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Hizballah: Expanding Terrorist Capabilities [Redacted]



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Facing Increased Domestic and Foreign Pressure

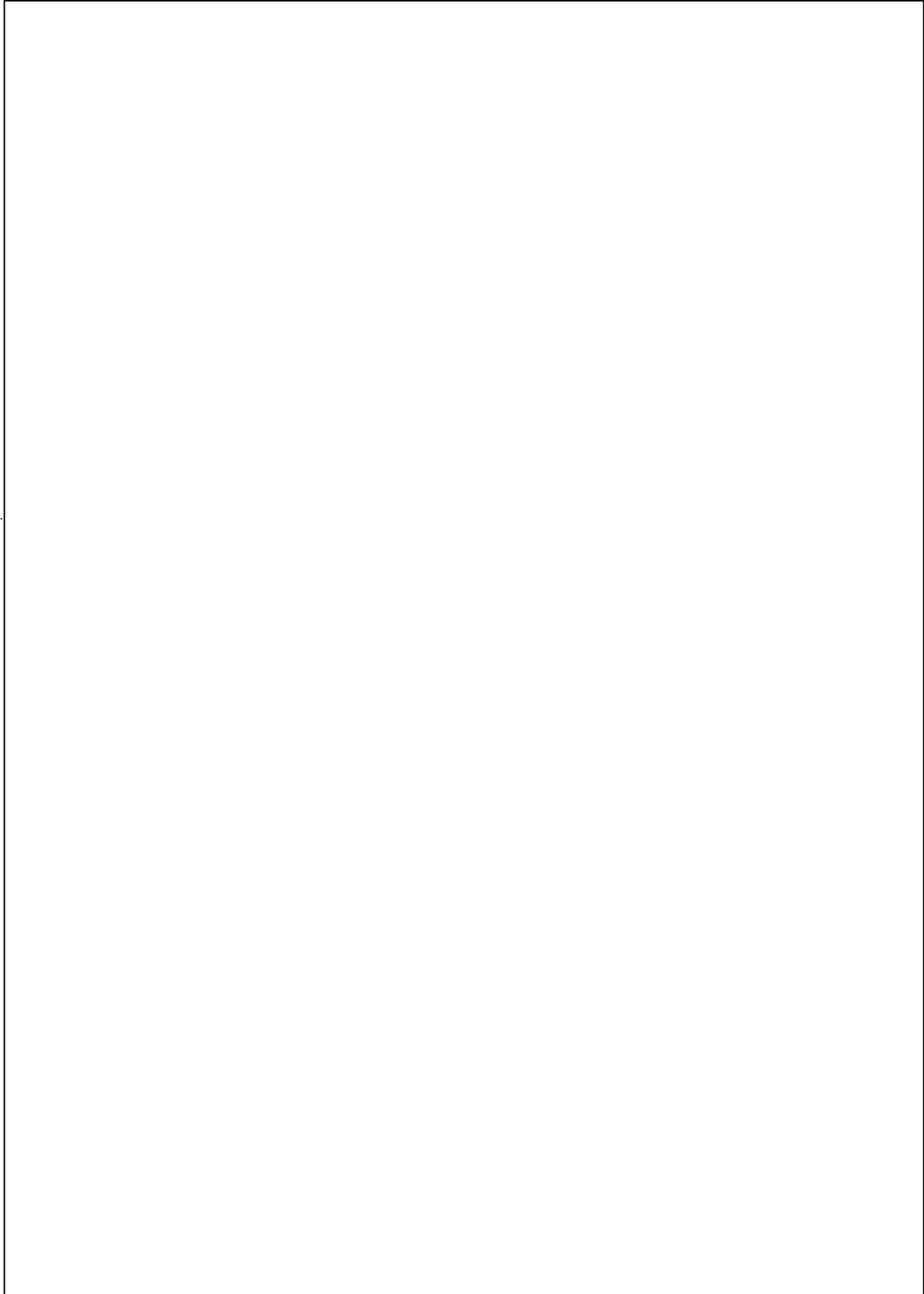
Hizballah--responsible for over a dozen terrorist attacks killing more than 300 people since the early 1980s--has been preoccupied over the past year with protecting its political and military equities in Lebanon. The organization is being pressed by the Lebanese Government to disarm, to join the political process, and to end its anti-Israeli resistance operations--moves that would undermine the group's militant agenda and ability to recruit young Shia extremists for its terrorist apparatus. Hizballah insists that its status as a "resistance" group, rather than a militia, entitles it to retain its arms, and it has not complied with government deadlines to relinquish its weapons. The Hizballah Leadership Council publicly announced that "no one, not even the Lebanese authority," will be allowed to disarm Hizballah. [redacted]

Hizballah's militant agenda also has been disrupted by Lebanese Armed Forces' (LAF) attempts to extend its control in Lebanon, forcing Hizballah to redeploy forces. Hizballah members are no longer able to brandish weapons in Beirut, but almost certainly maintain a sizeable underground presence there.

