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The traps and small print of the ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon

Since the early hours of the implementation of the agreement, loose ends have been seen threatening to dynamize the tense calm that prevails in Lebanon

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The first 24 hours of the ceasefire in Lebanon have passed without barely any incident. On Wednesday morning, **Israel** reportedly reported that several **Hezbollah** militiamen entered the village of **Kfar Kila** in the town of **Metula** and opened fire on them. Beyond that, much of the Lebanese, over all the displaced, about 1.2 million, have welcomed the news with joy, but also cautiously. Early yesterday morning, hundreds of cars headed south from the capital, **Beirut**.

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Raz Zimmt, a leading expert on Iran at the Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), is blunt from the beginning and confesses that neither the Lebanese Government nor the Army will be able to contain the Lebanese Shia militia if it decides to become strong again in the south of the cedar country and, in that case, recalls that **Israel** will act on its own.

Hezbollah will try to redeploy in the south, **Zimmt** assumes, although he assures that after the intense Israeli offensive since last September that began with the explosion of thousands of searchers and *walkie talkies* of militiamen of the Party of God, he continued an intense bombing campaign and ended the ground invasion of southern Lebanon, **Israel** has managed to get the militia's capabilities to go back 20 years. The brutal blows that **Hezbollah** has received in recent months, according to **Sima Shine**, a former Mosad analyst and current director of the research program on Iran and the Shiite Axis at INSS, are the ones that have caused the militia to accept the ceasefire and thus disband the Lebanese front from the **Gaza Strip**. "It is not just about the military point of view, but also the feeling that exists among the Lebanese, who do not understand this war against Israel," **Shine** points out.

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