



Risk Report

Middle East Regional Snapshot

Summary of the key security and operational risks amid the ongoing regional conflict

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Summary – Security Risk Environment

	BAHRAIN	IRAN	ISRAEL	JORDAN	SAUDI ARABIA	KUWAIT	LEBANON	OMAN	QATAR	UAE
SECURITY RISK	MODERATE	HIGH	MODERATE	MODERATE	MODERATE	LOW	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW
SECURITY TREND	STABLE	RAPIDLY DETERIORATING	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	RAPIDLY DETERIORATING	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE

Key Developments	Mainline Assessments	Most Likely Forecast - Regional				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack Volume: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) have recorded a notable uptick in the volume of projectiles launched from Iran. Following lows of ten projectiles on 15th March, 27, 55, and 40 have been recorded from 16th-18th March, respectively. Targeting: Israel has increased strikes targeting central areas of Beirut. Four separate strikes in the early hours of 18th March saw the central areas of Zuqaq al-Blat, Basta, and Bachoura targeted, representing Israel’s most concentrated strikes targeting central Beirut since hostilities with Hezbollah restarted on 2nd March. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack Volume: Fluctuations in attack volumes are likely to continue in states being targeted by Iran, although the roughly stable baseline observed over the past week following a significant decrease compared to the first week of the conflict is expected to broadly persist. Targeting: The increased targeting of central areas of Beirut follows recent threats from senior Israeli military officials that Hezbollah-linked infrastructure would be targeted. An IDF statement outlined that the 18th March strikes included the targeting of a Hezbollah-run financial institution, indicating that strikes beyond traditional engagement areas, such as Beirut’s southern suburbs, are likely to continue. 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Likelihood</td> <td>Likely (55%-75%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Timeframe</td> <td>Coming 48 hours</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iranian retaliatory attacks continue to be launched towards regional countries, although the volume of attacks does not greatly deviate from the lower volume baseline that has been established over the past week. Iranian hostile rhetoric continues to escalate, although sustained US-Israeli airstrikes targeting Iranian offensive capabilities, combined with targeted countries maintaining generally high projectile interception rates, reduces the impact of sustained Iranian retaliatory action, but sporadic impacts continue to be reported. 	Likelihood	Likely (55%-75%)	Timeframe	Coming 48 hours
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Summary – Operational Risk Environment

	BAHRAIN	IRAN	ISRAEL	JORDAN	SAUDI ARABIA	KUWAIT	LEBANON	OMAN	QATAR	UAE
OPERATIONAL RISK	LOW	HIGH	MINIMAL	MODERATE	LOW	LOW	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW
OPERATIONAL TREND	STABLE	RAPIDLY DETERIORATING	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE	RAPIDLY DETERIORATING	STABLE	STABLE	STABLE

