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Israeli military forces in southern Lebanon in July 2006 **Israel has threatened to wage another war against Lebanon if Hezbollah retaliates for the killing of its commander, Imad Mughniyah.**

Israel's Channel 10 News said the regime has sent a letter to Hezbollah, threatening to launch a massive attack on Lebanon.

It said Israeli military forces were put on high alert "inside and outside Israel" amid concerns about possible attacks by Hezbollah at the end of the 40-day mourning period for Mughniyah, who was assassinated by a car bombing in Damascus Feb. 12.

Israeli war minister Ehud Barak has also declared that the regime was ready "on all fronts."

Israel fought a 33-day war against Hezbollah in summer 2006 to destroy the military power of the resistance group, but a recently published Winograd report revealed that the conflict brought a humiliating defeat for the regime.

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