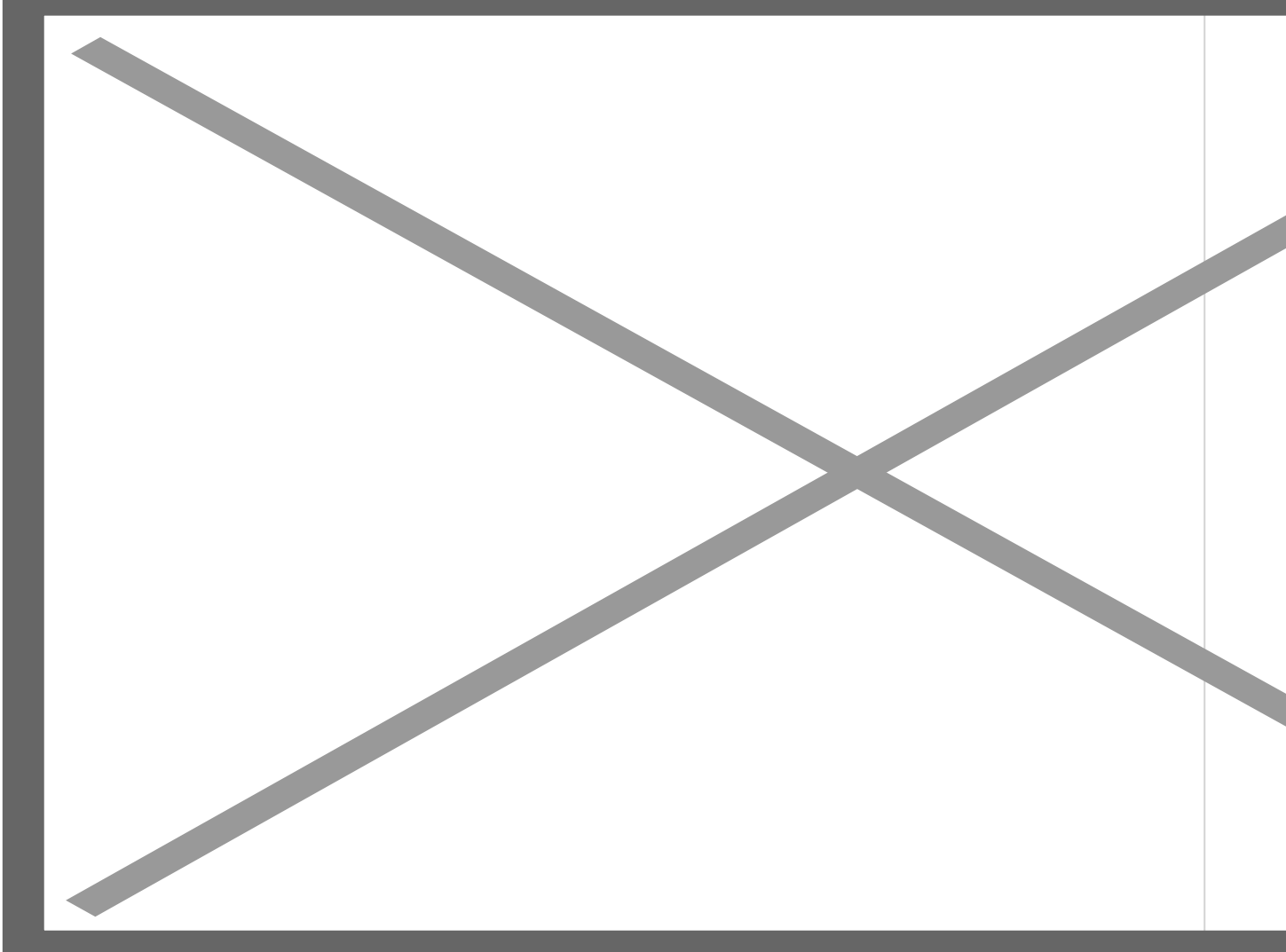


Hezbollah hits Rafael arms facility in initial response to Israel's terror attack

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First responders and Israeli forces gather amid debris and charred vehicles in Kiryat Bialik in the

Haifa district of Israel, following a strike by Lebanon's Hezbollah resistance movement on September 22, 2024. (Photo by AFP)

Haifa, September 22 (RHC)-- The Hezbollah resistance movement has targeted the Rafael weapons manufacturing facility in Haifa in an "initial response" to Israel's recent mass terrorist attack in Lebanon.

In a statement released on Sunday, Hezbollah said that it had bombed the military industry complexes of the Rafael company, located in the Zevulun area north of Haifa, with dozens of Fadi 1, Fadi 2, and Katyusha rockets.

The group noted that its operation was a show of support for the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and their resistance, adding that it was also an "initial response to the brutal massacre committed by the Israeli enemy in various Lebanese regions" by the explosion of telecommunication devices.

Thousands of booby-trapped pagers and walkie-talkie radios belonging to Hezbollah members detonated across Lebanon in simultaneous blasts on Tuesday and Wednesday, killing 42 people and wounding almost 3,500 others.

A preliminary investigation by the Lebanese authorities has found the devices were implanted with explosives before arriving in the Arab country and that they were detonated via electronic messages. U.S. media reports said the mass terrorist attack was a joint effort between the Israeli military and the Mossad spy agency.

Hezbollah has vowed to retaliate against the occupying regime, which is also waging a genocidal war on the besieged Gaza Strip.

The Rafael company targeted in Hezbollah's Sunday operation is one of the three biggest Israeli arms manufacturers and is owned by the regime. It produces systems for armored vehicles, Iron Dome David's Sling missile systems, and various kinds of cruise and guided missiles.

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