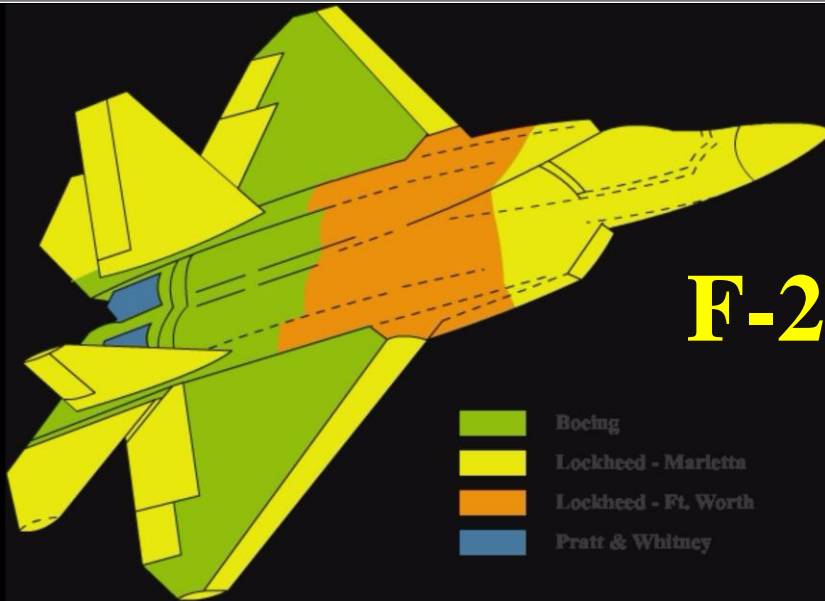


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F-22

F22 is manufactured by 4 firms in 4 colors. Boeing (BA), 2 Lockheed (LMT) & Pratt & Whitney (RTX), so keep an eye on these 3 stocks. Mind that these 3 are also major Moon Landing and Space Industry besides military stocks.

*EA-18G Growler
Is the electronic warfare plane manufactured by Boeing (BA).
It clears all paths for fighters and bombers so they can fully exercise their function.
Investors should know what to buy during and after the war.*

