

# Daily Peace and Crisis Report — Sunday 05 Apr 2026

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## Summary

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- The Middle East remains the epicentre of global conflict, with the US-Israeli war on Iran entering its sixth week, Gaza's ceasefire continuing to be violated, and Lebanon facing intensified Israeli strikes that have killed over 1,422 people since March 2.
- Russia launched a massive "Easter escalation" against Ukraine, firing 286 drones overnight and killing at least 15 civilians, including a drone strike on a busy Nikopol market that killed five people; peace talks remain stalled, though Turkey has offered to host tripartite negotiations.
- Sudan's civil war deepens as RSF drone strikes killed 10 health workers at Al-Jabalayn Hospital; WHO and UNICEF report 214 verified attacks on health facilities since 2023, with 2,042 deaths and 785 injuries.
- Myanmar's junta chief Min Aung Hlaing was formally elected president by a pro-military parliament, consolidating military rule five years after the 2021 coup, as the civil war continues with over 93,000 deaths since the coup.
- Haiti's gang violence crisis deepens as armed groups continue multi-day attacks on farming communities in the Artibonite

region, while the UN prepares to deploy a new Gang Suppression Force.

- DR Congo's fragile ceasefire in the east faces renewed pressure, with ADF terrorists killing over 70 civilians in Bafwakoia village on April 1–2, and M23 tensions persisting despite a nominal ceasefire framework.
- China has stepped up diplomatic efforts on the Iran war, proposing a five-point peace plan with Pakistan, while the US appears uninterested in multilateral diplomacy.

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## Middle East: US-Israeli War on Iran (Week 6)

The US-Israeli war on Iran entered its sixth week on Saturday, April 5, with significant escalations on multiple fronts. Iran claimed responsibility for shooting down two US warplanes — an F-15E Strike Eagle over Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad provinces and an A-10 Warthog that crashed into the Gulf — marking one of the most significant military setbacks for the US since the war began on February 28. Two American crewmembers were rescued, but one airman remains missing, triggering a major search and rescue operation. [Al Jazeera](#)

Iran's semi-official news agency Fars reported that Tehran rejected a US proposal for a 48-hour ceasefire, while President Trump issued a 48-hour ultimatum threatening Iran with "all Hell" if no deal was reached. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian accused Washington of hypocrisy, asking the world to judge "which side engages in dialogue and negotiation, and which in terrorism." [NPR](#)

According to Iranian health authorities, the total death toll in Iran since February 28 has reached at least 2,076 killed and 26,500 wounded. A strike hit near Iran's Bushehr nuclear plant, killing one person, while Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warned that US-Israeli attacks on nuclear facilities risk radioactive fallout across the region. [Al Jazeera](#); [Anadolu Agency](#)

Iran launched missile attacks on southern Israel, sparking a fire at an industrial site in the Negev region, while 120 people were reported injured in strikes hitting Tel Aviv and the south. The simultaneous conflicts in Iran, Gaza, and Lebanon have cost Israel an estimated \$112 billion, with schools remaining closed across the country. [Al Jazeera](#)

China stepped up its diplomatic efforts, putting forward a five-point peace proposal with Pakistan and rallying support from Gulf states, though the US appeared uninterested in multilateral diplomacy. [AP via US News](#) (Chin)

In Kuwait, Iranian strikes hit an oil refinery and a desalination plant, while in Bahrain, four people were injured after shrapnel fell from an intercepted Iranian drone in the Sitra area. The Strait of Hormuz remains a flashpoint, with US intelligence warning that Iran will not yield on access to the waterway. [Al Jazeera](#)

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## Gaza and the West Bank

Despite a ceasefire that took effect on October 10, 2025, Israel continues to conduct military operations across Gaza. The total death toll since October 2023 has surpassed 72,000 killed and over 172,000 wounded, with 713 killed and 1,940 injured since the ceasefire came into effect. Up to 14,000 people remain missing, many believed buried under rubble. [Palestine Chronicle](#)

On Saturday, April 5, Israeli naval vessels fired heavy machine guns at displaced persons' tents in the Mawasi area, injuring two Palestinian civilians. Israeli forces also struck a civilian vehicle at the entrance of Al-Maghazi refugee camp, killing one Palestinian. [Qatar News Agency](#)

The scale of suffering among Gaza's children is severe. By February 2026, Gaza's Ministry of Health reported that 21,289 children had been killed since the war began, with more than 44,500 injured. More than 64,000 Palestinian children have lost one or both parents. Around 700,000 children have been deprived of formal schooling, with an estimated 90 percent of schools damaged or destroyed. [WAFA](#)

In the West Bank, settler violence continues to escalate. At least six Palestinians have been killed in West Bank violence attributed to extremist settlers since the beginning of March 2026. Human rights groups note that a new Israeli law expands the death penalty for killings classified as terrorism, which critics say disproportionately targets Palestinians. Israeli colonists injured two Palestinians near Jenin on Saturday. [IMEMC](#)

