

Israel's Terrorist Attacks in Lebanon

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“We have witnessed a great massacre throughout the country, a massacre without precedent. [...] The Israelis broke all the rules of confrontation. [...] We say to the enemy: the Lebanese front will not stop until the war in Gaza is over. We’ve been saying this for almost 12 months. Despite all the massacres, the wounded and the sacrifices, I say this, whatever the obstacles and sacrifices, the resistance in Lebanon will not stop its support for Gaza, the West Bank and Palestine.

You won’t succeed in returning the citizens of the north home. Do what whatever you want, you won’t succeed. The only solution is to stop the aggression against the people of Gaza. Neither military escalation, murder, nor an all-out war will bring your settlers and inhabitants back to the border.”

Hassan Nasrallah
Hezbollah leader¹



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Timeline of Israel's Attacks in Lebanon



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Timeline of Israel's Attacks in Lebanon

1949

Israeli Invasion of Lebanon

- Following the Nakba in 1948, Lebanon, alongside other Arab nations, declared war on the Zionist entity.²
- The Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) invaded Lebanon, and occupied part of southern Lebanon until March 1949.³

1968

Airport Bombing

IOF bombed 12 passenger aeroplanes belonging to Lebanon's Middle East Airlines and Lebanese International Airways, and two cargo plans belonging to Trans Mediterranean Airways.⁴

1972

Assassination of Ghassan Kanafani

Mossad – the Israeli intelligence agency - assassinated journalist and political activist, Ghassan Kanafani, and his young niece in Beirut by a hidden car bomb.²⁷

1973

Verdun Massacre

IOF used speedboats to invade Lebanon's beaches and assassinate three Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) leaders in Beirut: Kamal Nasser, Kamal Adwan, and Mohammad Youssef Najjar.⁵

1978

Israeli Invasion of Lebanon

- In March 1978, Israel invaded Lebanon, capturing territory up to the Litani River.⁶
- The IOF:
 - Killed 100 Palestinian resistance fighters, and 2,000 Lebanese and Palestinian civilians.⁷
 - Forcibly displaced over 200,000 Lebanese and Palestinians from their homes.⁸
 - Completely destroyed six villages, and damaged another 82.⁹

1979

Assassination of Ali Hassan Salameh

Mossad assassinated PLO chief Ali Hassan Salameh by a remotely activated car bomb.²⁸

1979 - 1981

Israeli Attacks on Lebanon

- IOF, alongside Lebanese Christian militias, bombed dozens of Lebanese villages and kidnapped Lebanese soldiers.¹⁰
- In July 1981, Israeli airstrikes on Beirut killed over 1,000 people.¹¹

Timeline of Israel's Attacks in Lebanon continued...

1982

Israeli Invasion of Lebanon

- In June 1982, IOF invaded Lebanon and captured territory up to Beirut.¹²
- IOF forces killed more than 19,000 Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, injured over 30,000 civilians, and besieged west Beirut.¹³
- From 1982 until 2000, the Zionist entity would continue to occupy areas of southern Lebanon. Under the occupation, numerous Lebanese civilians were tortured by the IOF.¹⁴

Sabra and Shatila Genocide

- In September 1982, the IOF alongside Lebanese Christian militias, killed around 3,500 Palestinian and Lebanese civilians in Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.¹⁵
- The civilians were largely women, children, and elderly men, who had been left completely defenceless following the PLO leadership's departure from Lebanon.¹⁶
- The IOF used flares to light up the refugee camp at night, so that Christian militias could easily kill the civilians in the camps, and handed out body bags for the militias to use for the massacred.¹⁷

1993

Israeli Attacks on Lebanon

IOF killed 118 Lebanese civilians and wounded more than 500.¹⁸

1996

Israeli Attacks on Lebanon

IOF launched airstrikes on Beirut, killing over five people and injuring several.¹⁹

First Qana Massacre

In 1996, the IOF bombed a UN Compound in Qana village, where 800 civilians were taking shelter.²⁰ The airstrikes killed 106 civilians, half of whom were children.²¹ The attack injured a further 120 people, including four UN workers.²²

2006

Israeli Invasion of Lebanon

- IOF invaded Lebanon and killed over 1,200 Lebanese and Palestinians, mostly civilians, and wounded more than 4,400.²³
- IOF imposed an air and naval blockade of Lebanon and dropped more than 7,000 bombs and missiles across the country.²⁴

Second Qana Massacre

In 2006, the IOF bombed a civilian building, killing 36 civilians, including 16 children.²⁵

“The facts of Israeli knowledge of the massacre at the UN refugee camp at Qana appeared, accompanied by still photos from a video film of the entire assault. The Israelis murdered 200 women and children. These were refugees taking shelter inside the UN compound, and the Israelis knew their exact location. When the story came out, I thought: [...] At last, here was incontrovertible evidence of Israeli lies and Israeli savagery that no one could now refute.”

