

**'Limited' operations**

The Israeli military said yesterday it had begun what it described as "limited ground operations" against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

"In recent days, IDF troops from the 91st division have begun limited and targeted ground operations against key Hezbollah strongholds in southern Lebanon, aimed at enhancing the forward defence area," the military said in a statement

**UAE oil zone attacked**

A drone attack on oil infrastructure on the Fujairah oil industry zone on the UAE's east coast sparked a large fire, authorities said.

**Drones over Saudi**

Saudi Arabia has intercepted 61 drones in the east of the country since midnight, according to a tally of defence ministry figures posted Monday on X.

**Iran announces 60 percent minimum wage hike: local media**

AFP | Paris, France

Iran's labour minister has announced a more than 60 percent hike in the minimum wage, local media reported Sunday, months after anti-government protests that began as an expression of discontent over dire economic conditions.

The country adjusts its minimum wage yearly to account for inflation, which had skyrocketed under international sanctions.

A report from the Tasnim news agency citing the minister of labour said that "with the government's approval", the monthly minimum wage would increase from 103 million rials to 166 million in the coming year of the Persian calendar, which will begin in a few days' time.

It also announced a similar hike in child support benefits.

The Iranian currency trades at about 1.47 million rial to the dollar, according to the monitoring website Bonbast.

**Trump says some countries not 'enthusiastic' about Hormuz help**

**Trump says NATO faces 'very bad' future if allies don't help open Hormuz**



Smoke plumes rise following Israeli bombardment on the village of Khiam in southern Lebanon near the border with Israel, as seen from nearby Marjayoun



A smoke plume rises from an ongoing fire near Dubai International Airport in Dubai

**Iran FM says ready to take war with Israel, US 'as far as' necessary**

**Transport, energy hubs hit**

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said yesterday they had targeted Tel Aviv and Ben Gurion Airport in Israel, as well as military bases used by US forces in the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Iran said it was ready to take the Middle East war "as far as necessary" as it launched strikes across the region on Monday, while Donald Trump piled pressure on world powers to help reopen a vital shipping

lane. "By now they have... understood what kind of nation they are dealing with, one that does not hesitate to defend itself and is ready to continue the war wherever it may lead, and take

it as far as necessary," Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told reporters in Tehran.

Explosions hit the Iranian capital on Monday as air defence systems were activated, an AFP journalist said,

and Israel said it had also targeted the cities of Shiraz and Tabriz.

A loud blast rang out over Jerusalem as well, after the military detected incoming missiles. More than two weeks into the

Middle East war, Israeli military spokesman Brigadier General Effie Defrin said they still had "thousands of targets in Iran, and we are identifying new targets every day".

**Dubai airport flights disrupted after nearby drone fire, one killed in Abu Dhabi**

AFP | Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Missiles and drone attacks struck across the UAE yesterday, with a drone-related incident sparking a fuel tank fire near Dubai airport that disrupted travel, while a missile killed a civilian in Abu Dhabi.

In the eastern emirate of Fujairah, a drone attack on oil infrastructure sparked a fire, days after an AFP journalist saw smoke rising from a major Emirati energy installation in the emirate.

The attacks came a day after Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araghchi said in an interview that rockets had been launched from the UAE to attack Kharg Island. UAE officials have denied the claim.

A Palestinian civilian was killed on the outskirts of the Emirati capital Abu Dhabi when a missile hit their car, the Abu Dhabi Media Office said in a statement.

The UAE has reported seven deaths since the war began, including five civilians and two military personnel, who died in a helicopter crash blamed on a technical malfunction.



The Dubai skyline with the landmark Burj Khalifa skyscraper (R) is pictured as a smoke plume rises from an ongoing fire near Dubai International Airport

Earlier on Monday, Dubai Airports said flights were gradually resuming at what is usually the world's busiest for international flights, following the nearby fuel tank fire sparked by a "drone-related incident".

Authorities said they had contained the fire and reported no injuries. Dubai airport has been targeted

by several attacks since Iran began its Gulf campaign, as have many airports in the Gulf.

**'Limited schedule'**

Two witnesses told AFP they saw a thick plume of black smoke rising from the direction of the airport at around 10:00 am local time, hours after the incident.

A witness at Dubai airport told AFP that passengers awaiting their flights had been evacuated to a lower floor for several hours after the attack.

"It has been a difficult few weeks hearing explosions regularly, but the Iranian attacks followed me in my last hours before I could fly back home," the witness added.

Iran has fired over 1,900 missiles and drones at the United Arab Emirates, more than any other country targeted by Tehran since the start of the Middle East war, upending travel plans in the financial hub despite its air defence intercepting the vast majority of the projectiles.

In Fujairah, on the UAE's east coast, a drone attack on oil infrastructure sparked a large fire, authorities said, reporting no injuries and adding that "efforts continue to bring it under control".

The site sits on the UAE's Gulf of Oman coast. A pipeline to the eastern emirate allows a large proportion of the country's oil exports to bypass the Strait of Hormuz, which has effectively been closed by Iran.

AFP journalists also heard explosions in the Qatari capital Doha, where foreign ministry spokesman Majed al-Ansari earlier told reporters talks with Iran are only possible if it ceases its Gulf attacks.

Neighbouring Saudi Arabia's defence ministry also reported intercepting more than 60 drones since midnight on Monday in the east of the country.