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The Israeli military announced that “the launch of a surface-to-surface missile toward Israeli territory was identified and successfully intercepted in the area of the Red Sea… the target did not cross into Israeli territory”. An Israeli military spokesperson contended that “this terrorist activity is Houthi terror activity. It is regional terrorism - directed, funded, and orchestrated by Iran. It is a global problem - affecting all parts of the region”. The Houthis claimed to have launched “a batch of ballistic missiles at military targets” in Israel, reiterating that they would continue “to carry out their military operations against the Israeli enemy, as well as implementing the decision to prevent Israeli ships from sailing in the Arab and Red Seas in support of the oppressed Palestinian people and until the aggression against Gaza stops”. The same day, a U.S. official confirmed that “the USS Mason shot down an uncrewed aerial vehicle originating from Houthi controlled areas of Yemen… in the southern Red Sea”; no damage or injury was reported.

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The Israeli military announced that it had “attacked a Hizbollah operational command center and terror infrastructure”, in addition to striking “the sources from which several rockets were launched into Israeli territory during the day”; Hizbollah reported one fatality.

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Hizbollah claimed responsibility for several attacks against Israeli targets near the Lebanon border. An Israeli military spokesperson reported that “combat aircraft attacked a series of Hizbollah targets in southern Lebanon today, including posts and military sites where weapons were stored and terrorists of the organization operated”. He underscored that “although we are focused on Gaza, where the hostages are held, we are also engaged in an ongoing operational effort aimed at improving the situation on the northern border. We are working on this around the clock and attacked in Lebanon today for this purpose”. The Lebanese army confirmed the death of one soldier and three injuries from Israeli fire; Hizbollah responded by firing what it described as “guided missiles” at Israeli military targets.