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Summary

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- The US-Israel war on Iran has entered its 38th day, with Trump issuing a Tuesday deadline for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz or face strikes on power plants and bridges; a US aviator was rescued in a dramatic operation inside Iran.
- Israeli strikes on Lebanon killed at least 14 people on Easter Sunday, including a family of six, while UN UNIFIL peacekeepers face mounting threats and Indonesia demands security guarantees.
- Gaza's death toll has surpassed 72,000 since October 2023, with Israel continuing strikes despite a ceasefire, and MSF warning that medical supply blockades are threatening lives.
- Ukraine-Russia peace talks remain deadlocked; Russia rejected all ceasefire proposals including an Easter pause, while Ukrainian forces continue striking deep inside Russian territory.
- Sudan's civil war intensifies, with WHO and UNICEF reporting over 2,000 deaths from attacks on health facilities since the conflict began nearly three years ago.
- Myanmar's military junta general Min Aung Hlaing was elected president by a military-controlled parliament, raising fears of renewed civil war escalation.

- The global energy crisis deepens as Iran's effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz pushes crude oil above \$100 per barrel, threatening food security for tens of millions.

1. US-Israel War on Iran

The US-Israel military campaign against Iran entered its 38th day on 6 April 2026, with significant escalation on multiple fronts. US President Donald Trump issued an expletive-filled ultimatum on Sunday, threatening to bomb Iranian power plants and bridges if the Strait of Hormuz is not reopened by a Tuesday (April 7) deadline. [AP News](#)

In a dramatic development, US forces rescued a wounded F-15E Strike Eagle colonel from deep inside Iranian territory after the aircraft was shot down on Friday — the first known American aircraft to crash in Iran since the war began on February 28. Trump described the rescue as involving "dozens of armed aircraft" operating "deep inside the mountains." Iran's IRGC claimed to have destroyed two C-130 transport aircraft and two Black Hawk helicopters during the rescue operation; however, a regional intelligence official told AP that the US military blew up two transport planes due to a technical malfunction. [AP News](#)

Iran has struck infrastructure across the Gulf in response to ongoing US-Israeli bombardment. In Kuwait, Iranian drone attacks caused significant damage to power plants, a petrochemical plant, and put a water desalination station out of service. In the UAE, four people were injured at Khor Fakkan port from interception debris, and a petrochemical plant in Ruwais was forced to halt operations. In Bahrain, drone attacks caused fires at a national oil company storage facility and a state-run petrochemical plant. [AP News](#)

Iran has effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz — through which 20 per cent of the world's oil and gas passes — pushing crude oil prices above \$100 per barrel from \$65 before the war began. Iran has also threatened to close the Bab al-Mandeb Strait, another critical chokepoint. [Al Jazeera](#); [Forbes](#)

More than 1,900 people have been killed in Iran since the war began, with over 30 universities targeted by US-Israeli strikes. Russia has evacuated 200 more staff from the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant following attacks on the site's perimeter, with Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warning that such raids expose the entire region to radioactive contamination risk. The UN's nuclear agency chief expressed deep concern at the latest attack on the plant. [Al Jazeera](#); [UN News](#)

Diplomatic efforts continue in parallel: Oman's deputy foreign minister met with Iranian counterparts to discuss proposals for "smooth transit" through the Strait of Hormuz. Egypt's Foreign Minister spoke with US envoy Steve Witkoff and Iranian FM Araghchi, while Russia's Lavrov also held talks with Araghchi. Bahrain urged the UN Security Council to act on a draft proposal authorising defensive action to ensure safe passage through the strait. [AP News](#)

Yemen's Houthi movement resumed attacks on Israel on March 28, joining the broader conflict. On April 4, Houthis conducted their fifth military operation, targeting Ben Gurion Airport and military sites in southern Israel using ballistic missiles and drones. [Wikipedia](#)

