya, and Upper and West Galilee communities, the ground shook for several seconds, causing walls to shake and furniture to move.

According to the Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC), the earthquake measured 4.5 magnitude, and its epicenter was adjacent to southern Lebanon, between Tyre and Sidon, not far from the border with Israel.

The quake's depth is estimated at between 10 and 14 kilometers.

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# Iranian-linked militias attack US diplomats in Iraq

**Iranian-linked militias launch two attacks on US diplomats and facilities in Iraq, the State Department says.**

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**April 5, 2026**

# Report: China supplied Iran with materials for producing missile propellant

According to the report, the ships departed from the Gaolan port in Zhuhai, which hosts some of China's largest storage terminals for liquid chemicals.

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# Intel: Iran Terror Chatter Extremely High; US Preps for Combat

In a world where headlines barely scratch the surface, the **Newsmax Platinum Briefing** on the Iran war delivers what others can't: real intelligence, strategic insight, and early warning signals that matter.

This new exclusive report reveals a **dramatic surge in Iranian covert communications**. Find out one person who has seen the reports and describes them "as off the charts."

While the mainstream media focuses on battlefield summaries, Platinum goes deeper — connecting these developments to a broader pattern of asymmetric warfare and global risk.

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**March 27, 2026**

## **IDF spokesman: If Lebanese government will not disarm Hezbollah - the IDF will**

**Defrin says Hezbollah violating ceasefire, rebuilding forces in southern Lebanon, as IDF strikes targets, and warns it will act if not disarmed**

Retrieved March 27 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

**March 26, 2026**

## **Kuwait foils Hezbollah plot to assassinate state leaders**

**Kuwait's Interior Ministry announces it has foiled a Hezbollah-linked terrorist plot to assassinate leaders of the state, says six suspects confessed to espionage and receiving advanced training.**

Retrieved March 26, 2026, from [Kuwait foils Hezbollah plot to assassinate state leaders | Israel National News](#)

**March 24, 2026**

## **Report: Saudi Crown Prince pressing Trump to escalate war against Iran**

**Report says Saudi Crown Prince urged President Trump to continue military campaign against Iran, warning that ending the war prematurely could leave a lasting regional threat.**

Retrieved March 24, 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

# No Tsunami Threat After Earthquake Near Tonga

A 7.6 magnitude earthquake struck near the Pacific island nation of Tonga on Tuesday, according to the United States Geological Survey, triggering sirens in the capital though no tsunami was expected.

There were no immediate reports of any damage or casualties. Footage from the Tonga Broadcasting Commission showed people gathered on a rooftop in the capital of Nuku'alofa with warning sirens heard in the background.

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**March 12, 2026**

## Rare 4.9 quake rattles Louisiana, second strongest in 20 years

Early morning calm across northwest Louisiana broke when a magnitude 4.9 earthquake rippled through Red River Parish, sending tremors across an area where seismic activity rarely appears. Reports quickly spread from nearby towns, and those accounts soon pointed scientists toward a location near Edgefield, a small community southeast of Shreveport.

Data from the U.S. Geological Survey then clarified the scale of the event, placing the quake among the strongest earthquakes connected to Louisiana soil in modern records. Attention then turned toward the precise location of the

shaking, since the epicenter sat roughly 7 miles west of Edgefield and close to communities that reported the strongest motion.

Retrieved March 12, 2026, from [Rare 4.9 quake rattles Louisiana, second strongest in 20 years](#)

# Report: Russia Helping Iran Use Ukraine-Tested Drone Tactics

Russia is helping Iran sharpen drone tactics drawn from the war in Ukraine to target the United States and Gulf nations in the Middle East, according to a Western intelligence official.

The official, who spoke with [CNN](#), said Moscow's support has grown more troubling, moving beyond general intelligence assistance and into more specific operational guidance.

"What was more general support is now getting more concerning, including UAS targeting strategies that Russia employed in Ukraine," the official told the outlet on condition of anonymity, referring to unmanned aircraft system.

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**March 11, 2026**

## **North Korea backs Mojtaba Khamenei, condemns US-Israel strikes**

**North Korea voices support for Iran's choice of Mojtaba Khamenei as Supreme Leader and**

**condemns US and Israeli strikes on Iran, calling them illegal.**

Retrieved March 11, 2026, from [North Korea backs Mojtaba Khamenei, condemns US-Israel strikes | Israel National News](#)

# **Iran Strikes 3 Ships Near Strait of Hormuz**

Three vessels have been hit by unknown projectiles in the Strait of Hormuz, maritime security agencies and sources said Wednesday, as one of the strikes led to a fire onboard a ship and forced most of its crew to evacuate it.

The Thailand-flagged bulk carrier Mayuree Naree was targeted and damaged approximately 11 nautical miles north of Oman, two maritime security sources said.

The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said later, referring to the incident, that the fire had been extinguished and that there was no environmental impact. Necessary crew remained on the vessel.

