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Nasrallah: Hezbollah will displace 'millions' in Israel if Lebanon attacked

After Israeli officials' warnings of civilian casualties, Hassan Nasrallah fires back.

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The head of Lebanon's powerful Shi'ite movement Hezbollah threatened on Friday that his group would displace "millions" in Israel if it attacks Lebanon.

Hassan Nasrallah made the threat in a televised address weeks after an Israeli army official threatened to target civilian areas in Lebanon in a future confrontation with Hezbollah, after Israeli defense minister Moshe Yaalon made similar statements at a conference in Jerusalem.

"If they threaten to displace 1.5 million Lebanese, then the Islamic resistance in Lebanon [Hezbollah] threatens to displace millions of Israelis," Nasrallah hit back. "We are not afraid of your war or of your threats."

"If you assume that we are busy in Syria, then you are wrong - because this changes nothing in how we deal with our enemy."

For more than two years, Hezbollah has been fighting in Syria on behalf of embattled President Bashar al-Assad.

Speaking to journalists on May 13, the Israeli army official said all villages in south Lebanon are a "military stronghold" where Hezbollah stockpiles rockets capable of hitting his country.

"Each (village) is a military stronghold. Next time we have a war with Hezbollah, we will have to attack each one of these targets, and we hope the population will not be there," he said.

Hezbollah fought a deadly month-long war with Israel in the summer of 2006 which killed more than 1,200 people in Lebanon, mostly civilians, and some 160 Israelis, most of them soldiers.