

Lebanon's Hezbollah: If Iran and Syria are attacked, War will spread to the entire Region

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The Secretary General of the Shi' ite armed group Hezbollah warned the United States on Friday that any attack against the party's allies Iran and Syria would spread to the entire region.

"The U.S. should understand that a war against Iran and Syria will not remain in the Iranian and Syrian territories, but it will engulf the whole region...," Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised speech to mark Hezbollah's martyr's day.

The Hezbollah leader said that the United States was currently attempting to compensate for losses in the region as a result of the unrest in Egypt and Tunisia and the imminent withdrawal of its troops from Iraq.

"These changes in the region are not in the interests of the United States, and as a result, the resistance is gaining momentum, " he said.

Israel and Western powers have called for further sanctions on Iran following a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, suggesting the Islamic Republic was working on designing an atomic bomb under the cover of a peaceful energy program.

"The United States wants to subjugate Iran and force it to have direct negotiations with it, and wants to subjugate Syria to accept what it has never accepted in the past," Nasrallah said.

Meanwhile, Nasrallah said that Lebanon has become stronger and more capable of thwarting Israeli attacks given his party's capability.

"It is unlikely that Israel would wage war against us ... Lebanon is in a position where it can turn the tables on those who attack," he said.

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