

# Hezbollah's key leaders in Israel's sights

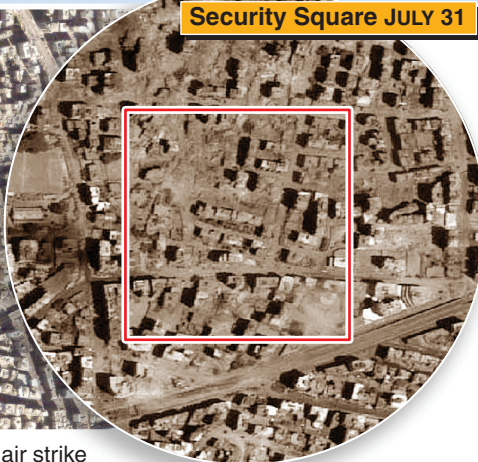
The pounding of Hezbollah's Beirut HQ with 23 tonnes of bombs in July was intended to kill commanders believed to be meeting in a bunker. Analysts now suspect that the militia's leaders escaped from its so-called *Security Square* through a network of tunnels



JULY 12



Security Square JULY 31



July 19: *Dahiya* suburb destroyed in air strike

**Sayed Hassan Nasrallah**

**Secretary General:** Became leader in 1992 following assassination by Israel of *Sheikh Abbas al-Musawi*



**Hossein Safiadeen**

Hezbollah representative in Iran



**Mirfeisal Baqerzadeh**

General in Iran **Revolutionary Guards** – deals directly with Safiadeen



**Nabil Kauk**

**Commander of Southern Lebanon**

Controls field commanders south of Litani River – in Tyre, Naqoura, Nabatiyeh, Bint Jbail and Khiam



**Fuad Shukur**

**Chief of staff:** Commands 500-600 full-time fighters – in regular units of 20-30 – plus reserve militia of 2,500-3,000



**Imad Fayeز Mughniyah**

**Military commander:** Mastermind behind two 1983 bombings which killed 241 U.S. Marines and 56 French servicemen. Established contact between Hezbollah, *Palestinian Islamic Jihad* and *Hamas* on behalf of Iranian intelligence



**Nur Shalhob**

**Armourer:** Responsible for supplies of Katyusha rockets

**Talal Hamia**

**Head of sleeper cells:** Coordinating joint operations with *Mahdi Army* of Iraqi Shia cleric *Moqtada al-Sadr*

**Ibrahim Akil**

**Counter-intelligence and propaganda**

**Field commanders**



Instructed to act according to their own discretion if **Security Square** is incapacitated