

What's happening in the news?



Let's have a look at the poster

Middle East



Why is the Middle East in the news?



Let's look at the story



Over the past few days, the Middle East has been in the news. This is because of increased disagreements between some countries. The region has recently seen involvement from President Trump and the US. Leaders around the world are encouraging calm and asking countries to work towards peaceful solutions.

Although the situation is happening far away from the UK, many people around the world feel affected. The issues are complex, but lots of organisations and world leaders are focusing on communication, keeping people safe, and finding peaceful ways to solve the disagreements.

Learn more about this story [here](#).
Watch the useful video [here](#).



Where is this happening?

The Middle East is a region made up of many countries, which include different cultures and communities.

Lots of these countries have connections with other places around the world, including the USA.

Look at the map. Can you find Iran, Israel and the UAE?



This map shows some areas of the Middle East, including Iran and Israel, which have been involved in recent disagreements.



Read through the information below, all about what's happening in the Middle East.

What is happening?

- There have been attacks involving Iran, Israel and the United States, which has increased tensions in the Middle East.
- These countries have had disagreements for many years.
- Some nearby countries in the region have also been affected.
- Leaders around the world are now responding and calling for calm.



The recent issues have led to disruptions including travel problems.



Pictured: Tehran, which is the capital city of Iran and has been involved in the disagreements.

How are people affected?

- In countries such as Iran and Israel, some families have had to stay indoors or go to shelters to stay safe.
- Nearby countries, including Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, have also been affected by the attacks.
- Schools, travel and daily routines have been disrupted in some areas.
- Emergency services and community groups in these countries are working to help keep people safe and supported.

Reflection



Sometimes, the news tells us about difficult situations happening in different parts of the world. Even when events are far away, they remind us how important communication, understanding and peaceful problem-solving are.

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Main question

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Listen Think Share

- Look at the poster image. Does anyone know where it is? Explain that it shows Dubai's skyline, which is in the UAE, part of the Middle East.
- The Middle East has been in the news a lot over the past few days, due to increased conflict between countries including Iran, Israel and involvement from the US.
- Look at the map on slide 4, which shows areas of the Middle East including Iran and Israel – two of the countries involved in the conflict. It's a region made up of many different countries, cultures and communities. What do you already know about the Middle East? Share any prior knowledge you have.
- Watch the short video together about the news story. *Please watch the video in advance as there is sensitive language included.*
- Read through the information found on the resource, which explains more about what's happening in the Middle East and how it's affecting people.
- Sometimes, countries disagree about different issues, like borders or safety. When this happens, world leaders often meet, talk and try to find peaceful solutions. Can you think of a time when you have been involved in a conflict and how it was resolved?

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