# Israel, Hamas and Hezbollah

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## Why in news?

Following the recent drone attack on the Golan heights onIsrealLebanon border which killedatleast12,Isrealconducts a rocketstrike on Beirut, which it said killed the**Hezbollah commander(FouadShukur)**who was allegedly behindearlier strike, and at the same day**Hamas political chief(IsmailHaniyeh)**was killed in Iran capital Tehran.

Earlier onjuly20Isrealconducted a massive air strike in**Hodeidah**, the**Redsea**port city inYeman, controlled by **Houthimilitia**in response to a drone attack byhouthison TelAvivi

All these three incidentsconnectsIran as a common factor for the three groups.

?The incident raisesfears ofa broader conflagration in the region.

## About Hezbollah:

?Hezbollah is a Shia Islamist political party and militant group based in Lebanon

?It emerged in the 1980s as a response to the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon

?It is also designated as a terroristorganisationby several countries, including the United States and Israel.

**Blue Line**

?The**border between Israel and Lebanon**, known as the "**Blue Line**,"**was set by the United Nations in 2000**after Israel withdrew its military from southern Lebanon.

?It's**not an official international border**but**a demarcation line**.

Originally, it was the boundary established by Britain and France in the 1920s, between Lebanon, Syria and Palestine.

**Hamas**:

?Hamas is a Palestinian political armed group that was founded in **1987**. It's a militant group that emerged as a **resistance movement against Israeli occupation**.

?Hamas was created in 1987 as an **offshoot of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood** seeking to fulfill its agenda through violent jihad.

?It gained popularity as a resistance movement against Israeli occupation and **Fatah**.

?The United States has **designated Hamas a terror organization since 1997**. Many other countries, including Israel and most of Europe, see it the same way.
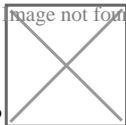
**About Golan Heights:**

?It is a rocky plateau in south-western Syria, about 60km (40 miles) south-west of Damascus (the capital of Syria).

?It's considered occupied territory under international law and UN Security Council resolutions.

?It covers an area of 1,000sqkm.

? It is bounded by the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee on the west, Mount Hermon on the north, the seasonal Wadi Al-Ruqqad River on the east, and the Yarmuk River on the south

?Israel seized the Golan Heights **from Syria** in the closing stages of the 1967 Six-Day War.