

Middle East Geopolitics: US-Iran Deal, Lebanon Ceasefire, and Regional Stability

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1. What critical waterway's reopening is a key component of the recent US-Iran agreement aimed at easing global energy supply concerns?

- A) Suez Canal
- B) Strait of Malacca
- C) Strait of Hormuz**
- D) Panama Canal

2. According to reports in early June 2026, which organization or entity's operations in Lebanon have become a significant sticking point in the US-Iran negotiations, with Israel indicating a refusal to withdraw from seized areas?

- A) Syrian Army
- B) Hezbollah**
- C) Hamas
- D) Palestinian Authority

3. Which country's President is expected to chair the UN Security Council's high-level open debate on "Advancing Political Solutions in the Middle East: Mediation and Dialogue for Lasting Peace" in June 2026?

- A) Lebanon
- B) Iran
- C) Palestine
- D) Colombia**

4. What is the primary focus of the US-Iran agreement, beyond extending a ceasefire, that aims to address immediate global energy market concerns?

- A) Nuclear program negotiations
- B) Economic sanctions relief
- C) Reopening of the Strait of Hormuz**
- D) Prisoner exchange

5. What specific type of violence in the West Bank has reportedly spiked, leading to EU sanctions against some perpetrators, as mentioned in early June 2026 reports?

- A) Political protests
- B) Settler violence**
- C) Internal security force actions
- D) Border skirmishes

6. Which nation has recently withdrawn from OPEC and OPEC+ according to reports from May 2026?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) United Arab Emirates**
- C) Qatar
- D) Kuwait

7. The UN Secretary-General António Guterres has warned that the Middle East is being pulled deeper into crisis, with consequences reaching far beyond the region. What does he describe the current ceasefire as, given the escalating attacks and rhetoric?

- A) A complete cessation of hostilities
- B) A fragile peace
- C) A lesser fire**
- D) A temporary truce

8. What major economic impact is the conflict in the Middle East expected to have on global growth in 2026, according to the World Bank Group?

- A) Accelerated growth
- B) Stagnant growth
- C) Slowest rate since COVID-19 pandemic**
- D) Uneven growth across regions

9. Which country's new government, led by Ali al-Zaidi, was approved by parliament in May 2026?

- A) Syria
- B) Yemen
- C) Iraq**
- D) Lebanon

10. The UN Security Council debate in June 2026 highlighted the need to advance political solutions. What tools are described as indispensable for reducing tensions and building trust among parties?

- A) Military intervention and sanctions
- B) Economic aid and development programs
- C) Diplomacy, mediation, and dialogue**
- D) Information warfare and cyber operations