

MIDDLE EAST

TENSIONS RISE WITH NEW AIRSTRIKES



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An Israeli air-defense missile flies over Israel, as seen from Hebron, Sunday in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Iran retaliates for Israeli attack on Beirut outskirts

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — President Donald Trump said Sunday he would tell Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu not to strike back after Iran fired a salvo of missiles at Israeli targets in retaliation for an attack on the outskirts of Beirut, news outlet Axios reported.

Iran has long said a peace deal with the U.S. would depend on a ceasefire also holding in Lebanon, which Israel invaded in March in pursuit of Iran-backed Hezbollah fighters who fired rockets and drones across the border in solidarity with Tehran.

But Israel earlier on Sunday launched strikes in the Beirut area for the first time since the U.S. announced a truce plan for Lebanon last week.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they targeted Ramat David air base, near Nazareth. The Israeli military said it identified missiles launched from Iran and that its defense systems intercepted them.

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MOHAMED AZAKIR, REUTERS

Members of the Lebanese military carry a coffin Sunday during the funeral of Brig. Gen. Wissam Sabra, who was killed in an Israeli strike targeting their military vehicle Saturday on the Khardali-Nabatieh road in south Lebanon.

States scale back healthcare for immigrants after federal cuts

Budgets strained due to Medicaid cuts, end of Obamacare subsidies

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Budget constraints are forcing states that spend their own money on healthcare for noncitizens to scale back that aid, as they grapple with federal Medicaid cuts and the expiration of federal subsidies that helped people buy Obamacare plans.

Under federal law, immigrants who are in the country illegally are not eligible for federally funded health coverage.

But as of last month, six states — California, Colorado, Illinois, New York,

Oregon and Washington — plus the District of Columbia were spending state dollars to cover some income-eligible noncitizen adults regardless of their immigration status. A total of 14 states plus the district provide state-funded coverage to noncitizen children whether they are here legally or not. And three states — Colorado, New Jersey and Vermont — cover pregnant women regardless of their immigration status.

In addition, 40 states have taken up options in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to provide coverage to children and/or pregnant women who are not citizens but are lawfully present in the country.

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Dr. Pilar Guerrero playfully counts with Yansa Torres as her mother, Darling, holds her son, Yahir, at the Cook County Health Clinic on Nov. 18, 2022. The clinic provides medical services to migrants arriving in Chicago.