

# HEZBOLLAH USES HUMAN SHIELDS AND CIVILIAN STRUCTURES FOR COVER AND OPERATES FROM CIVILIAN AREAS AND PRIVATE HOMES.

The tragedy in Qana is a direct result of this illegal and immoral tactic.



This map shows how the town of Qana was used to launch numerous rockets into Israeli cities.



This stillframe of Israeli Air Force aerial footage shows Hezbollah rockets fired from mobile launches in a densely populated area of Qana. Israel believed civilians had evacuated the area. Hezbollah, however, must have known women and children were nearby. Nonetheless, it still chose to fire rockets from their vicinity.



Israel dropped leaflets and repeatedly warned Lebanese civilians to evacuate villages (July 25):

Translation: To all citizens south of the Litani River

Due to the terror activities being carried out against the State of Israel from within your villages and homes, the IDF is forced to respond immediately against these activities, even within your villages. For your safety! We call upon you to evacuate your villages and move north of the Litani River."

-The State of Israel

*A Lebanese Shia explains how Hezbollah built military and weapons infrastructure in civilian areas after Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon.*

**I lived until 2002 in a small southern village near Mardshajun that is inhabited by a majority of Shias like me. After Israel left Lebanon, it did not take long for Hezbollah to have the say in our town and all other towns. Received as successful resistance fighters, they appeared armed to the teeth and dug rocket depots in bunkers in our town as well. The social work of the Party of God consisted in building a school and a residence over these bunkers! A local sheikh explained to me laughing that the Jews would lose in any event because the rockets would either be fired at them or if they attacked the rocket depots, they would be condemned by world opinion on account of the dead civilians. These people do not care about the Lebanese population, they use them as shields, and, once dead, as propaganda. As long as they continue existing there, there will be no tranquility and peace.**

*Dr. Mounir Herzallah, in a letter to the editor of the Berlin daily Der Tagesspiegel*

**"Consistently, from the Hezbollah heartland, my message was that Hezbollah must stop this cowardly blending ... among women and children. I heard they were proud because they lost very few fighters and that it was the civilians bearing the brunt of this. I don't think anyone should be proud of having many more children and women dead than armed men."**

-Jan Egeland, Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator U.N. humanitarian chief accuses Hezbollah of 'cowardly blending' among civilians, The Associated Press, July 25, 2006