

Syrian connection:

Regular meetings between **Hezbollah** leader Nasrallah, **Hamas** leader **Khaled Mashal**, and Iranian and Syrian intelligence officers. Damascus has also provided long-range mortars and is a trans-shipment point for Iranian weapons



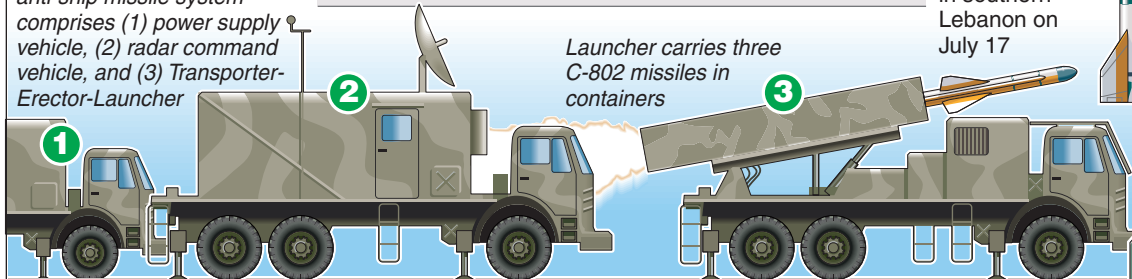
Military strength:

Hezbollah has between 500-1,200 full time fighters, with up to 6,000 "reserves". Some fighters have received expert training in Iran and possibly Syria

Financial aid: Iran provides Hezbollah with cash, goods and military services worth some \$25-50 million a year.

Nasrallah hints that Iran will pay for rebuilding Lebanon

C-802: Radar-guided anti-ship missile system comprises (1) power supply vehicle, (2) radar command vehicle, and (3) Transporter-Erector-Launcher



Hezbollah's weapons



Hezbollah and its secretary-general, **Sayed Hassan Nasrallah**, are seen as heroes by many in the Arab and Muslim world for ending the 22-year Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon in May 2000. To Israel, the U.S. and other elements in the West, they are terrorists fighting at the behest of their backers – Iran and Syria

Iranian weapons: **Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)** has supplied some 10,000 short-range **Katyusha**-type rockets and launchers. Israel says 50% of Hezbollah's arsenal has been destroyed in air strikes but that still leaves sufficient weapons to keep up current level of attacks for 16 weeks.

Up to 120 sophisticated surface-to-surface missiles, one of which, **Zelzal**, is capable of reaching Tel Aviv and beyond; plus **C-802** radar-guided anti-ship missiles. Some of these complex systems require IRGC help to deploy. **Israel believes 100 IRGC soldiers are in Lebanon**

Improvised Explosive

Devices: Iran is suspected of helping Hezbollah develop IEDs that did much to drive Israel out of southern Lebanon in 2000 – using virtually same technology employed by al-Qaeda in Iraq



UAVs:

Hezbollah has also received Iranian **Mohajer** unmanned aerial surveillance vehicles. Hezbollah first flew UAVs over northern Israel in 2004. **One flight reached Nahariya**

C-802

Range: 120km
Payload: 165kg

Zelzal

Range: 200km
Payload: 550kg

Israeli aircraft destroyed Zelzal missile in southern Lebanon on July 17