June Jordan

African American poet and activist²⁶



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Historical Overview of the Resistance in Lebanon



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Historical Overview of the Resistance in Lebanon

1948

Lebanese Declaration of War on Israel

Following the Nakba in 1948, Lebanon, alongside other Arab nations, declared war on the Zionist entity.²⁹

1965 - 1975

Palestinian Resistance Operations on Lebanese-Palestinian Border

From 1965 to 1975, Palestinian resistance groups conducted a series of resistance operations from the Lebanese border into occupied Palestine.³⁰

1970

Palestinian Leadership Relocates to Lebanon

In 1970, the PLO leadership relocated to Jordan, increasing the organisation, training, and resources available to the Palestinian resistance in Lebanon's refugee camps.³¹

1978

PLO Operation in Occupied Haifa

A PLO commando unit conducted an operation in occupied Haifa, travelling by boat, resulting in the deaths of around 30 Zionist settlers.³² In the ensuing Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the Lebanese and Palestinian resistance resulted in the death of 18 IOF soldiers.³³

1982

Resistance to the Israeli Invasion

The resistance in Lebanon to the Zionist invasion resulted in the deaths of 370 IOF soldiers.³⁴

2006

Attempted Hostage Exchange

Hezbollah captured two IOF soldiers and requested the release of all Lebanese hostages being held in Israel in exchange.³⁵ Instead of negotiating, the IOF invaded.³⁶

Resistance to the Israeli Invasion

The resistance in Lebanon to the Zionist invasion resulted in the deaths of 165 occupation soldiers, and injured more than 2,500.³⁷

“This is an attack on all of Lebanon, not just on a party in Lebanon or a sect. Today we are all in pain. Our hearts are with you. This is a difficult time when the Lebanese express their unity and solidarity with one other. It may be an occasion to raise awareness among ourselves that at this moment when Israel is attacking us, we must show our strength through our unity. In the end, nothing protects us except our unity. Any one of us may one day be targeted from the outside for taking a national stance. This is a call for awareness, solidarity, and unity.”

Gebran Bassil

Head of the Lebanese Free Patriotic Movement.³⁸



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Profile of the Lebanese Resistance Today



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Profile of the Lebanese Resistance Today

Although Lebanese resistance operations against the Zionist entity are often apportioned to Hezbollah, a coalition of Lebanese and Palestinian resistance groups conduct joint and individual operations.



Hezbollah

Hezbollah is a Lebanese political party, resistance group, and religious movement, who are primarily responsible for liberating southern Lebanon from the Zionist occupation in 2000 and again in 2006.³⁹

The majority of Hezbollah members are Shi'a Muslims, and the group has financial ties with Iran.⁴⁰ However, Hezbollah is often incorrectly mischaracterised as simply an Iranian proxy, rather than an anti-imperial group opposed to US and Israeli intervention in Lebanon and the occupation of Palestine, grounded in Islamic beliefs of justice and defence of the homeland.⁴¹

Hezbollah provides members with salaries, and provides community services to its members, such as education, health, and youth programmes, and subsidises food costs in a country of extreme poverty.⁴²

Not all Hezbollah members are resistance fighters. The group's members include paramedics, teachers, and government employees.⁴³



Palestinian Islamic Jihad

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) is a Palestinian resistance group that fights for the liberation of Palestine across the Gaza Strip, occupied West Bank, and Lebanon.⁴⁴

The group has offices in Damascus, Beirut, Tehran, and Khartoum, and financial ties to Hezbollah and Iran.⁴⁵

The armed wing of the PIJ is known as Al Quds Brigades and operates mainly in Gaza and Jenin.⁴⁶

Profile of the Lebanese Resistance Today continued...



Al Qassam Brigades

Al Qassam Brigades are the armed wing of the Hamas political party and resistance group.⁴⁷

Although Al Qassam Brigades primarily operate in Gaza and the occupied West Bank, they also have a base in Lebanon and join the Lebanese resistance in joint resistance operations against the Zionist entity and its occupation forces.⁴⁸



Amal Movement

The Amal Movement is a Lebanese political party and resistance group engaged in resistance against the Zionist entity alongside Hezbollah.⁴⁹ It is also mostly supported by Shi'a Lebanese.⁵⁰



Vanguards of the Al-Aqsa Flood

The Vanguard of Al-Aqsa Flood is a popular mobilisation network created by Hamas in December 2023 for Palestinian youth around the region to “resist wherever they are located the occupation through all available and legitimate means”.⁵¹

“The centre of gravity is moving to the north. The meaning is that we are diverting forces, resources, and energy towards the north. [...] We have to adjust ourselves, this is true for everyone, certainly those who are in the air forces, because the opposition (Hezbollah) is stronger there.”

