

Since October 7th, Israel has faced attacks on multiple fronts, including over 2,000 rockets, drones and anti-tank missiles that have been launched into northern Israel by Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria. These attacks, which has intensified in the last few days, began on October 8th when Hezbollah launched an unprovoked barrage of rockets into Israel.

- Hezbollah is a Shi'ite political and militant group based in Lebanon that was founded in 1982. Its [doctrine](#) calls for the destruction of Israel, stating that Israel “is the hated enemy that must be fought until the hated ones get what they deserve.” Among its objectives is “to expel the Americans” from the Middle East.
- The group was founded and is funded by Iran and operates in very close coordination with Iran until this day. Hezbollah is designated as a terrorist organization by the United States and many other countries.
- Hezbollah has been [described as](#) “the world’s most heavily armed non-state actor,” and as “a militia trained like an army and equipped like a state.” It is estimated that the group maintains an arsenal of up to 150,000 missiles and rockets, including a small number of precision-guided missiles.
- It is no secret that Hezbollah, like Hamas, seeks to murder as many Israeli civilians as possible. In a 2016 [speech](#), Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said, “Today Israel has its own nuclear bomb. All our rockets plus the ammonia tanks in Haifa result in a nuclear bomb. In a region that populates 800,000 people, a few tens of thousands will be killed.”
- In a recent [video](#) released by Hezbollah simulating an attack on Israelis, the group stated that “[Israel] will disappear where Palestine will remain Arab and dear to its sons.”
- The most intense recent wave of attacks [occurred on Saturday](#) with a barrage of 62 rockets fired at Israel. The group said that the attacks were in response to the elimination of senior Hamas leader Saleh al-Arouri in Lebanon last week.
- There is [tremendous fear](#) among residents of Israel’s northern communities, which in many cases are even closer to the border fence than along the southern border with Gaza. The threat to the north has forced the evacuation of about [80,000 people](#), including thousands from Toledo’s Partnership community of the Western Galilee.
- Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed Hezbollah this week saying, “I suggest that Hezbollah learn what Hamas has already learned in recent months: No terrorist is immune.”
- Following the Second Lebanon War, the United Nations passed [UN Resolution 1701](#) which called for the complete cessation by Hezbollah of any attacks on Israel, while Israel is required to cease any offensive measures against Hezbollah. Hezbollah’s actions including attacking Israeli infrastructure are a violation of the Resolution.
- Israel has retaliated by launching counter-strikes on Hezbollah targets in Syria and Lebanon. On Monday it was [reported](#) that Wissam al-Tawil, senior commander of Hezbollah’s elite Rawdan force, was killed by a targeted IDF air strike. Tawil was one of

the most senior members of Hezbollah to be eliminated since the war began. Yesterday, it was reported that Hezbollah's drone chief Ali Hussein Barji, another senior member of the terrorist group, was killed.