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Top of the Agenda

ISRAEL STRIKES IRAN

An emergency situation has been declared across Israel. “Following the State of Israel’s preemptive strike against Iran, a missile and drone attack against the State of Israel and its civilian population is expected in the immediate future,” Katz said. The attack comes after weeks of simmering tensions following the collapse of renewed negotiations over Iran’s nuclear program. News outlets reported last month that Israel had discussed potential strikes on Iranian nuclear sites with the US.

RT: Israel strikes Iran 13th June, 2025.

Analysis

The Israel-Iran conflict is rooted in decades of mutual hostility, with Israel viewing Iran's nuclear ambitions as an existential threat, and Iran backing anti-Israeli proxies (Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis). Tensions escalated in 2024–2025 due to: Iran’s rapid advancement toward nuclear weapons capability, escalating regional proxy attacks on Israel, such as by Hezbollah and Houthis and failure of diplomacy to revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. The Israeli airstrikes on Iran on June 13, 2025 mark a pivotal moment in Middle Eastern security history. Israel’s decision to act unilaterally reinforces its strategic doctrine of preventive war but also tests the limits of international norms on sovereignty and proportionality. With the global nuclear non-proliferation regime under strain, and regional actors recalibrating their alliances, the strike may alter the trajectory of security politics in the region for years to come. This Operation (Rising Lion) marked Israel’s most extensive military action against Iran in modern history. The strike demonstrated not only Israel’s technological superiority, utilizing stealth F-35I fighters, real-time drone surveillance, and electronic warfare, but also its political resolve to take unilateral action without U.S. military involvement. Israel’s June 2025 airstrikes on Iran mark a historic escalation in Middle Eastern military engagement. While tactically effective, they have dramatically raised the risk of a regional war, complicated global diplomacy, and exposed vulnerabilities in Iran’s air defense and intelligence networks. The gap between early warning and strategic response is narrowing across the region, potentially setting the stage for further instability, unless diplomacy regains momentum.

NIGERIA

CORRECTIONAL SERVICE OFFICER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN ZAMFARA

A staff member of the Nigerian Correctional Service, Abdullahi Nura, who is also a Chief Correctional Assistant (CCA) serving at the Medium Security Custodial Centre, Gusau, Zamfara State, has attempted suicide. The incident happened in the early hours of Wednesday as the officer jumped into a dam. According to a statement issued by the Public Relations Officer of the Zamfara State Command, ASC I Mustapha Abubakar, the officer had reported for duty before hiring a commercial motorcyclist who conveyed him to the Gusau Dam, the largest and deepest dam within the metropolis.

Channels: [Correctional Service Officer Attempts Suicide In Zamfara](#) 13th June, 2025.

GUNMEN KILL MAN, BURN HOUSES IN KWARA

Mahmuda terror group, again, struck in Kwara State, in Karongi town of Baruten Local Council, leaving one person dead and many houses razed. Also, gunmen, same day, opened fire on the vehicle conveying a commissioner in Abia State, Chaka Chukwumerije, in Umuahia. Worried by the security situation, former Anambra State Governor and Labour Party (LP) presidential candidate in 2023, Peter Obi, has criticized the President Bola Tinubu administration's focus on the Lagos-Calabar coastal highway, arguing that such large-scale infrastructure projects should not take precedence over security and economic fragility. The Mahmuda bandits reportedly invaded the town in the morning and killed a resident before setting some houses ablaze.

MSN: [Gunmen kill man, burn houses in kwara](#) 9th June, 2025.

AFRICA

SOUTH SUDAN: UN WARNS OF IMMINENT FAMINE

Three United Nations agencies warned Thursday of imminent famine in a conflict-hit region of South Sudan. Residents of 11 of the 13 counties in South Sudan's Upper Nile state are now facing emergency levels of hunger, the World Food Programme, the UN Children's Fund and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations said in a joint statement. The Upper Nile is the scene of fighting between government troops and armed militias opposing the government of President Salva Kiir. Fighting has intensified in recent months, "destroying homes, disrupting livelihoods and preventing the delivery of humanitarian aid," the statement said. Some 32,000 people are suffering from hunger in conditions described as "catastrophic", three times more than previously predicted.

