

Israel-Lebanon Wars

There have been two major wars between Israel and Lebanon in 1982 and 2006. In [1982](#), Israel's longest and most controversial wars began when Israel sought to wipe out PLO positions in Southern Lebanon. The First Lebanon War did not officially come to an end until May 2000 when Israel unilateral withdrew its forces from Southern Lebanon. The so-called [Second Lebanon War](#) between Israel and the Lebanon-based [Hezbollah](#) was sparked by Hezbollah's July 12, 2006, cross border raid from Lebanon into Israel and lasted close to five weeks.