
Daily Peace and Crisis Report — Thursday

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Sources consulted:

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SUMMARY

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- In Gaza, OCHA reported continuing military operations, displacement and severe access constraints, while OHCHR recorded at least 57 Palestinian deaths from 13–20 July; settler attacks account for a growing share of Palestinian injuries in the West Bank.
- Russia–Ukraine hostilities continued amid a change in Ukraine’s military leadership, long-range strikes and heightened civilian harm; Russian state reporting also alleged civilian casualties from Ukrainian strikes in Russian regions.
- In Sudan, recent drone strikes killed at least 27 civilians as humanitarian needs remain extreme; in Myanmar, conflict-related disruption and flooding continued to compound civilian protection and aid-access risks.
- Active Iran–US escalation, maritime insecurity around the Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea, and continuing Lebanon–Israel negotiations underscore the regional risks to civilians, shipping and humanitarian access.

MIDDLE EAST

Gaza Strip

Humanitarian conditions remained severe amid continuing military operations, displacement and constraints on assistance. OCHA reported that Gaza's Ministry of Health recorded 40 Palestinians killed and 127 injured from 8–15 July, bringing its reported total since the 10 October 2025 ceasefire announcement to 1,123 killed and 3,616 injured. OCHA also reported that 63 per cent of assessed households had access to less than six litres of drinking water per person per day. [OCHA oPt](#) (UN/humanitarian)

For the subsequent week, OHCHR recorded at least 57 Palestinians, including six children and eight women, killed by Israeli military action from 13–20 July. The UN account cited the Palestinian Ministry of Health as reporting that more than 1,100 Palestinians had been killed since the October 2025 ceasefire. [UN News](#) (UN agency) Al Jazeera reported a series of lethal attacks and displacement-related harm during the same period; its account is included here as regional reporting rather than as an independent casualty verification. [Al Jazeera](#) (Qatari/intl)

West Bank

UNRWA, citing OCHA data, reported that 1,111 Palestinians, including at least 243 children, had been killed in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, from 7 October 2023 to 13 July 2026. OCHA's latest situation report described settler attacks as a leading cause of Palestinian injuries in 2026, accounting for 55 per cent of such injuries, while access restrictions and displacement pressures continued. [UNRWA](#) (UN agency); [OCHA oPt](#) (UN/humanitarian)

Lebanon

Lebanon remains a required focus because military and diplomatic developments are active. The Secretary-General's report, as summarised by Security Council Report, described hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah that escalated from 2 March; it recorded at least 4,106 people killed by Israeli military operations in Lebanon as at 20 June. It also described a 26 June Trilateral Framework between Lebanon, Israel and the United States and subsequent talks intended to operationalise initial pilot zones, while noting unresolved security and accountability concerns. [Security Council Report](#) (UN/humanitarian)

Iran–US Diplomatic Situation and Maritime Security

Iran–US hostilities and maritime insecurity remained active. The Institute for the Study of War and Critical Threats Project assessed that Iran was using force and transit restrictions to seek control over traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, while Houthi warnings to Saudi-linked shipping added risk in the Red Sea. This is an analytical assessment and is attributed accordingly. [Institute for the Study of War](#) (*Western nuanced*) The Guardian reported Iranian official warnings of a proportional response to attacks on infrastructure and continuing reports of shipping threats; individual military and maritime claims remain attributed to the officials or armed groups making them. [The Guardian](#) (*Western mainstream*)

EASTERN EUROPE

Russia–Ukraine Conflict

Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky dismissed Commander-in-Chief Oleksandr Syrskyi on 21 July and appointed Major General Mykhailo Drapatyi, according to the Institute for the Study of War. The same assessment said Russia launched 58 drones against Ukraine overnight while Ukrainian forces continued long-range strikes on Russian industrial and military targets. [Institute for the Study of War](#) (*Western nuanced*)

Russia Matters’ 22 July comparison of DeepState and ISW data estimated Russian net territorial gains over 23 June–21 July at 15 or 10 square miles respectively, illustrating variation between open-source methodologies. Its report also links to OHCHR’s latest verified civilian-casualty update. [Russia Matters](#) (*Western nuanced*) OHCHR recorded 293 civilians killed and 1,990 injured in Ukraine in June 2026, with the vast majority occurring in government-controlled areas, and warned that the actual extent of civilian harm is likely higher because access and verification limitations persist. [OHCHR Ukraine](#) (*UN agency*)

Russian Perspective: RT reported Moscow’s claim that Ukrainian strikes in several Russian regions killed two civilians and wounded dozens. This is a Russian-state account and has not been independently verified in this report. [RT](#) (*Russian state*)

