Lebanon crisis timeline

July 12: Hezbollah guerrillas capture two Israeli soldiers and kill eight others. Israeli Prime Minister *Ehud Olmert* calls it an "act of war" by Lebanon

July 13: Israeli aircraft bomb runways at Beirut airport and attack nearby Haret Hreik – stronghold of Hezbollah leader *Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah.* Israeli navy blockades Lebanese ports. 35 civilians killed in strikes on south Lebanon. Hezbollah retaliates by firing 60 rockets at Israeli city of Nahariya killing one civilian

July 14: Israel bombs main Beirut-Damascus highway, bridges, roads, power stations. **Lebanese body count rises to 60.** Hezbollah attacks Israeli missile ship with sophisticated Iranian-made *C-802* anti-ship missile – four sailors killed

July 15: Lebanese Prime Minister *Fouad Siniora* demands ceasefire as death toll passes 100. Hezbollah rockets hit city of Tiberias

July 16: Hezbollah rockets kill eight civilians in Haifa, Israel's second city

July 17: Israeli F15 fighter destroys *Zelzal* missile which could reach Tel Aviv. Evacuation of foreigners gets under way

July 18: Israeli air strikes kill 11 Lebanese soldiers in their barracks near Beirut. Lebanese death toll passes 200. Hezbollah rockets again strike Haifa

July 19: Israel drops 23 tonnes of bombs on Beirut's Bourj al-Barajneh suburb in attempt to kill Nasrallah. Israeli commando units cross border – two Israeli soldiers killed, nine injured. One Israeli killed in rocket attack on Nahariya

July 20: Air attacks on southern Lebanese towns and Baalbek kill 45 civilians. Four Israeli soldiers killed near border. Hezbollah fires more than 120 rockets at Israel – two Israeli-Arab children killed in Nazareth

July 21: Israel calls up 3,000 reserves and drops leaflets over southern Lebanese villages warning civilians to leave area.

Pro-Syrian Lebanese President *Emile Lahoud* warns that government troops will fight alongside Hezbollah if Israel invades his country
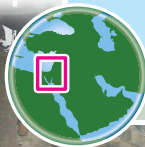
July 22: Israel ousts Hezbollah fighters from village of Maroun al-Ras after several days of fierce fighting. **U.S rushes a delivery of *GBU-28* laser-guided bunker-buster bombs to Israel**

July 23: Israel strikes Sidon – a city swelled with thousands of refugees. Hezbollah missiles land on Haifa killing 2 civilians. **United Nations humanitarian coordinator, *Jan Egeland*, accuses Israel of using "excessive force"**

July 24: Israeli troops and tanks cross into Lebanon and attack Hezbollah stronghold of Bint Jbail. **U.S. Secretary of State *Condoleezza Rice* arrives in Beirut at start of Middle East tour to seek ceasefire**

4km
2.5 miles

BEIRUT

Haret Hreik

Rafik al-Hariri Airport

Bourj al-Barajneh

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

LEBANON

Tripoli

Baalbeck

Beirut

Bint Jbail

Sidon

Maroun al-Ras

Naqoura

Nahariya

Haifa

Tiberias

Nazareth

Tel Aviv

GAZA STRIP

Damascus

Golan Heights

SYRIA

WEST BANK

JORDAN

Amman

Jerusalem

Occupied by Israel

EGYPT   ISRAEL

50km
30 miles

C-802 ▲
Range: 120km
◄ *Zelzal*
Range: 200km

Body count since July 12	
Lebanese soldiers:	**20**
Civilians:	At least **375**
Israeli soldiers:	**19**
Civilians:	**17**
Hezbollah:	**11**