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An Israeli airstrike targeted a residential area in Beirut. (Photo: via social media)

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The Lebanese movement Hezbollah claimed responsibility for targeting the Israeli Matla site in the Galilee Finger region, as well as bombing the air and missile defense headquarters in the Kela barracks with Katyusha rockets.

The death toll resulting from the Israeli raid on southern Beirut has risen to 14 dead and 66 wounded, nine in critical condition, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry.

Eight Palestinians were killed, and several others were injured in an Israeli bombardment that targeted a house west of the Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip. Many more were killed and injured in Israeli attacks at other parts of Gaza.

According to Gaza's Ministry of Health, 41,272 Palestinians have been killed, and 95,551 wounded in Israel's ongoing genocide in Gaza starting on October 7.

Saturday, September 21, 02:00 am (GMT+2)

MEDIA REPORTS: The UN Security Council warned of escalation following the bombings of communication devices in Lebanon and the Israeli raid on the southern suburbs of Beirut, calling on all parties to exercise restraint.

HAMAS: We mourn senior military commander and head of Hezbollah's operational system, Ibrahim Aqeel, who was assassinated by Israel in an airstrike on the southern suburbs of Beirut on Friday evening.

LEBANESE MEDIA: Lebanese Foreign Minister Abdallah Bouhabib said that continued Israeli attacks on Lebanon could lead to an unprecedented regional war.

IRANIAN MEDIA: Iran's ambassador to the United Nations, Amir Saeed Iravani, said Israel had crossed red lines and that Tehran would punish the aggressors against its ambassador to Lebanon.

HEZBOLLAH IRAQ: We mourn our security adviser Abu Haidar al-Khafaji, who was killed by Israeli shelling in Syria at dawn on Friday.

Saturday, September 21, 12:00 am (GMT+2)

HEZBOLLAH (cited in Al-Jazeera): We console our people for the martyrdom of the great leader Ibrahim Aqil.

AL-JAZEERA: An Israeli raid targeted the town of Hanin in southern Lebanon.

POLITICO (citing US officials): The recent Israeli attacks mark the beginning of a broader military campaign to weaken Hezbollah's capabilities.

KAN (citing informed source): The ongoing security consultations are examining the possibility of taking additional steps in the northern arena.

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An Israeli bombardment targeted a residential apartment in the Batn al-Sameen area in Khan Yunis, south of the Gaza Strip, leaving a number of dead and wounded.

LEBANESE FM:

Either the Security Council forces Israel to stop its aggression and war on all fronts, or we will be false witnesses to a major explosion.

Israel cannot be allowed to continue to escape punishment and accountability, as it has reaped nothing but disappointments and defeats.

Let Israel know that it will not return its displaced people to the north by force of arms, and that if it expands its attacks, it will displace those who have not yet been displaced.

RUSSIA'S UNSC REPRESENTATIVE: What happened (in Lebanon) is a terrible violation of international law, and whoever committed the crime wants to ignite conflict in the region.

AL-MAYADEEN: An explosion was heard in the vicinity of Ain al-Assad base in Anbar, western Iraq.

Friday, September 20, 11:00 pm (GMT+2)

AL-JAZEERA:

A 7-storey building was completely destroyed by the Israeli raid.

Two additional missiles targeted a shared parking garage between two buildings and penetrated it to reach the targeted meeting place.

The raid was carried out with 4 to 6 missiles and targeted the second underground floor of the building.

ALGERIA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO UNSC: We condemn the Israeli attacks in Lebanon.

HEZBOLLAH: We bombed the Samaka site in the Kfar Shouba hills with missiles.

UN UNDER-SECRETARY GENERAL: If things continue like this, we may witness an explosion in the region that is more destructive than what we have witnessed.

CHANNEL 13: Security estimates indicate that the Lebanese Hezbollah will respond strongly in the near future to the recent strikes.

IRANIAN FM: We strongly condemn the terrorist aggression of the Zionist entity on a residential building in Beirut. The Zionist entity rejects the ceasefire and seeks to escalate tension and expand the conflict.

TELEGRAPH: London is preparing to evacuate its citizens from Lebanon by air if tensions between Hezbollah and Israel escalate into a full-scale war.

