

Should Israel Expect a Hezbollah Invasion From Its Northern Border?

As Israel enters its 17th day at war with Hamas, it's dealing with a number of fronts: on the southern border with Gaza, the northern border with Hezbollah in Lebanon and Syria, and in the West Bank (biblical Judea and Samaria).

In Gaza, the Israeli military continues to pound targets as a prelude to a likely ground invasion.

In the West Bank, the Israeli Defense Forces has arrested dozens of suspected Hamas terrorists and hit a mosque used as a weapons depot, stopping an imminent terror attack.

Dozens of communities in both the north and south are being evacuated, with more than 120,000 Israelis now living away from their homes.

On the northern border, Israel and Hezbollah are trading rockets, anti-tank rounds, and artillery. The front with Hezbollah may well represent Israel's greatest challenge.

On Sunday, Iran's foreign minister warned that a regional war could break out if Israel continues striking Gaza, a veiled threat that Hezbollah would join the war.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu then warned Hezbollah.

"If Hezbollah decides to enter the war, it will make the mistake of its life," Netanyahu cautioned. "We will cripple it with a force it cannot even imagine, and the meaning for Hezbollah and for the state of Lebanon will be devastating—but we are prepared for any scenario."

In the community of Shtula, just a few yards from the Lebanese border, nearly 90% of the town has been evacuated since the war broke out. A Hezbollah tower stands less than 300 yards from Shtula. Hezbollah has set up approximately 50 such towers all along the border.

The towers are just one part of the Iranian-backed terror group's plan to attack Israel, and for days, Hezbollah has been increasing its attacks.

At the scene of one of the rocket attacks fired from a nearby hill a mile away from Shtula, it landed in a street, killing one Israeli Arab and injuring three others.

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