

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 2026

Dear Mr. President:

I write to apprise you of military action commenced on July 7, 2026, against the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

I previously notified you of changes in the global posture of United States Armed Forces in the Middle East in response to threats from Iran, including most recently in the biannual periodic update signed on June 11, 2026, as well as in both the June 12, 2026 and June 29, 2026 updates on military action commenced on June 9, 2026; June 26, 2026; and June 28, 2026, all consistent with the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93-148).

As previously communicated to the Congress, I ordered a 2-week ceasefire on April 7, 2026. The ceasefire was then extended. During the ceasefire, my Administration engaged in productive, good-faith efforts to achieve a diplomatic solution to Iran's malign behavior and to end its threat to the United States and our allies and partners.

These efforts led to my signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran on June 17, 2026. The MOU requires the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to make arrangements using its best efforts for the safe passage of commercial vessels ... from the Persian Gulf to the Seas of Oman. Despite this commitment, Iran again attacked several neutral-flagged commercial vessels transiting the Strait of Hormuz between July 6-7, 2026.

At my direction, United States Armed Forces responded, commencing on July 7, 2026, with defensive strikes against targets within Iran including missile launch sites, air defenses, military maritime assets, military support infrastructure, and command and control capabilities.

United States ground forces are not involved in these strikes. These strikes are limited, measured, planned, and executed in a manner designed to minimize civilian casualties. They are focused on military capabilities posing a threat to the

United States Armed Forces in the region, protecting the United States homeland, advancing United States national interests, securing safe passage of commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, and defending our regional allies and partners.

United States Armed Forces remain postured to take further action, as necessary and appropriate, to address further threats and attacks upon the United States or its allies and partners and to ensure the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran ceases being a threat to the United States and to our allies and partners.

I directed this military action consistent with my responsibility to protect Americans and United States' interests both at home and abroad and in furtherance of United States' national security and foreign policy interests. I acted pursuant to my constitutional authority as Commander in Chief and as Chief Executive to conduct United States foreign relations.

I am providing this report as part of my efforts to keep the Congress fully informed, consistent with the War Powers Resolution (Public Law 93-148).

I appreciate the support of the Congress in these military actions.

Sincerely,

A large, bold, handwritten signature in black ink, characteristic of Donald Trump's signature style, featuring a prominent 'D' and 'T'.

The Honorable Charles Grassley
President pro tempore
of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510