Key Developments	Mainline Assessments	Most Likely Forecast - Regional				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airports & Air Operations: Following the 16th March drone attack that damaged a fuel tank near Dubai International Airport (DXB), the UAE has reportedly restricted commercial flights at DXB and Dubai World Central (DWC) airports to UAE-based carriers only. Open-source flight data indicates that only UAE-based airlines have operated commercial flights at DXB and DWC since 16th March. Airports & Air Operations: Despite the Qatari airspace closure persisting, a limited number of Qatar Airways flights are operating within a limited safe air corridor in liaison with the Qatar Civil Aviation Authority. Qatar Airways released a new schedule of flights operating from 18th-28th March. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airports & Air Operations: Both Qatar and the UAE are being targeted daily by Iranian drone and missile strikes, making a broad easing of the current airspace restrictions unlikely over at least the coming 48 hours. It remains unclear how long the restrictions on non-UAE-based airline operations at DXB and DWC are expected to persist, although this is not expected to prompt a significant overall reduction in flight availability, and associated restrictions are not expected at other UAE airports. 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Likelihood</td> <td>Highly Likely (80%-90%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Timeframe</td> <td>Coming 48 hours</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airlines continue to increase outbound flight operations through airspaces that remain open. The patterns continue to vary, however, as the relevant authorities temporarily restrict or clear airspace during periods of heightened projectile activity. Shipping through the Strait of Hormuz remains severely restricted although significant disruption to regional supply chains does not materialise through this forecast period. 	Likelihood	Highly Likely (80%-90%)	Timeframe	Coming 48 hours
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SECURITY RISK TRACKER - DRONE AND MISSILE STRIKES										
	BAHRAIN	IRAN	ISRAEL	JORDAN	SAUDI ARABIA	KUWAIT	LEBANON	OMAN	QATAR	UAE
ATTACK VOLUME	MODERATE	MAJOR	MODERATE*	MODERATE*	MODERATE	MODERATE*	MAJOR	MODERATE*	MODERATE*	SIGNIFICANT
ATTACK FREQUENCY	DAILY	CONSTANT	DAILY	INTERMITTENT	DAILY	DAILY	DAILY	INTERMITTENT	DAILY	DAILY
TARGETING	INF/ GOVT	URBAN CENTRES	URBAN CENTRES	MILITARY (S2)	INF/ GOVT	INF/ GOVT	URBAN CENTRES (S4)	INF/ GOVT	INF/ GOVT	INF/ GOVT
INTERCEPTION RATES	MODERATE*	EXTREMELY LIMITED*	MODERATE* (S1)	MODERATE*	EXTENSIVE*	MODERATE*	EXTREMELY LIMITED*	MODERATE*	EXTENSIVE*	EXTENSIVE*
RHETORIC	STABLE	EXPRESSED	HOSTILE	STABLE	EXPRESSED (S3)	STABLE	EXPRESSED	STABLE	EXPRESSED (S3)	EXPRESSED (S3)

*Estimation due to data limitations

SERIAL	COUNTRY	FACTOR	TREND	RATING	DESCRIPTION
S1	ISRAEL	INTERCEPTION RATES	STABLE	MODERATE*	An Iranian attack prompted two fatalities in Ramat Gan on the morning of 18 th March, underscoring the challenges posed to Israeli air defences by Iran’s reported use of cluster munitions.
S2	JORDAN	TARGETING	STABLE	MILITARY	Projectile interceptions continue although no major impact has been reported and there is no indication that strikes are targeting beyond military facilities.
S3	GULF	RHETORIC	DETERIORATING	EXPRESSED	Following the reported Israeli targeting of Iranian oil facilities in South Pars on 18 th March, Iran issued an evacuation warning for numerous oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar, declaring them “direct and legitimate targets”.
S4	LEBANON	TARGETING	DETERIORATING	URBAN CENTRES	In addition to the recent uptick in aerial attacks targeting central areas of Beirut following a declared intent from senior Israeli military officials to increasingly target Hezbollah-linked infrastructure, the IDF announced on 18 th March that it has targeted at least five fuel stations in southern Lebanon.