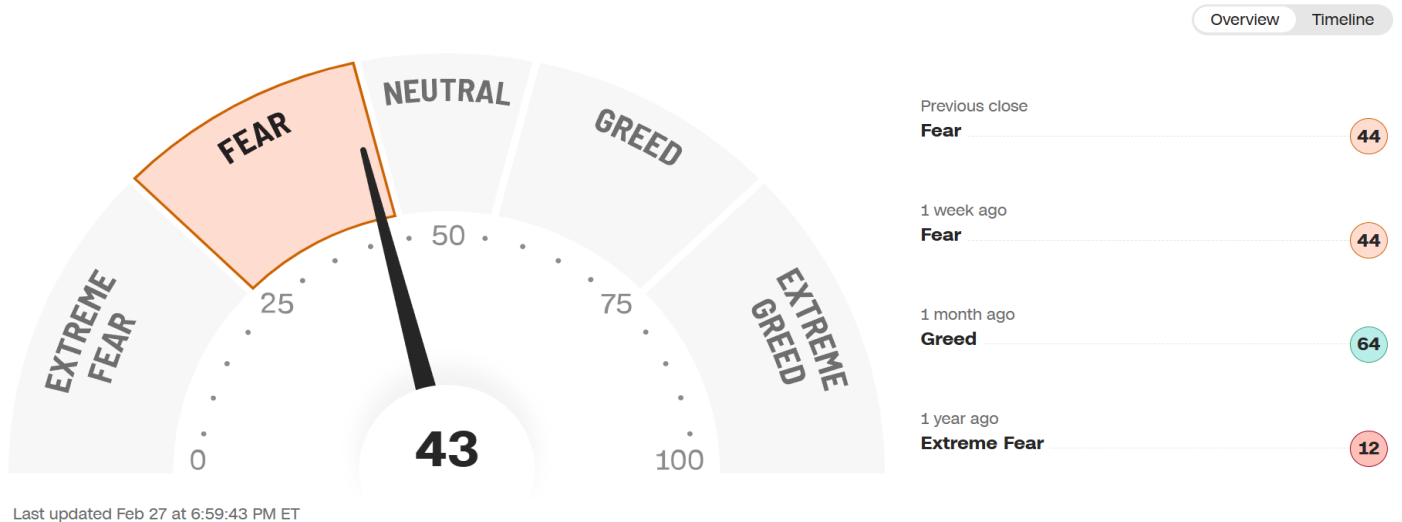


EA-18G

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 Never trade with money that has a deadline for withdrawal.
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 Copy trading cannot replicate another trader's background or psychological state.*

Fear & Greed Index

What emotion is driving the market now?
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The United States and Israel launched a massive attack on Iran. Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was declared dead. Trump called on the Iranian people to overthrow the religiously-led regime after the attack. Iranian state television announced Khamenei's death and declared a 40-day national mourning period, though many took to the streets to celebrate. Iran subsequently launched missiles at Israel and four Gulf Arab states hosting US military bases, including Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

US Vice President Vance stated that the attack on Iran was "absolutely impossible" to escalate into a protracted war in the Middle East.

ChatGPT developer OpenAI released a new security report disclosing that accounts linked to Chinese law enforcement used ChatGPT to launch a large-scale "cyber warfare" operation. The report alleged that ChatGPT was commissioned to assist in planning a smear campaign against Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, including disseminating numerous negative comments to shape public perception. The user also requested ChatGPT's assistance in polishing a broader, regular action report aimed at "identifying, pressuring, interfering with, and silencing" dissidents. At least hundreds of staff members were involved in creating thousands of fake accounts across dozens of platforms, some using Chinese-made AI models such as Deepseek.

There is a public expectation that AI can popularize education, making it easier for people from diverse backgrounds to learn. However, research has found that top AI chatbots such as GPT-4, Claude 3 Opus, and Meta Llama 3 provide significantly less accurate responses to users with lower English proficiency, lower education levels, or who are not from the United States, and in some cases, respond with arrogance or contempt.

US mortgage rates have fallen below 6% for the first time since 2022, a change that could bring a turnaround to the long-sluggish housing market. US President Trump criticized housing prices as too high, making them unaffordable for the public.



World Observation

Day 1468
Russia/Ukraine Conflict

Operation Epic Fury

For the talk of US and Iran in Geneva on Friday, it suddenly called for a halt of 3 hours. The Iran representative has to discuss with Ayatollah Khamenei on a critical topic, that is the US must send a group of supervisors to Iran to watch them to dismantle the nuclear facilities and clear all uranium or else war at once. The answer of Iran was No! No! No! The order of Trump is Go! Go! Go!

The Foreign minister of Qatar released news that the talk has had great progress and success. As the war started, some news said the US tried to assassinate Khamenei, but failed and several hundred US soldiers died. Some old saying is that when war is broken out, the first that goes to death is TRUTH.

In the Gulf War of 1991 and Iraq War of 2003 and capture of Maduro of 2025, action started at midnight. Military people know it quite well that even in 1991, the US made Iraq have to wait for the whole night on the deadline and let them feel worn and weary and started the war on the second day. News released that Ayatollah Khamenei has been moved out and hidden in a place of great safety. At 9:00am of Tehran time, Ayatollah Khamenei had a military meeting with several department heads in his office, gambling US would not attack in day time and only would start at midnight. But they forgot the intelligence of Israel is the most accurate one. Israel fighters F-35 bombed the office, and people found the dead body of Khamenei among the ruins. Israel released the

news first. Trump said it is his merit, for he is the highest commander of the joint force. Iran confirmed the death in the afternoon.

Some people may ask, Iran is using the S400 radar system, when under test, it is confirmed it can detect 5th generation fighters. How come the US can have 900 attacks and Israel 500 attacks and no one was hurt. The S400 or whatever radar systems they are using in the air show are detecting the Russian 5th generation war planes and not US war planes. Above all, it is a peaceful time. But in war time, the US will send out the *EA-18G Growler* electronic war plane to disable all radars as in Venezuela and when Pelosi went to Taiwan, they could also disable any warplanes that wished to approach Pelosi.

