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# **HEZBOLLAH: STRUCTURE & GROUND COMBAT TACTICS**

## **INTREP VIS-OPAR-004**

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# INTRODUCTION

## Aim:

This document describes the structure of HEZBOLLAH's armed forces, and how they operate

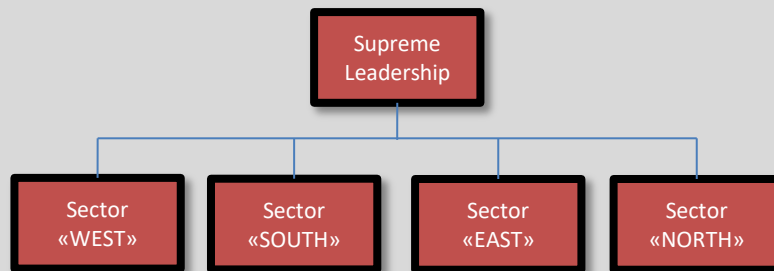
## Content:

- High level structure
- Sectors HQs
- «RADUAN» commando companies
- Phases in offensive operations



# High level structure

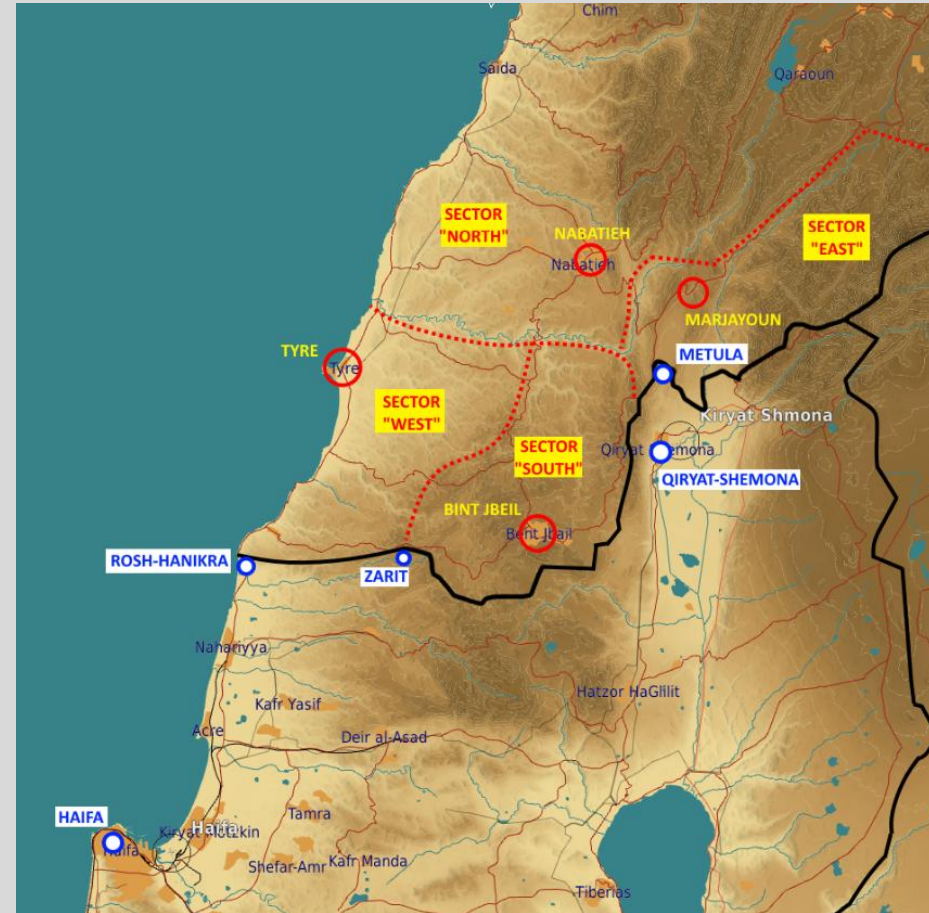
- HEZBOLLAH's armed forces operate as a «guerrilla-military» : combining a strict military command& Control structure with guerrilla & insurgency battle tactics.
- Supreme leadership body is in direct control of four sector HQs





