

Hezbollah, Israel trade cross-border fire for 3rd day

REUTERS, Tel Aviv/Beirut

The Iranian-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah fired barrages of rockets towards Israeli forces on Friday, drawing retaliatory fire from Israel into south Lebanon, in a third day of cross-border salvos amid wider regional tensions with Iran.

Suggesting its attack was calibrated to avoid further escalation, Hezbollah said it had targeted open ground near Israeli forces in retaliation for Israeli air strikes that had also struck open areas.

Israel said it did not wish to escalate to a full war, though it was ready for one.

The flare-up, which has caused no casualties, followed an alleged Iranian attack on an Israeli-managed oil tanker in the Gulf last week in which two crew members, a Briton and a Romanian, were killed. Tehran denied involvement.

With the Islamic Republic facing the possibility of Israeli or international action in response to the Gulf incident, the violence has flared across a border that has long been a theatre of conflict between the Iran-backed Hezbollah and Israel.

The salvos began on Wednesday with a rocket strike on Israel from Lebanon for which no group claimed responsibility. That attack, on which Hezbollah has not commented, drew retaliatory Israeli artillery and air strikes.

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said the situation was very serious and urged all parties to cease fire.

The Israeli military said its Iron Dome system intercepted 10 of 19 rockets on Friday, with six falling in open areas and three landing inside south Lebanon.



People offer prayers by the Atomic Bomb Dome, formerly the Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall, at 8:15am marking the time of detonation when the bomb was dropped by the US over the city in 1945 during World War II, on the 76th anniversary of the attack in Hiroshima, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

TALIBAN OFFENSIVE EXPLOITING SECURITY VACUUM

Central Asian leaders fear regional chaos

AFP, Avaza

Leaders of five Central Asian countries sounded the alarm over the spiral of war in neighbouring Afghanistan at a regional summit yesterday, as US-led forces withdraw from the country and the Taliban advances.

The talks in the Caspian Sea town of Avaza in Turkmenistan come as the militant group challenges Afghan government forces in several large cities after weeks of gains in the countryside, including in provinces next to the three former Soviet 'stans' that border the country -- Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

The Taliban has established official contacts with both Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as well as Russia and China, two important players in the region.

That differs markedly from the last time it was in power, when countries in the region -- neutral Turkmenistan aside -- had offered support to the local and

international forces trying to unseat the militant group.

But analysts argue that a growing security vacuum in the country can pose its own threat to the region and its growing economic cooperation with Kabul.

Tajikistan's President Emomali Rakhmon yesterday noted that the Taliban now controlled the entirety

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of Afghanistan's border with his mountainous country of 9.5 million people.

"A number of terrorist organisations are actively strengthening their positions in these areas," Rakhmon claimed in his address to the summit.

Uzbek counterpart Shavkat Mirziyoyev called for a full ceasefire and "mutually acceptable negotiated compromises" at talks.

Tajikistan is one of the few neighbours of Afghanistan that has not hosted a delegation from the Taliban as it presents itself as a government-in-waiting.

As the Central Asian leaders were holding talks in Avaza, Moscow was involved in joint military drills close to Afghanistan's borders in both Tajikistan, where it operates a military base, and Uzbekistan.

Valery Gerasimov, chief of the Russian military's General Staff, flew into Uzbekistan to observe the exercises that are expected to wrap up next week.

During a meeting with Uzbek counterpart Shukhrat Khalmukhamedov, Gerasimov said the drills took place "to practise actions to repel terrorist threats".

Gerasimov and other Russian officials have criticised the United States for what they have described as a "hasty" exit from Washington's longest-ever war.



A house is fully engulfed by flames at the Dixie Fire, a wildfire near the town of Greenville, California, US, on Thursday. Evacuation orders were widened Thursday as California's biggest wildfire raged through the state's tinder-dry landscape, laying waste to hundreds of square miles (kilometers).

PHOTO: REUTERS

UN warns of hunger crisis in Myanmar

Civil society groups reject Asean envoy

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations yesterday said it urgently needed funds to feed people in Myanmar amid fears that up to 6.2 million could be plunged into hunger by October.