Africa News: [South Sudan: UN warns of imminent famine](#) 13th June, 2025.

AT LEAST 49 DEAD IN SOUTH AFRICA FLOODS, INCLUDING CHILDREN

At least 49 people have died in heavy flooding in South Africa's Eastern Cape province after an extreme cold front brought torrential rain and blanketed snow in parts of the country, officials said. Eastern Cape Premier Oscar Mabuyane said on Wednesday that the death toll, provided by police, is expected to rise as authorities continue to search for the missing. In one tragic incident, authorities reported the deaths of six high school students who were washed away on Tuesday when their school bus was caught in floodwaters near a river. Four other students were among the missing, Mabuyane said.

Aljazeera: At least 49 dead in South Africa floods, including children 13th June, 2025.

RWANDA PULLS OUT OF REGIONAL BLOC OVER DR CONGO ROW

Rwanda says it is pulling out of a central African regional bloc after a diplomatic row over its involvement in the conflict in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo. The country was supposed to take up the chairman role of the Economic Community of Central African States (Eccas), which rotates between its 11 members. But it was prevented from doing so at a meeting on Saturday in Equatorial Guinea. Announcing its decision to leave Eccas, Rwanda said its right to take up the "chairmanship... was deliberately ignored in order to impose the DRC's diktat". As a result, it saw "no justification for remaining in an organization whose current functioning runs counter to its founding principles and intended purpose".

BBC: Rwanda pulls out of regional bloc over DR Congo row 8th June, 2025.

DRC MEDIA REGULATOR BANS COVERAGE OF KABILA'S PARTY

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has condemned a 90-day media blackout imposed by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on former President Joseph Kabila's PPRD party. Ordered by the media regulator CSAC, the blackout bans coverage of the party and Kabila under threat of severe sanctions, citing alleged ties to rebel groups. CPJ urges the DRC to lift the ban and stop censoring public discourse, especially amid escalating conflict in eastern DRC. Kabila, recently stripped of Senate immunity and accused of serious crimes, continues political engagement despite the restrictions. CPJ warns that censorship endangers press freedom and democracy.

Ifex: DRC media regulator bans coverage of Kabila's party 10th June, 2025.

BURUNDI RULING PARTY WINS ELECTION, OPPOSITION CRIES FOUL

Burundi's ruling party has won this week's local elections with 60 per cent of the vote, official results say. Opposition parties, however, have demanded a re-run and say widespread vote-rigging took place in the polls, which are seen as a rehearsal for presidential elections in June. President Nkurunziza's CNDD-FDD party won 64% in Burundi's elections, with the FNL gaining 14%. Opposition parties called for the results to be annulled and the electoral commission to resign, citing bias. A UN expert said the results appear legitimate but acknowledged limited access to definitive evidence.

RFI: Burundi ruling party wins election, opposition cries foul 11th June, 2025.

THE GLOBE

ONE IN 67 PEOPLE WORLDWIDE REMAINS FORCIBLY DISPLACED: UNHCR REPORT

At least 123.2 million people worldwide remain forcibly displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution and human rights violations. At least 123.2 million people, or one in 67 individuals worldwide, remain forcibly displaced, according to a report released by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) today. The number of displaced people has increased by seven million people, or 6 percent, compared with the end of 2023. This continues a 13-year trend which has seen a year-on-year increase in the number of displaced people globally. However, the UNHCR estimated that forced displacement fell in the first four months of this year, to 122.1 million by the end of April 2025. “We are living in a time of intense volatility in international relations, with modern warfare creating a fragile, harrowing landscape marked by acute human suffering. We must redouble our efforts to search for peace and find long-lasting solutions for refugees and others forced to flee their homes,” said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi.

Aljazeera: One in 67 people worldwide remains forcibly displaced: UNHCR report 13th June, 2025.

