

ISRAELI STRIKES  
700,000  
displaced, 84  
children killed  
in Lebanon

REUTERS, Geneva

The humanitarian crisis in Lebanon has deepened amid the wider Middle East war, with 84 children killed and more than 667,000 people displaced, two UN agencies said yesterday, as lives are upended on a massive scale across the country.

Lebanon was dragged into the US-Israeli attacks on Iran this month when Iran-backed Lebanese group Hezbollah launched rockets and drones into Israel, which has responded with heavy bombardment across the country.

A total of 486 people have been killed in the war so far and 1,313 injured, of which 259 are children,



according to the World Health Organization.

"This is only seven-days conflict, and we are already seeing that almost 100 children that have lost their lives," said Abdinasir Abubakar, WHO representative in Lebanon.

"One reason why we have a high number of children is that most of the attacks that we see actually is, it's urban centres, like in Beirut," he said, adding that Israel's airstrikes, which it says target Hezbollah infrastructure, are putting civilian lives at risk.

The current rate of displacement in Lebanon is outpacing levels seen during the 2023-24 war between Hezbollah and Israel, the UN Refugee Agency said yesterday. During that conflict, 886,000 people were internally displaced in Lebanon, while tens of thousands of Israelis were evacuated from northern towns near the Lebanese border.

Lebanon's sharp rise in displacement this week stems from large-scale evacuation orders issued by the Israeli army for southern Lebanon and Beirut's densely populated southern suburbs.

# STRUGGLE TO OUTLAST US, ISRAEL

## Iran bets on endurance, energy disruption

REUTERS, Dubai

Iran is wagering it can outlast the United States and Israel—not militarily, but by grinding the war into a brutal contest of endurance. Its strategy is stark: Unleash drones and missiles, cut vital energy routes and jolt global markets hard enough to force Washington to blink first.

Despite the shock of the US-Israeli strikes and the loss of key figures, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC)—long the ultimate guardian of the Islamic Republic—is firmly in control, directing the battlefield, executing pre-planned contingencies and dictating strategy and targets in the war.

The IRGC also played the decisive role in elevating Mojtaba Khamenei as supreme leader after Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in the opening US-Israeli strikes.

"For them, they are waging an existential fight. This is an all-out war," said Fawaz Gerges of the London School of Economics. "They believe their very survival is at stake. They're willing to bring the temple down on everyone's heads." Alex Vatanka, a senior fellow at the Middle East Institute and expert on Iranian politics, added: "They're like a bleeding animal—wounded, but therefore more dangerous than ever."

That all-out war mindset is behind Iran's escalating strikes across the Gulf, targeting energy hubs from Qatar to Saudi Arabia to maximise economic disruption in a



calculated attempt to drive up costs for its neighbours, Europe and the United States and test Washington's political will.

US President Donald Trump told Republican lawmakers on Monday the war would continue until Iran is "totally and decisively defeated" but predicted it would be over soon.

He added that once the United States is done with the military operation against Iran, Tehran will not have any weapons against the United States, Israel and US allies for a long time.

Iranian insiders say this escalation was anticipated long before the war began 11 days ago. Iranian planners assumed confrontation with Washington and Israel was inevitable, and prepared a layered strategy coordinated across the Guards' sprawling military networks and proxy forces.

Now, with little left to lose, Iran is executing that plan and turning the conflict into a grinding war of attrition aimed at exhausting its adversaries politically and economically.

The consequences are already visible at home. Mojtaba's selection as supreme leader, insiders say, proves Guards' dominance as kingmakers. They say the balance of power has shifted. The supreme leader holds the title, but the future of the Islamic Republic, and the authority of the clerical establishment itself, now depends on whether the Guards can weather storm unleashed by US Israeli campaign.

But a critical unknown in the war, says Mohannad Hage Ali, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Middle East Center, is how long the Guards can sustain its missile campaign, the backbone of its strategy against its adversaries.

US officials say a large share of Iran's arsenal has already been destroyed, but regional sources say Tehran may still retain more than half its pre-war stockpile. If that estimate holds, Iran could keep launching missiles for several more weeks, a timeframe that could prove significant for Washington as economic pressure mounts at home and abroad.

## Isfahan holds Iran's near bomb-grade uranium: IAEA

REUTERS, Paris

Almost half of Iran's uranium enriched to up to 60 percent purity, a short step from weapons-grade, was stored in a tunnel complex at Isfahan and is probably still there, UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi said on Monday.

The tunnel complex is the only target that appears not to have been badly damaged in attacks last June by Israel and the US on Iran's nuclear facilities.

