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# Middle East Conflict

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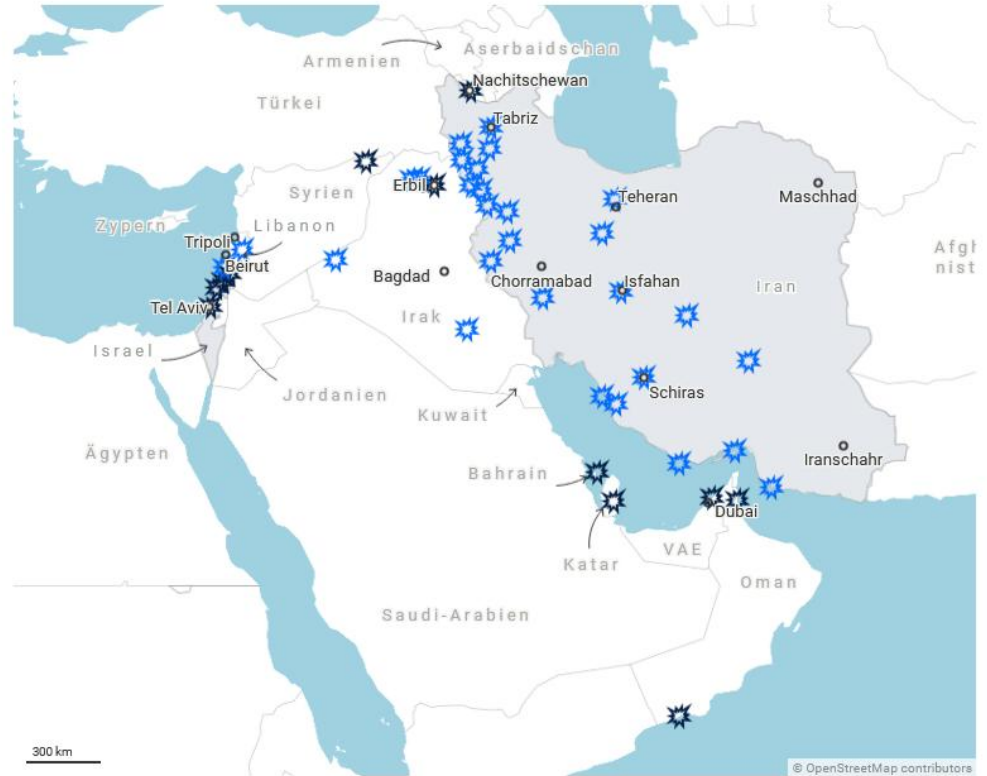
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# Overview Situation

Violence in the Middle East is continuing into a sixth day, with US and Israeli strikes against Iran and Iranian missile and drone attacks reported across several countries in the region. The escalating confrontation is disrupting airspace, transport and daily life while raising fears of a wider regional conflict.

- Nearly every country in the Middle East is sustaining damage from missile hits, drone strikes or shrapnel, many reporting casualties
- There are large displacement movements. Overall, more than 330,000 people have been forcibly displaced, mostly within their own countries (Source: [UNHCR](#))
- Hospitals and other health facilities have reportedly been damaged amid the conflict, raising concerns for medical workers and patients, the WHO warns.



Military Situation as of 3.3.2026

# Overview Situation – Order of Malta Presence in Region

## MI Presence:

- Project Teams in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Pakistan,
- Partner projects in Afghanistan
- Support for OML

