

Blasts hit Iranian embassy in Beirut

At least 23 people, including the Iranian cultural attache, died in two bomb blasts that hit Iran's embassy in Beirut, the latest in a string of attacks in Lebanon since Hezbollah declared involvement in Syria's civil war

VIOLENCE LINKED TO SYRIAN CONFLICT

■ **May-Aug 2012:** Fighting between supporters and opponents of Syrian President **Bashar al-Assad** leaves many dead in Tripoli and Beirut

■ **Oct:** Several people killed in clashes following assassination of top security official **General Wissam al-Hassan** – Sunni opponent of Damascus

■ **May 2013:** At least 15 killed in new sectarian violence in Tripoli

■ **Jun:** At least 17 soldiers killed in clashes with followers of radical Sunni cleric in Sidon

■ **Jul 9:** Car bomb injures at least 53 people in Hezbollah stronghold in Beirut

■ **Aug 15:** Car bomb kills 27 in Shia area of south Beirut, home to many Hezbollah supporters

■ **Aug 23:** At least 47 people killed and over 500 injured in twin car bombings outside mosques in Tripoli

Nov 19: **Abdullah Azzam Brigades** – jihadist group linked to al-Qaeda – claims responsibility for bombings

Jun 5, 2013, Qusair: Syrian army, backed by Hezbollah fighters, regains control of city

