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US Defense Secretary Discusses Security Cooperation with Iraq's PM-Designate

US Defense Secretary held discussions with Iraq's Prime Minister-designate al-Zaidi focusing on bilateral security cooperation, counterterrorism efforts, military assistance, and regional stability. The talks underscored Washington's continued commitment to supporting Iraqi security institutions and strengthening strategic ties amid evolving security challenges across the Middle East.



Saudi Arabia and Turkey Sign New Bilateral Visa Agreement

Saudi Arabia and Turkey signed a new bilateral visa agreement during meetings in Ankara aimed at facilitating travel, strengthening people-to-people exchanges, and enhancing economic cooperation. Discussions also focused on expanding political coordination, trade, tourism, and strategic relations as both countries seek deeper engagement across regional and international issues.



Israeli Army Chief Reaffirms Objective to Weaken Hezbollah

Israel's army chief, during a visit to Lebanon's border region, stated that Israel would seize opportunities to dismantle Hezbollah's military capabilities. The remarks highlighted Israel's security priorities amid continuing tensions with the Iran-backed group and reflected broader concerns regarding cross-border attacks, regional stability, and escalation risks in Lebanon.



US Forces Disable Iranian-Flagged Tanker in Gulf of Oman

US Central Command reported that American forces disabled an Iranian-flagged tanker in the Gulf of Oman following an incident at sea. The event intensified maritime tensions between Washington and Tehran, raising concerns regarding navigation security, energy transportation routes, and broader regional stability across the strategically important Gulf region.



Israeli Strike in Beirut Kills Senior Hezbollah Commander

A senior Hezbollah commander was reportedly killed during an Israeli strike in Beirut's southern suburbs. The operation marked a significant escalation in Israel's campaign against Hezbollah leadership and highlighted growing security tensions in Lebanon, raising concerns regarding potential retaliation, regional instability, and further expansion of hostilities.



Erdogan Hosts Saudi Foreign Minister in Ankara

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan met Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan in Ankara to discuss bilateral relations and regional developments. Talks focused on strengthening political coordination, economic cooperation, and regional stability while reflecting continuing efforts by both countries to deepen engagement on strategic Middle Eastern issues.



Lebanon Prepares for Direct Talks with Israel

Lebanese President Joseph Aoun met the head of a negotiating delegation ahead of anticipated direct discussions with Israel. The talks are expected to focus on security arrangements, border issues, and de-escalation measures. The development signals renewed diplomatic efforts to address longstanding disputes and improve regional stability.



Syria and Lebanon Discuss Bilateral Security Cooperation

Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa met Lebanon's Prime Minister to discuss bilateral security cooperation and cross-border challenges. Discussions focused on border management, counterterrorism, refugee issues, and regional stability. The meeting reflected efforts by Damascus and Beirut to strengthen coordination amid evolving political and security developments in the region.



Syria and EU Enter New Phase of Relations

Syria's foreign minister announced the beginning of a new phase in relations with the European Union following moves towards restoring broader trade ties. Discussions focused on economic recovery, reconstruction, regional engagement, and international cooperation, reflecting gradual diplomatic and economic re-engagement between Damascus and European partners.



MBS and UAE President Discuss Security Cooperation

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed held discussions on strengthening regional security and stability. Talks focused on coordination regarding regional crises, diplomatic engagement, economic cooperation, and collective efforts to promote peace and security amid continuing geopolitical challenges across the Middle East.



Putin and UAE President Discuss Iran and Regional Developments

Russian President Vladimir Putin held talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed focusing on Iran and broader regional developments. Discussions examined diplomatic efforts, regional security dynamics, and geopolitical developments affecting the Middle East, highlighting the UAE's growing role as a diplomatic interlocutor in regional affairs.



Saudi Arabia and US Discuss Support for Syria's Recovery

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan met a US envoy in Riyadh to discuss support for Syria's reconstruction and recovery efforts. Discussions focused on economic assistance, stabilisation initiatives, humanitarian support, and regional diplomacy aimed at facilitating Syria's reintegration and promoting long-term stability across the region.



