

Divided opinions in the aftermath of Nasrallah's death

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The death of Iran-backed group Hezbollah's Chief Hassan Nasrallah might lead to positive changes in the region's security if things are taken care of the right way, retired Brigadier General and former deputy director of Israel's military intelligence service Dr. **Meir Elran** told Al Arabiya News.

"(..) I think we have the momentum right here; we have to continue our operations to dismantle Hezbollah as much as possible. If that really happens, if we approach it at this dramatic point of dismantling... I think it will be very important for Lebanon, I think it will be very important for Israel... Once this happens, I think that Israel and Lebanon could start working together with our friends in the region, the international community headed by the United States and the European countries to restructure the entire geostrategic structure of the Middle East," he said [during an interview](#) with Tom Burges Watson on a special edition of W News after the assassination of the Hezbollah leader.

Elran added that despite the challenges such an undertaking would be feasible.

"I think it is possible, I think it is desired, and I think we will have to work together. It will not be easy, but we have to work together," he said.

Tracy Chamoun, former ambassador of Lebanon to Jordan and former presidential candidate, voiced concerns on the same show not sharing Elran's optimism, warning that the situation could potentially escalate and draw in foreign powers from all sides.

"Hassan Nasrallah is Netanyahu's Rubicon. And now he's crossed it. For years been he's crying wolf to Iran and now he's brought the wolf to his doorstep... He's literally brought Iran to Israel's border whereas before the Iranian attacks were remote, far away and not very successful. We're now at risk of becoming another Syria."

Chamoun added that the death of Nasrallah would not break the spirit of the organization but rather fuel the anger of its members saying that they would regroup and be even more defiant.

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