

■ **Jul 12:** Hezbollah seizes two Israeli soldiers, kills eight others near **Aita Al-Shaab**

■ **Jul 13:** Israeli aircraft bomb runways at Beirut airport and attack nearby Hezbollah stronghold. Navy blockades Lebanese ports. Hezbollah fires 125 **Katyusha** rockets into Israel, killing one civilian in **Nahariya**

■ **Jul 14:** Israel bombs main Beirut-Damascus highway, bridges, roads and power stations. 110,000 barrels of oil spilt along coast. Hezbollah cripples Israeli corvette with Iranian-made **Noor C-802** anti-ship missile – four killed

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



■ **Jul 16:** Hezbollah rockets kill eight civilians in **Haifa**, Israel's second city



■ **Jul 17:** British Prime Minister **Tony Blair** and UN Secretary-General **Kofi Annan** call for deployment of security force in Lebanon

■ **Jul 18:** Hezbollah fires 136 rockets into Israel

■ **Jul 19:** Israel targets Beirut's **Bourj al-Barajneh** suburb, dropping 23 tonnes of bombs in attempt to kill Hezbollah leader **Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah**.

Israeli commando units cross border – two soldiers killed, nine injured. One Israeli killed in rocket attack on **Nahariya**



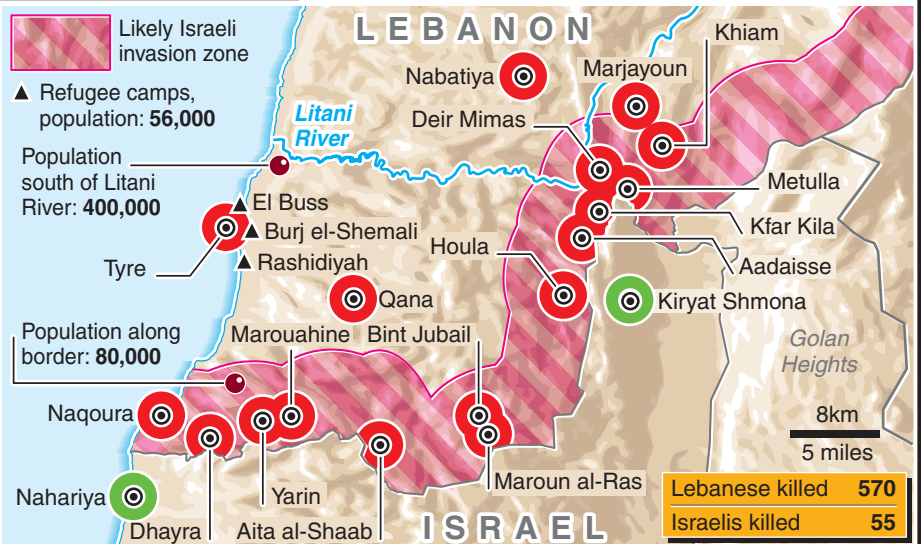
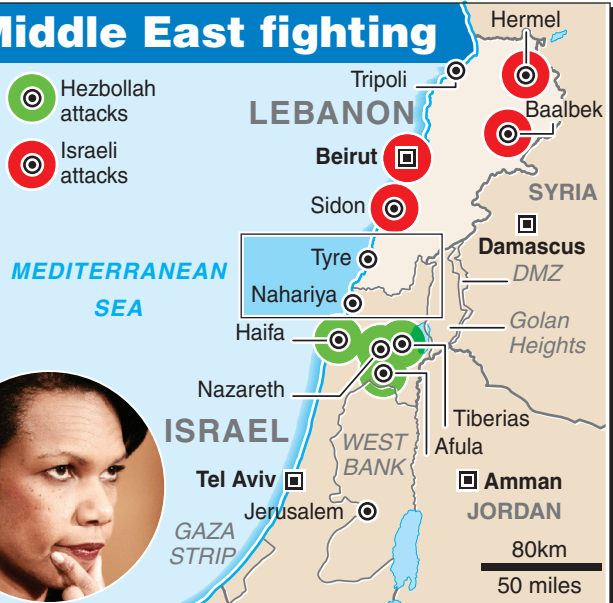
■ **Jul 20:** Air attacks on southern Lebanese towns and **Baalbek** kill 45 civilians. Four Israeli soldiers killed near border. Hezbollah fires 116 rockets at Israel – two children killed in Nazareth

## Timeline of Middle East fighting

■ **Jul 22:** Israel ousts Hezbollah from **Maroun al-Ras** after four-day fight. U.S. rushes delivery of laser-guided bombs to Israel

■ **Jul 23:** Israel hits **Sidon** – city packed with refugees. Hezbollah missiles kill two in **Haifa**. UN relief coordinator **Jan Egeland** accuses Israel of using “excessive force” and calls on Hezbollah to stop attacks

■ **Jul 24:** U.S. Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** flies to Beirut and meets PM Siniora. Israeli troops and tanks cross border to attack Hezbollah stronghold of **Bint Jbail**



■ **Jul 25:** Rice meets Israeli PM **Ehud Olmert** in Jerusalem



■ **Jul 26:** Hezbollah fires 151 rockets into Israel. Nine Israeli soldiers killed at **Bint Jbeil** and **Maroun al-Ras**. Israel bombs UN post at **Khiam**, killing four military observers

■ **Jul 27:** Death toll hits 500

■ **Jul 28:** Hezbollah fires five longer-range **Fajr-5** rockets which reach **Afula**

■ **Jul 29:** After six days of fierce fighting Israeli forces pull out of **Bint Jbeil**. Nasrallah vows more attacks on Israeli cities



■ **Jul 30:** Israeli air strike on kills at least 54 Lebanese civilians, including 37 children, in village of **Qana**. Following international outcry Israel declares 48-hour partial suspension of air strikes. UN call for immediate ceasefire fails after U.S. objections

■ **Jul 31:** Three Israeli troops killed in fierce fighting at **Aita Al-Shaab**. Hezbollah rockets hit **Kiryat Shmona**

■ **Aug 1:** Israel pours six brigades, about 7,000 troops, into south Lebanon with orders to punch right through to **Litani River**

■ **Aug 2:** Israeli commandos raid Hezbollah-run hospital in **Baalbek**, killing at least 16 people and seizing three Hezbollah fighters. Israeli fighters hit **Hermel**. Hezbollah fires around 200 rockets into Israel – one killed in **Nahariya**