

# How Hezbollah Uses Dreams to Inspire Jihad and Sanctify Martyrdom

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**The group's online media apparatus strategically wields dream accounts to serve the organizational goals of reinforcing a belief in martyrdom.**

**P**revious research has shown that Sunni jihadist groups regard dreams as revelatory devices and thus consider them a key source of inspiration for their followers. This article broadens the existing literature by demonstrating that a similar phenomenon holds true for a different category of jihadists: the Shia group Lebanese Hezbollah. Using evidence drawn from pro-Hezbollah websites, it examines the ways in which the group's online media apparatus strategically wields dream accounts to serve the organizational goals of reinforcing a belief in martyrdom...

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