Yoav Gallant

Polish-Israeli Minister of Defence
and named war criminal⁵²



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Timeline of Israeli Attacks on Lebanon and Lebanese Resistance since October 2023

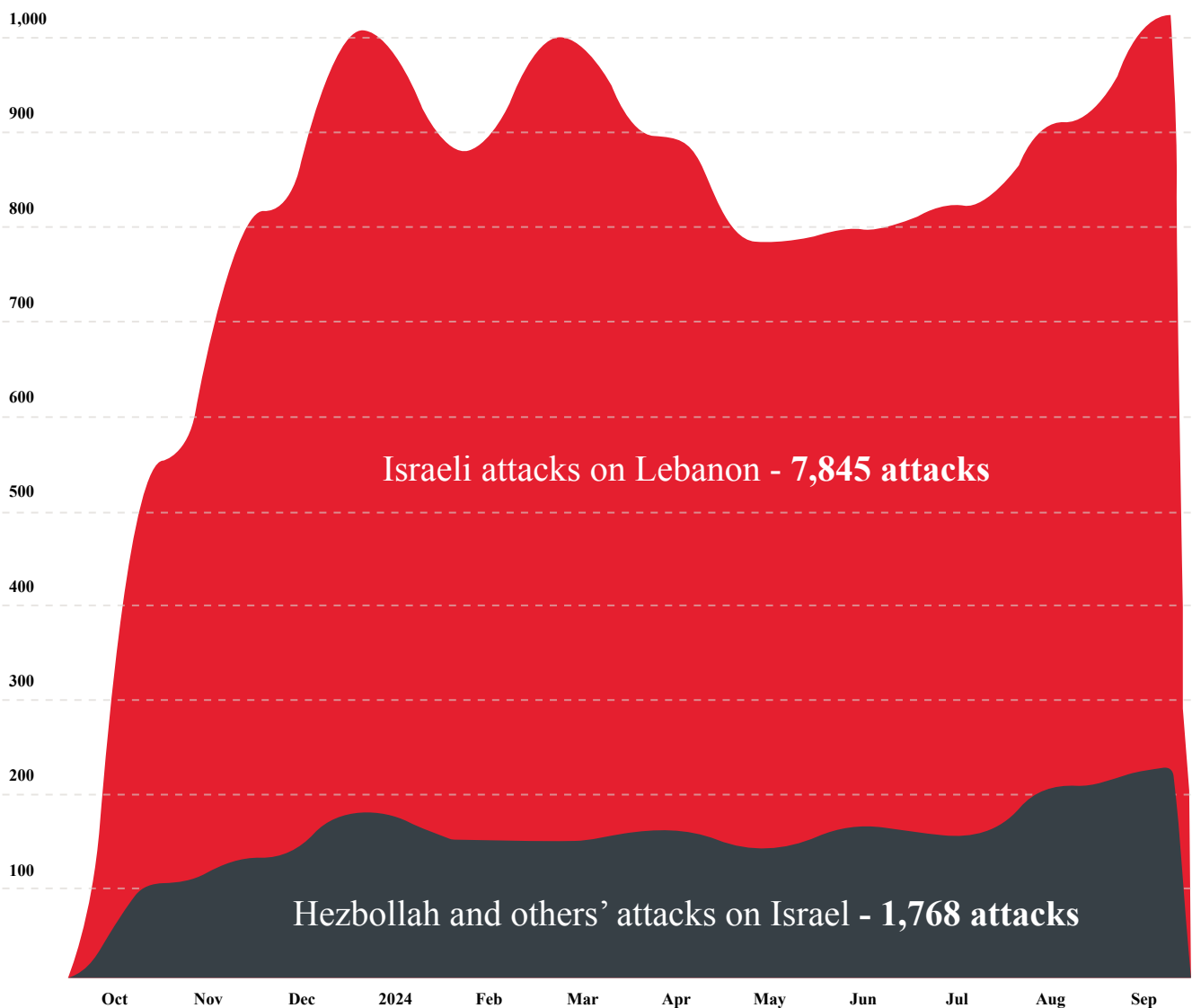


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Timeline of Israeli Attacks on Lebanon and Lebanese Resistance since October 2023

Since October 2023, the Lebanese Resistance has successfully displaced 96,000 Zionist settlers in the north of occupied Palestine.⁵³ Around 111,940 Lebanese and Palestinians have been displaced in Lebanon.⁵⁴



Source: Reproduced from Al Jazeera

Timeline of Israeli Attacks on Lebanon and Lebanese Resistance since October 2023 continued...

