

## Rocket/Mortar



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## Israel & Lebanon Alert (UPDATE): IDF intercepts several rockets fired toward northern Israel's Shtula during night hours of April 23; highlights truce fragility

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### Current Situation:

- Following the activation of Color Red sirens in northern Israel's Shtula, along the Israel-Lebanon border during the night hours (local time of April 23), the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) updated that several rockets were launched from Lebanon toward the town.
- The IDF stated that all of the rockets were intercepted.
- Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the attack.

Source: [IDF](#) , [Hezbollah](#)

### Assessments & Forecast:

1. This comes amid the increasing [fragility](#) of the temporary ten-day Israel-Lebanon truce, with Hezbollah already claiming responsibility for several attacks in recent days in response to Israel's

- continued military operations within its held territories in Lebanon.
2. All of Hezbollah's attacks in the past two days, barring one, were within southern Lebanon and did not trigger Color Red sirens within Israeli territory. The current attack thus likely represents part of Hezbollah's escalatory trajectory, highlighting a decision by the Shiite militant group to exert more pressure on Israel and launch rockets against Israeli border communities.
  3. [As we previously assessed](#), Hezbollah's interest derives from its frustration with the truce terms, in which IDF forces continue to hold Lebanese territory and operate against Hezbollah militants and infrastructures in these areas, while Hezbollah was bound to cease all attacks.
  4. Furthermore, Hezbollah retains an interest in derailing peace talks between the Lebanese government and Israel. In this context, the current rocket fire coincides with a meeting between Israeli and Lebanese representatives in the White House, which will reportedly also entail the participation of US President Trump himself. Hezbollah's rocket fire was thus likely also symbolic in nature to oppose Israeli-Lebanese negotiations.
  5. **FORECAST:** Hezbollah is liable to launch additional rocket and UAV attacks against northern Israel, and the IDF is liable to respond, with emerging reports already suggesting that the Israel Air Force (IAF) targeted the rocket launchers. While Israel's response may be measured amid the formal meeting between state representatives and an accompanying US pressure to engage in meaningful talks, the escalatory trajectory between Israel and Hezbollah will continue, increasingly impacting northern Israel and southern Lebanon in the coming days.

## Recommendations:

1. Avoid all travel to the Israel-Lebanon border area.
2. In Lebanon, continue to refrain from traveling to the southern parts of the country, especially the IDF's previously designated evacuation zones south of the Zahrani River. Remain cognizant of the potential for renewed and escalating IDF action in these areas in the coming days.
3. In Israel, continue to adhere to all Home Front Command (HFC) guidelines and alerts, and remain cognizant of the potential for Hezbollah UAV and rocket fire to expand in geographic scope in the coming days.