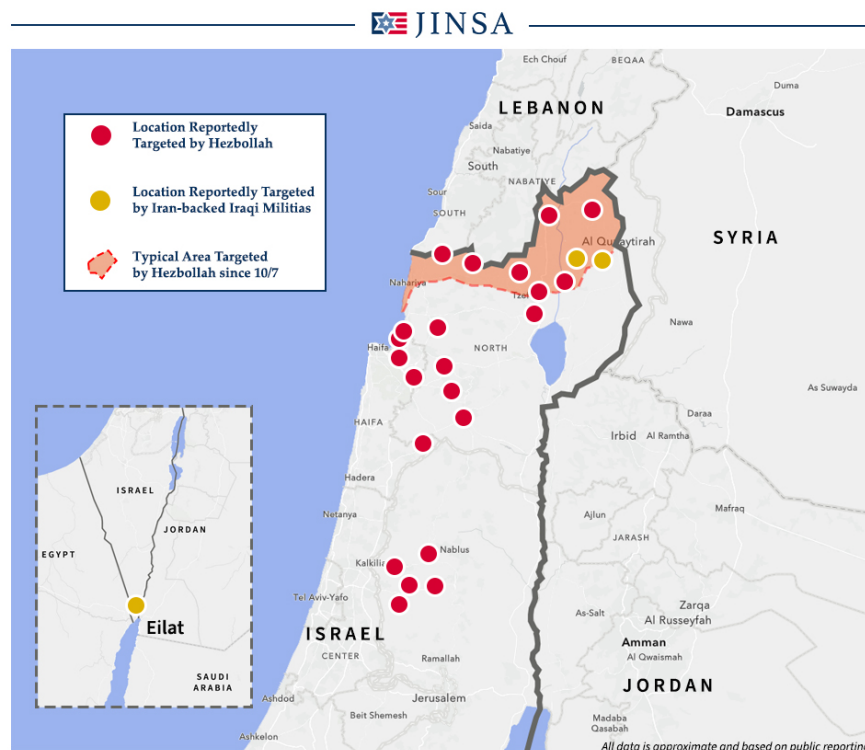


Iran Projectile Tracker: Northern Escalation in September

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The Jewish Institute for National Security of America's (JINSA) [Iran Projectile Tracker](#) presents regularly updated charts and graphs on missiles, rockets, drones, and mortars that Iran and its regional proxies have fired at U.S. personnel, partners, and interests in the Middle East. In light of the large escalation between Hezbollah and Israel beginning on September 20, JINSA is re-releasing an update with the latest information as of September 23 at 1:45 pm ET.

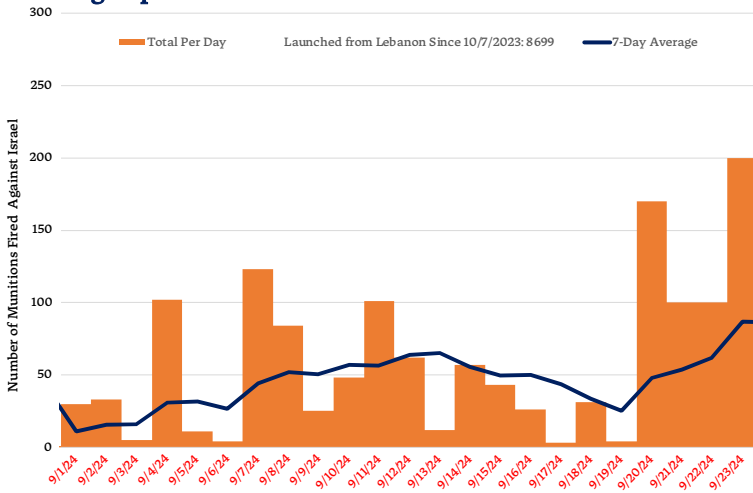
Attacks Against Israel from Lebanon and Iraq September 20-23



