Hezbollah is an Iranian-backed, Lebanon-based terrorist network with global reach that poses a direct threat to American interests at home and abroad. The group has killed more Americans than any other terrorist group except al-Qaida and has carried out numerous attacks against Israelis. It continues to call for violence against the United States and Israel, posing an imminent threat to the Jewish state.

**CREATION OF HEZBOLLAH**

Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) founds Hezbollah (“Party of God”), with doctrine inspired by the radical ideology of Iran’s first Supreme Leader and head of the Islamic Revolution of 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

**WESTERN KIDNAPPING SPREE**

Hezbollah kidnaps dozens of western Europeans and Americans. Some hostages are executed, including Beirut CIA station chief William Francis Buckley.

**SUICIDE ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICANS IN BEIRUT**

In the wake of U.S. intervention in the Lebanese Civil War, Hezbollah conducts two devastating suicide bombings against Americans in Beirut: an attack on the U.S. Embassy kills 63 (including 17 Americans) and an attack on the U.S. Marine barracks kills 241 U.S. service members.

**CALLS FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICA & ISRAEL**

Hezbollah publishes its founding manifesto, calling for violence against America and the eradication of Israel. Excerpts include: “Our struggle will end only when this entity [Israel] is obliterated,” and “We combat abomination and we shall tear out its very roots, its primary roots, which are the United States.”

**HIJACKING OF TWA FLIGHT 847**

Seeking to impel the release of prisoners, Hezbollah hijacks an American-flagged commercial airplane as it flies out of Athens with 139 passengers and eight crew. After singling out Americans, a U.S. sailor is brutally murdered and 39 American passengers are held hostage for 17 days.
**SUICIDE ATTACKS IN ARGENTINA**
With the help of Iranian intelligence, Hezbollah conducts two suicide bombings in Buenos Aires: a 1992 attack on the Israeli Embassy kills 29 (including four Israelis) and a 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center kills 85.

**DESIGNATED A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION**
The United States formally designates Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, later joined by the Arab League, Canada, France, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Netherlands.

**TRUCK BOMBING IN SAUDI ARABIA**
With direct Iranian support, Hezbollah attacks U.S. military forces housed in Saudi Arabia’s Khobar Towers, killing 19 U.S. airmen and a local Saudi national.

**KIDNAPPING OF ISRAELI SOLDIERS**
Hezbollah captures and kills three Israeli soldiers patrolling Israeli territory near the Israel-Lebanon border, spurring months of cross-border fire exchanges.

**PROVOKING THE SECOND LEBANON WAR**
In a cross-border raid, Hezbollah attacks an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) patrol, killing three soldiers and kidnapping two. These actions provoke the Second Lebanon War, during which Hezbollah kills 119 IDF soldiers and 44 Israeli civilians.

**HEZBOLLAH MEMBERS INDICTED**
The United Nations Special Tribunal for Lebanon indicts four Hezbollah members for the 2005 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Al-Hariri.

**SUICIDE BOMBING IN BULGARIA**
With Iranian support, Hezbollah attacks a tour bus carrying 42 Israelis in Burgas, Bulgaria, killing five Israelis and the Bulgarian bus driver.

**HEZBOLLAH JOINS SYRIAN CIVIL WAR**
Hezbollah deploys 6,000-8,000 troops to Syria to fight alongside the IRGC Quds Force in support of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad.

“*The elimination of Israel is not only a Palestinian interest. It is the interest of the entire Muslim world and the entire Arab world.*”
– Hassan Nasrallah, 2013

“As long as there is money in Iran, we will have money.”
– Hassan Nasrallah, 2016

“In the next war, there will be no red lines.”
– Hassan Nasrallah, 2016

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