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US Air Force removes all bombers from British air base



The U.S. Air Force has brought home its bombers stationed at a U.S.-run **military air base** in England used to strike Iran following an investigation into a planned terror attack at the RAF Fairford base.

The bombers were redeployed to their home bases in the United States, according to a Pentagon official who was not authorized to discuss sensitive military movements and spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity.

Aviation watchers such as the Military Air Tracking Alliance have observed dozens of B-52 and B-1 bombers operating out of RAF Fairford since the opening days of the Iran war. Observers noticed a host of B-1 bombers fly out of the base on Sunday.

The move comes as President Donald Trump weighs options for his war on Iran — including new strikes — despite his initial promises to Americans that the campaign would last **a matter of weeks**.

“We have decisions that I’ll make about Iran. Iran’s been decimated. So the only question is — it’ll either be the easy way, or the hard way,” Trump told reporters on Saturday as he left the White House for a rally in Ohio.

A dual British-Iranian national was arrested in central London last week on suspicion of plotting a terror attack, following a security incident at RAF Fairford in late September.

In total, six people have been taken into custody and then **released on bail** during the investigation.

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British authorities have **linked the incident to Tehran**. Iran has denied involvement, but it has previously said it considers any base used to attack its territory a **legitimate target**.

U.K. officials say proxies linked to Iran have been behind a string of arson and other

attacks in Britain and other countries, many of them targeting the Jewish community and intended to sow fear.

They have previously warned that Tehran could expand its targets in the U.K. if conflicts in the Middle East continue.

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RAF Fairford, located 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of London, has been used by American bombers during decades of conflicts in the Middle East.

The U.S. military still maintains a **sizable presence** in the Middle East.

On Thursday, a U.S. official said the recently deployed USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier, as well as the USS Malkin Island amphibious readiness group — a group of ships that together carry over 7,000 sailors and 2,000 Marines — are heading for the region.

The official said the move could result in three carriers in the region as early as the end of October.