Lebanon/Israel 21 August

Amid continued cross-border <u>exchanges</u>, the Israeli military <u>reported</u> killing in Lebanon an individual whom it described as "a terrorist operating on behalf of the IRGC", including by smuggling arms into the West Bank.

Washington/Yemen 21 August

CENTCOM <u>reported</u> that it had "successfully destroyed an Iranian-backed Houthi surface-to-air missile and radar system in a Houthi-controlled area of Yemen".

Israel/Lebanon 20 August

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant <u>stated</u> that "our center of gravity is moving from south to north, we are in a gradual change, we have more tasks in the south, we have hostages, we need to bring them, we are negotiating on this and I believe we will succeed in reaching results". He further noted: "We want to return the [displaced] residents to the north, we want to return them safely. If it is possible to do this in an agreement, we will do it in an agreement".

Tehran 20 August

Discussing Iran's possible retaliation against Israel over the <u>killing</u> of senior Hamas official Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, an IRGC spokesperson <u>asserted</u>: "Time is on our side and the waiting period for this response may be prolonged". "For now, the Zionists must live in instability and Iran's response may not be a repeat of past operations", he added. "The response scenarios are not the same. Our commanders have the experience and the art of effectively punishing the enemy and will not take hasty action".