7 October 2023 – 15 March 2024

Between 7 October 2023 and 15 March 2024, there were 4,733 attacks across the Lebanese border with occupied Palestine.⁵⁵ The IOF were responsible for 3,952 attacks, whilst the Lebanese Resistance conducted 781 resistance operations.⁵⁶

During this time, 357 Lebanese and Palestinians in Lebanon were killed, including children, medical personnel, and journalists.⁵⁷ 22 Zionist settlers died as a result of resistance operations from Lebanon.⁵⁸

8 October 2023

The Lebanese Resistance fired on occupied northern Palestine, in defence of the Palestinians in Gaza and support for the Palestinian Resistance, following the beginning of Israel's bombardment.⁵⁹

The IOF fired artillery shells and a drone into Lebanon, injuring two Lebanese children.⁶⁰

9 October 2023

Three Palestinian resistance fighters from the Palestinian Islamic Jihad successfully crossed the Lebanese border into occupied Palestine. Three IOF soldiers were killed, including a senior officer.⁶¹

Two resistance fighters were then killed by the IOF, whilst one returned to Lebanon following the operation.⁶²

12 October 2023

A Hezbollah missile killed an IOF soldier.⁶³

13 October 2023

The IOF killed Lebanese journalist Issam Abdullah whilst he and his colleagues from Reuters, Al Jazeera, and AFP were reporting on Zionist border attacks on Lebanon, wearing clearly marked press vests.⁶⁴

The attack also critically injured photographer Christina Assi and set an Al Jazeera vehicle on fire.⁶⁵

16 October 2023

The IOF fired white phosphorus into Lebanon, injuring nine civilians and setting fire to several houses and cars.⁶⁶

Multiple residents of the Lebanese village of Dhayra also suffered from symptoms of suffocation due to the attack.⁶⁷ The use of white phosphorus against civilians is a war crime under international law.⁶⁸

5 November 2023

The IOF bombed two ambulances, injuring four people, and a civilian car, killing one woman and three children.⁶⁹

6 November 2023

Al Qassam Brigades fired 16 rockets from Lebanon to occupied northern Palestine.⁷⁰

Timeline of Israeli Attacks on Lebanon and Lebanese Resistance since October 2023 continued...

12 November 2023

Hezbollah resistance operations resulted in the death of a Zionist settler and injury of 21 other settlers, including seven active occupation soldiers.⁷¹

13 November 2023

IOF killed two Lebanese civilians.⁷²

20 November 2023

Hezbollah missiles damaged the occupation military base Biranit.⁷³

21 November 2023

Zionist airstrikes killed journalists Rabih Al-Maamari and Farah Omar and an elderly woman in Tayr Harfa, also injuring her granddaughter.⁷⁴

1 December 2023

IOF killed two civilians in Hula.⁷⁵

3 December 2023

Hezbollah missiles damaged the occupation military base in Beit Hillel, injuring 11 occupation soldiers.⁷⁶

11 December 2023

IOF killed the mayor of Taybeh village, and three civilians were injured.⁷⁷ PIJ missiles injured three occupation soldiers.⁷⁸

16 December 2023

Hezbollah drone strike resulted in the death of one IOF soldier and injured three others.⁷⁹

22 December 2023

Hezbollah rockets resulted in the death of two occupation soldiers.⁸⁰

23 December 2023

Zionist attacks on a group of journalists injured a Lebanese cameraman.⁸¹

2 January 2024

IOF killed seven people in Beirut, including the deputy political leader of Hamas, Saleh al-Aroui.⁸²

8 January 2024

IOF assassinated Wissam al-Tawil, a deputy commander in Hamas.⁸³

14 January 2024

Four resistance fighters from the Islamic Glory Brigades crossed the border into occupied Palestine and injured five occupation soldiers.⁸⁴

14 February 2024

Resistance rockets on an occupation base in northern Palestine resulted in the death of an occupation soldier and injured eight others.⁸⁵

Zionist airstrikes on a residential building in Nabatiyeh killed seven members of one family, including a child.⁸⁶

23 February 2024

IOF bombed a medical clinic in Blida, killing two paramedics and a resistance fighter.⁸⁷

Timeline of Israeli Attacks on Lebanon and Lebanese Resistance since October 2023 continued...