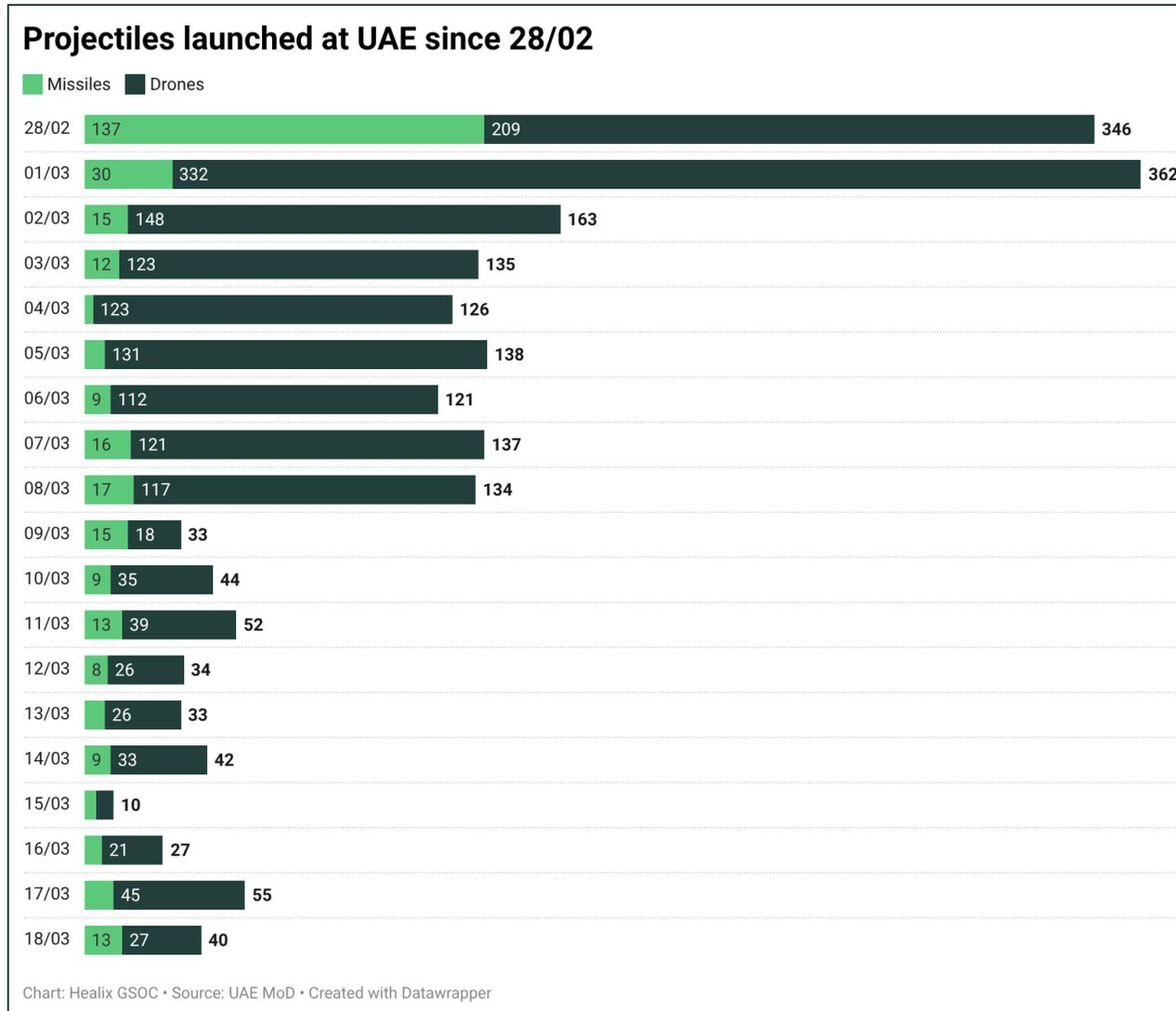
OPERATIONAL RISK TRACKER										
	BAHRAIN	IRAN	ISRAEL	JORDAN	SAUDI ARABIA	KUWAIT	LEBANON	OMAN	QATAR	UAE
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	NORMAL (O1)	SIGNIFICANT	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL (O1)	NORMAL (O1)	SIGNIFICANT (O3)	NORMAL	NORMAL (O1)	NORMAL (O1)
AIRPORTS & AIR OPERATIONS	SIGNIFICANT	CRITICAL	SOME	SOME	SOME	SIGNIFICANT	SOME	SOME (O4)	SIGNIFICANT	SIGNIFICANT
SUPPLY CHAIN RELIABILITY	NORMAL (O2)	SIGNIFICANT	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL (O2)	NORMAL (O2)	SIGNIFICANT	NORMAL	NORMAL (O2)	NORMAL (O2)
BUSINESS OPS & COMMERCE	SOME	CRITICAL	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL	SOME	SIGNIFICANT	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL

