

## Hezbollah in South America: Mike Pompeo's Big Lie

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It's late 2002, early 2003 again. This time, instead of the evil (<u>former CIA asset</u>) Saddam Hussein posing a dire threat to America, it's Iran and Hezbollah stationed in Venezuela.

Throw in the perennial enemy of a post-colonial Caribbean, Castro's Cuba, and we have the makings for yet another military intervention on our hands, according to Sec. State Pompeo.

Let's talk about the important remarks made recently by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, saying how (<u>#Iran</u>-backed) Hezbollah has an active role in <u>#Venezuela</u>, as part of a "cocaine corridor." <u>pic.twitter.com/b05l4GwDwb</u>

— RezaGhebresi (@RGhebresi) February 8, 2019

There is little evidence of any hanky panky vis-à-vis Hezbollah in Venezuela. If there is indeed a Hezbollah presence in Caracas or anywhere else in South America, this would be quite natural given the practice of international diplomacy. Hezbollah is part of the Lebanese government and representative of Shia Muslims in Lebanon. Like hundreds of other political parties and governments, it has a military or paramilitary component.

But that's not what we see in the West. Instead, for us—thanks to decades of propaganda, both American and Israeli—Hezbollah is a ruthless terrorist group on par with ISIS and directed by venal mullahs in Iran.

Fact is, if Israel had not invaded and occupied Southern Lebanon, Hezbollah probably wouldn't exist. It came together as a resistance group against and illegal a brutal occupation. If not for Hezbollah, the IDF would have rolled right over the south of Lebanon in 2006. The all-powerful IDF lost that conflict, and it will lose the next one.

Pompeo's claim America is at risk due Hezbollah's presence or lack thereof has a familiar ring. It's the same load of neocon manure dumped on the American people back in 2003. Americans were still reeling from the 9/11 attacks and this gave the neocons the opportunity to flatten Iraq.

Few corporate mockingbirds will tell you Pompeo is a liar and there will not be Hezbollah pickup trucks crossing the Rio Grande (a sort of feed-loop on Reagan's Sandinista caravan reaching America to kill Americans and impose a godless communism on the survivors).

Pompeo and his clueless boss—captivated by his son-in-law and the Israelis—are pulling a redux, this time with Iran and the added misadventure of Venezuela thrown in for good (neoliberal) measure.

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