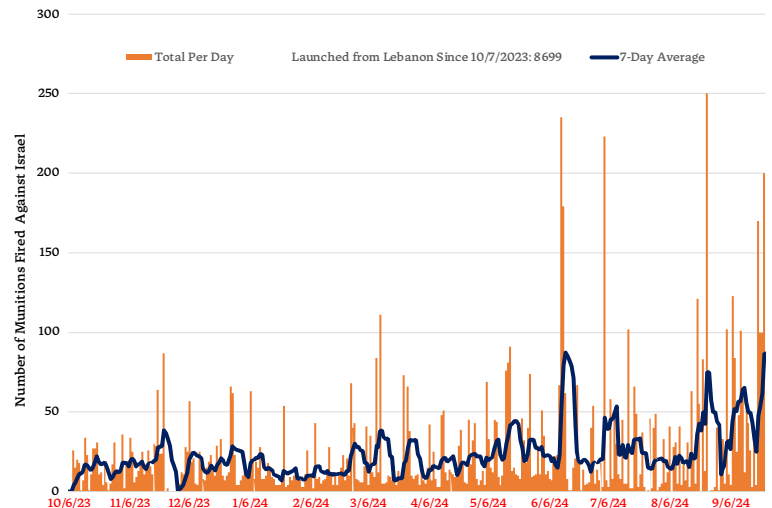
- The past week has seen an escalation in the low-intensity conflict that has persisted on Israel's northern front since Hezbollah joined the fighting the day after Hamas's October 7 attack. Both Hezbollah and Israel have increased their fire against one another since September 20.
 - » On September 20, an Israeli [airstrike](#) in Beirut, Lebanon killed Ibrahim Aqil, the head of Hezbollah's military operations and the acting commander of the terrorist organization's Radwan Force, along with at least [15 other Hezbollah commanders](#). Aqil was wanted by the United States for his role in two truck bombings in Beirut at the U.S. Embassy and Marine Barracks that [killed](#) over 300 people.

- » Israel also reportedly conducted an operation to explode the [pagers](#) of Hezbollah terrorists on September 18, causing thousands of injuries and at least nine deaths. The following day, Israel allegedly conducted a similar operation to explode Hezbollah [walkie-talkies](#).
- Since September 20, Hezbollah's projectile fire against Israel increased by 236 percent compared to earlier in September and 541 percent compared to the previous ten months. The terrorist group has launched an average of 143 rockets and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) per day over the last four days.

Hezbollah's Escalation Against Israel During September



Hezbollah's Escalation Against Israel Since 10/7



- » Hezbollah launched roughly 170 projectiles on September 20, 100 projectiles on both September 21 and 22, and 200 projectiles at the time of publishing on September 23.
 - The Hezbollah attacks also targeted sites much deeper into northern Israel than normal, including the Rafael defense firm facility in Haifa on September 22 and the use of Hezbollah's longer-range rockets for the first time since the war began on September 23 with attacks east of Tel Aviv against West Bank settlements of Karnei Shomron and Ariel.
- » The average number of projectiles that Hezbollah has launched per day since September 20 has been smaller than a similar retaliatory attack on August 25 after Israel killed a senior Hezbollah commander. However, unlike in that case, the escalation has continued for multiple days.
 - Hezbollah launched a barrage of roughly 250 rockets and UAVs on August 25 in response to the killing of Fuad Shukur, who was Hezbollah's most senior military commander. Israel preemptively [destroyed](#) two-thirds of 700 projectiles that Hezbollah planned to launch.

