

No, Israel's Strikes in Lebanon Did Not Kill the Iran Deal

THE LIE

Israel is sabotaging a U.S.-Iran deal by striking Hezbollah in Lebanon during a ceasefire.

THE TRUTH

Hezbollah violated the ceasefire, Lebanon is currently not a condition of the Iran deal, and the Trump administration is supportive of Israel's strikes.

BACKGROUND

- On May 25, 2026, Israel announced renewed strikes against Hezbollah in direct response to a string of ceasefire violations by the terror group, including attacks on Israeli civilians. ([Times of Israel](#))
- The next day, Muslim pro-Palestinian activist Cenk Uygur declared that Israel had "killed another peace deal" that was supposedly "95% done." The claim was echoed by other anti-Israel commentators. ([Cenk Uygur](#))

TRUTH EXPLAINED

- **Hezbollah violated the ceasefire first.** Israel's May 25 strikes came only after multiple Hezbollah drone attacks, including one that hit a home in Metula, another that struck a school bus stop in Shomera, and a suicide drone attack that killed an Israeli soldier. Responding to attacks on civilians and soldiers is self-defense, not sabotage. ([Times of Israel](#))
- **Hezbollah is Iran's proxy.** Hezbollah is funded, armed, and directed by Iran. If ceasefire violations occurred during sensitive negotiations, responsibility begins with the Iranian-backed group that initiated the attacks. If anyone endangered the deal, it was the side that started shooting.
- **The Iran deal argument gets the facts backward.** Lebanon is not currently a condition of the proposed U.S.-Iran agreement. According to Iranian reports, the deal would require Iran and its allies to refrain from attacks. Hezbollah's drone strikes against Israeli civilians and soldiers constitute a violation originating from Iran's side. ([Reuters](#))
- **The Trump administration supports Israel's response.** President Trump reaffirmed Israel's right to defend itself, senior U.S. officials signaled support for stronger action against Hezbollah, and Secretary of State Marco Rubio blamed Hezbollah's violence—not Israel—for destabilizing the region. ([JNS](#)), ([Secretary Marco Rubio](#)), ([X](#))
- **Even the Lebanese government blames Hezbollah.** Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem has called for the overthrow of Lebanon's government, while President Joseph Aoun has called for Hezbollah's disarmament and blamed the group for dragging Lebanon into conflict by using Lebanese territory to attack Israel.
- **Israeli strikes are crucial to protect Lebanon's Christian-led government.** Hezbollah leader Naim Qassem has called for the overthrow of Lebanon's government, which is led by President Joseph Aoun, a Maronite Christian. If Hezbollah succeeds in toppling the government, Lebanon risks falling further under the control of a U.S.-designated terrorist organization backed by Iran. ([JNS](#)), ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- **U.S. strikes on Iran didn't kill the deal either.** On May 25, 2026, the United States carried out self-defense strikes against Iranian military assets. If direct American military action against Iran did not collapse negotiations, there is little basis for claiming that Israel's response to Hezbollah attacks did. ([Fox News](#))

QUOTES

"President Trump reiterated Israel's right to defend itself against threats on all fronts, including in Lebanon." – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

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"Israel always has a right to protect itself. Every country in the world does. And so if Hezbollah's going to launch its missiles at them, Israel has every right to respond to that or to prevent that from happening. That's always been understood. It's being understood during the ceasefire now in Lebanon and it will be understood beyond that. — Secretary of State Marco Rubio

TAKEAWAY

For people like Cenk Ugyur, there is only one possible reaction to world events. When Hezbollah shoots first, it's Israel's fault. When Hamas hides weapons in hospitals, it's Israel's fault. When Iran's proxy shatters a ceasefire mid-negotiation, it's Israel's fault. When the Lebanese president begs for help disarming a terrorist organization holding his country hostage, it's Israel's fault. When the United States strikes Iran directly and the deal survives, it's still Israel's fault. When Israel's enemies act, it's a provocation Israel caused. When the U.S. backs Israel, that's proof Israel controls America.

Cenk Ugyur didn't spend thirty seconds wondering why Iran's proxy was firing drones at Israeli civilians during sensitive nuclear talks. That question doesn't exist in his world, because it would exonerate the Jewish state. Instead he went straight to the script — Israel is a terrorist state, Israel captured our government, Israel killed the deal. The same script he had yesterday, and the same one he'll have tomorrow.