Hamas and Israel continue to accuse each other of ceasefire violations. Hamas has expressed hope that international pressure will amend a Gaza disarmament plan proposed by Israel. [Asharq Al-Awsat](#)

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## Lebanon

Israel's renewed military campaign in Lebanon, which began on March 2, 2026, has now killed 1,422 people and wounded 4,294, with over 1 million people displaced, according to Lebanese health authorities and official sources. On Saturday, April 4 alone, at least 54 people were killed and 156 injured. [Palestine Chronicle](#)

Israel launched new strikes on Beirut overnight, destroying two critical bridges in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. Israeli forces also struck a hospital in the southern city of Tyre, while Israeli forces destroyed 17 surveillance cameras linked to UNIFIL's main headquarters in southern Lebanon within a 24-hour period. [Al Jazeera](#); [Asharq Al-Awsat](#)

Indonesia received the bodies of three UN peacekeepers killed in southern Lebanon — Zulmi Aditya Iskandar, 33, and Muhammad Nur Ichwan, 26, were killed in an explosion at a UNIFIL logistics position on March 30. A further three Indonesian peacekeepers were injured in a separate explosion inside a UNIFIL position on April 3. Indonesia condemned the casualties as "unacceptable" and called on the UN Security Council to urgently address the threat to peacekeepers. [Al Jazeera](#)

Hezbollah claimed responsibility for six attacks on Israeli settlements and military positions on Saturday. Analysis suggests Israel's military

objectives in Lebanon have shifted from disarming Hezbollah to re-establishing a permanent security zone in southern Lebanon, raising fears of a prolonged occupation. [Long War Journal](#)

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## Ukraine–Russia War

Russia launched what Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described as an "Easter escalation," firing 286 drones overnight into Ukraine. The Ukrainian Air Force reported shooting down or neutralising 260 of the drones, but 11 struck 10 locations across the country. At least 15 civilians were killed and dozens injured over 24 hours. [Al Jazeera](#)

In the most deadly single incident, a Russian drone struck a covered market in the frontline city of Nikopol at approximately 9:50 am on April 4, killing five people — three women and two men — and wounding 25. In Kharkiv, four people were killed and 11 injured in attacks targeting the city and 11 surrounding towns. Donetsk Governor Vadym Filashkin reported six killed and 10 injured in the eastern region over 24 hours. [Euromaidan Press](#) (Ukr)

Ukraine's General Staff reported that Russia suffered approximately 1,110 soldiers killed and wounded over the past day, with cumulative Russian casualties now estimated at over 1.3 million since the invasion began in February 2022. Zelenskyy stated that Russia suffered its highest level of casualties of the entire war in March 2026. [Ukrainska Pravda](#)

On the diplomatic front, Zelenskyy met with Turkish President Erdogan in Istanbul on Saturday. Erdogan offered to host the next round of Ukraine-Russia-US negotiations in Istanbul, and Zelenskyy expressed readiness to attend. The two leaders also signed a security cooperation agreement and discussed joint gas infrastructure development. [Euromaidan Press](#) (Ukr); [Xinhua](#) (Chin)

A fourth round of US-Ukraine-Russia talks, previously scheduled, was postponed due to the US-Israel war on Iran. Ukraine's Presidential Office noted that peace talks are currently on hold as global attention

has shifted to the Middle East. A US delegation led by Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner is expected to visit Kyiv after Orthodox Easter. [RBC Ukraine](#)

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## Sudan

Sudan's civil war between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) continues to produce catastrophic civilian casualties. On April 2, RSF drone strikes struck Al-Jabalayn Teaching Hospital in White Nile State, killing 10 health workers including the medical director, and injuring 22 others. The hospital's emergency room and operating theatre were completely destroyed. [UNICEF](#)

WHO and UNICEF issued a joint statement on April 4 warning of the escalating frequency of attacks on health care in Sudan. Since the conflict began in April 2023, WHO has verified 214 attacks on health facilities, resulting in 2,042 deaths and 785 injuries. In the first quarter of 2026 alone, 13 attacks have been verified, killing 184 people and injuring 295. [UNICEF](#); [WHO EMRO](#)

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus stated that Sudan is confronting one of the gravest humanitarian and public health emergencies in the world today, with more than 33.7 million people — over half the nation's population — in need of humanitarian assistance. A landmine explosion in Khartoum's Burri neighbourhood on Saturday highlighted the ongoing danger posed by explosive remnants of war. [UN News](#)

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## Myanmar

Myanmar's junta chief Min Aung Hlaing was formally elected president by a pro-military parliament on Friday, April 3, winning 429 of 586 votes in a body that includes unelected military representatives. The vote formalises his grip on power five years after the February 2021 coup

that ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's civilian government. Critics and opposition groups have condemned the vote as a "sham." [The Guardian](#)

