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Explosions across Lebanon: Imperialist and Zionist terror escalates war

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Mourners carry the coffins of people killed after hundreds of paging devices exploded across Lebanon Sept. 16.

The last quarter century has seen no shortage of Zionist horrors inflicted upon the Arab world. The examples seem endless. One could discuss the 2006 carpet bombing of Beirut. There is also the IDF's 2022 murder of Shireen Abu Akleh and the subsequent attack on her funeral procession. The images of home demolitions in the [Gaza Strip](#) and [West Bank](#) also come to mind.

Even with that terrible bloody history, "Israel" may have outdone itself this time. For two days in a row, the **entire** country of Lebanon rang out with explosions from personal electronic devices. On day one, it was pagers. On day two, it was personal radios or "walkie talkies." Nowhere was safe. Not the supermarkets. Not the hospitals. Not the bustling city squares.

Whether urban or rural, Hezbollah-controlled or not, the Zionist regime painted a tapestry of blood and terror across Lebanon. The first casualties were predictably children, including a [10-year-old girl](#).

The Zionists' first day of terrorist attacks killed at least 32 over two days (12 Tuesday and 20 Wednesday) and wounded [3,000](#). The wounded included Iran's ambassador to Lebanon. The carnage was not limited to Hezbollah members, not that the attack would have been acceptable if this was the case. At its core, this was a cowardly and evil attack aimed at sowing terror among the Lebanese people.

The second day of attacks did not see the situation improve. As the day progressed, it all started again. Personal electronic devices began to explode and catch fire, engulfing apartments, cars, and storefronts. People could not even bury their dead without another round of terror. During the funeral procession for three Hezbollah members and a child killed by detonating pagers, a walkie-talkie exploded, severely injuring several funeral attendees.

At the end of the [second day](#), 12 people lay dead, including two children and four health care workers. Over 2,800 people were injured, two-thirds of whom needed some form of surgery to their face, eyes, or hands.

As noted before, these attacks were at least partially aimed at sowing terror and fear among the defiant Lebanese people. However, this was not purely an attack of terror. This attack was carefully planned and deliberately aimed at wrecking Hezbollah's communication infrastructure, presumably as a prelude to some level of IDF incursion into southern Lebanon.

The Israeli army moved the 98th Division, whose forces have been fighting until recently in the Gaza Strip, to Lebanon's border following the cabinet's decision to shift most of the military's capabilities toward Lebanon, [Haaretz](#) reported Sept. 18.

Both pagers and walkie-talkies are crucial tools for Hezbollah's defensive efforts against Zionist aggression. In recent years, Hezbollah intentionally [transitioned](#) from smartphones and social media to more analog forms of communication to [avoid detection](#) by Zionist forces. This included Hezbollah fighters and political figures.

With Hezbollah's lessened ability to coordinate defense, mobilize reserves, and organize political support, the time for an IDF offensive is near. It is unlikely the Zionist military and its U.S. backers would commit to such a massive strike if it did not plan on following up with conventional military action.

One last thing that should be made clear is that the U.S. is not uninvolved in this attack. This attack likely required [supply chain](#) intervention and the careful placement of explosives before the pagers and radios even entered Lebanon. The Zionists also would have needed a large mechanism, [probably aerial](#), to disseminate such a strong detonation signal across so much territory. "Israel" simply does not have this capability. This required U.S. economic influence and technological capability.

Hezbollah must be supported in its fight against U.S. imperialism and its Zionist running dogs. The people of Lebanon will not break. In the words of an online post from a Beirut resident, "We are many. We do not break. We do not die."

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