



Decapitating Hezbollah

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(U) This infographic provides an overview of Hezbollah leadership losses. Since October 8, 2023, Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah have been locked in fierce exchanges of fire along the Israel-Lebanon border and in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Israel has launched decisive airstrikes against Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria. This conflict stems from the spillover of the Israel-Hamas war and represents the most significant escalation of the Hezbollah-Israel conflict since the 2006 Lebanon War. Israeli airstrikes have resulted in the deaths of dozens of senior Hezbollah commanders and over 400 fighters in Lebanon.

Event: Israel conducted an airstrike in Beirut on September 27, killing key Hezbollah and Iranian figures, including Hezbollah's secretary general, Hassan Nasrallah.

Impact: The strike has caused significant disruption to Hezbollah's strategic and operational leadership, with numerous senior and mid-tier commanders killed. This has temporarily paralyzed the organization and impeded its ability to conduct coherent military campaigns.

Key Losses:

Hassan Nasrallah



Lebanese cleric and politician who served as the secretary-general of Hezbollah, a Shia Islamist political party and militia, from 1992 until his assassination in 2024.



Abbas Nilforoushan

Iranian brigadier general of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, who served as Deputy of Operations.

Potential Successor:

Hashem Saffiedine



Hashem Safieddine is a Lebanese Shia cleric who has served as the head of Hezbollah's Executive Council since 2001.

Ali Karaki



A Kebabese nukutabt who was a member of the Jihad Council of Hezbollah. He served as the commander of the Southern Front of Hezbollah

Future Outlook: While Hezbollah faces organizational chaos and communication difficulties, it has a professionalized military force that could recover given time and space. Continued Israeli pressure may prevent this reconstitution. The damage to Hezbollah's operational leadership will likely hinder its ability to plan and execute large-scale drone-missile campaigns against Israel in the short term.

Title	Name	Alive/Dead
Secretary General	Hassan Nasrallah	Dead
Deputy Secretary General	Naim Qassem	Alive
Executive Council Chairman	Hashem Saffeidine	Alive
Chairman of the Judicial Council	Mohammad Yazbek	Alive
Marine Operations Commander	Abdallah Abbas Taghazi	Dead
Engineering Unit Commander	Abu Hassan Sayyed	Dead
Air Unit Commander	Mohammed Hussein Surur	Dead
Rocket and Missile Unit Commander	Ibrahim Mohammed Qabisi	Dead
Rocket and Missile Unit Deputy Commander	Abbas Sharafeddine	Dead
Senior Missile Division Commander	Hussein Ezzedine	Dead
Radwan Force Commander	Ibrahim Aqil	Dead
Radwan Force Chief of Staff	Hossein Ahmed Hodurj (Siraj)	Dead
Radwan Force Training Commander	Mohammad Kassim al Attar	Dead
Radwan Force Chief of Operations	Hassan Yusuf Abed al Sattar	Dead
Radwan Force Weapons Commander	Hassan Ahmad Hadri	Dead
Radwan Forces Deputy Commander	Wissam Tawil	Dead
Radwan Force Combat and Operations Officer	Abbas Sami Mussalmani	Dead
Radwan Force Border Offensive Operations Commander	Mohammad Ahmed Rizqa	Dead
Radwan Forces Northern Boarder Operations Commander	Hassan Hussein al Mazzi	Dead
Radwan Forces Weapons and Logistics Commander	Hassaan Ali Hassan	Dead
Commander of Hezbollah's Southern Front	Ali Karaki	Dead
Badr Unit Commander	Abu Ali Rasia "Ruda)	Dead
Aziz Unit Ramim Ridge Commander	Abdullah Abbas Hijazi (Bilal)	Dead
Nasr Unit (Eastern Sector) Commander	Taleb Sami Abdullah	Dead

This chart depicts some of the damage recently done to Hezbollah's senior ranks. This chart is incomplete and not exhaustive,

Sources: [Iran Update, September 28, 2024](#) (ISW); [Escalating to War between Israel, Hezbollah, and Iran](#) (CSIS)