F22 is known as the emperor of the sky, developed in 1997 and entered into service in 2003. Now upgraded the auxiliary tank, thus also has stealth function and can extend war distance from 500 miles to 1000 miles and no need to drop off the auxiliary tank in furious fighting. It was designed to take duty in Europe and now can extend to the West Pacific. The retiring time can extend from 2030 to 2050, thus can fight with the coming Boeing B47 six generation stealth fighters. The greatest merit is *EA-18G Growler* the electronic warplane which made the Iranian anti-air systems blind and deaf. What Iran is using, please watch the Hollywood movie *Top Gun* of 1986, they are using the planes exactly in the 1986 movies. Israel and the US are using the 2026 warplanes.



Market Observation

Mind the oil price

WTI
(Texas crude oil)
\$67.23

Oil tankers are now avoiding passing through the Hormuz Strait, civil planes are also avoiding using the air passage of Iran for they do not know what will happen. Too risky indeed! Of course, petroleum can shift to other ports in the Red Sea or Mediterranean Sea if they do not use the Hormuz Strait. So, the cost of oil will be higher and higher if war carries on a long-term basis.

In the Operation Midnight Hammer of June 2025, oil price reached the high of \$77.62, and last closing price on Friday was at \$67.81. Before the Operation Epic Fury (in Israel they are named as Operation Roaring Lion), most people expect this time the price will break the high of last year. However, when it is under the psychological barrier of \$100, still acceptable, the impact on the financial market is limited. But when it is over the record high of \$147 of 2007, may lead to a greater fall in US stock market and will hurt the midterm election seriously.

Mind that the USD Index is forming an ascending triangle and is going to have a breakthrough upward. PLTR and COIN are forming double bottom, CRCL already gone up after cooling period. AMZN has a similar ascending triangle with the USD Index, AVGO is similar to NVDA but the former is weaker. TSLA is what Elon Musk said full of hope and will reach \$2000 after years.

One more thing to keep in mind is that Magnificent Seven is weaker than NASDAQ, which is the main reason why the stock indexes are going up and net profit of some small investors are going down. It is called Hindenburg Omen. Latest news that China will supply missiles to Iran, but Iran is now having no effort to support drones to Russia. Will this make the Russian Ukraine War ends earlier? US again send off B2 which is manufactured by NOC.

Here's a structured breakdown of the current U.S. and Iranian air deployments in the Middle East, based on the latest available information:

us U.S. Navy Carrier Air Wings

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72, Nimitz-class)

Carrier Air Wing (CVW) typically includes:

- **F/A-18E/F Super Hornet:** ~40 strike fighters
- **EA-18G Growler:** ~5 electronic warfare aircraft
- **E-2D Hawkeye:** ~4 airborne early warning aircraft
- **C-2A Greyhound:** ~2 carrier onboard delivery aircraft
- **MH-60R/S Seahawk:** ~6–8 helicopters for ASW, SAR, and utility roles [Wikipedia + 1](#)

USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78, Ford-class)

Carrier Air Wing Eight (CVW-8) embarked:

- **F/A-18E/F Super Hornet:** ~44 strike fighters (Squadrons 31, 37, 87, 213)
- **EA-18G Growler:** ~5 electronic warfare aircraft
- **E-2D Hawkeye:** ~4 airborne early warning aircraft
- **C-2A Greyhound:** ~2 transport aircraft
- **MH-60R/S Seahawk:** ~6–8 helicopters [Seaforces Online + 2](#)

Aircraft Deployed to Haifa, Israel

- U.S. reinforcements include **cargo aircraft, aerial refueling tankers, and support planes** staged at Israeli bases.
- Specific numbers are not disclosed, but reports confirm **refueling and transport aircraft** have already arrived alongside the Gerald R. Ford strike group [조선일보 + 1](#)

