

Explosion of Middle East - Only “One Strike Away”

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Close to the border with Lebanon, the town of [Kiryat Shmona](#) with 22,000 inhabitants has been attacked by rockets, and the town of Shlomi with 6-7,000 inhabitants plus more than 20 other settlements have been evacuated. Fire is constantly traded. Pressure between Israel and Hezbollah is increasing incrementally every day.

After Hezbollah's very big and successful air attack on an Israeli army base in northern Israel yesterday (20 Nov 2023), voices are getting louder in Israel to start a war in Lebanon:

“This is the first time in my life that I don't feel safe in my home,” said Rothem-Nechushtan, 54 years old, who remained at her family's bed-and-breakfast near the Lebanon border throughout Israel's 34-day war with Hezbollah in 2006, even after a rocket injured one of her neighbors.

Many Israelis who live near the border say their military can't end the fighting without assuring them that Hezbollah can't do to them what Hamas did to Israelis in the south.

Israeli military officials have amplified the pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to deliver a decisive blow.

...military officials say Israel is one deadly Hezbollah strike away from a new war in Lebanon.

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Hezbollah has skillfully put Israel in a logjam.

Never before has Israel accepted attacks on its northern parts without resorting to a big retaliation into Lebanon. This time around, due to the tense situation in the whole Region, the attacks on northern Israel are not big enough to immediately start a war. But Hezbollah

creates a relentless political pressure on Israel with these attacks.

Due to Israel's [terror doctrine called Dahiya](#), there will be huge civilian Lebanese casualties once Israel starts terror-bombing whole neighborhoods of Beirut, like Israel did with the Dahiya neighborhood in Beirut in 2006. Hezbollah and Iran will deeply prefer, that if a war erupts between Hezbollah and Israel, that Israel will appear as the attacker and aggressor. In the same vein, Iran will also prefer, that if a big Regional war ignites, it will be Israel starting it.

And Israel is on the verge of anytime giving Hezbollah and Iran what they want.

Neither Israel nor the USA can handle a big Regional war in the Middle East. If Israel is idiotic to start one, it will destroy Israel.

Netanyahu, as I wrote two days ago (19 Nov, see below), looks like on a path to Victory – but the bridge Netanyahu walks on is getting closer to a break down anytime.

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