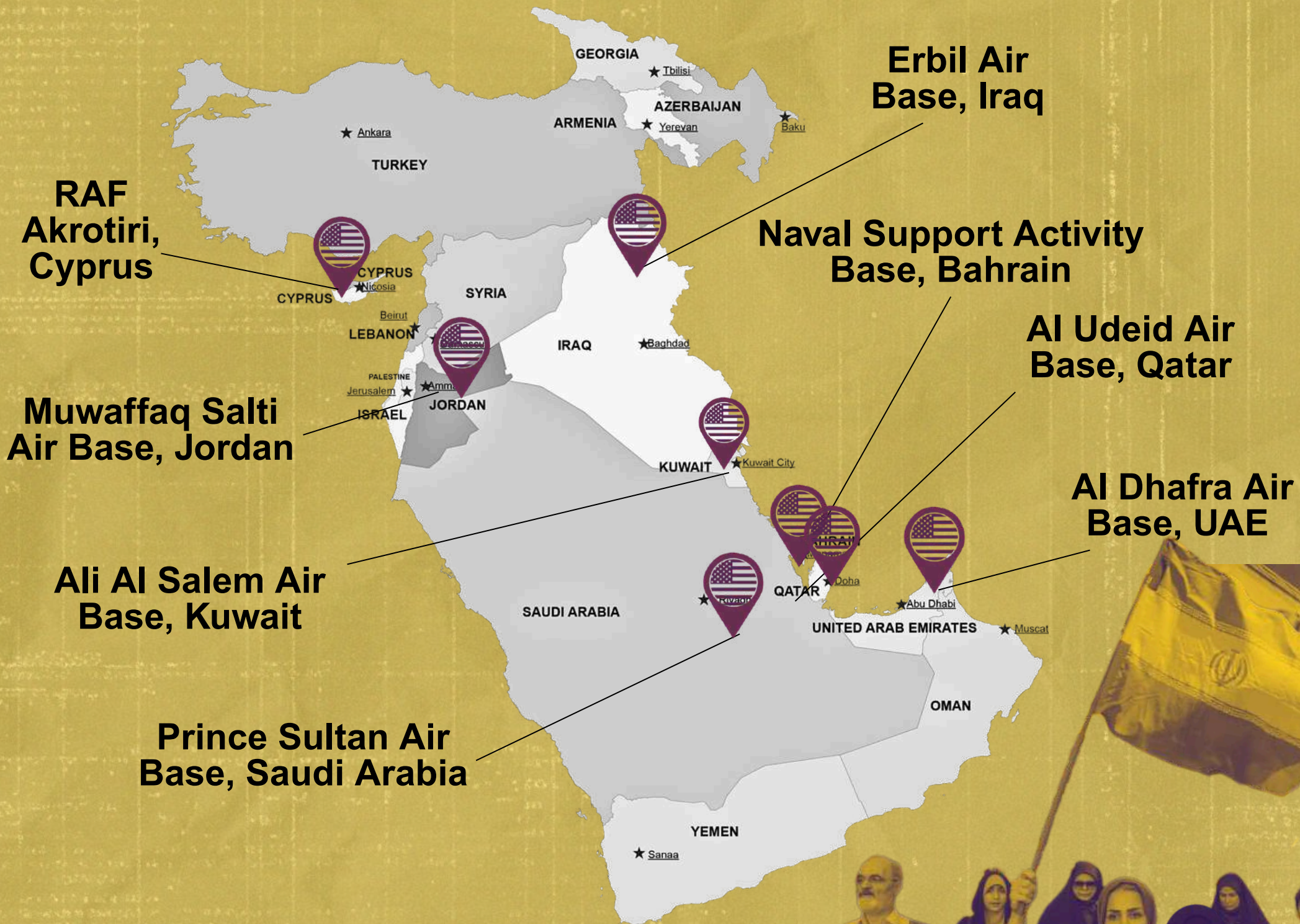


U.S. BASES ARE CONFLICT MAGNETS



WHY ARE IRAN AND OTHER RESISTANCE FORCES BOMBING U.S.-NATO BASES IN WEST ASIA?



U.S. bases are key to waging wars that have slaughtered millions.

US imperialism is the driver of the largest war machine the world has ever known. To carry out its wars of aggression, occupations, counterinsurgency operations, and even training of local puppet armies, the US maintains an immense network of military bases around the world.

