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Has Hezbollah Been Weakened by Israel's Recent Attacks?

Despite losing leaders and weapons stockpiles, the militant group remains resilient, experts say.

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Assassinations of top leaders. Intense attacks on infrastructure and weapons supplies. A ground incursion. These moves by Israel have degraded Hezbollah's capabilities in Lebanon, but so far have failed to block a steady stream of retaliatory strikes.

Hezbollah, which began attacking Israel more than a year ago in solidarity with Hamas in Gaza, remains resilient, experts say.

[...]

Israel also faces significant obstacles. An assessment of the ground operations in Lebanon in a [policy paper](#) for Tel Aviv University's **Institute for National Security Studies** last week noted that "ground forces face numerous constraints," with soldiers and reservists "weary after a year of continuous war" in Gaza and "shortages of ammunition and spare parts."

The shortages are partly because of limits on arms transfers to Israel that "could become worse if Israel loses its current legitimacy for its actions in Lebanon," the paper warned. The paper was written by Brig. Gen. **Guy Hazut**, an author of books on military affairs, and **Ofer Shelah**, the director of the **Israel National Security Policy research** program at the institute and a former member of Israel's Parliament, the Knesset.

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