



The blood of killed people on the rubble of a destroyed building at the site of Monday's Israeli airstrike in Aito village, northern Lebanon, Oct. 15, 2024.  
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Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah and several Hezbollah commanders, the Zionist regime continued its ongoing attacks on Dahiya in Beirut, believing that Hezbollah's structure had collapsed. However, the Lebanese resistance initiated a new phase of war against the regime following the Israeli airstrikes on Dahiya. Large-scale attacks using advanced weapons, based on precise operational planning deep within occupied territories and targeting key positions of the regime, such as the port of Haifa, are part of the actions in this phase.

On the other hand, Hezbollah manages the second phase of the war, the ground war in southern Lebanon, through guerrilla operations, preventing the expected advances of the Israeli army. Therefore, the Lebanese resistance continues to maintain its striking power against the Zionist regime while also elevating its levels of confrontation, executing operations more decisively and effectively. Meanwhile, the increasing casualty figures among the Zionists and the panicked reactions from their officials serve as evidence of the success and impact of these attacks, indicating that Hezbollah has maintained its capabilities even after targeting its leaders.

#### Intelligence and security failures

Alongside the military blows received from the resistance and Hezbollah in recent days, the Zionist regime is also experiencing intelligence failures in its psychological war against the resistance. The unsuccessful assassination attempt of Wafiq Safa and the fruitless attack on the Mezzeh area of Damascus to target resistance commanders, as well as the misinformation regarding the commander of the Quds Force, General Qaani, are examples of this. Additionally, the inability to intercept resistance projectiles and the element of surprise in their attacks highlight another aspect of the Zionist regime's intelligence and security failures.

#### Quagmire of survival threats

"The massacre of people" has been the only outcome for the Zionist regime since the onset of the Gaza war and its expansion to Lebanon. The Zionists now find themselves in a position of failure to achieve their declared objectives, such as the destruction or even containment of Hamas, the release of prisoners, and the forced displacement of people. Despite a year of heavy bombardment and the occupation of the Gaza Strip, they are closer than ever to a complete defeat. This situation prompted Netanyahu to rename the war as the "Resurrection War," emphasizing its existential importance for the regime's survival. Moreover, current assessments indicate that the escalation of the war by the regime will only further entrench the Zionists in the quagmire of failure, thereby threatening their existence even more. Following Hezbollah's deadly operations, the Israeli media outlet Haaretz warned that Israel's false pride and arrogance would have catastrophic consequences for the regime and the region.

#### Inability in calculations

The 38 operations carried out by the Lebanese resistance within 24 hours, one of which targeted the Golan Brigade, not only affirm Hezbollah's internal power stability but also reveal the confusion and weakness in the regime's calculations. The Zionists currently have no assessment of when the war will end and are resorting solely to a strategy of crime and slaughter to eliminate perceived threats. The Guardian noted that the Zionist regime lacks a strategic outlook for its future and militaristic ambitions, and the current conditions will have dire consequences for the regime. Amidst the confusion among the officials of the Zionist regime and the absence of a coherent plan to overcome the crises, the Lebanese resistance has yet to fully utilize all its capabilities in the current battle.

## Witnesses to Israeli strike on Gaza hospital saw 'so many people burning'

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Witnesses to an Israeli air strike and resulting fire at a tent camp in a Gaza hospital compound have shared with the BBC their horror and helplessness at seeing people injured and killed in the flames.

One mother called it "one of the worst scenes we've witnessed", while an injured girl said she heard screaming as people tore down their tent to get them out. A man said he had "broken down" as he was "unable to do anything" to help those who burned to death.

The strike hit the Al-Aqsa Hospital [Martyrs] compound in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza, in the early hours of Monday, igniting a fire that burned makeshift shelters for displaced people. At least four people were killed and dozens injured, mostly women and children, according to the Hamas-run health ministry.

The BBC has verified the location of a video that shows what appears to be a person on fire. Other footage captures people rushing to extinguish the flames amid screams and explosions sending fireballs into the night sky.

The Israeli military said it had targeted Hamas fighters operating inside a command centre in the car park, after which a fire broke out "likely due to secondary explosions". The military said the incident was under review.

Charity Doctors without Borders (MSF), which has staff working at Al-Aqsa, told the BBC "it had no knowledge" of a Hamas centre and said "the hospital functions as a hospital".

The UN's humanitarian affairs agency said in a statement that "people burned to death" and "atrocities must end", while a spokesperson for the White House National Security Council called the footage "disturbing". The spokesperson told the BBC's partner CBS that the images and video of what appear to be displaced civilians burning alive following an Israeli air strike are deeply disturbing and we have made our concerns clear to Israel.

"Israel has a responsibility to do more to avoid civilian casualties — and what happened here is horrifying, even if Hamas was operating near the hospital in an attempt to use civilians as human shields." Witnesses said the strike happened at about 01:15 local time on Monday (23:15 BST on Sunday). It hit an area between buildings filled with makeshift shelters, next to an outdoor outpatient waiting area that had no one there at night, Anna Halford, MSF's emergency coordinator in Gaza who was not at the hospital during the strike, said in a phone call from Deir al-Balah.

Hiba Radi, a mother who was living in a tent behind the hospital, told a BBC freelancer in Gaza she woke up to the sound of "explosions and fires erupting around the tents". "There were explosions everywhere, and we were shocked at whether this was gas or weapons," she said. "This is one of the worst scenes we've witnessed and lived through," she added. "We've never seen destruction like this before. It's hard, really hard." Atia Darwish, a photographer who recorded some of the verified videos, told the BBC it was a "big shock" and he was "unable to do anything" watching people burn. "I was so broken down," he said. Um Yaser Abdel Hamid Daher, who also lives at the hospital, told the BBC "we've seen so many people burning that we started feeling like we might burn like them". The injured included her son, and his wife and children. Her granddaughter Lina, 11, who had shrapnel in her hand and leg injuries, said she had heard people screaming. "Our neighbour's daughter was injured in her head and her dad was killed. And our other neighbours were killed. The people next to us tore down the tent to get us out," she said. Her grandmother said the family "lost their tent and everything they had; they have nothing left". The health ministry reported on Monday that more than 40 people were injured and four killed. MSF on Tuesday shared a higher toll, saying five people had died, their bodies burned by the time they were recovered,



and 65 injured. Forty of the injured - 22 men, eight women and 10 children - stayed at al-Aqsa. The others were transferred to different hospitals, with eight going to a specialist burns unit. Ms Halford said her colleagues were treating burns victims "who will almost certainly not survive", saying "there is very little you can do for burn victims of that severity". "You come home with the smell of it on your clothes. It's a viscerally affecting experience. It stays with you," she said. Monday's strike was the seventh on the hospital site since March, and the third in two weeks, Ms Halford said. When she arrived at the hospital after the most recent hit, she said she found people picking through twisted metal and burned debris to salvage any belongings. Another mother the BBC spoke to whose children suffered burns injuries had already evacuated from north Gaza - and now has nothing. The acting chief of the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said the strike occurred in an area where north Gaza residents had been told to relocate. "There really is no safe place in Gaza for people to go," the statement read.

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