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**March 9, 2026**

# **US Intercepts Iranian Message That**

# May Activate Sleeper Cells

U.S. intelligence officials have intercepted encrypted communications believed to have originated in Iran that could serve as an "operational trigger" for sleeper cells operating abroad, according to a federal alert issued to law enforcement agencies.

The alert, reviewed by [ABC News](#), references "preliminary signals analysis" of a transmission described as "likely of Iranian origin" that was sent to multiple countries shortly after the death of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

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**March 5, 2026**

## Louisiana rocked by strongest earthquake in decades

A [magnitude 4.9 earthquake](#) rattled Louisiana on Thursday morning, striking 36 miles south-southeast of [Shreveport](#), Louisiana, according to the USGS.

Preliminarily, it is the biggest earthquake recorded in state history.

The earthquake happened around 5:30 a.m. CST and occurred just 3.1 miles (5 km) below the surface.

There have been no immediate reports of significant damage in the area.

Retrieved March 5, 2026 from [Louisiana rocked by strongest earthquake in decades](#)

**March 2, 2026**

## Iran Moves to Close Strait of Hormuz,

# World Faces Global Oil Shock

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February 28, 2026

## US, Israel Attack Iran as Trump Says US Begins 'Major Combat Operations'

The U.S. and Israel launched a major attack on Iran on Saturday, with President Donald Trump calling on the Iranian public to “seize control of your destiny” and rise up against the Islamic leadership that has ruled the nation since 1979.

Some of the first strikes appeared to hit areas around the offices of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and Iranian media reported strikes nationwide. Smoke could be seen rising from the capital. It wasn't immediately clear whether the 86-year-old leader was in his offices at the time of the strike.

“When we are finished, take over your government. It will be yours to take. This will be probably your only chance for generations,” Trump said in a video announcing “major combat operations” were underway. “For many years, you have asked for America's help, but you never got it.”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu echoed that sweeping goal. “Our joint operation will create the conditions for the brave Iranian people to take their fate into their own hands,” Netanyahu said.

Retrieved February 28, 2026 from [The Latest: US and Israel Attack Iran as Trump Says US Begins 'major Combat Operations' | Newsmax.com](#)

**February 27, 2026**

## **US evacuates embassy families, urges citizens to consider leaving Israel**

**State Department authorizes the departure of non-emergency U.S. government personnel and family members of US government personnel due to safety risks.**

The US Embassy in Israel has announced the evacuation of non-essential employees and family members of employees due to "security risks." In addition, the State Department has updated its travel warning and urged American citizens to consider leaving Israel.

"On February 27, 2026, the Department of State authorized the departure of non-emergency U.S. government personnel and family members of US government personnel from Mission Israel due to safety risks," the Embassy stated.

Retrieved February 27, 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

## **Report: Trump briefed on military options in Iran amid talks**

## **Navy Adm. Brad Cooper briefs President Trump on military options regarding Iran, as US-Iran talks in Geneva show progress, according to ABC News.**

Retrieved February 27, 2026, from [Report: Trump briefed on military options in Iran amid talks | Israel National News](#)

## **Sweden Intercepts Suspected Russian Drone During Visit by French Aircraft Carrier**

Sweden's military has intercepted a suspected Russian drone off the south of the country as a French aircraft carrier was docked in the port of Malmo, officials said.

The armed forces said Thursday that a Swedish naval ship observed the suspected drone during a patrol in the Oresund, the strait that divides Sweden from Denmark.

They said that unspecified countermeasures were taken to disrupt the drone and that contact with it was then lost.

Retrieved February 27, 2026, from [Sweden Intercepts Suspected Russian Drone During Visit by French Aircraft Carrier | Newsmax.com](#)

**February 26, 2026**

## **Kim Jong Un vows to destroy South Korea if threatened**

**North Korean leader threatens to "completely destroy" South Korea if its security is compromised, calls for US policy changes before resuming dialogue.**

Retrieved February 26, 2026, from [Kim Jong Un vows to destroy South Korea if threatened | Israel National News](#)

# Cuba: Shootout off coast leaves 4 traveling on 'Florida-registered' speedboat dead, nationalities unknown

M – Wednesday, February 25, 2026

A violent maritime confrontation on Wednesday morning has left four people dead and six others injured after a Florida-registered speedboat reportedly entered Cuban territorial waters and engaged in a shootout with border guard troops, Cuban officials announced. The incident, which occurred approximately one mile northeast of Cayo Falcones off Cuba's northern coast in the Villa Clara province, marks a significant escalation in regional tensions at a time when U.S.-Cuba relations are already strained.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio commented on the incident on Wednesday. Speaking to reporters during a diplomatic event, Rubio emphasized caution and the need for a thorough investigation rather than speculation, describing the shootout as "highly unusual."

"It is highly unusual to see shootouts in open sea like that," Rubio told reporters. "We're going to figure out exactly what happened."

