

GUNS SILENT | Displaced troop back home, Israel promises 10km security zone

Truce holds, Lebanon rejoices



Scenes of celebration and relief in Lebanon; queues of traffic in Sidon.

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A 10-day ceasefire announced by US President Donald Trump and agreed on by Lebanon and Israel appeared to be holding in Lebanon on Friday, potentially boosting efforts to extend a truce between Iran, the US and Israel.

Israel's headline Defence Minister Israel Katz warned on Friday Israel's attempts to completely disarm Hezbollah in southern Lebanon "is not yet complete."

He said Israel would continue to hold all the places it is currently stationed.

"We defined the goal: disarming Hezbollah by military or diplomatic means, and we remains the goal of the campaign to which we are committed."

Senior Hezbollah lawmaker Hassan Fadlallah praised Iran as he spoke to reporters in the battered Beirut southern suburb.

"Yesterday, before the ceasefire, Hezbollah's leadership was informed around 4am from the Iranian ambassador there will be a ceasefire at night," he said.

"We were informed from

the Islamic Republic that the calls they took with Saudi Arabia and Pakistan were encouraging and facilitating for a ceasefire as first step."

Fadlallah said the militant group's key positions — a complete ceasefire, withdrawal of Israeli troops, a return of all Lebanese displaced people, releasing prisoners held by Israel and reconstruction — have not changed.

ARE HAPPY DAYS BACK?

As the 10-day truce begins, displaced people have started to return to their homes.

Images show scores of people walking along and driving along roads to get back towards Sidon in southern Lebanon. There were queues of traffic in Sidon. Authorities said the war had displaced more than a million people.

Macron, Starmer meet on reopening of Hormuz strait

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron and British PM Keir Starmer on Friday chaired a meeting of allies to consider sending a multinational force to ensure security and free-flowing trade in the Strait of Hormuz once the current conflict between Iran and the US and Israel ends.

'STRAIT OPEN FOR REMAINDER OF CEASEFIRE'

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said the Strait of Hormuz is "declared completely open" for the remainder of the US-Iran ceasefire. On X, he said: "In line with the ceasefire in Lebanon, the passage for all commercial vessels through [the] Strait of Hormuz is declared completely open for the remaining period of ceasefire, on the coordinated route as already announced by Ports and Maritime Organisation of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

Macron and Starmer held bilateral talks at the Elysee Palace before the wider meeting got underway in the afternoon. EU players German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Italian PM Giorgia Meloni attended in person in Paris with other 30 heads of state and government joining via video conference. The meeting is a chance for Europe to display its capacities after having largely been sidelined by the US in diplomatic efforts to end the war.

According to the Elysee, the leaders will call for a return to full freedom of navigation in the strait and address the economic consequences of the blockade but also prepare the deployment of "a strictly defensive multinational military mission" to ensure freedom of navigation. Officials have emphasised such a force would only be deployed when the war came to an end.

Key potential tasks would include mine-sweeping and ensuring no tolls are levied for passage. "We need some military planning, and that is what we're coming together to do today, and it's the right thing to do, as the longer this conflict goes on, the more the impact," Starmer said before the meeting.

Greeted by 1.2L in Cameroon, Pope attacks uneven wealth distribution



Douala: Pope Leo XIV used a Mass attended by more than 1,00,000 people in Cameroon on Friday to openly criticise the uneven distribution of wealth. Speaking in the port city of Douala, Cameroon's financial and economic hub, he said despite the richness of the land in Cameroon, which is a young country and one-third Catholic, many experience both material and spiritual poverty.

from direct challenges to authority on the trip, earlier this week railing against corruption in the presence of President Paul Biya, who has been in power for over 40 years. "For peace and justice to prevail, the chains of corruption, which disfigure authority and strip it of its credibility, must be broken," he said on Wednesday, adding hearts must be set free from "the idolatry of self and money."

In Douala on Friday, the big field near Japoma Stadium was bursting with people singing, swaying and dancing as an announcer shouted "Habemus Papam!" (We have a pope!).

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