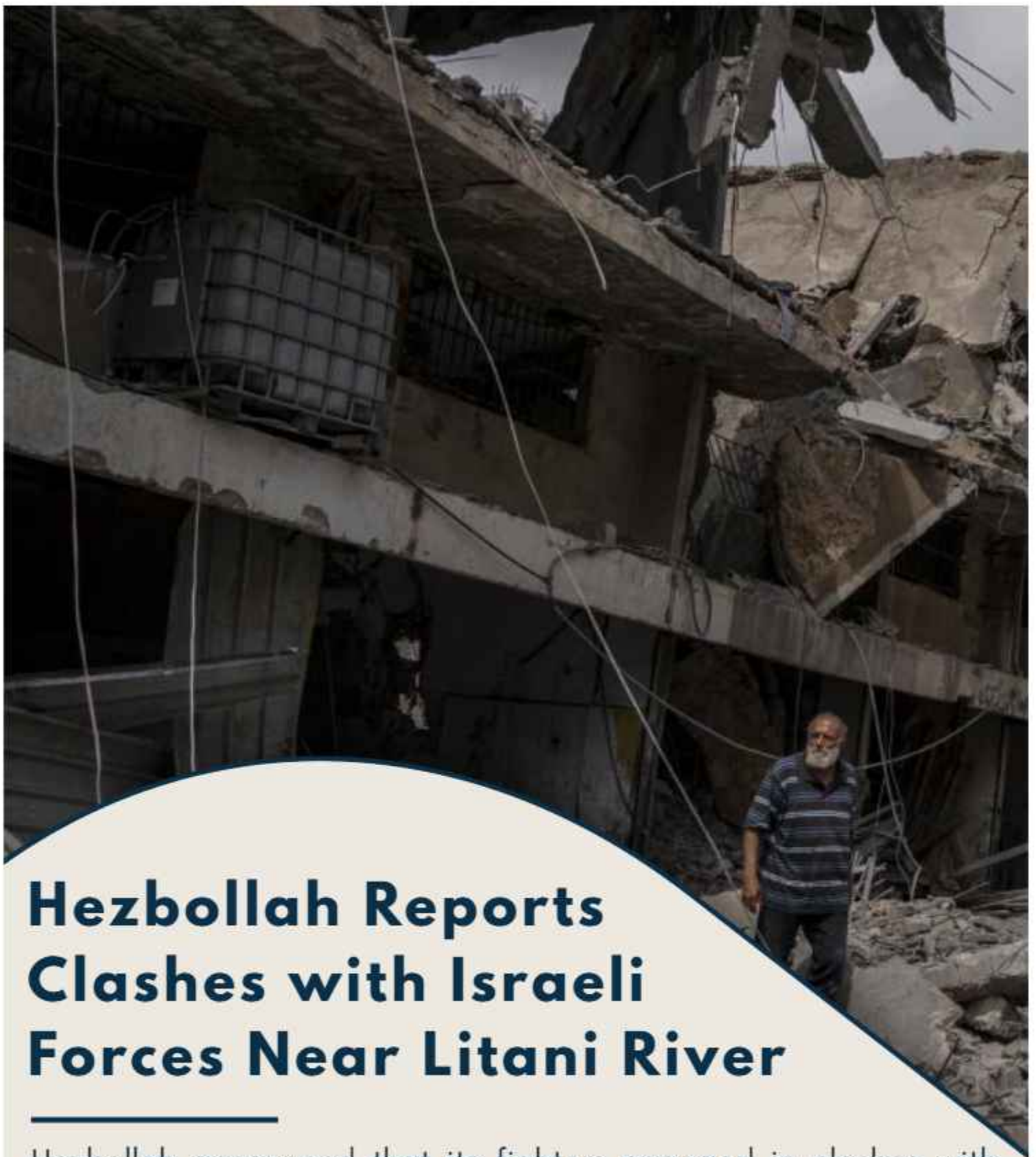
US Pushes G7 Partners to Strengthen Iran Sanctions

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent stated that Washington would urge G7 members to fully implement and strengthen sanctions against Iran. Discussions focused on economic pressure mechanisms, regional security concerns, and coordinated efforts among major economies to address issues related to Iran's policies and regional activities.



MBS Joins Trump and Muslim Leaders for Regional Consultation

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman participated in a joint call involving Donald Trump and Muslim leaders to discuss regional developments. The discussions focused on ongoing conflicts, diplomatic initiatives, regional stability, and prospects for cooperation among key stakeholders seeking to address emerging political and security challenges across the Middle East.



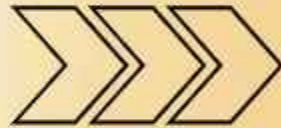
Hezbollah Reports Clashes with Israeli Forces Near Litani River

Hezbollah announced that its fighters engaged in clashes with Israeli troops north of Lebanon's Litani River. The confrontation reflected continuing hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah despite diplomatic efforts to contain escalation. The incident underscored persistent security risks and the fragile stability prevailing along the Lebanon-Israel frontier.



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