U.S. Aerial Refueling Capability

- **Currently in use:**
 - **KC-135 Stratotanker** (Air Force)
 - **KC-130 Hercules** (Navy/Marine Corps)
 - **KC-46 Pegasus** (newer Air Force tanker, ~100 delivered so far)
 - **MQ-25 Stingray** (unmanned carrier-based tanker, in testing) [Wikipedia + 1](#)
- **Next Generation Air-refueling System (NGAS):**
 - A stealthy, sixth-generation tanker concept under development.
 - Its future is uncertain—budget pressures may delay or cancel it.
 - Not yet deployed, so **NGAS is not on the current list** [Aviation Week Network + 2](#)

IR Iran Air Force (IRIAF) Inventory (2026)

- **Total aircraft:** ~638 active www.globalmilitary.net
- **Combat aircraft (~253):**
 - **F-14 Tomcat** (legacy U.S. fighters, heavily modified)
 - **MiG-29 Fulcrum** (Russian multirole fighter)
 - **Su-24 Fencer** (strike aircraft)
 - **F-4 Phantom II** (older U.S. fighter-bomber)
 - **F-5 Tiger II / Saeqeh** (locally modified light fighter) [WDMMA - World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft + 1](#)
- **Transport (~107):** Antonov An-72/74, Boeing 707/747, C-130 Hercules
- **Helicopters (~145):** Bell 212/214, CH-47 Chinook, Mi-17
- **No strategic bombers** in inventory

Key Takeaways

- Each U.S. carrier brings ~60–70 aircraft, mostly strike fighters, plus support and early warning assets.
- U.S. refueling capability relies on KC-135, KC-130, KC-46, and MQ-25—not NGAS (still experimental).
- Iran's air force is large in numbers but relies heavily on aging U.S. and Russian aircraft, with limited modernization.

Would you like me to build a **side-by-side comparison table** of U.S. vs. Iranian air assets (fighters, bombers, refuelers, AEW, transports) for clarity?

US aircraft deployments in the Middle East (as of late February 2026) focus on two carrier strike groups plus land-based reinforcements, primarily in response to tensions with Iran. Exact numbers and locations are partially classified or change daily, but open-source reporting and standard Carrier Air Wing (CVW) structures provide reliable breakdowns. The two carriers are:

- **USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72)** with **CVW-9** (operating in the Arabian Sea / U.S. Central Command area, ~700 km from Iran).
- **USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN-78)** with **CVW-8** (in the eastern Mediterranean, en route to or arriving off Israel's coast; reports indicate it may dock at Haifa Port, which aligns with the "planes deployed to Haifa Port" reference—its air wing operates from the carrier itself, with possible support aircraft at nearby Israeli airfields/ports).

Each CVW typically fields **70–90 total aircraft** (including helicopters), but the query focuses on fixed-wing airplanes. Standard squadron sizes are ~10–12 aircraft each for strike fighters (exact counts fluctuate for maintenance/ops). No dedicated bombers are deployed (Super Hornets and F-15Es can perform strike roles). Here is the breakdown:

On USS Abraham Lincoln (CVW-9)

- **Fighters/Strike Fighters:** ~40 total
 - ~30 F/A-18E/F Super Hornet (from VFA-14, VFA-41, VFA-151 squadrons)
 - ~10 F-35C Lightning II (from VMFA-314 "Black Knights" Marine squadron)
- **Electronic Warfare (EW):** 5 EA-18G Growler (VAQ-133)
- **Airborne Early Warning (AEW):** 4 E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (VAW-117)
- **Other fixed-wing:** 2–3 CMV-22B Osprey (logistics/COD, not combat)

On USS Gerald R. Ford (CVW-8)

- **Fighters/Strike Fighters:** ~40–48 F/A-18E/F Super Hornet (from VFA-31, VFA-37, VFA-87, VFA-213 squadrons; this wing currently lacks an assigned F-35C squadron)
- **Electronic Warfare (EW):** 5 EA-18G Growler (VAQ-142)
- **Airborne Early Warning (AEW):** 4 E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (VAW-124)
- **Other fixed-wing:** 2–3 CMV-22B Osprey (logistics)