5 March 2024 – 16 September 2024

5 March 2024

IOF killed three Lebanese citizens in Hula, including a child.⁸⁸

27 March 2024

IOF forces bombed a paramedic centre in Hebbariye, killing seven volunteer paramedics.⁸⁹

30 March 2024

Zionist airstrikes injured three UN observers.⁹⁰

16 April 2024

Resistance drones killed one occupation soldier and injured thirteen others, as well as four Zionist settlers.⁹¹

5 May 2024

IOF bombed a house in Meiss Ej Jabal, killing four civilians.⁹²

6 May 2024

A Hezbollah drone operation resulted in the death of two occupation soldiers.⁹³

14 May 2024

Hezbollah strikes resulted in the death of an occupation soldier and a Zionist settler and wounded 10 occupation soldiers.⁹⁴

21 May 2024

IOF bombed a car in Kfar Dajjal, killing one person and seriously wounding three children in a school bus nearby.⁹⁵

26 May 2024

IOF bombed three motorcycles, killing six people and a further two civilians were killed by occupation strikes on Yaroun.⁹⁶

1 June 2024

IOF bombed a house in Aadloun, killing a civilian and wounding four others.⁹⁷

2 June 2024

A Zionist airstrike on a motorcycle in Hula killed two civilians.⁹⁸

30 June 2024

Resistance operations in the occupied Golan Heights resulted in the injury of 18 occupation soldiers.⁹⁹

31 July 2024

IOF assassinated Fuad Shagr, a senior Hezbollah commander, and killed four civilians in an airstrike on a residential building in Beirut.¹⁰⁰ A further 80 people were injured.¹⁰¹

Timeline of Israeli Attacks on Lebanon and Lebanese Resistance since October 2023 continued...

2 August 2024

IOF killed five Syrian migrant workers.¹⁰²

3 August 2024

Zionist airstrikes killed a boy and injured six others.¹⁰³

6 August 2024

Hezbollah drone strike injured six occupation soldiers and 13 Zionist settlers.¹⁰⁴

17 August 2024

IOF conducted an airstrike in Lebanon that killed a woman and her two children, and injured five others.¹⁰⁵

18 August 2024

Zionist airstrikes near a UN vehicle in Yarine injured three UNIFIL members.¹⁰⁶

19 August 2024

Hezbollah prevented the entry of occupation soldiers attempting to infiltrate the Lebanese border.¹⁰⁷

Zionist airstrikes injured an 18-year-old in Mansouri, and damaged Hezbollah infrastructure in Aita al-Shaab, Beit Lif, and Hula.¹⁰⁸

A resistance drone strike in Bar'am resulted in the death of one occupation soldier and wounded another.¹⁰⁹

25 August 2024

IOF killed eight people and wounded five others.¹¹⁰

A Hezbollah rocket operation resulted in the death of an occupation navy officer in a high-speed boat and injured two other occupation naval personnel.¹¹¹

27 August 2024

Occupation airstrikes injured four people.¹¹²

A Hezbollah drone injured an occupation soldier.¹¹³

1 September 2024

Zionist occupation airstrikes in Beit Yahoun wounded three girls.¹¹⁴

4 September 2024

Occupation airstrikes killed a woman and injured two others, one of which was a 12-year-old child.¹¹⁵

6 September 2024

IOF fired white phosphorus into Tell en-Nhas and al-Hamams, igniting a fire, resulting in one person being hospitalised.¹¹⁶

7 September 2024

IOF attacked a fire truck in Froun, killing three paramedics and injuring two others.¹¹⁷ Other occupation strikes injured two further paramedics and killed two members of the resistance.¹¹⁸

Timeline of Israeli Attacks on Lebanon and Lebanese Resistance since October 2023 continued...

11 September 2024

IOF fired white phosphorous in Khaim, and injured two civilians in a drone strike.¹¹⁹

12 September 2024

Zionist occupation strikes killed three people, including a child, and injured three others in Kafr Jouz.¹²⁰

14 September 2024

Hezbollah successfully destroyed an occupation tank in the occupied Kfar Chouba Hills.¹²¹

15 September 2024

IOF used white phosphorus in Odassieh.¹²²

16 September 2024

IOF injured two emergency medical responders in Tayr Harfa, killed one person in Hula and injured four others.¹²³

“I saw a man trying to hold his face together; it had completely split. His eyes had popped out of his skull and blood was pouring out.”

