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Hezbollah Terrorist Attack Murders Six Outside the Burgas International Airport in Bulgaria

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On 18 July 2012 at approximately 17:30, a suicide attack targeting Israeli tourists was carried out by a Hezbollah operative, killing six people (five Israelis) and injuring over 30 others. The terrorist detonated his explosive device in the immediate vicinity of one of the Israeli tour buses that was meant to take the passengers to the hotel.

This attack follows a series of attempted terrorist attacks in recent months on Israeli tourists and officials traveling abroad in Turkey, Thailand, India, Kenya, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Cyprus.

These attacks are part of an Iranian and Hezbollah policy (patron and proxy in coordination) to carry out terror attacks with an emphasis on Israeli targets around the world.



Appendix A: Previous Attempted Terror Attacks

- Turkey, 26 May 2011: Three Hezbollah operatives attempted to assassinate the Israeli Consul in Istanbul. The attack failed but wounded eight Turkish civilians.

- Azerbaijan, 24 January 2012: A three person Iranian terror cell was exposed which intended to carry out attacks against the Israeli Ambassador to Azerbaijan and two Chabad emissaries.

- India, 13 February 2012: On the same day as the attack in New Delhi, an explosive device was found on a car belonging to the Israeli Embassy located in Tbilisi. Georgian authorities neutralized the bomb and no one was injured.

- Thailand, 14 February 2012: A bomb exploded in an apartment in the vicinity of the Israeli Embassy to Thailand in Bangkok. This explosion is believed to have been accidental and occurred during the assembly of the explosive. This incident exposed an Iranian terror cell in Thailand that was planning to carry out attacks on numerous Israeli targets in Bangkok.

- Kenya, 19 June 2012: Two Iranians were arrested in Nairobi for planning to carry out attacks against Israeli targets throughout the country. Police found in their possession a stockpile of over 72 kg of explosives.

- Cyprus, 7 July 2012: a 24 year old, of Lebanese descent was caught tracking the movement of Israeli tourists in Cyprus for the purpose of carrying out a terror attack. The targets of the intended attack were the Israeli Embassy and a civilian aircraft. Cypriot authorities arrested the perpetrator.

* **In addition, yesterday marked the 18 year anniversary of the Hezbollah bombing of the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires:**

  - 7 March 1992, a car bomb driven by a suicide bomber exploded outside the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, killing 29 people and wounding over 250. Amongst the casualties were Israeli diplomats working in the Embassy.

  - 18 July 1994, a bomb exploded in the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires killing 87 people and wounding over 100 others.