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U.S. F-22 Raptors Arrive in Qatar

U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) announced the arrival of U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptors at the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar today.

The announcement explained that the aircraft arrived in CENTCOM's area of responsibility as a show of force to reduce the chance of Iran or its allies escalating conflict in the region, with CENTOM stating on X, "U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptors arrived in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility Aug. 8 as part of U.S. force posture changes in the region to mitigate the possibility of regional escalation by Iran or its proxies."



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F-22 Raptor

The arrival of the U.S. Air Force stealth fighter aircraft in Qatar takes place after General Michael Erik Kurilla, [commander of CENTCOM, met with Israeli Defense Minister](#) Yoav Gallant and Israel Defense Forces chief of general staff Lieutenant General Herzl "Herzi" Halevi earlier this week.



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