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After American forces resumed strikes against Iran, Iran launched missile and drone

Why in news: Escalation of military strikes between the US and Iran in the Middle East, specifically impacting the Strait of Hormuz.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A strategic chokepoint in the Middle East connecting the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman.
- The Iranian Red Crescent reported 4 fatalities in a southern Iran missile strike.
- The conflict involves the deployment of both missiles and drones as primary offensive weapons.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the impact of the escalating US-Iran tensions on global energy security and maritime trade routes in the Middle East.

USE : Geopolitical tension Maritime security Energy corridor

Escalation

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REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A strategic waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.
- IRGC: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, a branch of the Iranian Armed Forces.
- The Strait of Hormuz has remained closed for six months as of the report date.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the geopolitical significance of the Strait of Hormuz and the implications of escalating maritime tensions in the Middle East on global energy security.

USE : maritime chokepoint geopolitical instability

energy security

asymmetric warfare

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Putin Proposes SCO Development Bank to Counter Western Sanctions

Why in news: President Putin proposed an SCO Development Bank at the 26th SCO Summit to create an independent financial framework and counter Western sanctions.

REMEMBER

- SCO: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation includes China, India, Russia, Iran, and Central Asian states.
- SCO projected to hold 34.3% of global GDP in PPP terms by 2026.
- Vladimir Putin: President of Russia; Narendra Modi: Prime Minister of India.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in creating an alternative economic and security architecture for the Global South.

USE : multipolarity economic sovereignty

alternative frameworks

Global South

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On February 28, President Donald Trump launched Operation Epic Fury against Iran

Why in news: President Donald Trump launched 'Operation Epic Fury' against Iran to dismantle its military and nuclear capabilities, leading to a prolonged conflict despite initial short-term projections.

REMEMBER

- Strait of Hormuz: A critical maritime chokepoint in the Middle East and a major source of geopolitical tension.
- Operation Epic Fury: A US military campaign launched on February 28 aimed at degrading Iran's strategic capabilities.
- Ayatollah Ali Khamenei: The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

MAINS ANGLE Analyze the limitations of using military intervention as a primary tool for achieving long-term geopolitical objectives in the Middle East, with reference to the conflict with Iran.

USE : strategic threat military intervention

geopolitical objectives

nuclear infrastructure

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Supreme Court Seeks Explanation from Home Secretary on IPS Deputations

Why in news: The Supreme Court sought clarification from the Union Home Secretary regarding the implementation of a judgment aimed at reducing IPS deputations in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs).

REMEMBER

- The Union Home Secretary is the administrative head of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 46 IPS officers were deputed following the May 2025 Supreme Court judgment.
- CAPFs (General Administration) Act, 2026, was enacted to regulate cadre management.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges in balancing the career progression of CAPF cadre officers with the requirement for IPS officers in central security forces.

USE : cadre management judicial review

administrative transparency institutional lobbying

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Modi's initiatives open 59 crore bank accounts, 32 crore for women

Why in news: The government highlighted the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and other welfare schemes in promoting financial inclusion and women's empowerment.

REMEMBER

- Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): A national mission for financial inclusion to ensure access to banking services.
- PM Awas Yojana: A housing scheme where homes are registered in women's names to promote empowerment.
- Over 32 crore bank accounts opened under PMJDY are held by women.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how targeted welfare schemes and financial inclusion initiatives contribute to the socio-economic empowerment of women in rural India.

USE : financial inclusion socio-economic empowerment

targeted delivery gender parity

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CERN's Large Hadron Collider Upgraded to Study Dark Matter and Higgs Boson

Why in news: CERN is upgrading the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) to the High-Luminosity LHC to study dark matter and the Higgs Boson, highlighting India's significant scientific collaboration.

REMEMBER

- Higgs Boson: A fundamental particle in the Standard Model of particle physics that gives mass to other particles.
- CERN: The European Organization for Nuclear Research, located on the border of Switzerland and France.
- High-Luminosity LHC: Designed to increase data output by a factor of ten compared to the previous LHC configuration.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the significance of international scientific collaborations like CERN in advancing fundamental physics and India's role in global high-energy physics research.

USE : Standard Model Dark Matter High-Luminosity

Scientific Collaboration

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Syria Built Secret Nuclear Reactor Under Assad, IAEA Confirms

Why in news: The IAEA confirmed the discovery of a secret nuclear reactor and undeclared uranium metal in Syria, highlighting concerns over nuclear non-proliferation and regional security.

REMEMBER

- IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency, headquartered in Vienna, monitors nuclear safety and safeguards.
- 73 tonnes of natural uranium metal were uncovered at undeclared sites in Syria.
- Deir Az Zor: The specific location in Syria where the secret reactor was identified.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the challenges faced by the IAEA in monitoring nuclear non-proliferation in conflict-ridden regions and the implications for global security.

USE : Nuclear Non-Proliferation Safeguards

Regional Security Transparency

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Delhi Chief Electoral Officer Publishes Draft Voter List Leaving Out 47.56 Lakh Names

Goa Assembly Removes "Leprosy" from Child Protection Laws to Reduce Stigma

Nepal, seeking "climate-related compensation" from United States, India, and China following deadly

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Singh Urges Defence PSUs to Cut Imports, Collects ₹3,951 Crore in Dividends

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Write one answer today

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Analyze the impact of the escalating US-Iran tensions on global energy security and maritime trade routes in the Middle East.

USE :

Geopolitical tension

Maritime security

Energy corridor

Escalation

Strategic chokepoint



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