

Celebration in Beirut suburbs as Israel, Hezbollah ceasefire holds

Benjamin Netanyahu warns if Hezbollah violates agreement, it will respond

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and Lebanon-based Hezbollah militants began a ceasefire Wednesday in a major step toward ending nearly 14 months of fighting as a region on edge wondered whether it will hold.



A displaced family celebrates on Wednesday as they return to their home in Lebanon along with a photo of dead Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah | AP

Some celebratory gunshots could be heard in parts of Beirut's southern suburbs, battered over the past two months, but no immediate violations of the ceasefire were reported.

Israel has said it will attack if Hezbollah breaks the agreement, and an Israeli military spokesman, in an Arabic-language X post in the first half-hour of the ceasefire, warned evacuated residents of southern Lebanon to not head home yet, saying the military remained deployed there.

The ceasefire calls for an initial two-month halt to fighting and requires Hezbollah to end its armed presence in southern

Lebanon, while Israeli troops are to return to their side of the border. Thousands of additional Lebanese troops and UN peacekeepers would deploy in the south, and an international panel headed by the US would monitor compliance.

The ceasefire began at 4 am on Wednesday, a day after Israel carried out its most intense wave of airstrikes in Beirut since the start of the conflict that in recent weeks turned into all-out war. At least 42 people were killed in strikes across

the country, according to local authorities.

There appeared to be lingering disagreement over whether Israel would have the right to strike Hezbollah if it believed the militants had violated the agreement, something Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insisted was part of the deal but which Lebanese and Hezbollah officials have rejected.

Israel's security Cabinet approved the US-France-brokered ceasefire agreement after Netanyahu presented it, his of-

ice said. President Joe Biden, speaking in Washington, called the agreement "good news" and said his administration would make a renewed push for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Any halt to the fighting in Lebanon is expected to reduce the likelihood of war between Israel and Iran, which backs both Hezbollah and Hamas and exchanged direct fire with Israel on two occasions earlier this year.

Netanyahu presented the ceasefire proposal to Cabinet ministers after a televised address in which he listed accomplishments against Israel's enemies. He said a ceasefire with Hezbollah would further isolate Hamas in Gaza and allow Israel to focus on its main enemy, Iran.

"If Hezbollah breaks the agreement and tries to rearm, we will attack," he said. "For every violation, we will attack with might." AP

Imran suspends protest after crackdown

ISLAMABAD

JAILED former prime minister Imran Khan's party on Wednesday formally suspended its protest here blaming the midnight crackdown by the authorities that left at least four dead and over 50 injured even as the PTI earlier claimed 'hundreds' were killed in the violent clashes with security personnel.

Amid concerns about the whereabouts of Khan's wife Bushra Bibi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, who were leading the march to Islamabad the party said they were at Mansehra town, near Abbottabad, of the northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Authorities began reopening roads and cleaning all major thoroughfares vandalised during the three-day protest by Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

The midnight crackdown forced Khan's supporters to evacuate the D-Chowk and its adjacent main business district of the capital, ending their protest, which his party described as a 'massacre' under the 'fascist military regime' even as



A rally truck used by Bushra Bibi, the wife of Pakistan's former prime minister Imran Khan, burns in Islamabad on Wednesday | AP

10 killed, 21 hurt in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Ten people have been killed and 21 others injured as clashes between Sunni and Shia tribes despite a ceasefire between them in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province

police sources said about 450 protestors were arrested in the crackdown.

"In view of the government's brutality and the government's plan to turn the capital into a slaughterhouse for unarmed citizens, (we) announce the suspension of the peaceful protest

for the time being," PTI said on X.

Future plans would be announced 'in light of directions' from Khan after the party's political and core committees presented their analyses of the state brutality to him.

The party statement also condemned the alleged 'killing' and 'terror and brutality against peaceful protesters in the name of an operation'. The PTI urged the chief justice to take suo motu notice of the alleged 'brutal murder of martyred (party) workers' and order legal action. PTI

Don picks Jay Bhattacharya as head of med research body

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT-elect Donald Trump has chosen health economist Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, a critic of pandemic lockdowns and vaccine mandates, to lead the National Institutes of Health, the nation's leading medical research agency.

Trump, in a statement Tuesday evening, said Bhattacharya, a 56-year-old physician and professor at Stanford University School of Medicine, will work in cooperation with Robert F Kennedy Jr, his pick to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, "to direct the Nation's Medical Research, and to make important discoveries that will improve Health, and save lives."

"Together, Jay and RFK Jr will restore the NIH to a Gold Standard of Medical Research as they examine the underlying causes of, and solutions to, America's biggest Health challenges, including our Crisis of Chronic Illness and Disease," he wrote.

Trump named Jamieson Greer to serve as the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and appointed Kevin A Hassett as the director of the White House National Economic Council appointed Kevin A Hassett as the director of the White House National Economic Council.

"Jamieson played a key role during my First Term in imposing Tariffs on China and others to combat unfair Trade practices, and replacing the failed NAFTA deal with US-MCA, therefore making it much better for American Workers," Trump said. AP/PTI

It's Chinese defence minister's turn to face graft probe heat

BEIJING

CHINESE Defence Minister Dong Jun has been placed under investigation for corruption, a report said on Wednesday, which would make him the latest official to fall in a sweeping crackdown on graft in the country's military.

Citing current and former US officials familiar with the situation, the Financial Times said the investigation into Dong was part of that broader probe into military corruption.

If confirmed, Dong would be the third Chinese defence minister in a row to fall under investigation for corruption.

Asked about the report at a regular briefing on Wednesday, Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said it was just "chasing shadows" and did not offer further information. A former navy commander, he was appointed defence minister in December following the surprise removal of predecessor Li Shangfu just seven months into the job.

Li was later expelled from the ruling Communist Party for offences including suspected bribery, state media said. He has not been seen in public since. His predecessor, Wei Fenghe, was also kicked out of the party and passed on to prosecutors over alleged corruption.

"It's certainly a blow... because one would imagine they will be super careful to have someone very clean in this role," Dylan Loh, an assistant professor at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University. "Graft probes are very commonly targeted at the military because of the long historical ties between the business world and the PLA," he said.

Beijing has deepened a crackdown on alleged graft in the armed forces over the past year, with President Xi Jinping this month ordering the military to stamp out corruption and strengthen its "war-preparedness". AFP

EXPRESS READ

Court drops 1 corruption case of Razak

MALAYSIA: A Malaysian court on Wednesday allowed corruption charges in one of several cases linked to the scandal-racked IMDB sovereign wealth fund against jailed ex-prime minister Najib Razak to be dropped, his lawyer said. Charges dropped relates to payments of 6.6 billion ringgit allegedly made to Abu Dhabi's International Petroleum Investment Company. Najib is currently in jail after being convicted in one of five cases related to IMDB from which billions of dollars had been allegedly pilfered. AFP

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Technical Bid Financial Bid

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Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle Sambalpur Online RWCSBP-07/2024-25 02.12.2024 from 11.00 AM 16.12.2024 upto 05.00 PM 13.12.2024 upto 5.00 PM 17.12.2024 at 11.00 AM Will be intimated later separately
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