# High level structure

- Sector «WEST»
  - HQ at TYRE
- Sector «SOUTH»
  - HQ at BINT JBEIL
- Sector «EAST»
  - HQ at MARJAYOUN
- Sector «NORTH»
  - HQ at NABATEIH
  - Holds reserves for frontline sectors
  - **Equipped with C-802 anti-ship batteries**

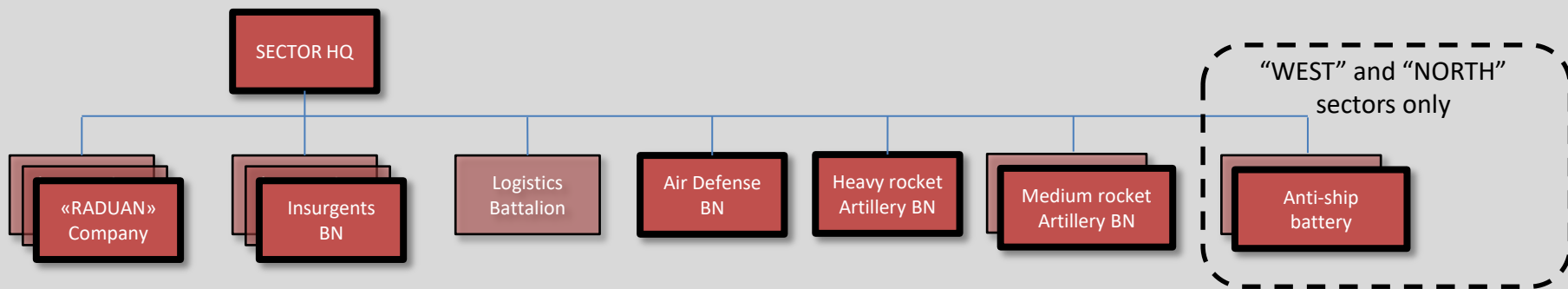




# SECTOR HQ

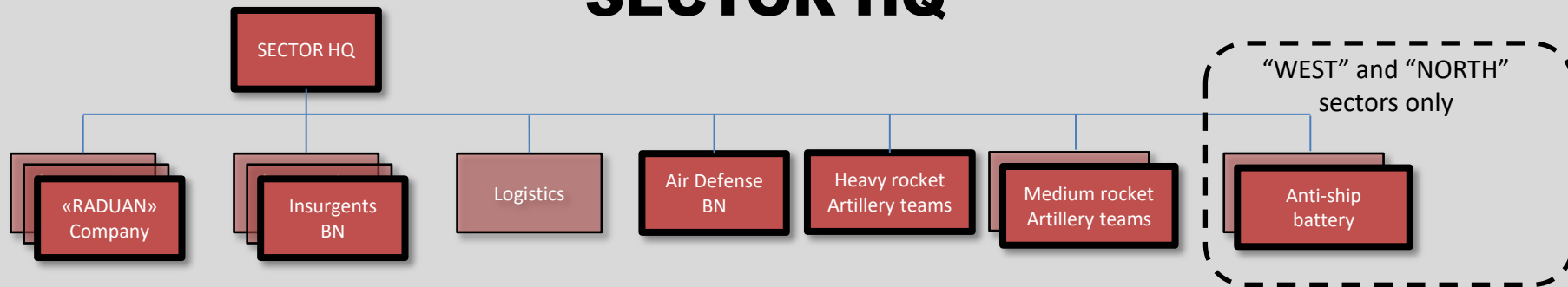
## Functions:

- Control of field assets in their sectors
- Sector HQ is authorized to react on Lebanon territory to any Israeli forces incursion.
  - Any cross-border action must be authorized by supreme leadership





# SECTOR HQ



## Composition - general notes:

- Unlike regular armies, HEZBOLLAH uses civilian vehicles for logistics (resupplies, troops transport and support). This makes intelligence gathering more difficult.
- C2 positions are located in regular-looking houses in populated areas. Locations may be provided by higher level intelligence.



# INSURGENTS BATTALION

## Functions:

- Operations against enemy forces within Lebanon territory.
- Serve as a supporting force for RADUAN companies in major border-crossing operations.

