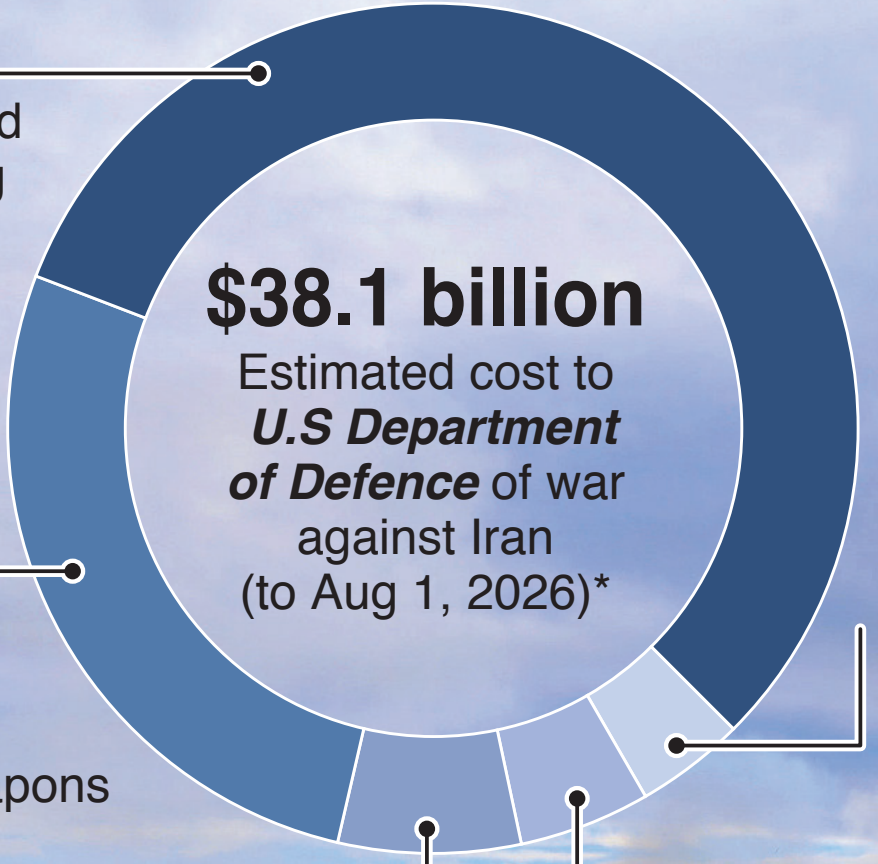
Rising price tag for Iran war

The U.S. war against Iran has cost more than $38 billion during the first five months of fighting and the amount is set to rise by $3 billion a month, according to Congressional Budget Office estimates

Tomahawk cruise missile launch



$21.7bn
Replacing expended munitions, including **$7.3bn** for cruise missiles and **$13.1bn** for missile defence interceptors

$10.4bn
Increased flying hours, including air transport of troops, equipment and weapons to Middle East

$1.5bn
Other operational costs, mainly for Navy ships and Army ground forces

$2.7bn
Increased fuel costs due to higher fuel prices

$1.9bn
Replacing equipment lost in battle

*Figure does not include costs for repairing U.S. bases. Numbers may not add up to total due to rounding

Munitions shortfall
CBO says weapons stockpiles could take five years to rebuild, potentially limiting U.S. military's capacity to respond to another major conflict

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