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## Hezbollah ‘poised to attack Israel even if Iran backs out’

US officials say terror group, which fired 50 rockets at Israel last week, wants revenge for assassination

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Hezbollah is poised to attack Israel even if Iran chooses to avoid direct retaliation for the killings of Ismail Haniyeh and Fuad Shukur, US officials say.

The terrorist group, based in Lebanon and backed by Iran, is said to desire further revenge for Israel’s assassination of Shukur, its number two, and could strike without warning.

Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah, feels compelled to avenge the death of his close adviser, said **Sima Shine**. **Mr Shine is a former officer in Mossad, the Israeli security agency, and the head of the Iran program at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv.**

Hezbollah is “more committed” to attack, Mrs. Shine said, as “Nasrallah personally feels obliged to his friend and colleague for so many years”.

[...]

“They want our blood and their honour back,” said **Assaf Orion**, a retired Israeli brigadier general and a fellow of the The Washington Institute, of the likely response to the killings.

“By desert rules, if you can’t protect your guests, you’re good game.”

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