

Hezbollah targets Israeli troops, settlements; 12 Israeli soldiers killed

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Photo shows Hezbollah rockets being fired into Israeli-occupied territories from southern

Lebanon, on August 6, 2024. (Photo by Lebanon's al-Manar television network)

Beirut, October 12 (RHC)-- The Lebanese resistance movement Hezbollah has carried out fresh retaliatory operations against Israel, targeting several military positions of the regime. The Israeli army confirmed on Friday that during its ground offensive in Southern Lebanon, over a dozen soldiers were killed.

Hezbollah said in separate statements issued on Friday that it targeted Israeli troop gatherings at several different locations in the north of the occupied territories with missiles and artillery shells. "The Islamic Resistance's missile and air forces continue to target military bases and settlements deep within northern occupied Palestine, with increasing intensity each day," a Hezbollah statement said.

"All of these military operations by the Islamic Resistance have been carried out with high-level, comprehensive, and real-time coordination between the leadership of the resistance and the operations room, extending to the fighters stationed on the front lines," it stated.

Also, the group said it has foiled several Israeli attempts to infiltrate Lebanese territory. "It is noteworthy that the Israeli enemy army, after days of announcing what it called a ground maneuver in southern Lebanon, has not been able to display its tanks and military vehicles on the Lebanese side for fear of them being targeted, instead positioning them in concealed locations," the Hezbollah statement said.

"The Israeli enemy has, up to the time of this statement, failed to gain control over any of the strategic hills it is attempting to reach, settling for reaching some houses on the outskirts of a few border villages merely to take photos and organize media visits," it stated.

"The Israeli enemy army uses the homes of settlers in some settlements in northern occupied Palestine as gathering points for its officers and soldiers, and its military bases that manage the aggression against Lebanon are located within settlement neighborhoods in major cities such as Haifa, Tiberias, Acre, and others," it said.

"These homes and military bases are targets for the Islamic Resistance's missile and air forces. We, therefore, warn settlers to avoid these military gatherings for their safety until further notice," Hezbollah said.

Hezbollah official says the movement's recent retaliatory strikes against major cities in the northern part of the occupied Palestinian territories are "just the beginning." Earlier, Hezbollah announced strikes against occupied Golan Heights, Haifa and Kiryat Shmona. It said the attacks were in response to Israeli strikes against Lebanese towns, villages and civilians as well as in support of Palestinians in Gaza and their resistance.

Lebanon's Health Ministry said that more than 2,141 people have been killed and 10,099 injured in Israel's attack on Lebanon, including dozens of children and scores of women, since October 2023.

Hundreds of thousands of civilians have fled their homes in Beirut to escape the Israeli air raids.

Lebanese health officials have denounced Israel for indiscriminately attacking emergency rescuers and civilians.

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