2. Lebanon — Israeli Strikes Continue

Israeli airstrikes on Easter Sunday (April 5) killed at least 14 people across Lebanon, including a strike on the village of Kfarhata in south Lebanon that killed seven people, among them a 4-year-old child. A separate strike on south Beirut, near Lebanon's largest public hospital, killed four people and wounded at least 39. [Al Jazeera](#); Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

Since the broader Middle East war began, more than 1,400 people have been killed in Lebanon and more than one million people displaced. Eleven Israeli soldiers have been killed in Lebanon while targeting Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants. Israel has also forced closure of a Syria border crossing. [AP News](#)

The UN peacekeeping mission UNIFIL is facing mounting pressure. Israeli forces destroyed 17 surveillance cameras linked to UNIFIL's main headquarters in southern Lebanon within 24 hours. On April 3, three Indonesian soldiers serving with UNIFIL were injured in an explosion at a UN facility near El Adeisse. Indonesia has demanded security guarantees for UN peacekeepers and urged the UN to review peacekeeper safety protocols. UNIFIL issued a stark warning that ongoing military clashes between Israeli troops and Hezbollah are putting peacekeepers at severe risk. [The Jakarta Post](#); [Tempo](#) (Indonesia)

Indonesia laid to rest peacekeepers killed in Lebanon, with the government demanding accountability. The UN condemned the killing of two more peacekeepers in Lebanon in a separate incident. [UN News](#)

3. Gaza and the West Bank

Gaza's cumulative death toll has reached 72,292 killed and 172,073 wounded since October 7, 2023, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health. Among the dead are over 21,000 children, with 44,000 more injured. [Wafa](#); [Algérie Presse Service](#)

Despite a ceasefire that took hold on October 10, 2025, Israel has continued to launch strikes across Gaza. At least 715 people have been killed since the truce began. On April 5, Gaza's civil defence agency reported an Israeli strike killed four people. [The Hindu](#)

The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains dire. MSF warned that since early 2026, Israeli authorities have blocked the entry of medical supplies, including vital medicines. Power shortages are triggering prolonged blackouts, severely limiting access to water, healthcare, and sanitation. Gaza's collapsed infrastructure has also created a rodent crisis that humanitarian aid cannot solve. [MSF](#); [CGTN](#) (Chin)

The UN has ramped up ceasefire support, facilitating a 106-tonne delivery of lifesaving nutrition supplies via a new sea route. The UN Secretary-General warned that regional tensions are diverting global

attention from Gaza's dire crisis. The UN also warned of rising evictions and settler violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. [UN News](#)

4. Ukraine — Russia War

Ukraine-Russia peace negotiations remain deadlocked. Russia has rejected every ceasefire proposal put forward in 2026, including an Easter pause offered by President Zelensky on March 30. The Geneva talks in February ended with no sign of a breakthrough. Zelensky has accused Russia of "talking compromise while demanding capitulation" and of lying to US envoys. [Euromaidan Press](#) (Ukr)

On the battlefield, Ukrainian forces repelled 24 attacks on the Pokrovsk direction and advanced in northern Kharkiv Oblast and in the Kupyansk and Oleksandrivka directions, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). Ukrainian forces struck a Russian chemical plant in Samara Oblast and hit the Lukoil-Nizhegorodnefteorgsintez oil refinery in Kstovo, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast — approximately 800 kilometres inside Russia. [Kyiv Post](#) (Ukr); [Euromaidan Press](#) (Ukr)

Russian forces launched 286 drones against Ukraine over the past 24 hours. A Russian drone strike killed five people in Nikopol and injured 25, including a teenager. Separate drone strikes killed two civilians and injured multiple others across five regions. Russia's total combat losses since February 24, 2022 have reached approximately 1,303,550 personnel, with 1,180 lost in the past day alone. [Ukrinform](#) (Ukr)

