



Hypothetical Explosive Placement in Hezbollah's Communication Devices

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(U) This infographic presents a potential scenario outlining how the pager and handheld radio attack on Hezbollah might have occurred, based on available information and known intelligence agency tactics. Please note that this scenario is purely *speculative*, and the actual events may have differed.

Intelligence Gathering (early and persistent): Israeli intelligence services (Mossad) gather information about Hezbollah's communication methods and learn that they are planning to switch to low-tech devices like pagers and walkie-talkies to avoid tracking.

Infiltration (February 2024): After Hezbollah's leader Hassan Nasrallah directs fighters to ditch their phones, Mossad agents infiltrate the supply chain of communication devices that Hezbollah is likely to procure. They identify potential suppliers and intermediaries, such as BAC in Hungary and Gold Apollo in Taiwan.

Device Tampering (March - April 2024): Mossad agents manage to intercept or tamper with the devices before they are shipped to Lebanon. They install small, remote-controlled explosive charges in the pagers (Rugged Pager AR-924) and handheld radio (counterfeit Icom IC-V82). The explosives are designed to detonate upon receiving a specific coded message.

Device Distribution (May 2024): The tampered devices are shipped to Lebanon and distributed among Hezbollah fighters. Around 5,000 pagers and an unknown number of handheld radios are brought into the country.

Locations of confirmed devices explosions



Attack Planning (June - July 2024): Mossad agents monitor Hezbollah's communication patterns and wait for an opportune moment to trigger the explosives, aiming to maximize the impact and cause confusion and fear.

Attack Execution (Tuesday, July 9, 2024): Mossad sends the coded detonation message to the pagers, causing them to explode almost simultaneously across Lebanon. The blasts kill 12 people and injure nearly 3,000.

Second Wave (Wednesday, July 10, 2024): As Hezbollah members gather for funerals of the victims from the previous day, Mossad triggers the explosives in the walkie-talkies. The blasts kill 20 more people and injure at least 450, deepening the chaos and unease in Lebanese society.

Aftermath (July 10, 2024 onwards): Hezbollah blames Israel for the attacks, while Israeli officials decline to comment. Investigations into the origin of the devices lead to the Taiwanese and Hungarian firms, which deny involvement. The international community condemns the attacks, and tensions in the region rise.

Sources: [Mossad's pager operation: Inside Israel's penetration of Hezbollah](#) (The Washington Post); [What we know about the Hezbollah device explosions](#) (BBC)