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Lebanon has for the last 20 years served as a base from which Hezbollah has launched attacks against Israel. In turn, it's often been transited, invaded and occupied by the Israeli Defense Forces, and it is reasonable to expect that will happen again in the near future.  
*by Brian R. Train*

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