## OML Network:

- Carrying out humanitarian aid across Lebanon

## OMF Presence:

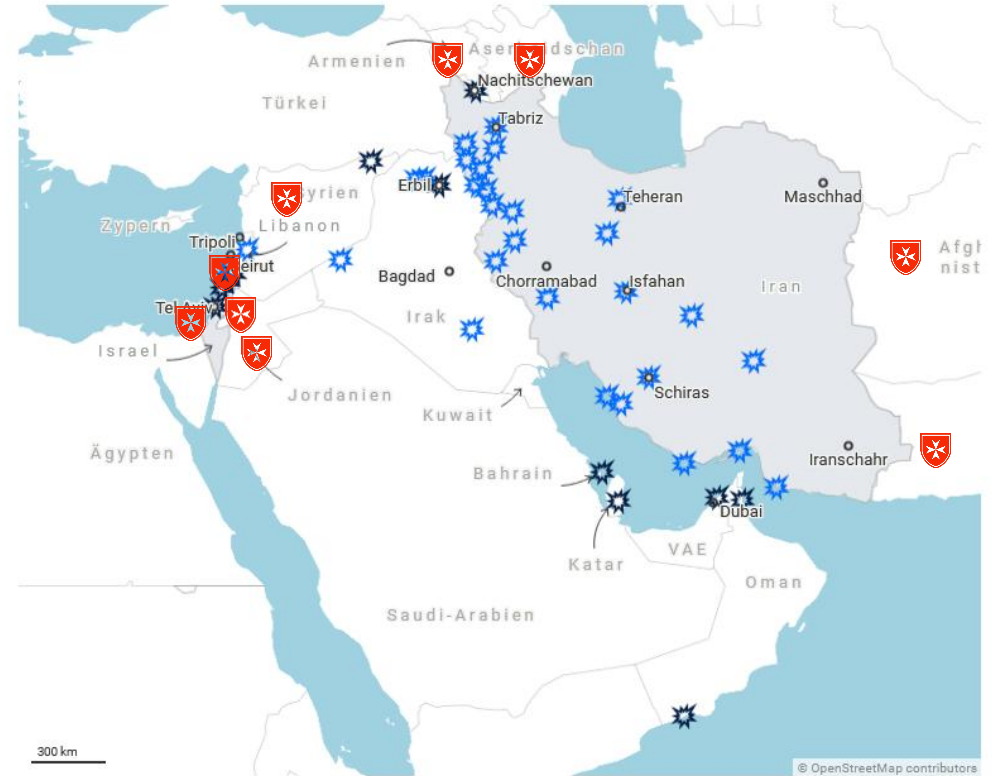
- Continuing operations of Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem – monitoring situation

## CISOM Presence:

- Developing presence in Armenia and Azerbaijan

## Diplomatic Missions:

- Embassy to Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Embassy to Lebanon
- Embassy to State of Palestine



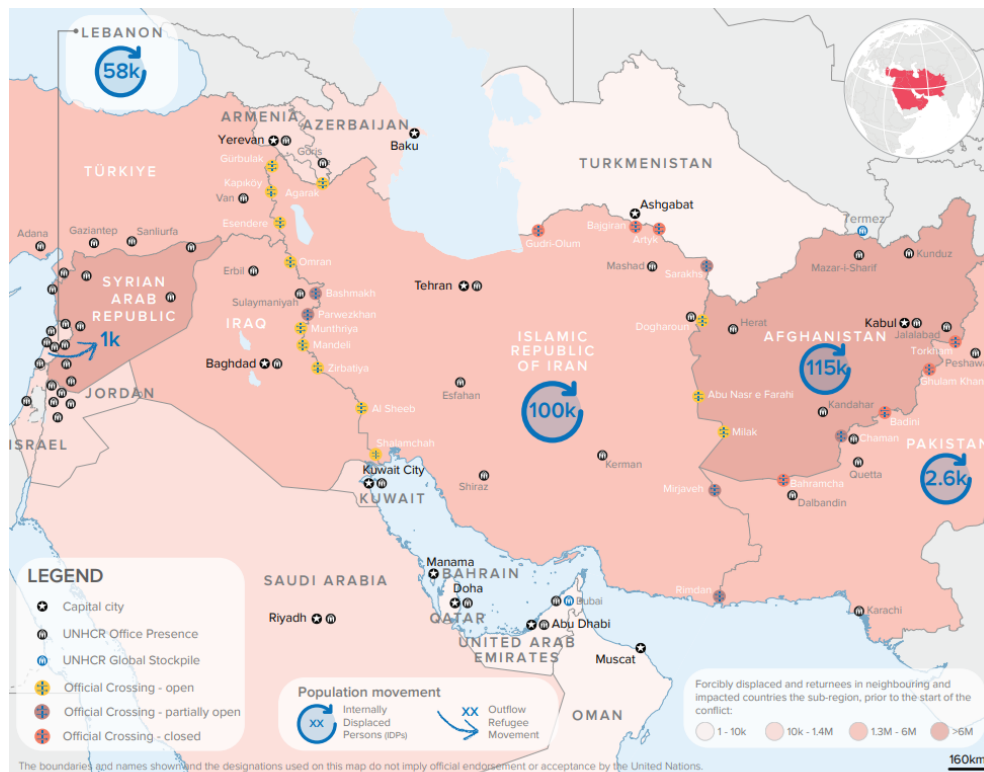
Order of Malta Location

# Overview Humanitarian Situation

The affected **areas already host 24.6 million forcibly displaced people**, many of whom already face significant protection risks and humanitarian needs, alongside their host communities. Many countries are supporting the humanitarian needs of forcibly displaced populations with limited funding, making it harder to absorb additional needs and vulnerable populations.

Against this backdrop, the rapid escalation of hostilities is placing **increased strain on humanitarian capacities** and host communities, with heightened protection needs, the risk of internal displacement and **possible new outflows and onward movements** towards neighbouring countries.

