

# Gaza war could spiral to Lebanon

Conflict between Israel and Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah is looming and plans are being readied for an invasion if diplomacy doesn't work – so far the talking has achieved little



● Attacks: *Hezbollah* ● *Israel*

■ **Oct 7, 2023-Jul 2024:**

There have been over 4,400 rocket, missile, and other attacks by Israel and Hezbollah combined.

More than 150,000 civilians on both sides of Israel-Lebanon border have been displaced

■ **Haifa:** Main hospital's subterranean car park has been converted into 20,200-square metre hospital with 1,200 beds and blood bank. **Facility is safe from missile, chemical, and cyber attacks**

■ **2000:** Hezbollah forces **Israeli Defence Forces (IDF)** to withdraw from Lebanon

■ **2006:** Conflict flares into all-out war, leaving over 100 Israelis and around 500 Hezbollah fighters dead.

**UN Security Council Resolution 1701** ends 34-day war – Hezbollah is to stay north of Litani River

■ **2006-22:** Hezbollah stockpiles over 120,000 stand-off weapons, plus Iranian and Russian air defence systems. Israel no longer has unimpeded air superiority over southern Lebanon

■ **Oct 7, 2023:** Gaza-based Hamas' attacks dramatically increase Israeli insecurity. Clashes between Hezbollah and IDF displace 60,000 civilians from northern Israel

■ **Feb 2024:** IDF attacks Hezbollah air defence sites in Beqaa Valley



■ **Mar onwards:** IDF increases strikes on Hezbollah forces and its leaders



■ **Jul 3:** Israel kills senior commander **Muhammad Naama Nasser** (left) near Tyre. Hezbollah fires over 200 rockets at IDF bases in Israel

■ **Jul 10:** U.S. envoy **Amos Hochstein** (right) seeks deal to allow both sides to claim victory by mutual retreat from Lebanon's border. Hezbollah likely to seek Israeli evacuation of **Shebaa Farms** and **Ghajar** village



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