

Iran's "Axis of Resistance"

Iran has threatened to respond to the suspected Israeli assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, using regional militias that the Islamic Republic has armed



● Attacks: *Hezbollah* ● *Israel*

■ **Apr 1:** Suspected Israeli attack on Iran's consulate in Damascus kills eight **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** officers, including Brigadier General **Mohammad Reza Zahedi** (left)

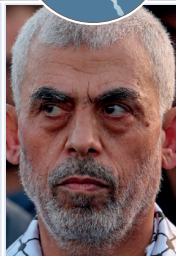
■ **Apr 14:** Iran responds by launching more than 300 missiles and drones at Israel. Almost all projectiles are intercepted by Israel and U.S.-led coalition

■ **Jul 27:** Rocket slams into soccer field in town of **Majdal Shams**, in Israel-controlled Golan Heights, killing 12 children

■ **Jul 30:** Hezbollah commander **Fouad Shukr** (right), held responsible for Majdal Shams attack, killed in Beirut. Shukr played "central role" in 1983 bombing of U.S. Marine Corps barracks that left 241 Marines dead



■ **Aug 6:** **Yahya Sinwar** (right) hardline politician appointed to replace **Ismail Haniyeh** as leader of Hamas' Political Bureau. Sinwar and others planned Oct 7 attacks on Israel that ignited Gaza war



■ **Aug 12:** World leaders push for cease-fire between Israel and Hamas to prevent wider regional conflict with Iran and its proxies



Hamas: **Islamic Resistance Movement** committed to destruction of Israel – about 30,000 personnel

Hezbollah: Lebanon's **Party of God** formed in 1982 by IRGC. 25,000 full-time fighters – arsenal of 150,000 rockets and missiles

Houthi militias: Drone and missile attacks have disrupted shipping in Red Sea – some 20,000 personnel

Popular Mobilisation Forces: Iraq-based Shiite-dominated militias, estimated 180,000 personnel