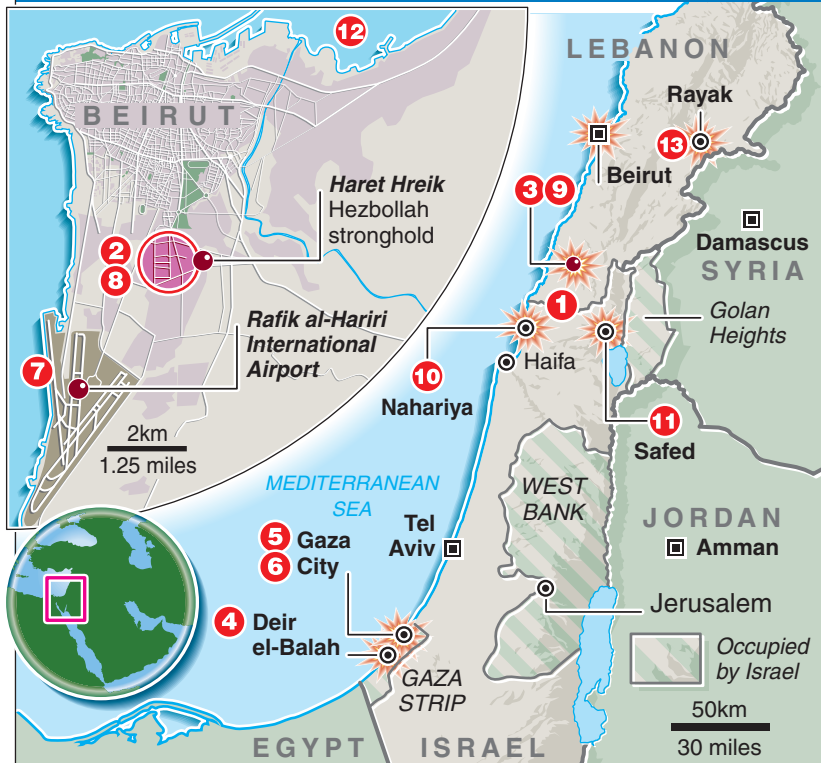


# Israel steps up offensive on two fronts



**1 Wednesday:** *Hezbollah* captures two Israeli soldiers and kills eight others

**2** *Hezbollah* chief **Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah** says hostages will only be freed if Israel agrees to prisoner swap

**3 Lebanon:** Israeli air strikes destroy 10 bridges, and put two power stations and water facility out of action

**4 Gaza Strip:** Air strike near **Deir el-Balah** kills **Islamic Jihad** commander

**5** Family of nine killed in air strike on **Gaza City** house where **Hamas** commanders believed to be meeting

**6 Thursday:** Israeli warplane bombs Palestinian Foreign Ministry in Gaza City

**7 Lebanon:** International Airport in **Beirut** closed after Israeli aircraft fire rockets at all three runways

**8** Israeli helicopter fires rocket into building of *Hezbollah* TV station

**9** Air strikes against villages in south Lebanon kill at least 26 civilians

**10** *Hezbollah* attacks **Nahariya** with 60 Katyusha rockets – one civilian killed

**11** *Hezbollah* attacks **Safed** with rockets

**12** Israel imposes air and sea blockade

**13** Israeli warplanes blast runways at main military air base at **Rayak** in **Bekaa Valley**, near Syrian border