The UN's World Food Programme said it was 70 percent short of the \$86 million needed over the next six months, as the country goes through multiple crises.

A major wave of Covid-19 infections is surging through Myanmar, compounding hunger, rising food and fuel prices, political unrest, violence and displacement, the WFP said.

"We have seen hunger spreading further and deeper in Myanmar," said the WFP's Myanmar country director Stephen Anderson.

Myanmar has been in chaos and its economy paralysed since the military seized power from civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi on February 1. The country has experienced mass protests and a brutal military response since the coup.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Myanmar civil society groups yesterday rejected the appointment of a special envoy by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), saying the regional organisation should have consulted opponents of the ruling junta and other parties.

Asean foreign ministers on Wednesday appointed Brunei's second minister for foreign affairs, Erywan Yusof, as a special envoy to Myanmar, to try to resolve the crisis.

The government headed by army chief and prime minister Min Aung Hlaing has approved the appointment, state-controlled media have reported.

Biden offers safe haven to Hong Kongers in US

AFP, Washington

President Joe Biden announced Thursday that Hong Kong citizens currently in the United States who fear for their safety amid the political crackdown back home will receive temporary safe haven.

Biden said the move recognizes "the significant erosion" of rights and freedoms in Hong Kong by the Chinese government.

"By unilaterally imposing on Hong Kong the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the People's Republic of China has undermined the enjoyment of rights and freedoms in Hong Kong," he said in a statement.

Biden cited the "politically motivated arrests" of more than 100 opposition politicians, activists and protesters on charges under the national security law, including allegations of secession, subversion and terrorist activities.

More than 10,000 others have been arrested in relation to anti-government

protests, he said.

The new decision extends "deferred enforced departure" (DED) to Hong Kong residents currently in the United States, allowing them to remain for 18 months even if their visas have expired.

It differs from the more formal immigration class of "temporary protected status" (TPS), which is given to foreign nationals stuck in the United States due to natural disasters or political upheavals back home.

China's embassy in the United States slammed Biden's announcement. "Such moves disregard and distort facts, and grossly interfere in China's internal affairs," spokesman Liu Pengyu told AFP.

China introduced the national security law in Hong Kong on June 30, 2020, giving Beijing more power over the territory's judiciary and criminalizing many types of political activity.

Critics say it is being used to undermine the "one country, two systems" architecture for the city's governance, established when Britain handed its former colony back to China in 1997.



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1942 - The first US land offensive of World War Two in the Pacific started in the Southern Solomon Islands, on Guadalcanal.

1990 - Nelson Mandela's African National Congress suspended a 29-year guerrilla campaign against white rule.

1990 - US deploys troops to Saudi Arabia beginning Operation Desert Shield.

1998 - Car bombs exploded at the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing at least 213 people in Nairobi and 11 in Dar es Salaam.

SOURCE: REUTERS

INDIA, CHINA MILITARY STANDOFF IN EASTERN LADAKH

Rivals disengage from key flashpoint

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

In a major step towards de-escalating their military standoff, India and China have carried out disengagement of their troops from eyeball-to-eyeball position at the key patrol point at Gogra Post in eastern Ladakh.

The disengagement process was carried out on August 4 and 5, the Indian Army said in a statement yesterday.

The agreement to move back from the friction point was reached during the 12th round of military commander-level talks held on the Indian side of the Line of Actual Control, which is the de facto border between the two countries across the Himalayas, last Saturday.

Troops of both sides have now moved

to their respective permanent bases from Gogra.

"All temporary structures and other allied infrastructure created in the area (Gogra) by both sides have been dismantled and mutually verified. The landform in the area has been restored by both sides to the pre-standoff period," the Army said in a statement.

With the latest disengagement, India and China have so far stepped back from three flash points—Galwan river valley and north and south banks of Pangong Tso lake.

Galwan valley was the site of a deadly confrontation between Indian and Chinese armies in June last year when 20 Indian troops and an unspecified number of PLA soldiers were killed. However, the faceoff continues at two other friction points in eastern Ladakh—Depsang and Hot Springs.

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