

Danger on Israel's Northern Border

by [Hanin Ghaddar \(/experts/hanin-ghaddar\)](#)

Oct 27, 2023

Also published in *Moment*

ABOUT THE AUTHORS



[Hanin Ghaddar \(/experts/hanin-ghaddar\)](#)

Hanin Ghaddar is the Friedmann Senior Fellow at The Washington Institute's Rubin Family Arab Politics Program, where she focuses on Shia politics throughout the Levant.



Articles & Testimony

A former Lebanese journalist shares her experience growing up in Lebanon, her insights on Hezbollah, and her views on how associated threats might evolve amid the Gaza war.

The Washington Institute's Friedmann Senior Fellow talked with *Moment* magazine editor-in-chief Nadine Epstein on October 17. [Click the link at the bottom to read the full interview.](#)

NE: All of us are deeply concerned about the prospect that Israel will face a two-front war with Hezbollah on its northern border. But before we go into that, I'd like you to tell us a little bit about your background and why you had to flee the country where you were born.

HG: I've been here in the United States for seven years. Before that I was a journalist and the editor of *NOW Lebanon*, an online magazine based in Beirut. I covered Lebanon, but I really focused on Hezbollah, mainly because I grew up with this organization developing and growing around me. I'm from a Shia town called Al-Ghazieh in the south of Lebanon. I lived there until I moved to Beirut for college, for the American University of Beirut. Hezbollah became my experience. My writing was critical until Hezbollah started campaigns against me, culminating in a prison sentence from a military court because it's one of the institutions controlled by Hezbollah. The sentence was dropped because of U.S. pressure, but it's still dangerous for me to return. Hezbollah has been assassinating a lot of people since then. I don't feel safe going back...

[Read the full interview on the Moment website. \(https://momentmag.com/hezbollah-lebanon-failed-state/\)](https://momentmag.com/hezbollah-lebanon-failed-state/)



RECOMMENDED



BRIEF ANALYSIS

[Profile: The Sons of Jazeera and Euphrates Movement](#)

Oct 31, 2023

◆
Abdullah Hayek

[\(/policy-analysis/profile-sons-jazeera-and-euphrates-movement\)](#)



BRIEF ANALYSIS

[Israel's Campaign Against Hamas in Gaza: War Aims and Operational Challenges](#)

Oct 31, 2023

◆
Michael Eisenstadt

[\(/policy-analysis/israels-campaign-against-hamas-gaza-war-aims-and-operational-challenges\)](#)



BRIEF ANALYSIS

[Renewed Public Debate over Revising Morocco's Family Code](#)

Oct 31, 2023

◆
Soufiane Elgoumri

[\(/policy-analysis/renewed-public-debate-over-revising-moroccos-family-code\)](#)

TOPICS

[Arab & Islamic Politics \(/policy-analysis/arab-islamic-politics\)](#)

[Arab-Israeli Relations \(/policy-analysis/arab-israeli-relations\)](#)

REGIONS & COUNTRIES

Israel (/policy-analysis/israel)

Lebanon (/policy-analysis/lebanon)

Palestinians (/policy-analysis/palestinians)

Syria (/policy-analysis/syria)