More than 800 official bases
14,000 if including drone operating centers intelligence stations, and even single office rooms used by the US military

where decisions are made to tear whole nations apart just to line the pockets of Wall Street executives.



One cannot separate the U.S.' military bases from its broader war strategy

Nor can they be separated from the profit-driven logic of US imperialism, a logic that fuels conflicts across the globe.

In West Asia, these bases have long supported US-led wars that caused thousands of deaths, destroyed infrastructure, and created lasting instability.

After attacks by the US and “Israel” on Feb 28, Iran launched Operation True Promise 4, a missile strike aimed at Zionist military sites and US outposts across West Asia. These strikes hit locations tied to the genocide in Gaza and used for intelligence sharing and logistics support that aided decades of US led wars in the region including the ongoing US-Israel campaign against Iran.

The following slides explain the roles of the bases Iran targeted, showing how the US has used these sites to provoke this war and wage war on other countries in the region, threaten Iran for decades, and support its current campaign against the Islamic Republic.



A Syrian boy looks out from a window inside the bullet-riddled facade of his home after overnight US-led airstrikes



US troops walk in the streets of Baghdad, Iraq



The immediate aftermath of a US coalition airstrike on Syria

UAE: Al Dhafra Air Base

Al Dhafra hosts the US Air Force's 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, a command structure **responsible for coordinating air refueling missions, Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (IRS) operations, and long-range surveillance across the US Central Command area of operation.**

Al Dhafra is at the center of the US intelligence architecture in the Gulf, **allowing the US to maintain what it calls a continuous "eye in the sky" over Iranian military movements, this is the intelligence-gathering arm of a decades-long campaign to encircle, weaken, and threaten the Islamic Republic of Iran and other sovereign nations in the region.**



US Jets stationed Al Dhafra Air Base

Prior to Iranian strikes, **Al Dhafra** hosted one of the most technologically dense concentrations of **US military assets in West Asia**, including reconnaissance aircraft, unmanned systems, and advanced radar networks.



Aftermath Iran's strike in Al Dhafra



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Qatar: Al Udeid Air Base

This base houses the forward headquarters of the **US Central Command** and approximately **10,000 US troops** as well as the United Kingdom Royal Air Force (RAF)

It has served as a launching pad for US military aggression in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria--wars that devastated entire nations and cost countless lives. The Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) located in the base commands and controls most of the US air operations in West Asia, including assisting in recent operations against Iran.



On May 15, 2025, delivered a "Peace Through Strength" address at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar,

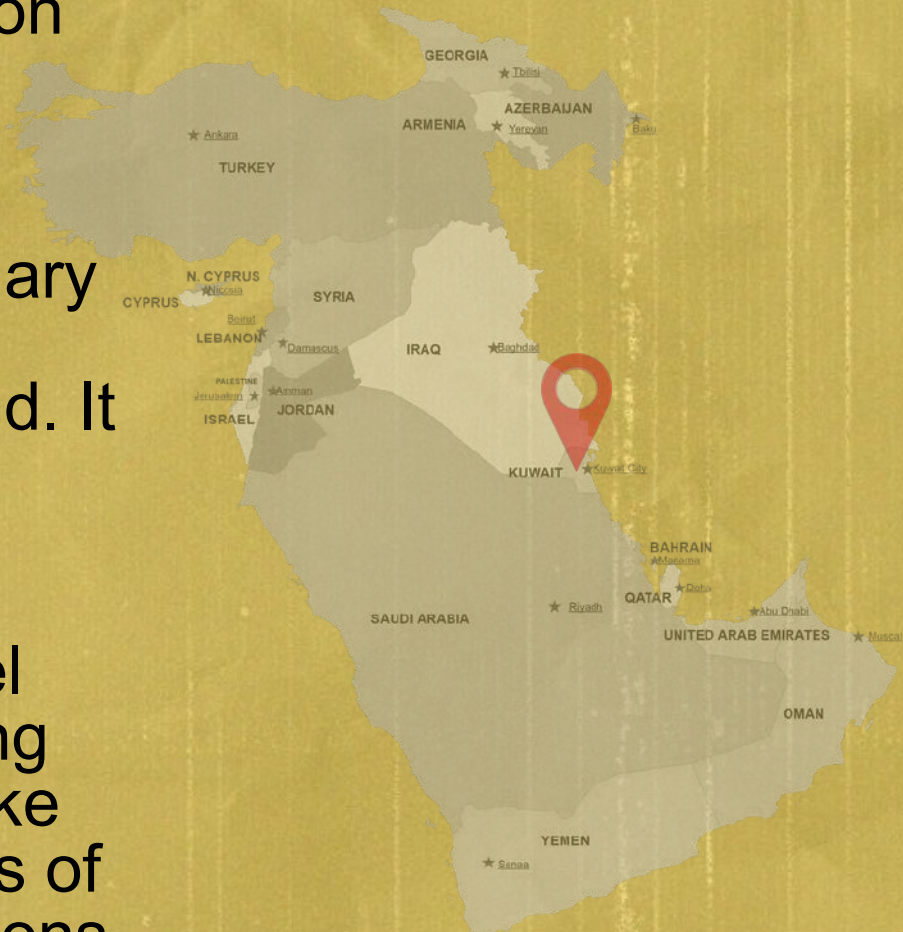
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Kuwait: Ali Al Salem Air Base

