Hezbollah and Israel continued to exchange cross-border fire. The Israeli military killed two Hizbollah commanders and what the IDF described as “a senior and veteran official in the military wing of Hizbollah”. The IDF confirmed two Hizbollah drone strikes in northern Israel; three people were reportedly injured.

The IDF chief of staff stated: “We are considering our steps, and this launch of so many missiles, cruise missiles and UAVs into the territory of the State of Israel [by Iran on 13 April] will be met with a response”. The same day, a U.S. national security spokesperson highlighted that Iran’s strike sought “clearly to cause significant destruction and casualties”, adding: “The Israeli government will determine for themselves if there’s going to be a response and what that response is going to look like… We don’t want to see a war with Iran. We don’t want to see a broader regional conflict. We will do what we have to do to defend Israel”.

Hizbollah and Israel continued to exchange cross-border fire. The Israeli military confirmed that four soldiers were injured in a blast during “operational activity” on the Lebanese side of the border with Israel.

The Israeli military downed a “suspicious aerial target”, inbound via the Red Sea, near Eilat.

The U.S. and other Group of Seven countries jointly denounced “in the strongest terms Iran’s direct and unprecedented attack against Israel”… With its actions, Iran has further stepped toward the destabilisation of the region and risks provoking an uncontrollable regional escalation. This must be avoided. We will continue to work to stabilise the situation and avoid further escalation. In this spirit, we demand that Iran and its proxies cease their attacks, and we stand ready to take further measures now and in response to further destabilising initiatives”.
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Discussing Iran’s 13 April retaliatory airstrikes against Israel, Foreign Minister Amirabdollahian said: “If the UN had condemned the Israeli strike [on Iran’s consulate in Damascus], we would have thought twice about our response”. He added: “We do not seek to target American people and bases in the region and we do not welcome the extension of tensions… We will target U.S. bases if they are used to aid Zionist [ie, Israeli] aggression [against Iran].”

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The IRGC seized MCS Aries, a Portuguese registered merchant vessel described as “linked to Israel”, in the Gulf of Oman. On April 15, Iran’s diplomatic spokesperson claimed that “the vessel was diverted into Iran’s territorial waters as a result of violating maritime laws and not answering calls made by Iranian authorities”.
