

# On the Attempted Assassination of Al Sayed Mohammad Ali El Hussein

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Hezbollah Opponent and Shiite Cleric's Attempted Assassination. Al Sayed Mohammad Ali El Hussein survived the attack - this time.

From W.Thomas Smith [ The Tank Blog - Lebanon File ]Sunday, October 14, 2007

An Assassination Attempt [W. Thomas Smith Jr.]AL BATROUN (San Stephano Resort) &ndash; Had a marvelous dinner last evening. Also enjoyed drinks, music, dancing, a Lebanese dance troupe, and some great company with my friend, Toni Nissi, his lovely wife, Hayat, and other members of the 1559 team. But as I arrived here at the San Stephano, I was informed that earlier in the day, assassins attempted to take the life of a man I've been working with closely here for the past couple of weeks.

Al Sayed Mohammad Ali El Hussien is a high-ranking Shiia cleric, who some here say was being groomed to take over the position of Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah. Al Sayed was Hezbollah to be sure: He and Nasrallah butted heads on one too many issues. The competition between the two men increased. Sayed, who actually outranks Nasrallah in the Islamic hierarchy, became disillusioned with Hezbollah &ndash; particularly because the terrorist organization was implementing an Iranian agenda and not a Lebanese one &mdash; and left HezB (if you can ever really leave).

In recent months, Sayed has been on a tireless campaign, lobbying Shiia groups in Europe and the Middle East to reject the violence and distorted teachings of Nasrallah and his crowd. And his success thus far has been viewed by Hezbollah as a serious threat.

I interviewed Sayed once. Had coffee and sweets with him in his office. Conducted a reconnaissance mission with one of his armed men and two of mine in one of Sayed's cars. I rode with him during a second recon in another of his cars. And yesterday, members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (here in Lebanon) attempted to kill Sayed and his family by sabotaging his vehicle (the first one I rode in). They planted a delayed acid-weapon on his car's undercarriage, which ate through the chassis and caused the vehicle to basically break in half while he was driving.

Sayed and his family survived the attempt, barely. But the terrorists have killed others like this before.

More to come on this.10/14 05:40 AMMonday, October 15, 2007

RE: An Assassination Attempt [W. Thomas Smith Jr.]AL DEKWANEH &ndash; Spoke last evening with Al Sayed Mohammad Ali El Hussieni &mdash; the Shiia cleric, secretary general of the Arabic Islamic Council, and a former Hezbollah leader &mdash; who Iranian operators here attempted to assassinate less than two days ago.

Al Sayed is understandably upset by the attack, particularly since his family was also targeted. And he is unsettled by the fact that the Lebanese Interior Security Forces (ISF) refused to investigate and make a report, because, as Sayed says, the ISF did not want to enter the Hezbollah-controlled area (the outskirts of the ancient coastal town of Tyre) where the attack occurred.

Also, in a public statement released yesterday to the Lebanese press (and translated for me), Al Sayed said: ... I defy the Iranian regime with pride. I will not submit to your methods. I will never back down from my cause. Two destinies await me: Victory or death.A few days ago, I was in a car seated beside this very same man who was dressed in his long clerical robes and black headwrap (symbol of a very high-ranking Muslim cleric). Beneath his feet on the backseat floorboard was a folding-stock AK-47 assault rifle. And we were driving through HezB-controlled Dahiyeh.

There he told my security men that he was afraid of what would happen if someone saw my American face in the car. His words (translated for me):I am very concerned for his [my] safety. Here in Dahiyeh, they [the terrorists] will be very pleased to catch an American.

10/15 05:00 AM ----- ILC1559 Press Release on the Attempted Assassination of Al Sayed Mohammad Ali El Hussein

Reference: Hezbollah and Iranian Republican Guard Employ New Assassination technique. The attempted assassination of Al Sayed Mohammad Ali El Hussein on October 13th, 2007.

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The Press Release is available [ [HERE](#) ]

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