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These Are the Conditions for Israel to Emerge Victorious Against Hezbollah

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Israel should only go to war with Hezbollah after addressing current failures, stabilizing its leadership and improving its regional and international standing.

Despite recent achievements, such as the targeted assassination attempt against Hamas military leader Mohammed Deif, Israel continues to face strategic challenges, not only in Gaza but also in the North where over 60,000 residents remain evacuated, missiles are a daily occurrence, and the economy is shattered. To address the Hezbollah threat and secure Israel's northern border, it is crucial to understand both international and domestic decision-making contexts.

Analyzing lessons from the current war in Gaza is critical to achieving Israel's objectives in the north while minimizing time and costs.

In the international context, Israel's regional standing and military reputation are waning, accompanied by a worldwide surge in antisemitism and the Jewish state's increasing global isolation.

Meanwhile, Iran and its allies are pressuring Israel through Hezbollah. While American tactical support remains robust, diplomatic support seems less certain, reflecting potential cracks in US-Israel relations to those observing from the sidelines.

In the domestic context, within Israel there are signs of a leadership crisis; fatigue among reservists; increasing distrust in the government; erosion of confidence in Israel's military leadership and intelligence capabilities, and a sense of diminishing deterrence ability – all critical issues, particularly in the case of an all-out war in the North.

Concurrently, there is an urgent need to restore safety and normalcy for Israel's northern residents. Therefore, before launching a full-scale war against Hezbollah in Lebanon, Israel must assess the challenges, their significance, and the necessary lessons to implement when formulating its response.

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