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Middle East in turmoil after attacks on Iran – 2nd March 2026

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Iran immediately retaliated. It fired missiles at its neighbours. Iran's Revolutionary Guards claimed they had struck US military targets. They warned: "This operation will continue relentlessly until the enemy is decisively defeated." There are fears an escalation will create inflation and financial turmoil worldwide. Much of the world's oil travels through the Strait of Hormuz waterway, which Iran could close. Experts also warn of a refugee crisis.

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Level 6

The Middle East is in turmoil after coordinated attacks by Israel and the USA on Iran on Saturday. Several Iranian cities, including the capital Tehran, were bombarded with precision-guided missiles as Washington and Jerusalem attempted once and for all to obliterate Iran's nuclear capabilities. US President Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform: "We're going to destroy their missiles and raze their missile industry to the ground." Trump called for the Iranian people to rise up and for government forces to surrender. He wrote: "This is the single greatest chance for the Iranian people to take back their country." The strikes on Tehran killed Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and key figures in Iran's military.

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