

Number of U.S. troops wounded in Iran war surpasses 200 across 7 countries

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The number of U.S. troops who have been wounded or injured during the U.S.-Israeli campaign against Iran now exceeds 200 across seven countries, a U.S. military spokesman said Monday, providing the most detailed accounting yet of how American personnel have been put in harm's way.

Navy Capt. Tim Hawkins, the chief spokesman for U.S. Central Command, said U.S. troops have been wounded in Bahrain, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, primarily in the first few days of the conflict. More than 180 of them have returned to duty, he said.

Some injuries have been reported only in the past few days, he said, as symptoms — primarily from traumatic brain injuries — become apparent. Central Command oversees U.S. military operations through the Middle East.

The injuries have occurred as Iran has launched waves of missile and one-way attack drones on U.S. positions and civilian targets in countries across the region in response to President Donald Trump's extensive military campaign against Iran, which began three weeks ago. U.S. strikes in recent days have focused heavily on taking out Iranian missile launchers and drone storage facilities, in a bid to limit Iran's ability to fight back, U.S. officials have said. [🌟 Dive deeper](#)

Last week, senior Pentagon spokesman Sean Parnell disclosed that more than 140 U.S. troops had been injured in the war, with most quickly returning to duty. Eight were seriously injured, Parnell said at the time.

Hawkins said Monday that the number of troops seriously injured has since increased to 10, after military officials recharacterized the injuries of two service members wounded in the opening days of the campaign.

Seven U.S. troops have been killed in Iranian attacks and six died last week after a KC-135 refueling plane crashed in Iraq in what U.S. military officials have said was an accident involving another plane.

The most significant attack on American personnel occurred Feb. 28 at Port Shuaiba in Kuwait, where a one-way attack drone struck a tactical operations center. Six U.S. soldiers were killed. A seventh soldier died of injuries suffered in an attack at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia.

Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in a briefing with reporters Friday that the majority of U.S. injuries have been suffered in strikes by one-way attack drones. He said that “a bunch” of the wounded had returned to duty and that injuries had occurred “in Kuwait, Jordan, down across the southern flank a little bit, a variety of places.” U.S. officials did not detail where the other countries were at the time.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth added then that “almost 90 percent, thank God,” of those injured had suffered “minor injuries.”

U.S. forces have hit more than 7,000 targets in Iran since the beginning of the operation, Central Command said in a fact sheet released Monday. Israel has launched about 8,000 more, officials have said.

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Among the targets hit are Iran's anti-ship missile sites, ballistic missile and drone manufacturing facilities, weapons bunkers, and surface-to-air missiles, U.S. officials said.

Adm. Charles "Brad" Cooper, the top officer at Central Command, said in a [video](#) posted Monday that U.S. forces have launched "overwhelming firepower" into Iran for 16 days. The United States has air superiority over Iranian skies, he said, meaning U.S. pilots can fly missions without significant interference.

"U. S. and partner strikes are doing exactly what they are intended to do: Deliver on very clear military objectives to eliminate Iran's ability to project power against Americans and against its neighbors," Cooper said.

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