US OFFICIAL (to Al-Jazeera): We are increasingly concerned about the escalation between Israel and the Lebanese Hezbollah, and we fear miscalculation.

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll in Beirut has risen to 14. Many are still trapped under the rubble.

AL-AQSA TV: Israeli forces launched 3 raids in the vicinity of Dar Al-Fadhila School, northeast of Rafah city, south of the Gaza Strip.

CHANNEL 13: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called ministers, military and security leaders for urgent telephone security consultations, to assess the situation after the attack on Beirut.

MACRON: French President Emmanuel Macron accused Israel – in a call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu – of pushing the region into war.

Friday, September 20, 9:30 pm (GMT+2)

LEBANESE SECURITY SOURCE TO AL-JAZEERA: More than 20 people from the leadership of the Radwan Force were at the targeted meeting.

IRAN: “The response to the Zionist regime’s assassination of the head of the political bureau of Hamas, Ismail Haniyeh, will come soon.”

PENTAGON: The US Department of Defense announced sending an aircraft carrier and military frigates to territorial waters in the eastern Mediterranean.

MEMBER OF ANSARALLAH'S POLITICAL BUREAU: We are ready to stand side by side with the resistance in Lebanon in any war, as we support Gaza.

PENTAGON: Austin reaffirmed the United States’ firm, permanent and unwavering commitment to the security of Israel.

Friday, September 20, 8:30 pm (GMT+2)

IRAN'S UN ENVOY: The Security Council must put an end to Israel's crimes in the region through decisive measures.

CNN (citing Israeli mission to UN): We will inform the UN Security Council that the diplomatic window to resolve the conflict with Lebanon has been closed.

UN COORDINATOR IN LEBANON: The Israeli raid on the southern suburb of Beirut is another worrying escalation.

GALLANT: Our operations in the north will continue until we achieve our goal.

HERZI HALEVI: We have reached the leaders of Hezbollah and we will reach anyone who threatens the security of the citizens of Israel.

AL-JAZEERA: Hezbollah operations chief Ibrahim Aqil was among those targeted by the Israeli raid.

MAARIV: The senior Hezbollah leader, Ibrahim Aqil, had left a Beirut hospital this morning after being injured in the explosions of wireless communication devices a few days ago.

CHANNEL 12: more than 200 rockets were fired from Lebanon at Israel today.

Friday, September 20, 7:30 pm (GMT+2)

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll resulting from the Israeli raid on southern Beirut has risen to 12 dead and 66 wounded, nine in critical condition.

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An injury was reported in an Israeli drone strike on a car in Camp 5, north of Nuseirat, in the central Gaza Strip.

TASNIM NEWS AGENCY: Tasnim denies Israeli media claims about the assassination of Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Fallahzadeh, deputy commander of Quds Force, in the Dahiyeh bombing.

AL-MAYADEEN: A drone drops bombs along Salah al-Din Street in the al-Zeitoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza City.

ANSARALLAH SPOKESMAN: We strongly condemn the aggressive Israeli airstrike on the southern suburb of Beirut and reaffirm Yemen's solidarity with Lebanon. The new aggressive airstrike on the suburb, which follows the bloody electronic massacre, necessitates that the people of the region take responsibility and confront this criminal entity that targets everyone without exception.

Friday, September 20, 6:30 pm (GMT+2)

ISRAELI ARMY: A soldier from the 50th Battalion of the Nahal Brigade was seriously injured during a battle in the southern Gaza Strip.

AXIOS (citing senior Israeli official): Israel has reached the conclusion that there is no settlement to the situation on the northern border without escalation.

AL-MAYADEEN: Head of the Shlomi Settlement Council in the Occupied Western Galilee issues instructions to settlers to stay in shelters.

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll resulting from the Israeli raid on southern Beirut has risen to 9 dead and 59 wounded.

AL-MAYADEEN:

Dozens of cars and many shops were damaged as a result of the Israeli aggression on the southern suburbs of Beirut.

Difficulties facing civil defense and ambulance teams in rescuing those trapped and reaching the missing.