The base hosted the Royal Air Force (RAF), United States Air Force (USAF), and United States Marine Corps (USMC) personnel and aircraft during Operation Southern Watch and during the invasion of Iraq in 2003.

386th Air Expeditionary Wing which is housed in the base serves as the primary airlift hub and gateway for delivering combat power to US Central Command. It facilitates airlift, aerial refueling, and intelligence/surveillance (ISR) for CENTCOM. Airlift delivers the bombs, troops, and military hardware that level cities and occupy lands. Aerial refueling enables bombers to fly longer and strike farther, sustaining non-stop campaigns of aggression without respite for populations below.

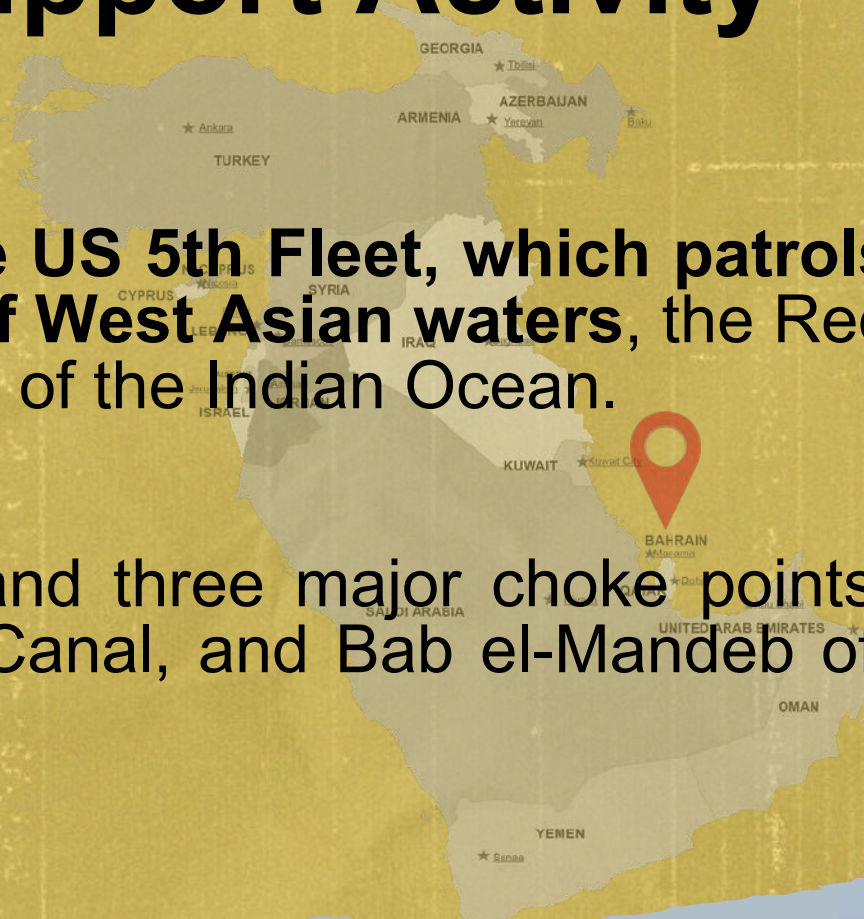


Sites hit by Iran at Ali Al Salem Air Base

Bahrain: Naval Support Activity

This is the **headquarters for the US 5th Fleet, which patrols over 2.5 million square miles of West Asian waters**, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, and parts of the Indian Ocean.

