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U.S.-Iran ceasefire on tenuous ground



Rescuers search through wreckage in Beirut on April 8 after Israeli strikes killed and injured hundreds. MOHAMED AZAKIR/REUTERS

Israel continues attacks on Lebanon

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President Donald Trump's ceasefire with Iran was on tenuous ground on April 9 after Israel launched its deadliest day of strikes on Lebanon yet and Tehran vowed not to desert its allies.

A day after announcing the Iran war ceasefire, Trump took to social media to warn the country that if the "REAL AGREEMENT" was not complied with, all U.S. military assets would remain in place ready for a military response.

He warned Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open and safe but did not address the strikes in Lebanon in the post.

"If for any reason it is not, which is highly unlikely, then the 'Shootin' Starts,' bigger, and better, and stronger than anyone has ever seen before," he wrote.

There has been a lot of confusion around what the 10-point ceasefire agreement entailed, with Iran saying

the ceasefire was violated as Israel continued to bomb Lebanon. Vice President JD Vance chalked it up to a "legitimate misunderstanding" on the part of Iran, and clarified that the ceasefire did not include Lebanon.

The strikes on Lebanon, which borders Israel, came on April 8, a day after United States and Iranian leaders announced the break in hostilities to hold peace talks and for oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz to resume, a key breakthrough in the agreement. But confusion soon followed over whether the break in fighting included Lebanon.

'We will not leave Lebanon alone'

On April 8, Israel carried out its largest bombardment of Lebanon since the start of the war, killing over 250 people, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. While Hezbollah initially halted fire following the announcement of the ceasefire, it has since responded to the Israeli attacks by firing rockets at northern Israel.

Israeli strikes killed between 180 and 260 people and left around 1,000 people wounded in Lebanon on April 8, local

authorities reported.

The death toll in the country bordering Israel is the highest yet for a single day of the war. Lebanon's health ministry reported 182 deaths. The country's civil defense service reported 254. The two authorities reported around 1,000 people injured.

Beirut saw the worst of the strikes with 91 killed in Lebanon's capital city, according to the civil defense service. Residents said attacks came without warnings to evacuate. Videos shared by reporters of strikes on Lebanon's capital city show rubble sent flying as buildings were destroyed.

Authorities in Tehran have posted fliers in stations in the city's train system vowing that the country "will not leave Lebanon alone," Iranian state media reported.

Hassett: Iran to allow 'many more ships'

The White House said the strait has been reopened while Iranian state media reported the waterway closed "following Israel's attacks on Lebanon."

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Americans worry most over health care costs

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A new Gallup poll found health care access and affordability is a top concern among American households with 61% saying they worry a great deal about it.

It comes in as the No. 1 domestic policy issue among a list of 16, outweighing the economy, inflation, federal spending and the budget deficit.

The survey, conducted in March,

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Artemis II crew spends final full day in space

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After years of preparation and enormous galactic achievements, the Artemis II astronauts on April 9 marked their final full day in space.

As of that morning, the Orion spacecraft carrying the crew still had tens of thousands of miles to go ahead of a planned water landing April 10 off the California coast: It was about 160,000 miles from Earth, leaving the

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The Artemis II crew of NASA astronauts Christina Koch, Reid Wiseman and Victor Glover and Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen will return to Earth on April 10.

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