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Richard II in England meets leaders of the Peasants' Revolt on Blackheath. The Tower of London is stormed by rebels who enter without resistance



1645

Battle of Naseby, Leicestershire: Parliament's New Model Army under Oliver Cromwell and Thomas Fairfax defeats the Royalist forces of English King Charles I

1777

US Continental Congress adopts the Stars & Stripes flag, designed by Francis Hopkinson, replacing the Grand Union flag

1982

Argentina surrenders to the United Kingdom, ending the 74-day Falklands Islands conflict

# Israel strikes south Lebanon after warnings

● Nabatieh largely emptied of residents

● Hezbollah claims drone attacks

● Ceasefire remains largely ignored

AFP | Beirut

Lebanon reported Israeli strikes on the country's south yesterday as the Israeli army issued evacuation warnings for more than 20 locations including the city of Nabatieh ahead of raids there.

The state-run National News Agency (NNA) said Israeli airstrikes hit several areas covered by the warning, including the villages of Rihan and Sujud, located not far from Nabatieh, and other areas not mentioned in the evacuation notice.

It said an Israeli strike killed a local official in Rihan, located in the southern region of Jezzine.

An AFP correspondent in Nabatieh said the city was almost deserted, and also reported artillery shelling there and in nearby areas overnight and yesterday.

A day earlier, the NNA reported explosions and artillery shelling near the Ali Taher hills overlooking the city.

The Israeli army warned residents in 24 locations, both in and around Nabatieh and nearer to the coast, to "evacuate your homes immediately and move to the north of the Zahrani River," around 45 kilometers (28 miles) from the southern border with Israel.

Last month it declared all areas south of the river "combat zones," and has been heavily striking the area.

Israel's military also said its air force yesterday "intercepted a suspicious aerial target that crossed from Lebanon into Israeli territory."

Hezbollah, which has kept up



Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the southern Lebanese city of Nabatieh

attacks on Israeli troops who have invaded south Lebanon, said its fighters launched drone attacks on Israeli military vehicles in the south.

Israel and Hezbollah have been at war since early March when the Iran-backed group drew Lebanon into the Middle East conflict with rocket fire at Israel to avenge the killing of Iran's supreme leader in US-Israeli strikes.

Iran insists that Lebanon must be part of any agreement to end the wider Middle East war, and a senior US official said Friday that a peace deal with Iran "includes Lebanon."

## 'Test'

Neither Israel nor Hezbollah have respected a ceasefire announced in April, and a conditional truce deal announced this month after a fourth round of direct Lebanese-Israeli negotiations in Washington has also failed to halt the fighting.

Lebanon says Israel's massive campaign of airstrikes and

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**The Israeli military officially ordered residents to flee 45 kilometers away to the north of the Zahrani River, having recently designated all territory south of that waterway as an active combat zone**

ground invasion have killed more than 3,700 people.

Hezbollah has rejected the direct talks and the conditional agreement, which requires it to cease attacks but makes no mention of Israel doing so or withdrawing troops from Lebanon.

Lebanon's leaders have instead accused Tehran of treating the country as a "bargaining chip."

Hezbollah lawmaker Ali Fayyad yesterday urged Lebanon to take advantage of any deal to end the Iran war that includes the country.

"We want the Lebanese state to negotiate for itself, and nobody is suggesting forfeiting this role," Fayyad said, "however, the state must abandon the policy of being crushed in the face of the Israelis and submission to the Americans."

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun said in a statement on X yesterday that Lebanon faces "a fateful test."

"Either its people unite around a sovereign state that monopolizes weapons, upholds the law and protects citizens irrespective of their affiliation or position, or it remains hostage to the logic of militias," the statement said.

Further Israel-Lebanon talks are scheduled for later this month.

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

### Cohesion strengthens Bahraini resolve



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In February, the initial spark of conflict brought an immediate wave of anxiety, shifting public focus heavily toward personal safety and individual survival. The sudden unpredictability of global and regional tensions triggered a visceral reaction, where families prioritized immediate security, economic stability, and basic readiness. Conversations were dominated by fear of the unknown, and the collective mood was fragile, reactive, and intensely localized. Today, that initial panic has transformed into a resilient, deeply nationalistic vision. The public meter has shifted from individual vulnerability to a collective determination to protect the nation as a unified whole. This evolution in public opinion acts as a protective shield, reinforcing the rightness of national policies and strategic decisions.

Instead of asking how to survive as individuals, citizens are now actively engaged in understanding how to strengthen national security, support defense measures, and secure long-term sovereignty. Public solidarity has become a vital asset, validating state actions and projecting an image of internal cohesion

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to the outside world. Central to this emotional and strategic shift is the calm, unwavering focus of Bahrain's leadership. By maintaining a steady and clear direction, the leadership has effectively neutralized public panic and replaced it with a calculated, structured resolve. This reassuring guidance has made the populace significantly less worried about the way forward. Citizens no longer view the future through a lens of crisis, but rather through a perspective of strategic management and national duty.

Ultimately, the past months have revealed a much stronger, surer, and more mature Bahrain. The nation has successfully transitioned from a state of shock to a state of sustained readiness. By aligning public opinion with national defense goals, Bahrain has built an intellectual and emotional fortress that complements its physical security, ensuring the country moves forward with confidence, unity, and absolute clarity.

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## Five killed in India military transport plane crash

AFP | New Delhi

Five Indian air force personnel were killed when a military plane crashed while landing at a base in the country's remote northeast yesterday, the military said in a statement.

"The Indian Air Force deeply regrets the loss of five personnel in the An-32 accident at Jorhat," a city in Assam state, the air force said in a statement.

It did not say how many people were on board at the time, or whether there were any survivors.

However, an air force official said the co-pilot had survived.

News channel NDTV broadcast images of the crash site,



Emergency responders inspect the wreckage of the aircraft

showing a thick black plume of smoke and the aircraft apparently broken into pieces.

The air force said it "extends its deepest condolences to the bereaved families and stands firmly with them in this hour of grief."

It said earlier that the Russian-made Antonov An-32 was on a "routine sortie" when it crashed as it came in to land.

"A court of inquiry is being constituted, to ascertain the cause of the accident," the air force said.

The An-32, a twin-engine turboprop, is specially designed to perform well at high altitudes and in extreme climates.

The Indian air force operates about 100 of them for military supplies and civilian aid in the country's remotest mountain areas.

The last major crash involving the plane occurred in 2019 in Arunachal Pradesh state, near the border with China, when 13 people were killed.

## Newly minted billionaire Musk under fire over Belfast riots

AFP | Washington

Elon Musk, newly crowned the world's first trillionaire, faced renewed criticism Friday over anti-immigrant riots in Belfast after researchers said violent narratives he amplified on his platform X amassed millions of views.

Clashes broke out in the Northern Irish capital after a brutal knife attack on Monday, with police charging a Sudanese national named Hadi Al-odid with attempted murder.

Musk amplified calls for protest across Britain from an-



ti-immigration activist Tommy Robinson and wrote to his 240 million followers on X: "Only by protesting REPEATEDLY and LOUDLY will there be any change."

He also boosted anti-immigration posts and messages from Rupert Lowe, leader of the fringe hard-right party Restore Britain, extending his reach to millions of users on the platform.