

# Hezbollah names new leader, Naim Qassem

Hezbollah's new secretary-general is Naim Qassem, the longtime number two to the late Hassan Nasrallah



■ **1953:** Born in Beirut to family from southern Lebanon

■ **1970s:** His political activism begins with Lebanese Shiite **Amal Movement**

■ **1979:** Leaves group in wake of Iran's Islamic Revolution

■ **1982:** Helps start **Hezbollah**, established with backing of Iran's Revolutionary Guards in response to Israel's invasion of Lebanon



■ **1991:** Appointed Hezbollah's deputy secretary-general

■ **1992:** Remains in his role as deputy when Nasrallah becomes leader. Has since been one of Hezbollah's leading spokesmen

■ **2005:** Publishes book on history of Hezbollah, seen as rare "insider's look" into the organisation

■ **Sep 2024:** Nasrallah killed by Israeli strike on Beirut. Qassem says Hezbollah will choose successor and continue to fight Israel in solidarity with Palestinians

■ **Oct:** Nasrallah's presumed successor, **Hashem Safieddine**, killed in Israeli strike. Qassem named leader on Oct 29