Source: UNHCR



8am GMT | UNHCR Comprehensive Overview of Response to Emergencies | rbp:dima@unhcr.org

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# Lebanon

**Current emergency response:** With the growing number of displaced in all areas, Order of Malta Lebanon (OML) teams are deployed across the country, specially where there is an influx of displacement to respond to the needs of families, offering **healthcare services, PSS kits and food distributions** with support from MI. Ongoing activities are being adapted to focus on IDPs (e.g. redeployment of MMUs). Activities are ongoing but made more difficult due to fighting. Many of OML's 600 active staff members have been displaced themselves.

## Ongoing Activities:

- **Mobile Medical Units (MMUs)**
- **Community Health Centers**
- **Agro-Humanitarian Centers**
- **Mobile Community Kitchens**
- **IDP shelters**

**Security:** All staff are working from home, some have left Beirut. Mass evacuations ongoing in Beirut after evacuation orders issued for c. 300,000 people. Tense situation with risk of escalation of internal tensions. Rapid increase in displacement to over **95,000 people** according to the Lebanese Red Cross.

# Impressions Emergency Relief for IDPs in Lebanon



OML food distribution to IDPs



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OML Distribution of kits to children with psychosocial and learning activities during precautionary measures

# Syria

**Current response:** Team is at work, with minor adjustments. Some price increases and market fluctuations

## Ongoing activities:

- Provision of **primary healthcare** and kidney dialysis services for vulnerable people in Damascus and Rural Damascus.
- Operation of a **160-bed hospital** in Bab al-Salam (border area), plus **support to several other health facilities in NW Syria** (Aleppo & Idlib).
- **WASH services** in 5 informal settlements (water trucking, solid waste management, hygiene kits, desludging)

**Security:** Country Director evacuated. Danger from missile debris.



Inside the Latakia Hospital (northwestern Syria) run by our partner HIHFAD

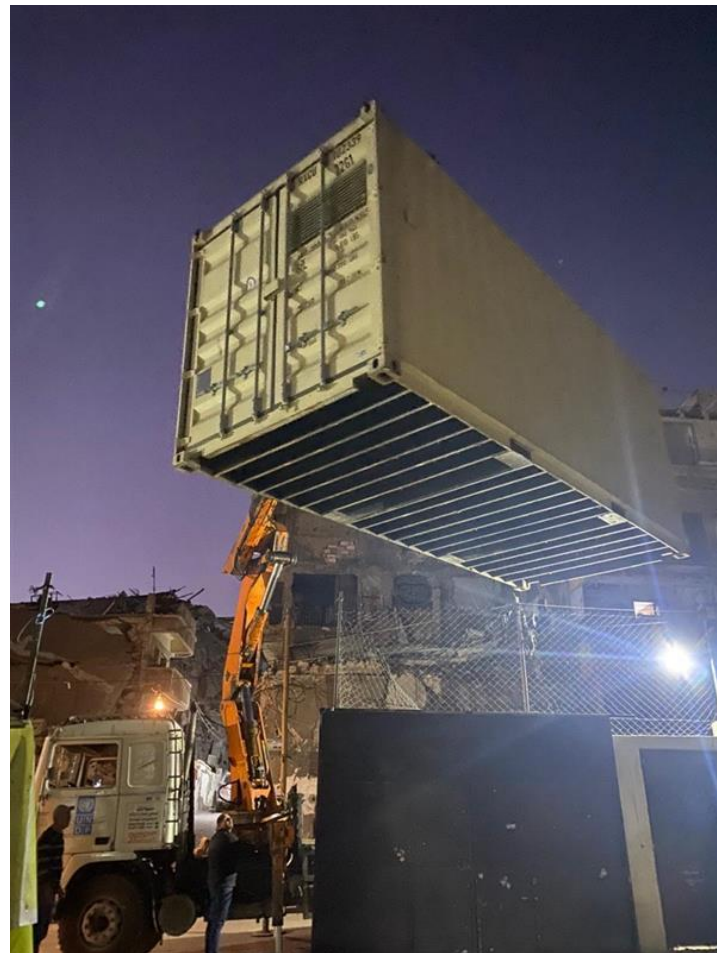
# Gaza

**Current response:** MI colleagues continue to work in appalling conditions, but the war has not affected their situation significantly. Conflict is anticipated to delay ongoing administrative procedures. Close collaboration with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (LPJ) across health and aid delivery operations continues.

## Ongoing activities:

- MI is **working on opening a medical facility** at the Holy Family Parish in Gaza City and is being set up.

**Security:** Expats have been evacuated out of region



# Getting involved

**Fundraising campaigns** are usually the best ways for entities of the Order of Malta to get involved.

Organizations wishing to donate to MI should transfer funds to:

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Austria

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Switzerland

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*- Blessed Gerard*