Largest Hezbollah Attacks Since 10/7

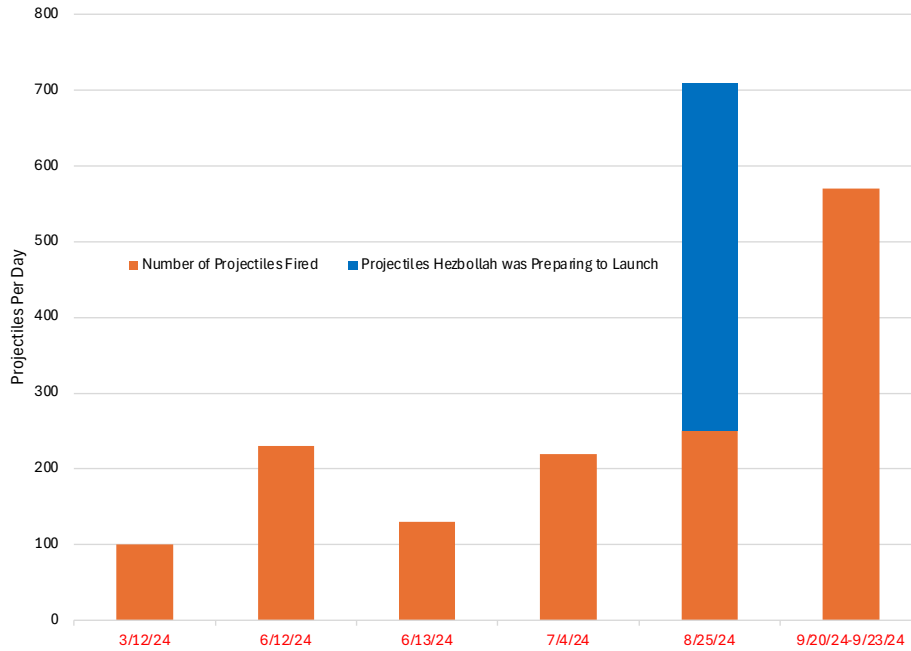
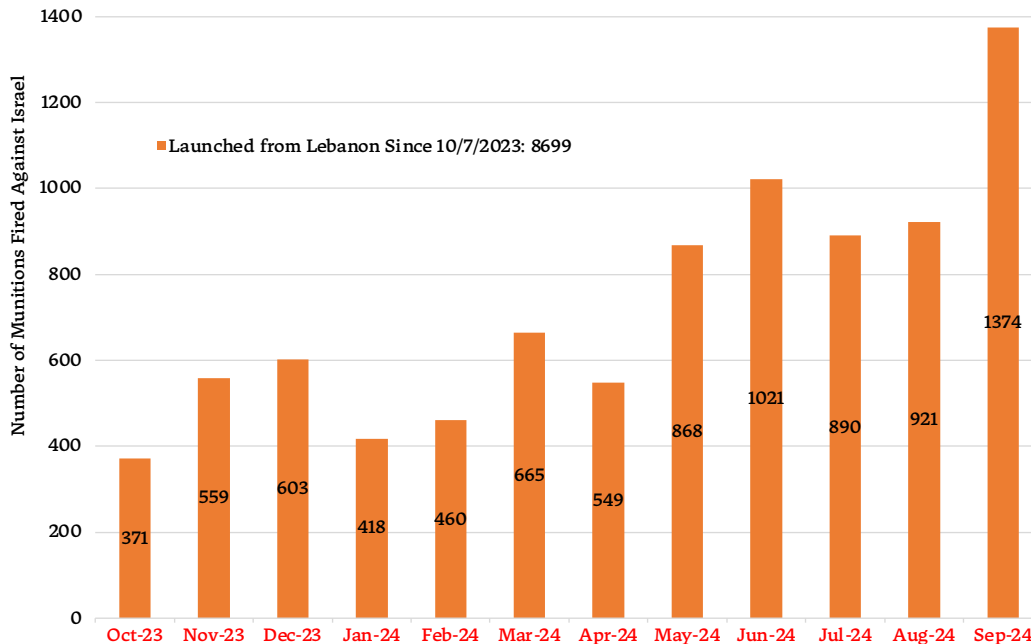


Chart shows attacks from Lebanon involving at least 100 projectiles.

- » On September 22, Iran-backed militias in Iraq also [launched](#) at least two cruise missiles and four UAVs at Israel that Israeli air defenses intercepted.
- » By comparison, during the first 19 days of September Hezbollah launched only 42 projectiles on average per day.
 - The number of munitions that Hezbollah has fired in September has already been a 34.7 percent increase over August, according to JINSA's data.

Hezbollah's Escalated Fire Since 10/7



- Since September 19, Israel has increased its strikes in Lebanon against Hezbollah by more than 4,500 percent compared to earlier in September, indicating expanding operations to degrade Hezbollah’s capabilities and infrastructure.
 - » In that time, Israel has conducted an average of 383 strikes per day, an increase from 8.2 per day earlier in the month. Israel has conducted 1,916 strikes in Lebanon since September 19, including in Hezbollah strongholds, such as the Bekka Valley, compared to 149 strikes that it conducted earlier in the month.
 - Hezbollah has hidden rocket launch sites and weapons storage facilities in civilian locations, including residential buildings, schools, and schools. Israeli strikes against these locations have caused [secondary explosions](#) when the munitions illegally stored at these facilities exploded.

Israel and Hezbollah Escalating Fire Since 10/7