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: An Israeli raid targeted the Al-Maqousi area, west of Gaza City, in the northern Gaza Strip.

AL-MAYADEEN: 13 Palestinians, including 3 children and 3 women, were killed in an Israeli bombardment that targeted two houses in the Musabah area, north of Rafah city.

ISRAELI MEDIA: Highway 90 in the “Ayelet Hashahar” area is closed to northbound traffic due to a rocket fall.

ISRAELI MEDIA (cited in Al-Mayadeen): Shelters opened in a number of cities in the center of the country.

Friday, September 20, 5:30 pm (GMT+2)

LEBANESE HEALTH MINISTRY: Eight Lebanese were killed and 59 wounded in an initial death toll resulting from the Israeli raid on Beirut.

CHANNEL 13: 170 rockets were fired from southern Lebanon towards Israel since this morning.

HEZBOLLAH: We fired Katyushas at the main intelligence headquarters in northern Israel, responsible for assassinations, at the Mishar base.

WALLA (citing Israeli official): Israel did not notify Washington about the raid on the southern suburb of Beirut and that it was contacted after the execution.

LEBANESE CIVIL DEFENSE: Two residential buildings in the Jamous area in the southern suburb collapsed as a result of the Israeli raid.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL to Israeli army radio: The target of the assassination was Ibrahim Aqil, and it is not clear whether he was assassinated.

Friday, September 20, 4:30 pm (GMT+2)

AL-MAYADEEN: An Israeli raid with 4 missiles targeted a residential apartment in the Al-Qaim neighborhood in the southern suburb of Beirut.

LEBANESE NEWS AGENCY: At least five children were killed in an Israeli raid on Beirut's southern suburb.

WALLA: Initial estimates indicate that the Israeli raid was carried out during a meeting of Hezbollah leaders.

ISRAELI MEDIA: The raid on the southern suburb of Beirut was the commander of special operations and member of the Jihad Council in Hezbollah, Ibrahim Aqil.

LEBANESE NEWS AGENCY: An Israeli F-35 fighter jet targeted an apartment in the Jamous area in the southern suburb with two missiles.

CHANNEL 12: A very senior Hezbollah official was the target of the concentrated attack carried out by the occupation army in the southern suburb of Beirut.

Friday, September 20, 3:30 pm (GMT+2)

ISRAELI MEDIA: Netanyahu postponed his visit to the United States for one day due to the situation in the north.

LIEBERMAN: The town of Metulla, which represents the pearl of the north, was wiped out as a result of Hezbollah's bombing.

IRAQI HEZBOLLAH: Our fighter Abu Haidar al-Khafaji was killed in an Israeli attack while performing his duties as a security advisor in Damascus.

CHANNEL 12: Israeli President Isaac Herzog said that Israel still does not want war but wants to return the residents to their homes.

ISRAEL HAYOM: Authorities are sending firefighting planes to help put out fires near Safed after rockets fell from Lebanon.

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Israeli drone is firing at citizens and their homes in the vicinity of Al-Hurriya School in the Al-Zaytoun neighborhood in southern Gaza.

PALESTINIAN HEALTH MINISTRY: The death toll in the West Bank has reached 716 since October 7 – including 160 children, 10 women and 9 elderly people – and about 5,750 wounded.

Friday, September 20, 2:00 pm (GMT+2)

CHANNEL 12: An Israeli was injured after his vehicle was damaged while intercepting rockets in the Golan.

ISRAELI MEDIA: About 130 rockets fired at the north in the past hours.

HEZBOLLAH: Our Mujahideen bombed the air and missile defense headquarters in the "Kilaa" barracks with volleys of "Katyusha" rockets.

GAZA CIVIL DEFENSE:

Our crews retrieved the body of a martyr who was targeted by an Israeli drone in the Musabah area, north of Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip.

The bombing came in support of Gaza and in response to the Israeli enemy's attacks on the steadfast southern villages and safe homes.

HEZBOLLAH: Our Mujahideen bombed the main air defense missile base of the Northern Region Command in the "Beria" barracks with volleys of "Katyusha" rockets.

