



Smoke rises from Israeli bombardment on the southern Lebanese area of Kfar Tibnit



An Israeli Air Force AH-64 Apache attack helicopter flies over at a position along the border between northern Israel and southern Lebanon



The US Embassy headquarters in Abu Dhabi



A protester wearing a mask of US President Donald Trump performs during a rally



Iranian nationals arrive in Turkey after passing through the Razi-Kapiköy border crossing in Van, north-eastern Turkey



Pieces of missiles and drones recovered after Iran's strikes are displayed during a press briefing by the UAE government held in Abu Dhabi

● Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar urged countries to cut ties with Iran, during a virtual meeting with around 60 envoys stationed in Israel.

● "The foreign minister told the ambassadors that... countries around the world must cut off their relations with (Iran)," a statement issued by Saar's office said.

● The escalation of Middle East hostilities has displaced at least 30,000 people in Lebanon, the UN refugee agency said in Geneva.

● The Iranian Red Crescent said that more than 780 people have been killed nationwide since the US and Israeli strikes began. AFP was not in a position to verify the figure.

● A reporter and cameraman for CNN Turk were detained in Israel while shooting a live broadcast in Tel Aviv, the company and officials said.

● Lebanese president says ban on Hezbollah's military activity 'irreversible'

● Iran nuclear site suffered 'recent damage': UN nuclear agency

● Tehran's Mehrabad airport targeted by strikes: Iranian media

● Israel strikes Islamist group's HQ in Sidon, south Lebanon: state media

● Israel's military said it struck Iranian industrial sites used to produce weapons, "particularly ballistic missiles".

● Israel ordered its forces to take control of more positions inside Lebanon to create a buffer zone.

● US embassy in Lebanon says will remain closed until further notice

# Oil and gas under fire

## Guards general says Iran 'will burn any ship' trying to pass through Hormuz

AFP | Tehran, Iran

A general in Iran's Revolutionary Guards threatened on

Monday to "burn any ship" seeking to navigate the Strait of Hormuz, a vital route for oil and gas shipments.

"We will burn any ship that tries to pass through the Strait of Hormuz," General Sardar Jabbari said in a post on the Guards' Telegram channel. "We

will also attack oil pipelines and will not allow a single drop of oil to leave the region. Oil price will reach \$200 in the coming days."

## Oil infrastructure hit in Gulf

AFP | Muscat, Oman

Oil infrastructure came under Iranian attack in Gulf countries yesterday, with Qatar's state energy firm halting some production of key materials after strikes on two facilities.

Drones meanwhile struck a fuel tank in Oman and in the UAE an oil storage zone was hit by falling debris from an intercepted drone, as Iran apparently widens its targets beyond US assets.

Qatar's state-run QatarEnergy said it would halt some downstream production of substances including urea, polymers, methanol and aluminium after Iran attacked two gas processing plants.

The announcement prompted an immediate two percent rise in the price of aluminium on the London Metal Exchange.

Iran on Monday broadened its targets in its war with the US and

### Oil passes \$85 a barrel, precious metals down

Oil prices soared as the war disrupted supplies, with the crucial Strait of Hormuz effectively closed and energy infrastructure across the region hit.

The Brent North Sea crude contract, the international benchmark, jumped more than eight percent to reach \$85.12

Israel to include infrastructure in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, which are American allies.

Qatari foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari said Tuesday that Iranian missiles had targeted Doha airport but were downed by the military.

In Oman, several drones targeted the port of Duqm on

a barrel, its highest level since July 2024.

Precious metal prices fell sharply as traders piled in with strategic bets on energy and the US dollar.

Gold, which had risen the day before, shed more than four percent to around \$5,075 an ounce

its eastern coast on Tuesday, according to a security source quoted by the official Oman News Agency.

"The resulting damage was contained without any human casualties," the report said.

The attack was the second on the port in three days, with the sultanate hit despite acting as a mediator between Iran and the

United States just days prior to the war.

On Sunday, a worker was injured when two drones struck the same port. One drone hit accommodation for workers, while debris from the other landed near fuel tanks, the Oman News Agency said.

They were the first attacks on the sultanate since war broke out. Oman also shot down two further drones on Tuesday, while another crashed near its Salalah port, state media said.

In the UAE, falling debris from an intercepted drone caused a fire at an oil storage and trading zone in the emirate of Fujairah, authorities said.

"No injuries were reported, the fire was brought under control and normal operations in the area have resumed," the Fujairah Media Office said.

The UAE says it has been targeted with more than 800 drones and nearly 200 missiles

since the war erupted.

QatarEnergy, one of the world's biggest liquefied natural gas exporters, had already on Monday suspended LNG production due to drone strikes on two of its sites.

The halt sent prices on European markets skyrocketing.

Analysts for ING bank said Tuesday's suspension of aluminium production would place pressure on the market.

"Tensions in the Middle East are bringing back to the forefront the risks weighing on aluminium supply, given that around 8 percent of global production is concentrated in the Gulf and is heavily dependent on maritime transport through the Strait of Hormuz," they said.

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## Israel army says struck Iran's presidential office, security council building

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

The Israeli military on Tuesday said it had carried out

air strikes on Iran's presidential office and the National Security Council building in Tehran as part of its ongoing campaign

against the Islamic republic.

"The Israeli Air Force... struck and dismantled facilities within the leadership compound of the

Iranian terrorist regime in the heart of Tehran" overnight, the military said. "During the strike on the compound, numerous

munitions were dropped on the presidential office and the building of the Supreme National Security Council," it added.