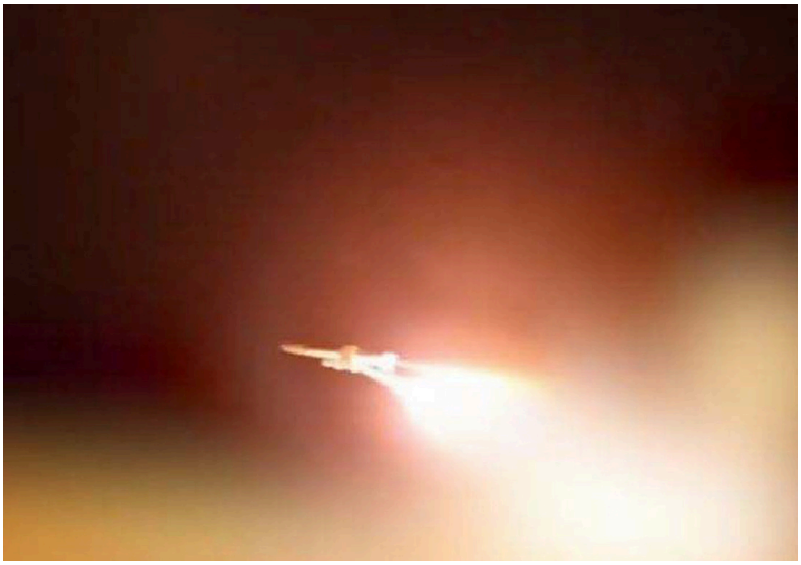
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Iran targets Bahrain airbase as strikes resume in Gulf: Middle East crisis live



CHENNAI – 16 Nov, 2026 Hello and welcome to our live coverage of the fighting in the Middle East.

Iran has targeted an airbase in Bahrain in the latest resumption of strikes since September, prompting public warnings and sirens to ring out in the Gulf kingdom this morning.

According to Iranian media, the IRGC said it had sent six drones to attack a US radar system hosted in the US-allied island state.

Explosions were heard around the capital, Manama, but Bahrain authorities say their air defences intercepted the attacks before they reached their targets.

Bahrain, which lies directly across the Persian Gulf from Iran, is home to the US Navy's Fifth Fleet, and has been repeatedly attacked by Tehran during the course of the war, which has seen flare-ups in strikes amid long bouts of inaction.

There are fears Iran's attacks this morning might signal a resumption of the war while US President Donald Trump has threatened but refrained from returning to major combat. Negotiations to end the war remain at a stalemate, with the US maintaining its naval blockade and Iran its stranglehold over the strait of Hormuz.