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IDF Airstrike Eliminates Wanted Terrorist and Other Hezbollah Leaders

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) [announced wanted terrorist and Hezbollah Radwan](#) unit commander Ibrahim Aqil and other Radwan commanders were eliminated in a precision strike earlier today in Beirut, Lebanon. IDF spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari noted that Israeli Air Force fighter jets carried out the strike, [stating on X](#):



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With the precise intelligence direction of the Intelligence Division, Air Force fighter jets targeted the Beirut area and killed Ibrahim Aqil, the head of the Hezbollah terrorist organization's operations team, the acting commander of the Radwan unit and the commander of the "Plan for the Conquest of the Galilee". In the attack, together with Aqil, the top operatives and the chain of command of the Radwan unit were eliminated.

"At the time of the strike, Aqil and the commanders of the Radwan Forces, were gathered underground under a residential building in the heart of the Dahiyah neighborhood, hiding among Lebanese civilians, using them as human shields."

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Hagari said Aqil's terrorist activity started in the 1980s, and noted he was involved in the 1983 U.S. embassy bombing in Beirut that killed 63 people:

Aqil began his career in Hezbollah in the 1980s in the Islamic Jihad mechanism, which is responsible for Hezbollah attacks outside of Lebanon, and took part in many attacks carried out in various countries against innocent international bodies and citizens.... In addition, he served as the commander of the Radwan unit, Hezbollah's elite force, whose goal was to occupy the settlements of the Israeli Galilee and kill innocent soldiers and civilians.... Aqil promoted the attack on the United States embassy in Beirut in 1983. In addition, he was considered wanted by the United States, which offered a financial sum of millions of dollars to those who would bring information that could lead to his failure.



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