Israel/Lebanon/Golan 29 August

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant told UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres that “the potential for escalation on the northern border is increasing following a blatant violation of Lebanon’s sovereignty by Hizbollah’s military build-up… The UN must urgently intervene to reduce tensions by strengthening the freedom of movement of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon in the region, and implementing its mandate on the northern border”.

Israel/Golan 28 August

Syrian state media reported renewed Israeli airstrikes against Aleppo International Airport, putting it out of service. Media reports citing unnamed regional intelligence sources indicated that “the attack targeted an underground munitions depot run by Iran’s Revolutionary Guards Corps within the compound of Nairab military airport” nearby.

Tehran/Iraq 28 August

Iran’s diplomatic spokesperson asserted that “an agreement has been struck between Iran and Iraq, in which Iraq has committed to disarm armed separatists and terrorist groups present in its territory, close their bases, and relocate them to other locations before 19 September”.

Updated -> Israel/Lebanon/Golan 26 August

After a senior Hamas official warned that “the Resistance alliance is prepared… to partake in a regional war, and the active parties are ready and prepared for it”, Prime Minister Netanyahu responded: “Hamas, and the other Iranian proxies, understand very well that we will fight with all means against their attempts to use terrorism against us – in Judea and Samaria, Gaza and everywhere else. Whoever tries to hurt us, whoever finances and organises, whoever dispatches terrorists against Israel – will pay the full price”. Two days later, Hizbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah declared that “no assassination attempt on the Lebanese soil targeting the nationals of Lebanon, Palestine or Iran or other countries would go unanswered”.

Updated -> Tehran/Washington/Hormuz 21 August

After an oil tanker seized by the U.S. for carrying Iranian crude oil reportedly offloaded its cargo, Iran’s diplomatic spokesperson maintained: “I have no confirmed information. There is a general
principle that says the era of hit-and-run is over. Iran will not stand idly by in relation to any violation of the nation’s rights and will cut the hands of the aggressors… Acts of trespassing on tankers carrying Iranian oil are a clear example of piracy”. On 28 August, the official confirmed that the foreign ministry had summoned the Swiss chargé d'affaires, whose country represents U.S. interests in Iran, over the seizure.