

# Mustafa Badreddine

Top Hezbollah commander in Syria, **Mustafa Badreddine**, has been killed in an attack in Damascus, dealing a major blow to the powerful Iranian-backed group



■ Badreddine, 55, was cousin and brother-in-law of **Imad Mughniyeh**, Hezbollah's top military chief killed in 2008 assassination widely blamed on Israel

■ Responsible for group's military operations in Syria since 2011, where it is fighting alongside Syrian President **Bashar al-Assad**

■ Sentenced to death in Kuwait for 1983 bombings there, including attacks on U.S. and French embassies – but escaped from jail during **Saddam Hussein's** 1990 invasion of Kuwait

■ Indicted by UN-backed Special Tribunal for Lebanon for involvement in 2005 killing of former Lebanese prime minister **Rafik Hariri**

■ Reported to have sat on Hezbollah's Shura Council and served as adviser to group's overall leader **Hassan Nasrallah**