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Kharge had felt dizzy while addressing a huge gathering on the last day of the campaign for the third and final phase of the Assembly election. Party leaders had rushed to support him and taken him to a chair. Shortly after, he was examined by doctors, who said his blood pressure is fluctuating.

"I wanted to talk. But due to dizziness, I have
down. Please pardon me," he said.

Sources said Kharge's blood pressure had dropped and though he is feeling much better, doctors have advised him to take rest. Kharge had flown to Jasrota to address the rally held in support of the party candidates in the assembly polls.

Trump escalates rhetoric against Harris, immigrant

REUTERS, Washington

Donald Trump on Saturday deployed some of his harshest rhetoric against immigrants who have crossed the border illegally and committed crimes, while he also escalated his personal insults against Kamala Harris.

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of Wisconsin, Trump

President Harris, who on Friday visited the US-Mexico border for the first time in her 2024 presidential campaign, “mentally impaired” and “mentally disabled”.

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immigrants in the US illegally who have been arrested for murder and other violent crimes, and banners saying "End Migrant Crime" and "Depel Illegals Now."

His speech was unusually devoted almost entirely to undocumented immigrants. He called those who had committed violent crimes “monsters,” “stone-cold killers” and “vile animals.”



PHOTO: AFP

What will Israel, Iran, Hezbollah do next?

CNN ONLINE

The last 72 hours in the Middle East – in which Israel killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and continued to bombard the Iran-backed group across Lebanon – have once more ratcheted up fears that this long-running conflict could spiral into a wider regional war. Here's what we know so far and where things might go next.

ESCALATING CONFLICT

Israel has pounded what it says are Hezbollah targets in the Lebanese capital of Beirut and elsewhere in the country on Friday, Saturday and yesterday, including the attack on the capital's southern suburbs that killed Nasrallah and another top figure Nabil Kaouk.

Lebanese civilians say they cannot heed warnings from Israel's military to avoid places where Hezbollah is operating, because the group is highly secretive.

The US sees the possibility of a limited ground incursion into Lebanon as Israel moves forces to its northern border, CNN reported earlier. But the US officials stressed that Israel does not appear to have made a decision on whether to carry out a ground incursion.



In the wake of Nasrallah's killing – and the attack on pagers and walkie-talkies – Hezbollah's remaining leaders are likely to be assessing how to meet, communicate and respond. But analysts say the setbacks faced by the group are unlikely to leave it completely weakened.

"Hezbollah has taken the biggest blow to its military infrastructure since its inception," said Hanin Ghaddar, a senior fellow at the Washington Institute and author of "Hezbollahland."

The group, however, still retains skilled commanders, as well as many of its most powerful assets – including

precision-guided missiles and long-range missiles that could inflict significant damage to Israel's military and civilian infrastructure, said Ghaddar.

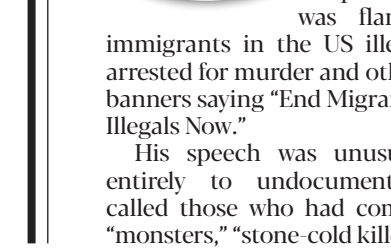
But the latest development raises the potential for a shift. Hezbollah will almost certainly respond, according to Jonathan Panikoff, a former senior intelligence official.

Another key question is the extent to which Iran could get involved.

Iran's embassy in Lebanon in a social media post Friday called Nasrallah's killing a "serious escalation that changes the rules of the game," and said its perpetrator "will be punished and disciplined appropriately."

The Iranian envoy to the UN on Saturday also requested an emergency meeting of the Security Council to "condemn Israel's actions in the strongest possible terms."

Pointing to the ongoing conflicts between Israel and Hamas, Israel and Hezbollah, and Israel and Iran, former US State Department Middle East negotiator Aaron David Miller told CNN: "None of these wars of attrition are going to end any time soon... there are no transformative, diplomatic Hollywood endings."



SPAIN'S CANARY ISLANDS

Search resumes for 48 missing migrants

AFP, Puerto de la Estaca

Rescue teams yesterday resumed searching for at least 48 migrants who went missing the day before when their boat overturned just as it was being rescued off Spain's Canary Islands, killing at least nine people.

Hopes of finding survivors were slim as sea rescue teams searched the waters off El Hierro, an island in the Atlantic archipelago. It is the latest in a series of such disasters off the coast of Africa.

"The search operation is resuming," Spain's maritime rescue organisation told AFP. The 48 are "presumed dead", Canarias regional president Fernando Clavijo told journalists on Saturday night.

More bodies will likely appear “over the next two, three days”, washed up by the current, he added.

Twenty-seven migrants were rescued and nine bodies recovered after the boat, which had set out from Nouadhibou in Mauritania, some 800 kilometres away, overturned off El Hierro.

The tragedy hit when rescuers arrived to assist the migrants after they themselves called emergency services, Spanish officials said.

Migrants rushed to one side of the precarious boat, causing it to tip. The migrants "had gone two days without food or water", which may have fuelled their panic, Anselmo Pestana, head of Canary Islands prefecture, told journalists in the port of La Estaca.

Spanish government sources said the boat may have been carrying up to 90 people, instead of 84 as originally announced, which could put the number of missing at more than 50.


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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Pilot Design and Evaluation Firm

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| 1 | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Women and Children Affairs |
| 2 | Agency | Ministry of Women and Children Affairs |
| 3 | Procuring Entity Name | Project Director, Supporting Implementation of the Mother and Child Benefit Programme |
| 4 | Procuring Entity Code (If Applicable) | N/A |
| 5 | Procuring Entity District | Dhaka, Bangladesh |
| 6 | Expression of Interest for Selection of | Selection of Pilot Design and Evaluation Firm [Package No. SF-03] |
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| 9 | Date | 30 Sep 2024 |
| KEY INFORMATION | | |
| 10 | Procurement Method | Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | | |
| 11 | Budget and Source of Funds | Development Budget, IDA |
| 12 | Development Partners | World Bank |
| PARTICIPAL INFORMATION | | |
| 13 | Project / Programme Name | Supporting Implementation of the Mother and Child Benefit Programme (SIMCBP) under the Bangladesh Enhancing Investments and Benefits for Early Years (BEIBEY) Project (IDA Credit No. 7426-BD) |
| 14 | EOI Closing Date, Time & Address | Date: 30/10/2024, 02.30pm. (Hard copy can be submitted) Project office: SIMCBP Office; Building No. 7 (3rd floor), Room No. 206 Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Phone: +880 2 716 3645; Fax: +880 2 716 2892 Email: pdbeibeysimcbp@gmail.com |
| 15 | EOI Opening Date and Time | Date: 30/10/2024, 3.00pm. |
| 16 | Brief Description of Assignment and Required Qualifications, Experience & Skill Required | The main objectives of this assignment are to (i) conduct an analysis of Mother and Child Benefit Programme beneficiary needs and provide recommendations for tailored services/interventions; (ii) design and implement pilot interventions; (iii) evaluate effectiveness of pilot interventions and generate any other knowledge pieces. Interested firms must have proven competency with at least 15 years' experience in program design, implementation, and evaluation, as well as a good understanding of early childhood development issues. Detailed scope of service is provided in the TOR which is available on the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs' website (https://www.mowca.gov.bd/) and BPPA website (https://www.cptu.gov.bd/) |
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| 22 | The procuring entity reserves all the rights to accept or reject all the Expression of Interest (EOI) without showing any reason. | |


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