Ali,

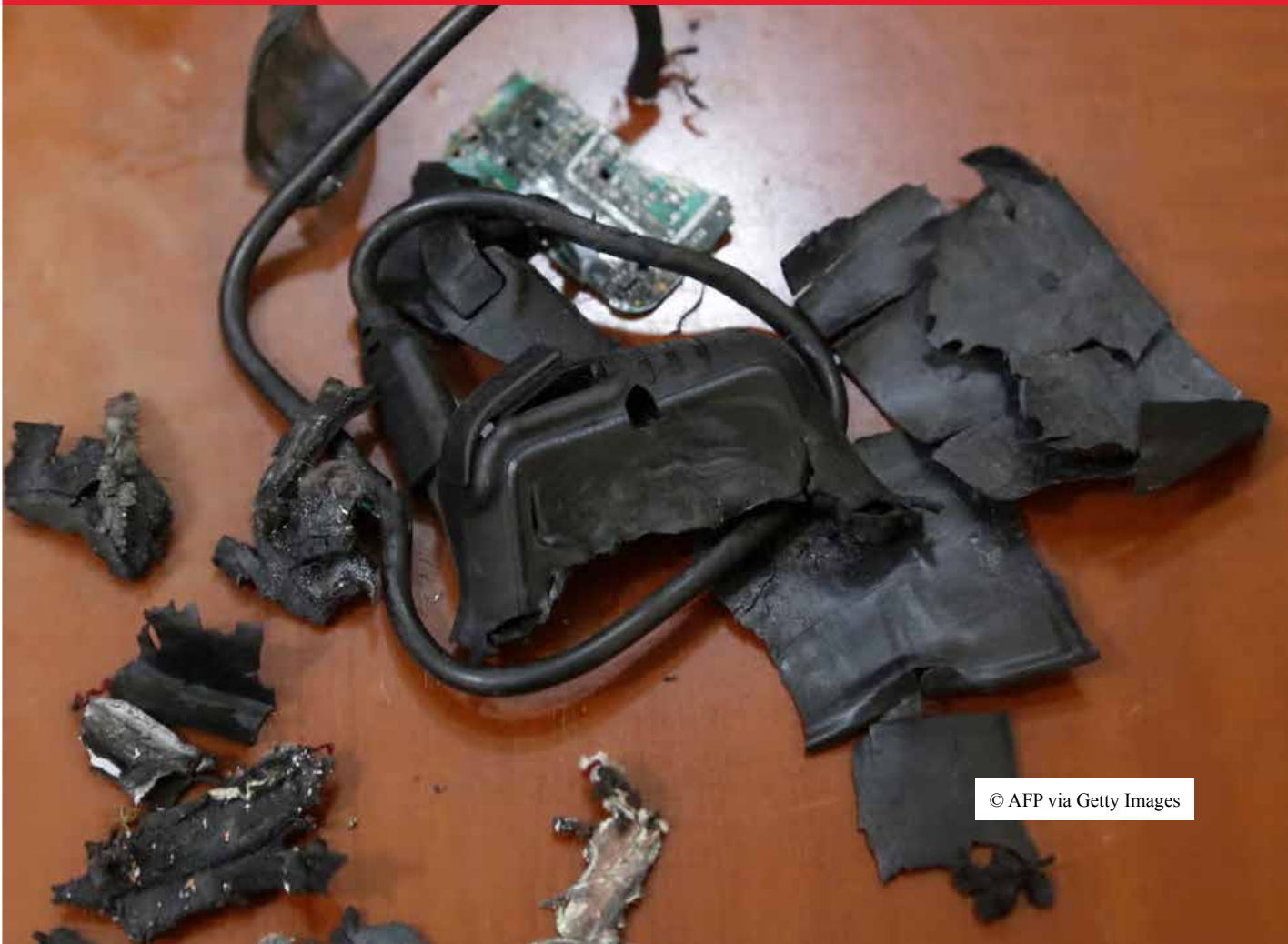
a Palestinian witness to Israel's terrorist attacks, from Burj Barajneh refugee camp.¹²⁴



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Israel's Terrorist Attacks in Lebanon

Across two days, IOF remotely exploded personal devices, including pagers, radios, car batteries, and solar batteries, killing 37 people, and injuring over 3,000, 287 of whom are in critical condition.¹²⁵

Following the attacks, the IOF have announced that their focus is shifting to the north, and that the 98th elite force has been moved from Gaza to the Lebanese front.¹²⁶

The official Israeli Broadcasting Authority, Kan, stated that the pager terrorist attack was coordinated collaboratively by Israel and the US.¹²⁷

Two weeks prior to the terrorist attack, American students studying medicine at the American University of Beirut were told to dispose of their pagers.¹²⁸

Israel's Prior Use of Communications Devices for Assassinations of the Palestinian Resistance

This is not the first time the IOF have used communication devices for killing members of the resistance.¹²⁹

1972:

Mossad killed PLO representative Mahmoud Hamshari by replacing the bottom of his phone with an explosive that was detonated when he answered a phone call.¹³⁰

1996:

Mossad killed Yahya Ayyash, a weapon-making specialist for Hamas, by hiding explosives in his phone.¹³¹ When Ayyash answered a call from his father, the bomb was detonated.¹³²

2000:

Mossad killed Samih al-Malabi with a bomb hidden in his mobile phone.¹³³

Israel's Terrorist Attacks in Lebanon continued...

