



## HEZBOLLAH: MURDERING AMERICANS

Until September 11, 2001, Hezbollah was responsible for the deaths of more Americans than any other terrorist group. In the years since, Hezbollah continue to ramp up its global terror efforts. Like its patron Iran, Hezbollah ranks Israel and the United States as its foremost enemies. Hezbollah's updated manifesto, released in 2009, calls for "resistance" (a euphemism for violence) as the only option against the US and identifies Israel as an "eternal threat" to Lebanon. A timeline of significant Hezbollah terror activities paints a picture of a terrorist-army with global reach and aspirations:

### **April 18, 1983**

For the first time, Hezbollah targets Americans in an attack at the US embassy in Beirut. A truck full of explosives drives into the embassy, exploding and killing 63 while wounding 120.

### **October 23, 1983**

A bombing via suicide driver explodes at US Marine barracks in Beirut, killing 241 US servicemen. At the same time, a suicide bomber also drives a truck full of explosives into another building, killing 58 French soldiers.

### **April 12, 1984**

A bombing at a restaurant near the US Air Force base in Torrejon, Spain kills 18 US servicemen and injures 83.

### **September 20, 1984**

A suicide driver sets off a bomb in the US embassy in Beirut, killing 24 and wounding dozens more. Hezbollah came forward and claimed responsibility for the attack under the cover name of the Islamic Jihad Organization.

**February 17, 1988**

U.S. Marine Col. William Higgins, serving with UN forces in Lebanon, is kidnapped and murdered. A splinter group aligned with Hezbollah called “Believers’ Resistance” carries out the operation.

**June 26, 1996**

A truck bombing of the US section at Khobar Towers housing complex in Saudi Arabia kills 19 American Air Force personnel and injures 372 others. Hezbollah and Iran are later found by an American court to have been responsible for the attack.

**January 20, 2007**

A Hezbollah operative, Ali Musa Daqduq, is suspected be the mastermind of an attack in Baghdad in which five Americans are killed.

**September 19, 2019**

Alexei Saab is accused and indicted for scouting out targets for attacks on behalf of Hezbollah in New York, Boston, and Washington, DC.

**December 2019**

A US civilian contractor is killed when a rocket attack hits an Iraqi military base. The US accuses the Kataib Hezbollah, an Iraqi Shiite militia backed by Iran.



***1996: Bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia***

**January 2019**

After a US drone strike kills General Qassem Soleimani, commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Quds Force which is responsible for thousands of American deaths, and a Kataib Hezbollah leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, Hezbollah vows revenge.



***General Qassem Soleimani, former IRGC commander responsible  
for thousands of American deaths***

Despite Hezbollah's track record and demonstrable infiltration into every facet of Lebanon, the US still gives aid to the Lebanese Armed Forces which regularly colludes with Hezbollah. To learn more about this, please read CUFI's primer, "US Aid to the Lebanese Armed Forces."