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Hezbollah blames Tel Aviv for astonishingly audacious attack that left at least nine dead, 300 critical and 2,750 injured

# 'ISRAEL'S' EXPLODING PAGERS PUT MIDDLE EAST ON THE BRINK

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**HEZBOLLAH terrorists were among thousands maimed when booby-trapped hand-held pagers exploded in the Middle East yesterday.**

At least nine people were killed and 2,750 injured – 300 critically – when the pocket devices were detonated across Lebanon and in Syria.

The region was holding its breath last night as the Iran-backed terror group blamed Israel for the audacious attack and vowed revenge.

Israel was yet to comment despite widespread reports the country's spy agency Mossad had intercepted a shipment of the pagers.

The wave of detonations began at around 1.45pm UK time as Hezbollah operatives went about their daily business in supermarkets, on the street and in barber shops.

In harrowing scenes that lasted more than 30 minutes, victims were seen writhing in agony with hideous injuries to their faces, abdomens and even their groins.

Among those reportedly killed were two girls,

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