

Days of Storm: Israel's killing of Hassan Nasrallah changes the entire Middle East

Iran shocked the decline of its "axis of resistance" built up for decades – and Israel is celebrating a significant victory. Lebanon, on the other hand, stands dark hours ago. But the Hizbullah is not defeated.

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For hours, recovery teams had been looking for among the huge debris in the Beirut Shiite suburb of Dahiye. On Sunday afternoon it was time. The body of Hassan Nasrallah was recovered, reported Lebanese media. He was miraculously identifiable – despite the prime power of the Israeli bombs that had shattered his command bunker.

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Iran must now re-evaluate its entire position in the Middle East, says **Eldad Shavit from the Tel Aviv think tank Institute for National Security Studies** in talks. " Hamas is very weak, but not yet destroyed, and the Hezbollah will be a much weaker organization." Although the Houthi and the pro-Iranian militias in Iraq could shoot Israel with isolated missiles, Iran's strategic position would not significantly change.

The current situation is comparable to Israel's overwhelming victory in the 1967 Six-Day War, believes Iran expert **Shavit**. "In my entire career in the Israeli security apparatus, I was convinced that the Hizbullah is our strongest and most dangerous enemy – and now we see the collapse of this organization in just a few days." Whether Israel now wants to completely destroy the Shiite militia and sends ground troops to southern Lebanon, remains unclear until now.

For days, Israeli politicians and military politicians have been stressing their willingness to take this step. "It will be very difficult to destroy the short-range missiles near the northern border without ground operation," says **Shavit**. But in the near future there should be a political solution to which the weapons would be withdrawn from the border region, Israel could live by not sending soldiers to Lebanon.

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