

Israel has been successful in wiping out several Hamas leaders responsible for the October 7th attacks. Early Tuesday evening, a blast in a Hezbollah stronghold in Beirut killed Hamas's number two in command, Saleh al-Aroui. While Israel hasn't officially taken responsibility for the strike, many foreign sources, including senior American officials, say Israel was the party behind the strike. Al-Aroui is the most high-level Hamas figure that has been taken out since the beginning of the war.

- [Saleh al-Aroui](#) is described as the deputy head of Hamas and the chief of its operations in the West Bank. He is responsible for many terrorist attacks, including the kidnapping and subsequent murder of three teens in the summer of 2014 that traumatized the nation and triggered a several-week round of military conflict. He has also been described as an ambassador between Hamas and Hezbollah and is known for close relationships with Iranian leaders.
- [Abu Anas al-Ghandour](#) served as the commander of Hamas's military wing in the northern part of Gaza. He plotted numerous terrorist operations including the abduction of Gilad Shalit in 2006, along with the killing of two other soldiers. On November 26, Hamas announced that he was killed.
- [Ayman Nofal](#) was killed in the early days of the war. He was a senior Hamas leader also involved with the Shalit kidnapping and was responsible for directing rocket attacks into Israel and producing and developing weaponry. He was closely tied to Muhammad Dief, the leader of Hamas's military wing and one of the most sought-after targets in the war.
- [Adil Mismah](#) was killed earlier this week. A commander of the Nukhba company in the city of Dier al-Balah in Gaza, he helped lead the October 7th massacres in southern Israel. He led terrorists into Kibbutz Kissufim and directed terrorists to attacks in Nirim and Be'eri.
- [Subhi Ferwana](#) was eliminated by the IDF in mid-December. He was a primary financier of Hamas and responsible for funneling millions of dollars to fund the organization's terrorist activities.
- [Emad Krikae](#) was the commander of Hamas's Shejaiya Battalion who was responsible for coordinating and instructing terrorist activities using anti-tank missiles targeted at Israelis. He was killed by IDF forces in early December.