Russia again claimed to have taken full control of Luhansk Oblast; Ukraine dismissed the claim, saying the front line "hasn't moved much at all over the past six months." The Kremlin is also facing growing domestic backlash over intensified censorship measures, according to ISW analysis. President Zelensky warned that a prolonged US-Israeli war on Iran could further erode American support for Ukraine. [Politico](#)

5. Sudan — Civil War

Sudan's civil war between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) has now passed 1,000 days. WHO and UNICEF reported on April 5 that at least 2,042 people have been killed and 785 injured in 214 attacks on health care facilities since the conflict began nearly three years ago. In the first quarter of 2026 alone, 13 attacks on health facilities were recorded, leaving 184 people dead and 295 injured. [CGTN Africa](#) (Chin); [Eastleigh Voice](#)

WHO's representative in Sudan described scenes of health workers watching patients "die before our eyes" due to medical shortages. Drone warfare has increasingly become a feature of the conflict, reshaping regional security dynamics. Sudan and Libya military officials met in Tripoli to discuss security ties, amid concerns about cross-border dimensions of the conflict. [UN News](#); [Sudan Tribune](#)

6. Myanmar — Junta General Elected President

On April 3, 2026, Myanmar's military-controlled parliament elected Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as the country's 11th president. The Presidential Electoral College, composed of 584 members, voted him in following disputed elections held under junta oversight. The international community has broadly rejected the legitimacy of the process, and the Arakan Rohingya National Council (ARNC) condemned the appointment as illegitimate. [Chosun](#) (South Korea); [Carolina Political Review](#)

Analysts warn that the military supremo's formal assumption of the presidency could re-escalate the ongoing civil war between the junta and pro-democracy resistance forces, removing any remaining pretence of a civilian transition. [Firstpost](#)

7. Somalia — Counter-Terrorism Operations

A precision international airstrike in Somalia's Lower Juba region killed Al-Shabaab's chief bomb-maker, described as a high-value target linked to dozens of deadly IED attacks. Separately, Somali intelligence forces killed nine Al-Shabaab militants in the Lower Shabelle region. Somali National Army forces, backed by Ugandan troops under the African Union Support and Stabilization Mission in Somalia (AUSSOM), repelled an Al-Shabaab attack in Lower Shabelle, killing more than 40 militants. [Hiiraan](#); [Radio Dalsan](#)

8. Global Humanitarian and Energy Crisis

The Iran war's closure of the Strait of Hormuz has triggered what analysts describe as possibly the largest ever oil supply disruption in history. Crude oil prices have surpassed \$100 per barrel, up from \$65 before the war began. The World Food Programme (WFP) warned that if the conflict continues through June, 45 million more people will face acute hunger, adding to the approximately 320 million already food insecure globally. [Time](#); [WTOP](#)

Africa faces a growth slowdown as a result of the war; the Middle East accounts for 15.8 per cent of Africa's trade. The UN has called for an accelerated transition to renewable energy as the Middle East crisis exposes the global economy's dangerous dependence on fossil fuels from conflict-affected regions. [Africa News](#); [UN News](#)

From Iran to multiple nations in the Gulf and the wider Middle East, approximately 3,000 people have been arrested in the first month of the ongoing war, sparking alarm from UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk over severe restrictions on free speech and state repression. [UN News](#)

Key Statistics

Conflict / Crisis	Key Statistic	Source	Killed	Wounded
Gaza (since Oct 7, 2023)	Total casualties since October 7, 2023	WAFA	72,292	172,073
	Children killed / injured	WAFA	21,000+	44,000+
US-Israel War on Iran (since Feb 28, 2026)	People killed in Iran since war began	AP News	1,900+	—
Lebanon (since broader war began)	People killed; over 1 million displaced	AP News	1,400+	—
Ukraine-Russia War (since Feb 24, 2022)	Russian personnel losses (cumulative)	Ukrinform (Ukr)	1,303,550	—
Sudan — Health Facility Attacks	Deaths from 214 attacks on health care facilities	WHO / UNICEF via CGTN Africa (Chin)	2,042	785

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(since Apr 2023)				

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