



RADWAN UNITS

- Though the organization has thousands of terrorists, Hezbollah's Radwan Forces are by far the most bloodthirsty of the bunch.

RADWAN FORCE

- Formed in 2006 as an intervention force, it was renamed in 2008 to carry the name of Hezbollah commander Imad Mughniyeh, who was assassinated in 2008, known as Hajj Radwan. Mughniyeh fought under the nom de guerre "Radwan," the angel's name that guards heaven according to Islamic belief.
- Created as a tip of the spear force to launch attacks. Israeli officials believe that it would be Radwan units leading any Hezbollah offensive on Israeli territory.
- Members of the Radwan units undergo rigorous training and are selected for their skill, loyalty, and dedication to Hezbollah and its murderous ideology. They will go through Hezbollah's most intense training program training in guerrilla tactics, urban combat, and counter-intelligence. Radwan units train in the use of advanced weaponry and military technology.

It is reported that Radwan units have reported an independent chain of command and their own brigades and battalions, which is highly significant and points to Hezbollah developing a level of military sophistication rarely associated with terrorist organizations.

RADWAN UNITS AT WAR

- The Radwan force has become battle-hardened in recent years, gaining prominence in the war against the Islamic State, wresting territory from the group in Lebanon and Syria.

Radwan fighters played an active part in the brutal suppression of opponents of Iranian ally Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.
- Radwan units have multiple outposts on the Israel-Lebanon border, conducting reconnaissance missions, ambushes, and direct engagements with Israeli forces.



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THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED IN 2024:

- "Many Radwan fighters are battle-hardened. Most of them fought in Syria," according to the official close to the group, who spoke anonymously to discuss the sensitive subject. "They fought in hard conditions: desert, mountains, snow," he said. As a result, "their training is of a higher [caliber]; their expertise is better."

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

- The Radwan Forces add a new dimension to Hezbollah's ability to launch attacks on Israel and represent a significant security threat. Their operations in Syria have further enhanced the unit's preparedness and battle readiness and have been utilized as recruitment propaganda.

In any war with Israel, it is likely the Radwan Force's focus will be on an attack similar in nature, equal in barbarity and exponentially larger than the 10/7 Massacre.

In 2022, talking to Israeli media, Lt. Col. Shlomi, referring to the Radwan units, stated:

"They have tools that they did not have in 2006, chief among them a plan and the ability to attack in our territory."