Lebanon/Israel 7 August

Amid cross-border exchanges, the Israeli military reported that it had killed a “Hizbollah commander responsible for anti-tank guided missile fire on northern Israel”.

Tehran/Riyadh 7 August

Addressing a ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, Iran's acting foreign minister discussed the killing of Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, asserting that “in the absence of any appropriate action by the Security Council against the aggressions and violations of the Israeli regime, the Islamic Republic of Iran has no option but to use its inherent right to legitimate defence against the aggressions of this regime. Such action is necessary to prevent further aggression by this regime against the sovereignty, citizens and territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran and it will be carried out at the appropriate time and in a proportionate manner”.

Lebanon 6 August

Hizbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah warned that a response to the 30 July killing by Israel of a senior Hizbollah commander in Beirut “is certainly coming and will be strong, impactful and effective. There are still days and nights ahead of us, and we await the battlefield… The enemy’s week-long waiting is part of the punishment”.

Israel/Lebanon 6 August

Amid cross-border exchanges, Hizbollah confirmed four fatalities, while Israeli sources reported more than a dozen casualties, including six soldiers injured in a Hizbollah drone strike.

Washington 6 August

Secretary of State Antony Blinken indicated that “we've been in constant contact with partners in the region and well beyond. In those conversations, we’ve heard a clear consensus: No one should escalate this conflict. We’ve been engaged in intense diplomacy with allies and partners, communicating that message directly to Iran. We communicated that message directly to Israel. Our commitment to Israel’s security is ironclad… But everyone in the region should understand that further attacks only perpetuate conflict, instability, insecurity for everyone”. “It’s urgent that everyone in the region take stock of the situation, understand the risk of miscalculation and make decisions that will calm tensions, not exacerbate them”, he added. Blinken further noted that the
ceasefire negotiations in Gaza had “reached a final stage... concluding that agreement and avoiding any action that could somehow disrupt it is the only path to ending the conflict in Gaza and bringing calm to the region”.

**Washington/Tehran 6 August**

The Justice Department announced that it had charged a Pakistani national “with close ties to Iran” in what the director of the FBI described as a “dangerous murder-for-hire plot... straight out of the Iranian playbook” targeting “a politician or U.S. government official on U.S. soil”. Iran’s UN mission denied involvement and said: “We have not received any reports in connection with this issue from the U.S. government”.

**Washington/Yemen 6 August**

CENCTOM announced that it “successfully destroyed one Iranian-backed Houthi uncrewed aerial vehicle and two Iranian-backed Houthi anti-ship ballistic missiles launched from Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen over the Red Sea”.