The civil war that has engulfed Myanmar since the coup has killed nearly 93,000 people, according to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project (ACLED). The junta has ramped up its bombing campaign since parliament opened last month. In March 2026, junta airstrikes across Arakan Army-controlled areas killed at least 124 people and injured 40 others. A military airstrike on Thandwe Township in Rakhine State killed four members of the same family, including two young children, on April 1. [BNI Online](#); [Mizzima](#)

The junta pardoned over 10,000 prisoners ahead of parliament's return, a move observers say is intended to project legitimacy rather than signal genuine reform. ASEAN member states, including the Philippines, continue to engage Myanmar diplomatically, calling for a cessation of violence and humanitarian access. [OWP](#)

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## Democratic Republic of Congo

A fragile ceasefire in eastern DR Congo continues to be tested. On the night of April 1–2, Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) terrorists attacked the village of Bafwakoa in eastern Congo, killing more than 70 civilians. The UAE condemned the attack and expressed condolences to victims' families. [Instagram/TeamCongo](#)

The DRC and M23 rebels have agreed to create an international body to oversee the ceasefire, though accusations of violations continue on both sides. Rwanda's President Kagame dismissed international criticism of Rwanda's alleged support for M23, while the Congolese presidency announced that the two heads of state had agreed to an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in the east. [Africanews](#)

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## Haiti

Haiti's gang violence crisis continues to spiral. Armed groups aligned with the Gran Grif gang continued multi-day attacks on farming communities in Haiti's Lower Artibonite region, with dozens killed in attacks on the town of Marchand Dessalines. The UN envoy to Haiti, Maria Isabel Salvador, warned before the Security Council that Haiti is near a "point of no return" as gang violence spirals. [AP via AOL](#); [Le Monde](#)

The UN Support Office in Haiti (UNSOH) confirmed it has met the timeline to provide operational support for a new Gang Suppression Force (GSF), with a Chad advance team and special representative now deployed. The second group of Kenyan officers deployed under the Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission has returned home, marking the end of Kenya's involvement in that mission. A UN report from February detailed four cases of sexual exploitation and abuse involving Kenyan-led troops, including incidents involving minors. [Caribbean Times](#); [CNN via KTVZ](#)

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## International Cooperation and Peacekeeping

UN peacekeeping operations faced severe challenges this week. Three Indonesian UNIFIL peacekeepers were killed in two separate incidents in southern Lebanon on March 29 and 30, and three more were injured in an explosion inside a UNIFIL position on April 3. Indonesia called the casualties "unacceptable" and demanded an urgent UN Security Council response. The Security Council has decided that UNIFIL will cease operations at the end of 2026 and withdraw in 2027. [Al Jazeera](#); [PassBlue](#)

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported that its Food Price Index rose 2.4 percent in March, driven in part by supply disruptions linked to the Iran war and Strait of Hormuz tensions.

Australia's government urged motorists to fill their tanks ahead of Easter as hundreds of rural service stations ran out of diesel due to supply chain disruptions. [Al Jazeera](#)

In Afghanistan, a 5.8 magnitude earthquake struck northern Afghanistan near Kabul, killing at least eight members of a refugee family who had recently returned from Iran. [The Star](#)

## Key Statistics

Conflict / Crisis	Key Statistic	Source	Killed	Wounded
Gaza (since Oct 2023)	Total casualties since October 7, 2023; ceasefire in effect since Oct 10, 2025 but repeatedly violated	<a href="#">Palestine Chronicle / Gaza MoH</a>	72,000+	172,000+
Iran (US-Israeli war, since Feb 28)	Week 6 of US-Israeli strikes; F-15E and A-10 downed by Iran; one US airman missing	<a href="#">Al Jazeera / Iran MoH</a>	2,076	26,500
	Israeli airstrikes and	<a href="#">Palestine Chronicle /</a>	1,422	4,294

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Lebanon (since Mar 2, 2026)	ground operations; 54 killed on Apr 4 alone; 1 million+ displaced	<a href="#">Lebanon MoH</a>		
Ukraine (Russian Easter escalation)	286 drones fired overnight Apr 3–4; Nikopol market strike killed 5; 15 total killed in 24 hours	<a href="#">AI Jazeera / Ukrainian officials</a>	15 (24 hrs)	86+
Sudan (health facility attacks)	214 verified attacks on health care since Apr 2023; 10 health workers killed at Al-Jabalayn Hospital Apr 2	<a href="#">UNICEF / WHO</a>	2,042 (health attacks)	785 (health attacks)
Myanmar (since Feb 2021 coup)	Min Aung Hlaing elected president Apr 3; 124 killed in Arakan in	<a href="#">BNI Online / ACLED</a>	93,000+ (since coup)	—

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	March 2026 alone			

*Sources: UN News, Al Jazeera, Wafa, UNICEF, WHO, Palestine Chronicle, Euromaidan Press (Ukr), Ukrainska Pravda, BNI Online, Mizzima, Reuters, NPR, The Guardian, Anadolu Agency, Xinhua (Chin), Asharq Al-Awsat, Long War Journal, PassBlue, Caribbean Times.*