Retrieved February 23, 2026, from [Cuba: Shootout off coast leaves 4 traveling on 'Florida-registered' speedboat dead, nationalities unknown – One America News Network](#)

## February 24, 2026

# Magnitude 3.0 earthquake shakes South Texas city outside San Antonio

Around 7:40 a.m. Monday, a 3.0-magnitude earthquake hit about 2 kilometers from Falls City, [according to the U.S. Geological Survey](#).

Didn't feel it? The earthquake was relatively small, according to the agency, which says quakes under 5.0 magnitude rarely cause significant damage.

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# Iran nears deal with China for advanced missiles

**Report says Iran is close to securing CM-302 anti-ship missiles from China, a move analysts warn could threaten US naval forces in the region.**

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**February 23, 2026**

**US evacuates workers from Lebanon; Aircraft Carrier Gerald Ford near Crete**

**More than 200 American fighter jets are already in the area, and the "Ford" aircraft carrier has been spotted near Crete. Secretary of State Rubio has postponed his visit to Israel by two days.**

Retrieved February 23, 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

**Attempted 'soft coup' against Khamenei uncovered**

**Reports detail an alleged internal bid led by Hassan Rouhani to sideline Iran's Supreme Leader as protests commenced across the country.**

Retrieved February 23, 2026, from [Report: Attempted 'soft coup' against Khamenei uncovered | Israel National News](#)

**Report: Iran signs deal with Russia for advanced air defenses**

**The Financial Times reports that Iran has secured a €500 million deal with Russia for advanced Verba missiles to rebuild its air defenses.**

Retrieved February 23, 2026, from [Report: Iran signs deal with Russia for advanced air defenses | Israel National News](#)

**February 21, 2026**

## **Report: Hezbollah preparing for war with Israel**

**Hezbollah is no longer run by Lebanese personnel but by Iranian IRGC officers present in Lebanon, report reveals.**

Retrieved February 21, 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

**February 17, 2026**

## **Bennett warns of 'new Turkish threat,' calls for Zionist unity**

**Former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett tells Conference of Presidents in Jerusalem that Turkey is "the new Iran" seeking to encircle Israel, calls for new leadership following 'the greatest disaster in Israel's history.'**

Retrieved February 17, 2026, from [Israel News | Israel National News](#)

# **Iran Fires Live Missiles Into Strait of Hormuz in Drill as New Round of Nuclear Talks Begins**

The U.S. and Iran are holding their second round of talks about Iran's nuclear program Tuesday in Geneva as the United States ramps up its military presence in the Middle East and Iran holds large-scale maritime exercises.

As the talks began, Iranian media announced that Iran had fired live missiles toward the Strait of Hormuz. Iran had announced a maritime military exercise on Monday in waterways that are crucial international trade routes through which 20% of the world's oil passes.

The semi-official Tasnim news agency, which is close to the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, said missiles launched inside Iran and along its coast had struck their targets in the Strait of Hormuz.

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**February 13, 2026**

## **Message to Iran: USS Gerald R. Ford redeployed to Middle East**

**The USS Gerald R. Ford and its escort ships are being sent from the Caribbean to the Middle East to join the USS Abraham Lincoln strike group, amid tensions with Iran.**

Retrieved February 13, 2026, from [Message to Iran: USS Gerald R. Ford redeployed to Middle East | Israel National News](#)

## **Egypt pushing for deployment of international force in Gaza**

**The Egyptian foreign minister expresses full support for the National Committee for the Management of the Gaza Strip and emphasizes the effort to base the ceasefire agreement on solid foundations.**

Retrieved February 13, 2026, from [Egypt pushing for deployment of international force in Gaza | Israel National News](#)

**February 12, 2026**

## **Third massive quake rattles South Carolina coast again**

South Carolina's coast shook on a recent Friday when a moderate offshore earthquake sent ripples of concern through communities from Charleston to inland towns. People reported rattling windows and swaying light fixtures, even though early checks showed no major damage. The jolt reminded residents that, although the state sits far from the edges of tectonic plates, it is not free from seismic risk.

Retrieved February 12, 2026, from [Third massive quake rattles South Carolina coast again](#)

## **After Netanyahu-Trump meeting: Another aircraft carrier to be sent to Middle East**

**Wall Street Journal reports that the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush will join the USS Abraham**

# Lincoln in the Middle East - at the order of President Trump.

Retrieved February 12, 2026, from [After Netanyahu-Trump meeting: Another aircraft carrier to be sent to Middle East | Israel National News](#)

## February 2, 2026

# San Francisco on edge as earthquake rocks Bay Area days before Super Bowl

Story by Mataeo Smith

A 4.2-magnitude earthquake hit the San Francisco Bay area Monday morning, affecting several surrounding communities.

The quake is said to be about 9 kilometers deep and about 2-3 kilometers wide. There have been no [reported damages or injuries](#) at this time. Residents are reportedly enduring [a batch of quakes](#) Monday morning with the 4.2-magnitude being the strongest thus far. Other seismic events included a significantly weaker quake, which was determined to be a 2.5.

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