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two injuries in an Israeli bombardment targeting a motorcycle in the Musbah area, north of Rafah city, south of the Gaza Strip.

ISRAELI MEDIA:

Heavy barrage of rockets towards the Upper Galilee and the Golan.

Power outage in Safed after the latest rocket salvo.

Firefighters are not allowed to extinguish fires in Safed for fear of additional missiles.

More than 90 rockets were fired from Lebanon in the last salvo.

Friday, September 20, 1:00 pm (GMT+2)

AL-JAZEERA (citing security sources): Israeli forces detain the bodies of two Hezbollah fighters on the southern border of Lebanon.

ISRAELI ARMY RADIO: Residents of the northern Golan and Upper Galilee were instructed to stay near protected areas.

CNN (citing Israeli official): A senior adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu presented the Joe Biden administration with a new proposal for a ceasefire and the release of detainees.

BLOOMBERG: The tactical goal of the operation against Hezbollah was to cripple it by targeting its agents, infrastructure and supply lines.

AL-JAZEERA: Two Israeli raids targeted the towns of Mays al-Jabal and Kfar Kila in southern Lebanon.

AL-QASSAM BRIGADES: Our fighters are engaged in a fierce battle with the occupation forces that have penetrated east of the Al-Tannour neighborhood in Rafah city, south of the Gaza Strip

Friday, September 20, 11:30 am (GMT+2)

PALESTINIAN CIVIL DEFENSE: A Palestinian was killed and others were wounded as a result of Israeli shelling of a civilian vehicle in Beit Hanoun, northern Gaza Strip.

KAN: Canadian Airlines is canceling all its flights to Israel until the end of the year.

ISRAEL HAYOM: About 50 homes in Metulla in Upper Galilee were damaged from Thursday dawn until this morning due to shelling from Lebanon.

Friday, September 20, 11:00 am (GMT+2)

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: A Palestinian was killed in an Israeli bombardment on Al-Shaaf Street, east of Gaza City.

HEZBOLLAH: Our fighters targeted an Israeli army position at the Metulla site with a guided missile and achieved a direct hit.

CHANNEL 12: The government's attorney general informed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that she will not represent him before the Supreme Court.

BULGARIAN SECURITY SERVICE: No pagers used in the Lebanon bombings were imported, exported or manufactured in Bulgaria.

MAARIV POLL: 52% of Israelis oppose the dismissal of Defense Minister Yoav Gallant.

RUSSIAN FM: Any large-scale Israeli military operation in Lebanon will have serious consequences and should be avoided

Friday, September 20, 10:00 am (GMT+2)

AL-MAYADEEN: Injuries were reported as a result of Israeli shelling targeting a group of people in Kashko Street in the Zaytoun neighborhood, southeast of Gaza City.

Friday, September 20, 09:00 am (GMT+2)

SYRIAN MEDIA: One person was killed and another was injured in an Israeli bombardment that targeted a car on the road to Damascus International Airport.

Friday, September 20, 08:00 am (GMT+2)

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Eight Palestinians were killed and several others were injured in an Israeli bombardment that targeted a house west of the Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip.

AL-JAZEERA: Sirens are sounding in the town of Metulla in the Upper Galilee to warn of rocket launches.

ISRAELI MEDIA: A shooting incident targeting a settler bus near the city of Jenin in the northern West Bank.

Friday, September 20, 04700 am (GMT+2)

REUTERS (citing Taiwan's Minister of Economy): The components of the pagers that exploded in Lebanon were not manufactured in his country.

Friday, September 20, 05:00 am (GMT+2)

US STATE DEPARTMENT: Blinken discussed with his French counterpart efforts to stop the ceasefire in Gaza and meet its humanitarian needs.

Friday, September 20, 04:00 am (GMT+2)

TRUMP: When I am elected president, I will ban the resettlement of refugees from terror-infested areas like the Gaza Strip.

Friday, September 20, 03:15 am (GMT+2)

PALESTINIAN MEDIA: Two Palestinians were wounded in an Israeli shelling that targeted a house in the center of Gaza City.

WSJ (Citing US officials): We do not expect both Hamas and Israel to reach a deal on Gaza before the end of President Joe Biden's term.

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