This area covers 21 countries and three major choke points: the Strait of Hormuz, the Suez Canal, and Bab el-Mandeb off Yemen.



Iran Bombs the American Fifth Fleet in Bahrain

The US says it's there to "protect shipping lanes" and provide "maritime security." But what that really means is controlling the world's oil routes and projecting military power thousands of miles from US shores.

Iraq: Erbil Air Base

Used by US forces for air operations, particularly in northern Iraq and Syria, where troops advise Kurdish and Iraqi forces.

In August 2025, after immense public pressure, the US redeployed its troops from Ain al-Asad and Victoria bases to Erbil Air Base. This is part of a “phased withdrawal” of US forces from the country after a deadly invasion and war that killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, destabilized an entire region, and was built on nothing but lies about weapons of mass destruction. The US military is rebranding its presence as "advising" or "counter-terrorism" while maintaining strategic control over Iraqi soil, violating sovereignty, and ensuring its military footprint remains firmly planted in the region.



Aerial view of Erbil Air Base



Jordan: Muwaffaq Salti Air Base

The base serves as a critical hub for US and coalition forces in the region. It is one of the primary staging points for the USAF Central Command's 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, which conducts operations and training missions across the Levant, including in Syria and Iraq. Located about 60 miles northeast of the capital Amman, MSAB sits just over 500 miles from the Iranian border.



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Saudi Arabia: Prince Sultan Airbase

This was the Air Force's biggest expeditionary operating location and the epicenter of air wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. At that, time Prince Sultan Airbase (PSAB) was a front-line combat assignment for airmen conducting Operation Southern Watch. The base's purpose was to host fighters, tankers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance aircraft, and airspace control assets flying continuous patrols of the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

PSAB was used to station US military equipment prior to the attack in Iran on Feb. 28, 2026



An F-16 from PSAB gets into refueling position beneath a KC-135 during an Operation Southern Watch mission.



Cyprus: RAF Akrotiri

The British bases at RAF Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the so-called “Western Sovereign Base Area” were established under the 1960 Treaty of Independence, allowing the UK to retain control despite Cyprus’s independence. Built in the mid-1950s, they were used in the Suez Crisis (1956), the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing, the 1986 US bombing of Libya, evacuations during the 2006 Lebanon War, Operation Ellamy in Libya (2011), reconnaissance over Iraq (2018), missile strikes on Syria (2018), and strikes against Ansar Allah targets in Yemen (2024).

Today, these bases remain outside Cypriot authority, exposing citizens to retaliation in conflicts they did not choose.



US and British coalition launched airstrikes in Yemen's Hodeida, while Israel attacked Hodeidah port.

2006 war on Lebanon

“Israel:” the biggest U.S. Base in West Asia

While the US maintains direct military installations in occupied Palestine, the entire Zionist entity itself functions as a militarized outpost for US imperialism, a forward base from which to project power across West Asia. This enables direct and indirect military intervention, destabilization, and attacks on sovereign nations, all aimed at advancing imperialist objectives such as resource plunder, land theft, and the coercive control of strategic trade routes, while simultaneously seeking to contain and crush the Resistance forces fighting for liberation across the region.

Israel has deployed hundreds of US funded missiles towards Iran, including the initial strikes against the Islamic Republic of Iran on February 28. It also continues to bomb Lebanon and Palestine daily in violation of a ceasefire. Israel's bombardments have displaced close to 700 thousand Lebanese and killed more than 100 since the start of the war with Iran and its renewed offensive in Lebanon."



A plume of smoke rises after a strike in Tehran

Iran's Target is U.S. imperialism

Iran and resistance forces in Lebanon and Iraq targeting of US military bases remains a legitimate act within the framework of self-defense. As demonstrated, these bases have aided in bombings that have killed more than a thousand Iranians since the war began on February 28, 2026, and have repeatedly targeted civilian infrastructure, including hospitals and schools.

These bases have brought only destruction and destabilization to West Asia. They have also placed a target on countries whose leaders sell their land and sovereignty to US imperialism, betraying the will of their own people.

The thousands of bases that the US utilizes, along with those of its allies and puppet forces around the world, have brought dire consequences to people's lives and livelihoods. Even when no open military operation is being undertaken at these bases, their very existence affects communities in countless ways.