SERIAL	COUNTRY	FACTOR	TREND	RATING	DESCRIPTION
O1	GULF	HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	STABLE	NORMAL	The regional medical supply chain is reportedly continuing to operate without any major shortages despite the ongoing challenges posed to air and maritime logistics. However, there are increasing reports of the potential for shortages to medicines that have short shelf lives and require strict temperature-controlled storage.
O2	GULF	SUPPLY CHAIN	STABLE	NORMAL	The regional supply chain is operating without any significant shortages however disruption is likely to increase over the coming weeks as the continued closure of the Strait of Hormuz poses a threat to supply chains. Reports detail that importers are struggling to secure alternative routes for vital goods.
O3	LEBANON	HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	DETERIORATING	SIGNIFICANT	The healthcare system across Lebanon is reportedly operating with significant disruption as healthcare infrastructure in the south is being targeted by Israeli airstrikes. Hospitals and clinics in Beirut are struggling to cope with the surge of displaced and injured citizens following recent attacks in central Beirut. It is likely that healthcare capabilities will continue to deteriorate as strikes continue to hit critical infrastructure across Lebanon.
O4	OMAN	AIRPORTS & AIR OPERATIONS	STABLE	SOME	Flight data from 18 th March showed that the majority of departing and inbound flights were on time at Muscat International Airport (MCT), although flights to several destinations including Dubai, Kuwait, Copenhagen, and Amman will remain cancelled until the end of March.

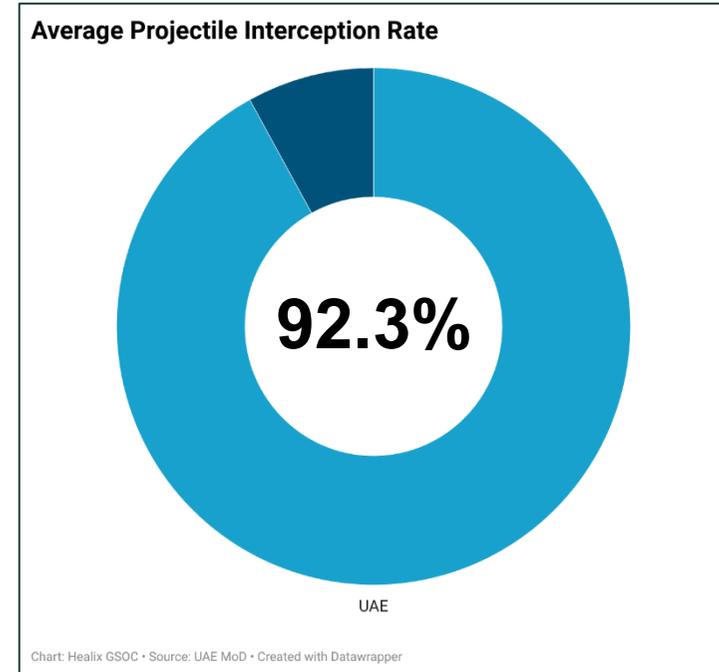
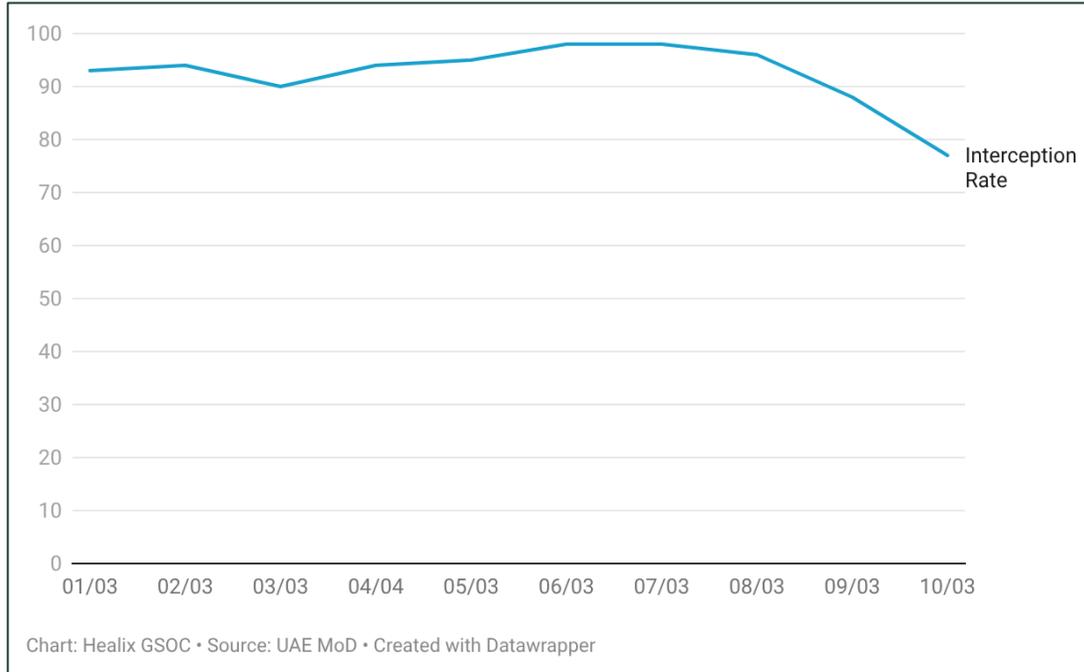
Terminology