Diplomats have long said Isfahan has been used to store 60 percent uranium, which the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed in a report to member states last month, without saying how much was there.

The IAEA estimates that when Israel launched its first attacks in June, Iran had 440.9 kg of 60 percent uranium. If enriched further, that would provide the explosive needed for 10 nuclear weapons, according to an IAEA yardstick.

"What we believe is that Isfahan had until our last inspection a bit more than 200 kg, maybe a little bit more than that, of 60 percent uranium," IAEA chief Rafael Grossi told reporters in Paris.

He said the stock was "mainly" at Isfahan, and some held elsewhere may have been destroyed.

"The widespread assumption is that the material is still there. So we haven't seen - and not only us, I think in general all those observing the facility through satellite imagery and other means to see what's going on there - movement indicating that the material could have been transferred," Grossi said.

Iran has not informed the IAEA of the status or whereabouts of its highly enriched uranium since the June attacks, nor has it let IAEA inspectors return to its bombed facilities.

Iran's nuclear programme is one reason Israel and the US have given for their current attacks on Iran, arguing that it was getting too close to being able to produce a bomb, despite Trump saying in June that US strikes had obliterated the programme. The IAEA has no credible indication of a coordinated nuclear weapons programme.



## Thailand, Vietnam push remote work to save energy

### India, Pakistan unveil austerity plan

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand and Vietnam yesterday urged public employees to work from home and adopt other energy-saving measures, after Israeli and US strikes on Iran disrupted oil supplies and sent fuel prices soaring.

Thai authorities said government workers should shift to remote work where possible and asked that government offices set their air conditioners to 26C to conserve energy. "The government wants all sectors to use resources wisely and effectively," it said in a statement. It also urged officials to avoid overseas trips.

Meanwhile, India yesterday

ordered tighter controls over natural and cooking gas following import disruptions, with restaurants warning it could spark widespread closures.

The Ministry of Petroleum ordered that LNG supplies be prioritised to supply households, transport sectors and production of LPG. To meet the gap, gas supplied to petrochemical facilities and power plants would either be fully or partially curtailed.

But other sectors, including fertiliser plants and tea industries, would receive 70 to 80 percent of consumption needs, "subject to operational availability".

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday evening

announced a host of austerity measures to conserve fuel in view of the global fuel crisis.

All higher educational institutions will hold online classes from March 16 to 31, while all schools will have a two-week break during the same period.

He said that for the next two months, the fuel allowance for official vehicles would be cut by 50 percent, but ambulances and public buses would be exempt. He further said that the salary of parliamentarians would be cut by 25 percent. Moreover, two days' salary of BS-20 government officials, who earn more than Rs300,000, would be used for the people.

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This is to notify for all concerns that e-Tenders is invited and published on 10 March, 2026 in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of works for the following Tenders. Interested persons/firms can see details by visiting the web site [www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd).

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| 01    | MCEP/BREB/BD-SD-G-9 | Lot-1   | Procurement of Sectionalizing Devices (Fuse Cutout & Fuse Barrel) | 1128521       | 11-03-2026 15:00 P.M.  | 16-04-2026 11:00 A.M. |
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Institute of Modern Languages  
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Appointment Notice

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable on working days at the office of the Registrar, University of Dhaka, are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for the following post.

Assistant Professor (Permanent post) in German Language: 1

National Pay Scale 2015: Tk. 35,500-67,010/- plus allowances as admissible under the University rules.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must have a first class/ a minimum CGPA 3.50 out of 4.00 in Master degree in German Language/Literature and a Bachelor degree in any discipline. Candidates must have a first division/a minimum GPA 4.25 out of 5.00 both in SSC and HSC examinations. Requirements for either the SSC or HSC examinations may be relaxed for the candidates who have obtained the first position/the highest CGPA in both Bachelor and Master degrees.

Candidates must have at least 03 (three) years of teaching experience at a recognized university or at least 02 (two) years of post doctoral research or at least 06 (six) years research experience as a research/scientific officer or an equivalent position in a reputed research organization. Candidates with a Ph.D. should have at least 01(one) year of teaching experience at a recognized university. Applicants must have at least 03 (three) research publications in the indexed/quality journal with a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) double blind peer review policy. Candidates already in service must apply through the proper channel. Relevant notes and conditions apply. (For details, see the Dhaka University Website)

Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials and mark sheets along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 750/- (seven hundred fifty) (non-refundable) payable to the Registrar, University of Dhaka should be submitted to the Director, Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dhaka on or before 16 April, 2026. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

Director (Acting)

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