IRAN SUPREME LEADER KHAMENEI: ISRAEL WILL FACE ‘PAINFUL FATE’

Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, vowed “severe punishment” for an Israeli attack that he called a crime. “The evil and bloody hand of the Zionist regime committed a crime in our beloved country at dawn today, once again revealing its wicked nature by targeting residential areas. This regime must await severe punishment,” he said in a statement hours after Israeli strikes. “By God’s will, the powerful arm of the Islamic Republic’s armed forces will not let it go unpunished,” he said. “In the enemy’s attacks, a number of commanders and scientists were martyred. Their successors and colleagues will immediately continue their duties, God willing,” he said. “With this crime, the Zionist regime has brought a bitter and painful fate upon itself, and it will certainly face it.”

NBC: Iran supreme leader Khamenei: Israel will face ‘painful fate’ 13th June, 2025.

GERMAN FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE CHIEF CLAIMS RUSSIA COULD ATTACK NATO

Russia could attack NATO countries when the Ukraine conflict is over, the head of Germany’s foreign intelligence agency (BND) has claimed, in an attempt to defend a huge spending boost for the country’s military. “We are confident, and have the intelligence data that Ukraine is merely

one step on [Russia's] path toward the West," Bruno Kahl stated when asked why Germans should agree to take on "additional debt" to fund the rearmament program and potentially reintroduce conscription.

RT: German foreign intelligence chief claims Russia could attack NATO 10th June, 2025.

US OFFICIALS REACT TO ISRAELI ATTACK ON IRAN

Top U.S. officials have warned Iran against retaliating after Israeli airstrikes killed key Iranian figures and damaged nuclear facilities. President Trump, in a Fox News interview, confirmed prior knowledge of Israel's Operation Rising Lion but denied U.S. involvement, stressing readiness to defend U.S. forces and Israel. He warned Iran that any attack on U.S. troops would be a grave mistake and reaffirmed that Iran must not obtain nuclear weapons. Trump expressed hope for renewed nuclear talks and confirmed high military alert in the region. House Armed Services Chair Mike Rogers labeled Iran the aggressor, calling its nuclear ambitions intolerable.

RT: US officials react to Israeli attack on Iran 13th June, 2025.

UKRAINE BACKING AWAY FROM KEY PEACE DEAL PLEDGE

Ukraine has "unexpectedly postponed" a prisoner exchange with Russia that was among the key outcomes of negotiations held on Monday in Istanbul, Moscow's top negotiator, Vladimir Medinsky, has said. He also stated that Kiev had refused to accept hundreds of bodies of its fallen troops.

RT: Ukraine backing away from key peace deal pledge 7th June, 2025.

CURFEW IMPOSED IN LOS ANGELES FOLLOWING DAYS OF RIOTS

A curfew has been imposed in downtown Los Angeles following several days of rioting and looting sparked by immigration raids. The restrictions will be in effect from 8pm to 6am local time, Mayor Karen Bass announced on Tuesday. Police will arrest anyone violating the curfew, which is expected to remain in place for several days.

RT: Curfew imposed in Los Angeles following days of riots 11th June, 2025.

US WANTS RWANDAN TROOPS OUT OF CONGO BEFORE PEACE DEAL SIGNED, SOURCES SAY

The United States is promoting a deal that would require Rwanda to pull troops from eastern Congo before the two sides sign a peace agreement, sources say, a condition that is sure to rankle Kigali, which describes Congo-based armed groups as an existential threat. U.S. President Donald Trump's administration is holding talks to end fighting in eastern Congo and bring billions of dollars of Western investment to the region, which is rich in minerals including tantalum, gold, cobalt, copper and lithium. A draft peace agreement seen by Reuters says a condition for signature is that Rwanda withdraws troops, weapons and equipment from Congo. The authenticity of the document, which is undated, was confirmed by four diplomatic sources, who said it was written by U.S. officials.

Reuters: US wants Rwandan troops out of Congo before peace deal signed, sources say 10th June, 2025.