Combined on the two carriers (approximate fixed-wing total ~100+):

- **Fighters/Strike:** ~80–90 (mostly F/A-18E/F Super Hornet; ~10 F-35C on Lincoln only)
- **EW:** ~10 EA-18G Growler
- **AEW:** ~8 E-2D Advanced Hawkeye



Additional US planes deployed to Israel (including Haifa-area support)

The “some planes deployed to Haifa Port” likely refers to the Ford carrier’s arrival/docking (bringing its full air wing) plus USAF land-based assets surging into Israeli bases (Ovda in the south is confirmed; Ben Gurion and others support tankers/cargo). Key additions:

- **11–12 F-22 Raptor** stealth fighters (USAF; first-ever deployment of F-22s to Israel, at Ovda Air Base; one more squadron reportedly forming).
- Dozens more USAF fighters arriving in the broader region/Israel: ~12–14+ F-35A Lightning II and ~14 F-15E Strike Eagle (multi-role fighters/strike).
- Tankers and support (at Israeli airfields/ports including near Haifa/Ben Gurion): Multiple KC-135 Stratotanker and KC-46 Pegasus (dozens across CENTCOM; specific Israel count ~9–14+ reported in recent surges).
- Several E-3 Sentry AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control; exact Israel count unclear, but several in region).

Broader regional USAF surge (Qatar, Jordan, etc.) includes additional F-16s, F-15s, A-10s, more tankers, recon, and EW aircraft, but these are outside the carrier + Haifa focus.

Next Generation Air-refueling System (NGAS) and current refueling

- **NGAS** (likely referring to the Navy’s **MQ-25 Stingray** unmanned aerial refueling system, sometimes called Next-Gen Aerial Refueling) is **not** on the current deployment list. It is still in testing: first taxi tests occurred in January 2026; first flight is imminent but carrier operations are not expected until later in 2026 or beyond. It is unmanned (drone) and not a “sixth-generation plane” (that term applies to manned fighters like NGAD).
- **Current air refueling planes in use:**
 - **Carrier/Navy side** (Lincoln & Ford): No dedicated tankers. They rely on “buddy refueling” — F/A-18E/F Super Hornets equipped with external aerial refueling pods (ARPs). This is the standard method today.
 - **Land-based/USAF side** (including Israel support): KC-135 Stratotanker and KC-46 Pegasus (dozens surged to the region, with some operating from Israeli airfields).

Iranian side: What kind of planes are they using?

Iran's Air Force (IRIAF) operates an aging fleet of ~300–400 total aircraft (many of pre-1979 US origin with significant maintenance/parts issues; operational readiness is reportedly low, often estimated at 30–50% for older types). They have no 5th-gen stealth fighters, very limited modern AEW or tankers, and rely heavily on ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and drones for power projection instead of manned aircraft. Main types (estimates from open sources; exact operational numbers fluctuate and are lower than total inventory):

- **Fighters/Interceptors:** Grumman F-14A Tomcat (~35 total, but only ~10–20 believed flyable); MiG-29 Fulcrum (~20); Chengdu F-7 (MiG-21 copy, small numbers).
- **Fighter-bombers/Attack/Strike:** McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II (~60+); Sukhoi Su-24 Fencer (~25–30); Northrop F-5 Tiger II and indigenous copies (HESA Saeqeh, etc., ~40–60); some Su-25 Frogfoot.
- **Other:** Limited tankers (a few converted Boeing 707/747); very few AEW (modified 707s); trainers and transports (e.g., C-130, Il-76). Indigenous claims (e.g., Qaher-313 stealth fighter) exist but are not considered operational combat aircraft.

In summary, the US has overwhelming qualitative and quantitative air superiority in any potential scenario, with ~100+ advanced carrier-based fighters plus land-based F-22/F-35/F-15 reinforcements. Deployments are fluid—check official sources like USNI News or CENTCOM for the absolute latest. All figures are approximate based on public reporting and standard CVW structures.