September 2024

17 September 2024:

Pager Terrorist Attack

At around 15:30 Beirut time, the Zionist entity – in collaboration with the American government – remotely detonated around 5,000 pagers across Lebanon in densely populated civilian areas, killing nine people and injuring over 2,800 – 200 critically.¹³⁴

Individuals carrying pagers were going about their everyday activities when their devices were detonated, injuring others in the immediate vicinity.¹³⁵

Although pagers are used for communication by Hezbollah members, they are also used by doctors across Lebanon's hospitals, many of whom were also injured.¹³⁶

It is believed that Mossad agents tampered with the lithium batteries in the pagers, planting 20 grams of Pentaerythritol tetranitrate inside them, causing them to heat up and explode when remotely detonated.¹³⁷

The pagers were manufactured by a private company, BAC Consulting KFT, based in Hungary, and it is believed that this tampering occurred five months ago, at the factory.¹³⁸

Following the attack, Taiwanese company Gold Apollo noted an irregular payment on BAC's accounts from the Middle East, which was later blocked from going through.¹³⁹

18 September 2024:

Radio Terrorist Attack

During the funerals for the martyrs killed in the previous day's attacks, the IOF remotely detonated a series of devices, including handheld radios, mobile phones, laptops, and solar batteries, killing 20 people and injuring 450.¹⁴¹ Several residential buildings also set alight.¹⁴²

20 September 2024:

Zionist Drone Strike on Beirut

Hezbollah sent over 200 rockets into northern Palestine in response to the Zionist terror attacks in Lebanon on 17 and 18 September 2024.¹⁴³

Zionist drone strike killed Hezbollah commander, Ibrahim Aqil, 14 civilians – including five children – and injured 66 people.¹⁴⁴

23 September 2024:

Widespread Zionist airstrikes on Lebanon

On 23 September 2024, the IOF launched a widespread aerial attack on over 300 areas across southern Lebanon and Bekaa Valley.¹⁴⁵

The IOF attacks killed more than 558 people, and injured over 1,835.¹⁵⁸ Those killed and wounded include a large number of children and paramedics.¹⁵⁹

The IOF have also phoned and called Lebanese in the south, ordering them to evacuate from areas used by Hezbollah.¹⁶⁰ However, as Hezbollah locations are secret, it is impossible for civilians to know where is safe.¹⁶¹

All roads to the north are backlogged with traffic, making it impossible for people to leave southern Lebanon, and there are reports of IOF bombing the main highways as people attempt to flee.¹⁶²

“Customary international humanitarian law prohibits the use of booby traps – objects that civilians are likely to be attracted to or are associated with normal civilian daily use – precisely to avoid putting civilians at grave risk and produce the devastating scenes that continue to unfold across Lebanon today. The use of an explosive device whose exact location could not be reliably known would be unlawfully indiscriminate, using a means of attack that could not be directed at a specific military target and as a result would strike military targets and civilians without distinction. A prompt and impartial investigation into the attacks should be urgently conducted.”

Lama Fakih

Human Rights Watch, Middle East and North Africa Director.¹⁴⁶



Western Media Bias in Reporting



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Western Media Bias in Reporting

Absence of perpetrator

Most Western media outlets have simply reported the pagers and walkie talkies as ‘exploding’, as if this was an equipment malfunction, not a targeted Zionist terrorist attack.



Western Media Bias in Reporting continued...

Refusal to use the term 'terrorist attack'

Despite the clear violations of international law and intent to kill, maim, and terrify the Lebanese population, news outlets have refused to call both incidents terrorist attacks, which would undoubtedly have been the case if they occurred in the West.



Western Media Bias in Reporting continued...

Tacit support for the terrorist attacks

Western media has invited support for the terrorist attacks by making light of the attack, and describing the casualties as 'terrorists', rather than a combination of unarmed members of the resistance and civilians, including medical staff and children.

