

## Timeline of explosions and targeted assassinations from 2004 to 2012

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BEIRUT: A car bomb blast ripped through the Ashrafieh neighborhood of Beirut Friday, killing ISF Information Branch chief Brig. Gen. Wissam al-Hasan and at least four others.

The explosion breaks a period of calm since the spate of assassinations and bombings from 2004 through 2008. The Daily Star has compiled a timeline explosions and targeted killings since 2004.

Oct. 19, 2012 &ndash; A car bomb blast in the Ashrafieh neighborhood of Beirut killed ISF Information branch chief Brig. Gen. Wissam al-Hasan and at least three others, wounding more than 90.

Sept. 29, 2008 &ndash; A car bomb exploded near a public bus in Tripoli, killing five Lebanese Army soldiers and wounding 35 other passengers.

Aug. 13, 2008 &ndash; Sixteen people, including seven Lebanese Army soldiers, were killed by a bomb targeting a public bus in Tripoli.

Sept. 10, 2008 &ndash; A car bomb killed pro-Syrian Lebanese Democratic Party member Saleh Aridi in his hometown of Beysour, southeast of Beirut.

Jan. 25, 2008 &ndash; The ISF's top anti-terrorism investigator Cpt. Wissam Eid and three others were killed while driving on the Hazmieh highway. Forty others were wounded in blast.

Jan. 15, 2008 &ndash; A bombing aimed at a U.S. diplomatic vehicle in the Karantina district of Beirut killed four Lebanese nationals, wounding 16.

Dec. 12, 2007 &ndash; A car bomb killed Gen. Francois al-Hajj, chief of operations in the Army, as well as his bodyguard and three others as they drove through the Beirut suburb of Baabda.

Sept. 19, 2007 &ndash; A car bomb killed anti-Syrian figure and Kataeb MP Antoine Ghanem and seven others in an explosion in Sin al-Fil, wounding 56.

June 13, 2007 &ndash; A car bomb killed Future Movement MP Walid Eido and nine others, including his son Khaled, near the Beirut waterfront.

Feb. 13, 2007 &ndash; Two bombs exploded on buses traveling from Bteghrine to the village of Ain Alaq, near Bikfaya, killing three and wounding 21.

Nov. 21, 2006 &ndash; Anti-Syrian figure and Kataeb party MP Pierre Gemayel was shot dead in his car in the Beirut suburb of Jdeideh.

Dec. 12, 2005 &ndash; Anti-Syrian MP and journalist Gebran Tueni was killed along with three others by a car bomb while driving through Beirut's Mkalles.

Sept. 25, 2005 &ndash; LBC journalist and Syria critic May Chidiac was seriously wounded in a car bomb explosion in Jounieh.

Sept. 17, 2005 &ndash; A large explosion, believed to be a car bomb, in the Geitawi neighborhood of Ashrafieh killed one and wounded 22, damaging several nearby residences.

Aug. 22, 2005 &ndash; A bomb exploded outside a shopping center in Zalka, wounding eight.

July 22, 2005 &ndash; A car bombing on Monnot Street in Beirut wounded 12.

July 12, 2005 &ndash; An assassination attempt wounded pro-Syrian Defense Minister Elias Murr and killed two others in the Beirut suburb of Antelias.

June 21, 2005 &ndash; A car bomb killed former Lebanese Communist Party leader and anti-Syria figure George Hawi while driving through Beirut neighborhood of Mussaitbeh.

June 2, 2005 &ndash; A car bomb killed anti-Syrian figure and journalist Samir Kassir outside his home in Ashrafieh.

May 7, 2005 &ndash; A car bomb in a parked vehicle between the Sawt al-Mahaba radio station and Mar Yuhanna Church in Jounieh exploded, wounding 22 people and causing extensive damage.

Apr. 1, 2005 &ndash; A bomb exploded in Rizk Plaza in Broummana, wounding 12.

Mar. 26, 2005 &ndash; A car bomb in a vehicle parked between two factories exploded in Sadd al-Boushrieh area of Beirut, wounding six.

Mar. 23, 2005 &ndash; A bomb hidden in a leather bag exploded in a shopping center in Kaslik, killing one Pakistani and two Indian janitors, and also wounding two Lebanese.

Mar. 19, 2005 &ndash; A car bomb exploded in a commercial area of Jdeideh, north of Beirut, wounding 11.

Feb. 14, 2005 &ndash; A massive truck bomb killed former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and 21 others, including Economy Minister Bassel Fleihan, in front of St. Georges Hotel on the Beirut waterfront.

Oct. 1, 2004 &ndash; Anti-Syrian MP Marwan Hamadeh survived a car bomb assassination attempt that killed his driver.

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