Attack Volume Scale			
<p>Minimal</p> <p>Very limited scale of drone and/or missile strikes targeting the country, with any impacts highly localised.</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>Low to moderate scale of missile and/or drone attacks, targeting only one city/region or multiple regions in small quantities.</p>	<p>Significant</p> <p>Large number of drones and/or missiles target the country during attacks affecting multiple cities/regions.</p>	<p>Major</p> <p>Very high numbers of drones and/or missiles target the country during attacks, affecting multiple cities/regions.</p>
Attack Frequency			
<p>Minimal</p> <p>No missile or drone strikes have been reported on the country's territory within the past 72 hours.</p>	<p>Intermittent</p> <p>Drone and missile strikes are launched occasionally (eg: every 2-3 days).</p>	<p>Daily</p> <p>Drone/missile strikes of varying scale are launched towards the country on a daily basis.</p>	<p>Constant</p> <p>Multiple waves of drone and missile attacks are launched on a day-to-day basis.</p>
Targeting			
<p>Incidental</p> <p>Little to no evidence of drones and/or missiles being launched towards urban centres with any minor impacts incidental in nature.</p>	<p>Military</p> <p>Drone and/or missile strikes are predominantly targeting military sites largely away from populated areas.</p>	<p>Infrastructure/govt</p> <p>Drone/missile strikes are predominantly targeting infrastructure, government buildings and/or embassies with some wider impact.</p>	<p>Urban centres</p> <p>Drone and/or missile strikes are exploding without interception in major urban centres directly impacting populated areas.</p>
Interception rates			
<p>Extensive</p> <p>Country's air defences are intercepting the vast majority of projectiles. Explosions reported are mainly the result of intercepted drone/missile debris</p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>Country's air defences are intercepting most projectiles, although sporadic impacts as the result of direct hits are reported.</p>	<p>Limited</p> <p>An approximately even split between projectiles intercepted and direct hits.</p>	<p>Extremely limited</p> <p>Next to no projectiles are intercepted by the country's air defences, resulting in widespread strikes and critical impacts.</p>
Rhetoric			
<p>Conciliatory</p> <p>Rhetoric towards the country from state(s) or state affiliated actor(s) has shown clear conciliatory tone and/or preference for de-escalation.</p>	<p>Stable</p> <p>Rhetoric towards the country from state(s) or state affiliated actor(s) has shown no sign of significant change.</p>	<p>Hostile</p> <p>State(s) or state affiliated actor(s) rhetoric towards that country is unfriendly/continually hostile, although lacks specificity or has not outlined explicit plans for strikes/violence.</p>	<p>Expressed</p> <p>State(s) or state affiliated actor(s) have explicitly expressed intent to conduct strikes and/or acts of political violence against that country.</p>
Operational			
<p>Normal</p> <p>Operations are functioning as expected with no notable interruptions; continue standard operations and routine monitoring.</p>	<p>Some Disruption</p> <p>Minor interruptions are affecting limited parts of operations; closely monitor the situation and adjust operations as needed.</p>	<p>Significant Disruption</p> <p>Major challenges are affecting multiple aspects of operations; implement contingency plans and allocate the necessary resources to mitigate impact.</p>	<p>Critical Failure</p> <p>Severe disruption has resulted in widespread or complete operational failure; implement emergency response procedures.</p>

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