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ANALYSIS

The Hezbollah pager attack not only disabled the group's communications, it has exposed, killed, wounded and humbled its members

By Middle East correspondent **Eric Tlozek**

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Exploding pagers wreak havoc among Hezbollah

Labour not enforcing work from home rules

Shack arrests detonations mean thousands of militia fighters in Lebanon in attack blamed on Israel

Exploding pagers were used to kill and wound dozens of Hezbollah fighters in Lebanon, according to a report from the UN. The attack, which took place on September 17, was the deadliest in the group's history. The report says that the pagers were used to deliver a message to the fighters, which was then detonated. The attack resulted in the deaths of 14 people and the wounding of many others. The report also says that the attack was a major blow to Hezbollah's communications network.

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LATE CITY FINAL

BEEP BEEP BOOM!

2,800 Hezbollah terrorists hit by exploding pager plot

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Erasure of civilian casualties

Western media has ignored that the terrorist attack also targeted civilians, such as medical staff who use these pagers to communicate in hospital, and children.

Israel's terrorist attack is illegal under international law, as it targeted objects used by civilians, and located in crowded civilian areas, thus rendering the attack indiscriminate.

Western media has also depicted all Hezbollah members as resistance fighters – although they are not termed as such within mainstream narrative - erasing that Hezbollah is a legitimate political party in Lebanese politics and provides salaries and community services in a country where the economy has plummeted dramatically since 2019.

Many Hezbollah members are not active resistance fighters, but civilian employees of a political party or recipients of its social welfare programme.



Western Media Bias in Reporting continued...

Dehumanisation of Hezbollah casualties

Western media's suggestion that Israel's attacks were a successful operation against terrorists ignores the rules of international humanitarian law, and the human rights of resistance fighters, including Hezbollah fighters.

Under international law, the principle of distinction states that attacks can only take place against individuals "directly participating in hostilities *during such participation*". When Israel's terrorist attack took place, Hezbollah members were not actively participating in resistance operations, they were engaged in everyday civilian activities. In these circumstances, it is illegal – as well as immoral – to target Hezbollah members.



Western Media Bias in Reporting continued...

Focus on advancement of technology over human life

Western media depicted Israel's terrorist attacks as a product of the incredible advancement of technology, rather than as a despicable and terrifying use of technological advancements.

Even when Western media was critical of this technology, it was couched in the concern that this technology could be used against individuals in the West in the future, rather than horror that it has already been used against people in Lebanon.



“Simultaneous targeting of thousands of individuals, without knowledge as to who is in possession of the targeted devices, their location and their surroundings at the time of the attack, violates international human rights law, and to the extent applicable, international humanitarian law. There must be independent, thorough and transparent investigations into the circumstances of these mass explosions. Those who ordered and carried out such an attack must be held to account.”

Ravina Shamdasani

Spokesperson for the UN Human Rights Office.¹⁴⁷



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International Response



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International Response

Lebanese Representative to the UN filed a UN Security Council complaint against the Zionist entity for killing civil defence members.¹⁴⁸

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah stated that the Zionist entity had committed “a terrorist act” and “a massacre”.¹⁴⁹ He also stated that Hezbollah will not allow Israeli settlers to return to northern occupied Palestine, and that the attack is an act of war and a declaration of war against the Lebanese people.¹⁵⁰



“I strongly condemn the massive terror attack in Lebanon and Syria. An international investigation is called for.”

Petra De Sutter
Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium¹⁵¹



“The terrible Israeli massacre, now in Lebanon, is evidence of the current impunity of Zionism. The silence of its allies is another sign of complicity and cowardice.”

Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez
President of Cuba¹⁵²



International Response continued...

“Such terrorist acts are undoubtedly the result of the Zionist regime’s [Israel’s] despair and successive failures. This will soon be met with a crushing response from the axis of resistance, and we will witness the destruction of this bloodthirsty and criminal regime.”

Hossein Salami
Commander of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps¹⁵³



“We put all our capabilities at the disposal of our brothers in Lebanon and are fully prepared to stand by them until the end.”

– Iraqi Kataib Hezbollah¹⁵⁴



“We will support Hezbollah in the same way we support our brothers in the resistance in Palestine, as our stance is based on faith principles.”

Nasreddin Amer
Deputy Information Minister in the Ansar Allah (Houthi) Movement¹⁵⁵



“The attack on communications devices in Lebanon is a comprehensive act of war and aims to provoke a major war in the region.”

Russian Foreign Ministry statement¹⁵⁶



“I don’t think there’s any question that it’s a form of terrorism... This is going right into the supply chain... And when you have terror going into the supply chain, it makes people ask the question, what the hell is next?”

Leon Panetta

Former CIA Director.¹⁶³



Footnotes

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