AFRICA

Sudan

Two drone strikes between Monday and Tuesday killed at least 27 civilians and injured several dozen more, according to a UN account that said the strikes were likely launched by the Rapid Support Forces in the conflict with government troops. The same account reported at least 59,000 people killed and at least 14 million displaced since the war began, with 33.7 million people requiring humanitarian assistance. [UN News](#) (*UN agency*)

UNICEF's updated emergency page reported 9.5 million internally displaced people, 21 million people facing high levels of acute food insecurity and around 70 per cent of health facilities non-functional at the start of 2026. It highlighted a 21 July drone attack on Ar Rahad market in North Kordofan that killed and injured children. Separately, Sudan Tribune reported, citing UN and World Food Programme assessments, that nearly 400,000 displaced people in parts of North Kordofan faced emergency levels of acute food insecurity. [UNICEF](#) (*UN agency*); [Sudan Tribune](#) (*regional outlet*)

ASIA

Myanmar

Myanmar's civilian emergency remained substantive and multi-layered. OCHA's 21 July update reported that flooding in Rakhine State had affected an estimated 98,282 people in 22,195 households across 18 wards and 201 villages. It identified safe water, sanitation, food, health care, shelter and livelihoods as urgent needs, while damaged roads, disrupted communications, limited stocks and access constraints impeded response. [UN Myanmar / OCHA](#) (*UN/humanitarian*)

In conflict reporting, Mizzima stated that around 20 schools administered by the National Unity Government in Kani Township, Sagaing Region, had temporarily closed amid junta operations; it also reported aerial bombings in parts of Rakhine State. These claims are attributed to the Myanmar opposition outlet and its cited local actors. [Mizzima](#) (*Myanmar opposition*) IOM and UNHCR separately expressed concern over reported maritime incidents off Myanmar's coast, with the joint alert's title stating that more than

500 people were feared dead; this reported figure is included with caution pending fuller verification. [IOM / UNHCR](#) (UN agency)

STATISTICS

Table 1 — Casualties (Killed / Wounded)

Conflict/ Crisis	Key Statistic	Source	Killed	Wounded
Gaza	Since 7 Oct 2023 (to 12 Jul 2026)	UNRWA / Gaza MoH (UN agency)	73,231	173,686
	Since 10 Oct 2025 ceasefire announcement (to 15 Jul 2026)	OCHA oPt / Gaza MoH (UN/humanitarian)	1,123	3,616
West Bank	Since 7 Oct 2023 (to 13 Jul 2026)	UNRWA / OCHA (UN agency)	1,111	—
Sudan	Since Apr 2023 (UN-reported minimum)	UN News (UN agency)	59,000+	—
Ukraine	Civilians, government-controlled territory (June 2026)	OHCHR Ukraine (UN agency)	279	1,947
	Civilians, Russian-occupied territory	OHCHR Ukraine (UN agency)	Unverified*	Unverified*
Russia	Civilians from Ukrainian strikes (RF government claim)	Russia Matters / RF government (Western nuanced)	8,012	—

* OHCHR access is denied to Russian-occupied areas of Ukraine; figures for civilians in occupied territory cannot be independently verified. The vast majority (96%) of verified civilian casualties occur in Government-controlled areas.

Table 2 — Numbers (non-casualty figures)

Conflict/ Crisis	Key Statistic	Figure	Source
Gaza	Assessed households accessing less than six litres of drinking water per person per day	63%	OCHA oPt (UN/humanitarian)
West Bank	Share of Palestinian injuries in 2026 associated with settler attacks	55%	OCHA oPt (UN/humanitarian)
Lebanon	UNIFIL military personnel as at 20 Jun 2026	8,005	Security Council Report (UN/humanitarian)
Ukraine	Net Russian territorial change, 23 Jun–21 Jul 2026 (methodology range)	10–15 sq mi gain	Russia Matters (Western nuanced)
Sudan	People displaced since the war began	14 million+	UN News (UN agency)
	People needing humanitarian aid	33.7 million	UN News (UN agency)
Myanmar	People affected by Rakhine flooding	98,282	UN Myanmar / OCHA (UN/humanitarian)
	Reported deaths feared in maritime incidents off Myanmar's coast	500+	IOM / UNHCR (UN agency)

This report avoids unexplained qualifiers that cast doubt on an event without explaining who challenges the account, why they do so, and what source or location context is relevant. Claims are attributed inline to their source, and source-origin tags are included next to quoted or cited sources wherever practical.

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