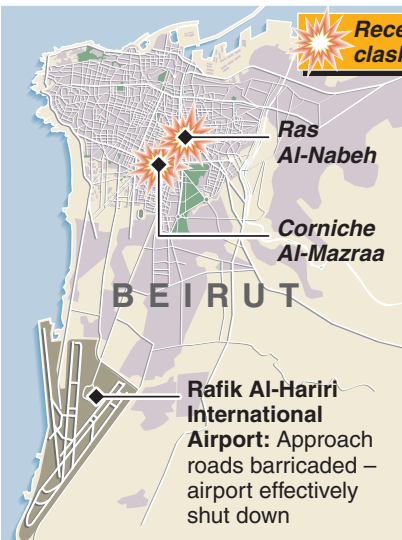


# Sectarian clashes escalate in Lebanon

At least seven people have been killed in fighting between Sunni backers of Lebanon's government and Shia followers of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, after Nasrallah condemned a government decision to close Hezbollah's private telecommunications network as a "declaration of war"



**Nasrallah:** Says Hezbollah network is key weapon against foreign aggressors, and warns that any attempt to dismantle it would be resisted



2km  
1.25 miles