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Iran strikes U.S. air base in Kuwait, targets Bahrain amid wider Gulf attacks



SALEM – 19 Nov, 2026 A satellite image taken over Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait. Photo: Airbus DS via AP.

Iran widened its attacks on its Gulf neighbours on Wednesday (November 18, 2026), firing on the U.S. Ali Al Salem air base in Kuwait and Bahrain in what appeared to be retaliation for American strikes the day before.

After about two months without such attacks, Iran has repeatedly targeted U.S. facilities in Bahrain in recent days. The small Persian Gulf island kingdom hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

The early morning attacks came after a U.S. fighter jet struck a Revolutionary Guard missile launch site on Tuesday (November 17, 2026) on Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz. The U.S. strike was in retaliation for an Iranian strike on an American radar installation in Bahrain earlier on Tuesday (November 17, 2026).

Iran said its recent attacks — including those on other U.S. facilities in Bahrain on Sunday (November 15, 2026) and Friday November 13, 2026) — were in response to U.S. drone surveillance operations and an attack on Iranian communications towers.