

John Bolton Rumored Israeli attack on Lebanon. Going After Hezbollah Donors?

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John Bolton sent out the following tweet yesterday ahead of the rumored Israeli attack on Lebanon this summer that will target civilians (according to Israeli Major General [Amir Eshel](#)).

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Today's [@StateDept](#) announcement that they will be offering up to \$10M for information on Hizballah's global financial networks is another example of how the U.S. is continuing to expand the scope and scale of our maximum pressure campaign against Iran and its proxies. <https://t.co/elHdOZqNOc>

— John Bolton (@AmbJohnBolton) [April 22, 2019](#)

Those able to “disrupt” Hezbollah finances may receive \$10 million “reward,” courtesy of the American taxpayer.

Lebanese Hizballah's Financial Network targeted by [@Rewards4Justice](#) [@StateDeptDSS](#) [#Hezbollah](#) <https://t.co/7waR9mYdKz>
pic.twitter.com/PLXhAOR2Kl

— Matthew Levitt (@Levitt_Matt) [April 22, 2019](#)

Hezbollah “is treated in an overly simplistic way by US officials, meaning the State Department sees no problem asking questions about donors and ties. It would be unthinkable, however, for them to make similar inquiries, offering large cash awards, for any other country's major political parties' donors,” writes [Jason Ditz](#).

Now that Iran has designated the US military as a terrorist organization in response to the US declaring Iran's Revolutionary Guards a terrorist group, it would be only fitting for the mullahs to offer a bounty for info on donors to the war party political class in the United States, in particular those calling for attacking Iran.

The Iranians might want to start with casino magnate Sheldon Adelson. In addition to donating millions to politicians who have sworn loyalty to Israel, Adelson famously called for nuking Iran.

Wash Post story on Adelson as Republican kingmaker leaves out his nuke-Iran agenda <http://t.co/hyBCqCsUxD> pic.twitter.com/OhYNejcEII

— Mondoweiss (@Mondoweiss) [March 26, 2014](#)

Imagine the response if Hassan Rouhani called for nuking the US (an impossibility, of course, as Iran does not have nukes, unlike the US and Israel).

Considering the history of Israel and its use of political assassination, it is more than likely the outing of Hezbollah donors will result in murder. Normally, any such assassination would be considered terrorism, but the propaganda media in the US doesn't report it that way.

Hezbollah's track record on terror is largely speculative. There is no evidence the group kidnapped the president of the American University in Beirut, Davis S. Dodge, or is there conclusive evidence it attacked the US embassy in Beirut or truck bombed a US military barracks in Lebanon. A number of other murders, bombings, and airplane hijackings have been attributed to Hezbollah, again with scant evidence. However, for the neocons, evidence is not required. Big Lies suffice.

History is, of course, left out of the equation. Hezbollah was formed after Israel invaded Lebanon (to steal its water) and began imprisoning and torturing Shi'a Muslims, most notoriously at the Khiam detention center (see this [Amnesty International report](#) on the torture and ill-treatment of detainees at the Khiam facility).

Hezbollah is now an integral component of the Lebanese government and removing it wholesale from politics will prove to be impossible short of killing just about every Shi'a in Lebanon.

I believe this is what Israeli Major General Amir Eshel was talking about when he said the innocent will pay for Hezbollah resistance to Israeli plans in Lebanon.

The Israelis seem to believe killing thousands of civilians will turn the population against Hezbollah. Instead, it will strengthen the resolve of the Lebanese people to resist Israeli invasion and occupation.

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