## Composition:

- Around 300 infantry
- Transports by means of civilian and civilian-looking trucks



# AIR DEFENSE BATTALION

## Functions:

- Defend sector assets against air threats

## Equipment:

- SA-8s (x2 teams)
  - Each team consists of 2xSAM vehicles + BRDM APC
- SA-9s (x4 teams)
  - Each team consists of 2xSAM vehicles + BRDM APC
- SHILKA SPAAAs (Estimated 8+ units)
- ZSU-23 trucks (Estimated 8+ units)





# **ANTI-SHIP BATTERY**

## **(Only for Sectors “WEST” and “NORTH”)**

Functions:

- Defend against enemy naval assets near Lebanon coastline

Anti-Ship battery equipment:

- C-802 launchers (x2)
- Silkworm radar (x1)
- Auxiliary vehicles (Civ-looking trucks)



# **ARTILLERY TEAMS**

## **(HEAVY and MEDIUM)**

Functions:

- Heavy fire support for RADUAN operations at or across the border
- Strategic weapons against civilian and military targets

Medium Artillery Team - composition:

- BM-21 GRAD MLRS (x3 launchers per team)
- Civ-looking trucks nearby, used as ammo transports

Heavy Artillery Team - composition:

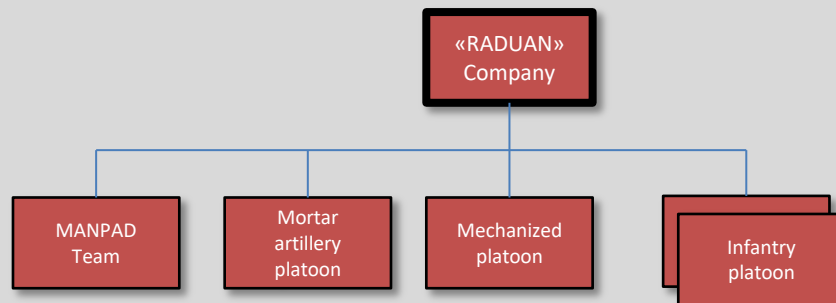
- SMERCH MLRS (x3 launchers per team)
- Civ-looking trucks nearby, used as ammo transports



# “RADUAN” commando compamy

## Functions:

- Perform quality operation against Israeli forces and civilians across the border
- Seizing territories inside Israel (to be used for post-conflict negotiations from position of power)



## Equipment:

- Infantry platoon: Around 40 infantry
- Mechanized platoon: BMP-3 (x4)
- Mortar artillery platoon: 2B11 Mortars (x4) + BRDM APCs for transportation
- MANPAD team : STRELA missile launchers (x3)



# PHASES IN AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION

- Assembly of forces
- Staging
- Shaping and assault

(With indicators on each of the phases if possible)



# **PHASES IN AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION: ASSEMBLY OF FORCES**

## **Purpose:**

Recruit and assemble combatants in preparation for activity

## **Activity:**

- Gathering of troops and equipment
- Briefing of troops
- Preparation of combat vehicles
- Assembly of transports (civ-looking) for logistics support
- Duration: (24-48 hrs)

## **Indicators:**

- Possible combat vehicles IVO HEZBOLLAH HQs Increased number of trucks IVO HEZBOLLAH HQs
- Most likely activity will be indicated via higher-echelon intelligence



# PHASES IN AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION: STAGING

## **Purpose:**

Set up forces in starting positions

## **Activity:**

- Deployment of troops and combat vehicles in starting positions (3-10km of their objectives)
- Duration 1-6 hours

## **Indicators:**

- Presence of insurgent forces and vehicles



# PHASES IN AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION: SHAPING AND ASSAULT

## Purpose:

Achieve supreme-leadership objectives

## Activity:

- Artillery fires as distraction or suppression
  - Mortars fire for attacking IDF targets close to the border
  - Medium-artillery rockets (GRAD) large scale operations (ground maneuver against outposts or civilian population centers)
- Assault by RADUAN company units (may be followed by an insurgents-battalion when executing large-scale operations)

## Indicators:

- Reports of artillery impacts (mortars for localized attacks, GRADs for large-scale attacks)
- Units consistent of RADUAN companies at or near FLOT



# INTELLIGENCE GAPS

-Provide a list of questions or gaps in intelligence, where taskings can be generated to collect information

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