

Iran, Israel trade strikes amid mixed signals from the US, deepening war

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IRAN and Israel traded strikes on Tuesday, as the West Asia war showed no sign of de-escalation after US President Donald Trump signalled "very good talks" to end the three-week conflict.

Iran names new security chief to succeed Larijani

TEHRAN: Iran on Tuesday appointed former Revolutionary Guards commander Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr as head of the Supreme National Security Council, replacing Ali Larijani, who was killed in an Israeli strike.

Pete Hegseth first to suggest strike on Iran, says Trump

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said that Secretary of War Pete Hegseth was the "first one" to suggest attacking Iran when he discussed the "problem in the West Asia" with his close aides.



Israel's army said it had conducted a "large wave" of air-strikes across several areas of Iran, which had earlier launched a "direct hit" on a building in an upscale area of Tel Aviv.

Iranian media reports US-Israeli warplanes had struck two gas facilities and a pipeline, hours after Trump stepped back from his threat to attack energy sites, citing negotiations to end the war.

There are no formal diplomatic relations between Washington and Tehran, and Trump's suggestion that there had been progress in talks was met with a swift denial from Iran.

Speaking at the Memphis Safe Task Force Roundtable in Tennessee, on Monday, Trump said he called all his aides, including Hegseth and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Air Force Gen Dan Caine, to discuss the situation in Iran before making decision.

RUBIO TO MEET G7 ON IRAN WAR

WASHINGTON: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will meet G7 counterparts in France on Friday to discuss the Iran war and global security issues, the State Department said.



Smoke rises from the site of an Israeli airstrike that targeted the eastern outskirts of the southern Lebanese coastal city of Tyre | AFP

Israel announces the territorial seizure

BEIRUT

ISRAEL said on Tuesday that its military would take control of south Lebanon up to the Litani River, around 30 kilometres (20 miles) from the border, as deadly strikes pounded the country.

Lebanon was pulled into the West Asia war when the Tehran-backed Hezbollah militant group began firing rockets into Israel on March 2 to avenge the killing of Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

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