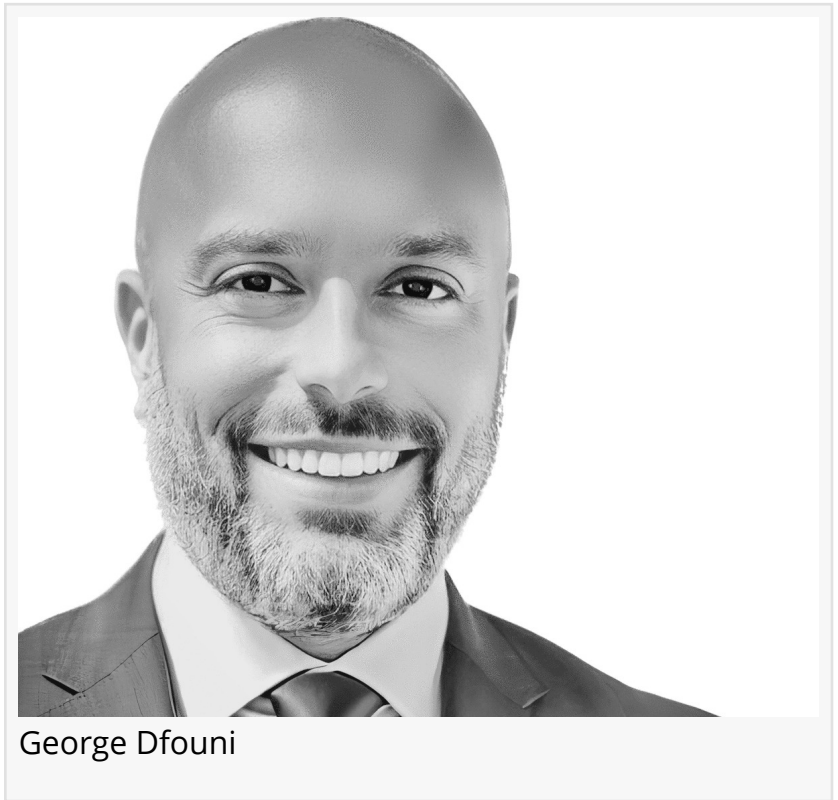


George Dfouni warns against Netanyahu's decision to wage a war on Lebanon

A war between Israel and Hezbollah could have a destabilizing effect on the entire region

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA, June 20, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Launching a war against Hezbollah is fraught with significant strategic, political, humanitarian, and economic risks for [Israel](#). While Hezbollah, a Lebanese militant group backed by Iran, poses a substantial threat to Israel's security, initiating a conflict with them could have dire consequences, exacerbating regional instability and undermining Israel's broader strategic goals. Here's an exploration of why a war on Hezbollah would be a perilous move for Israel. [George Dfouni](#) elaborates further.



One of the most immediate risks of a war against Hezbollah is the potential for widespread regional escalation. Hezbollah is not an isolated entity; it is a proxy for Iran, which has extensive influence across the Middle East. A direct conflict with Hezbollah could draw Iran into a more active and aggressive stance against Israel, potentially involving other Iranian allies such as Syria. This could turn a bilateral conflict into a regional war, dragging in various state and non-state actors and destabilizing an already volatile region.

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Any large-scale military operation would inevitably result in significant civilian casualties and a humanitarian crisis. This would not only cause immense human suffering but would also tarnish Israel's international reputation, a reputation that has already been questioned due to its war in

Gaza. The global community, particularly human rights organizations and Western allies, would likely condemn Israel for the loss of civilian life, leading to increased diplomatic isolation and potential sanctions.

War is an expensive endeavor, and the economic consequences for Israel could be severe. The cost of prolonged military engagement, coupled with potential damage to infrastructure from retaliatory strikes by Hezbollah, could strain Israel's economy. Additionally, the uncertainty and instability caused by war could deter foreign investment and negatively impact sectors such as tourism and technology, which are vital to Israel's economic health. The financial burden of reconstruction and recovery post-conflict would add further strain.

Israel's society is already under considerable stress from internal political divisions and social tensions. The population will continue to be increasingly critical of the government's decision to go to war, leading to political instability and potential changes in leadership under pressure.

Hezbollah is a formidable adversary with significant military capabilities, including a vast arsenal of rockets capable of reaching deep into Israeli territory. While Israel's military is highly advanced, the nature of asymmetric warfare makes it difficult to secure a decisive victory. A protracted and inconclusive conflict could erode the morale of Israeli forces and public support for the war effort.

Launching a war against Hezbollah would likely further strain Israel's relationships with key international allies, particularly the United States and European nations. While these countries acknowledge the threat posed by Hezbollah, they may view a unilateral military strike as destabilizing and counterproductive. Diplomatic fallout could result in reduced support in international forums, less military aid, and a general weakening of Israel's strategic position globally.

A war with Hezbollah would have devastating consequences for [Lebanon](#), a country already grappling with economic collapse and political instability. The destruction caused by war would further cripple Lebanon's infrastructure and economy, leading to a humanitarian catastrophe. This could inadvertently strengthen Hezbollah's position within Lebanon, as they might be seen as defenders against Israeli aggression, thereby undermining any efforts to weaken the group's influence through military means.

George Dfouni Concludes : "While the threat from Hezbollah is undeniable, launching a war against the group is fraught with significant dangers for Israel. The potential for regional escalation, severe humanitarian consequences, economic strain, internal social unrest, uncertain military outcomes, and diplomatic fallout all weigh heavily against such a course of action. Instead of opting for military confrontation, Israel would be better served by pursuing a combination of diplomatic, economic, and covert strategies to mitigate the threat from Hezbollah, thereby promoting long-term stability and security in the region. A war would result in a lose-lose situation for both Israel and Hezbollah."

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