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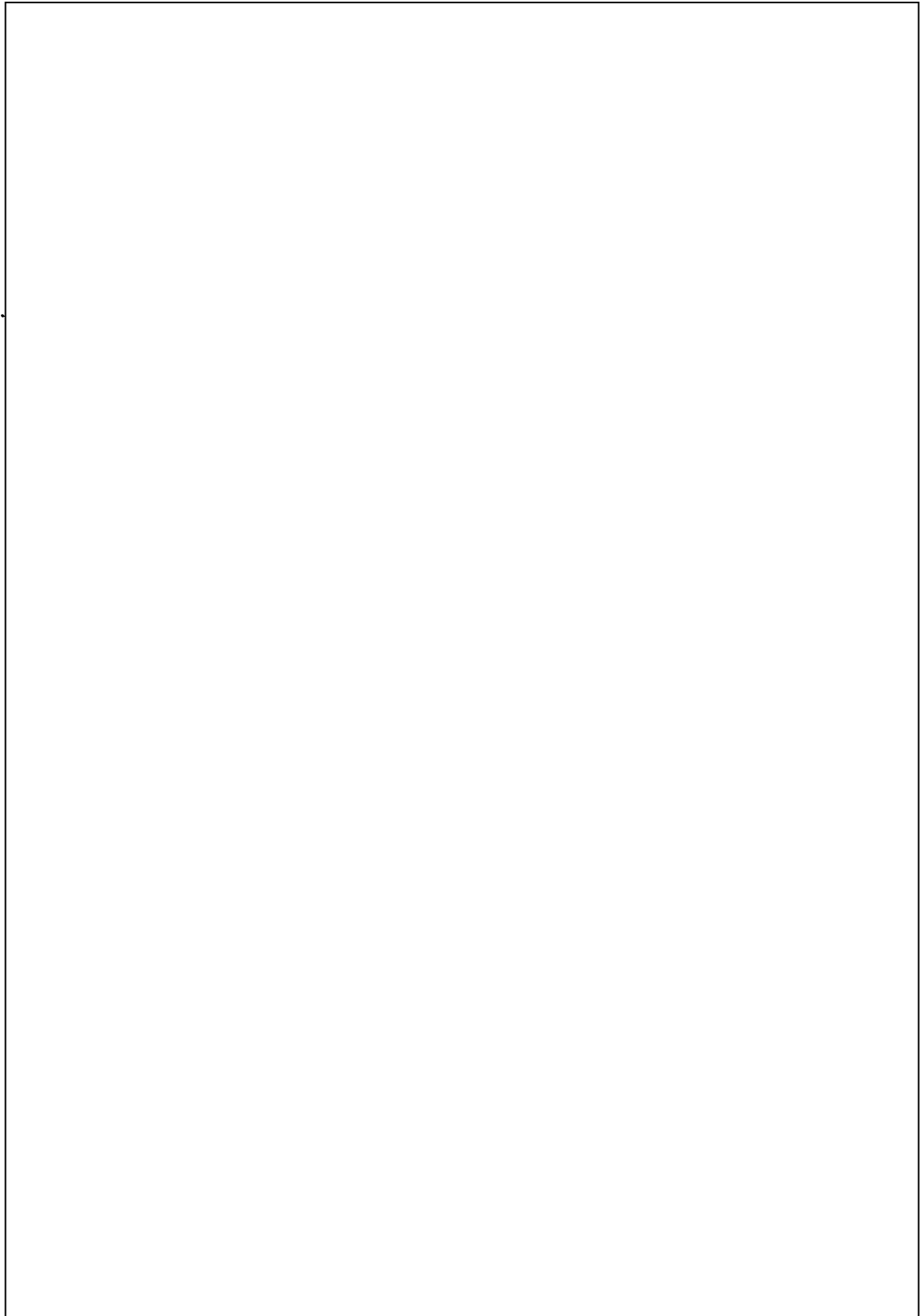
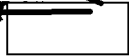
Iran and Syria also are attempting to gain greater control over Hizballah terrorist activity that would conflict with their foreign policy agendas. [redacted]

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Hizballah terrorist team was intercepted by the Army of South Lebanon on 18 June as it was attempting to infiltrate Israel to hijack a vehicle and kill as many civilians as possible, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] **Abbas Musawi, in his first interview as the new Secretary General, publicly identified anti-Israeli resistance operations as Hizballah's first priority.** [Redacted]

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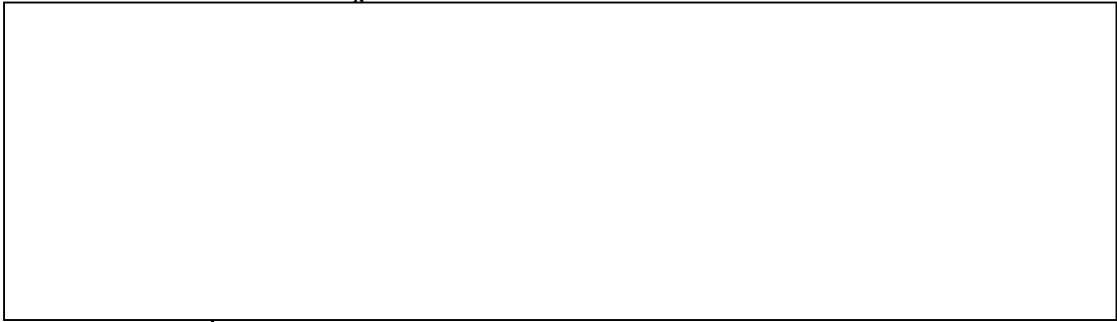
Outlook

We believe Hizballah will continue to build its international terrorist infrastructure. The group has not abandoned its militant opposition to the West, particularly the United States, and a broad-based terrorism apparatus allows the group to lash out at the time and place of its choice. [Redacted]

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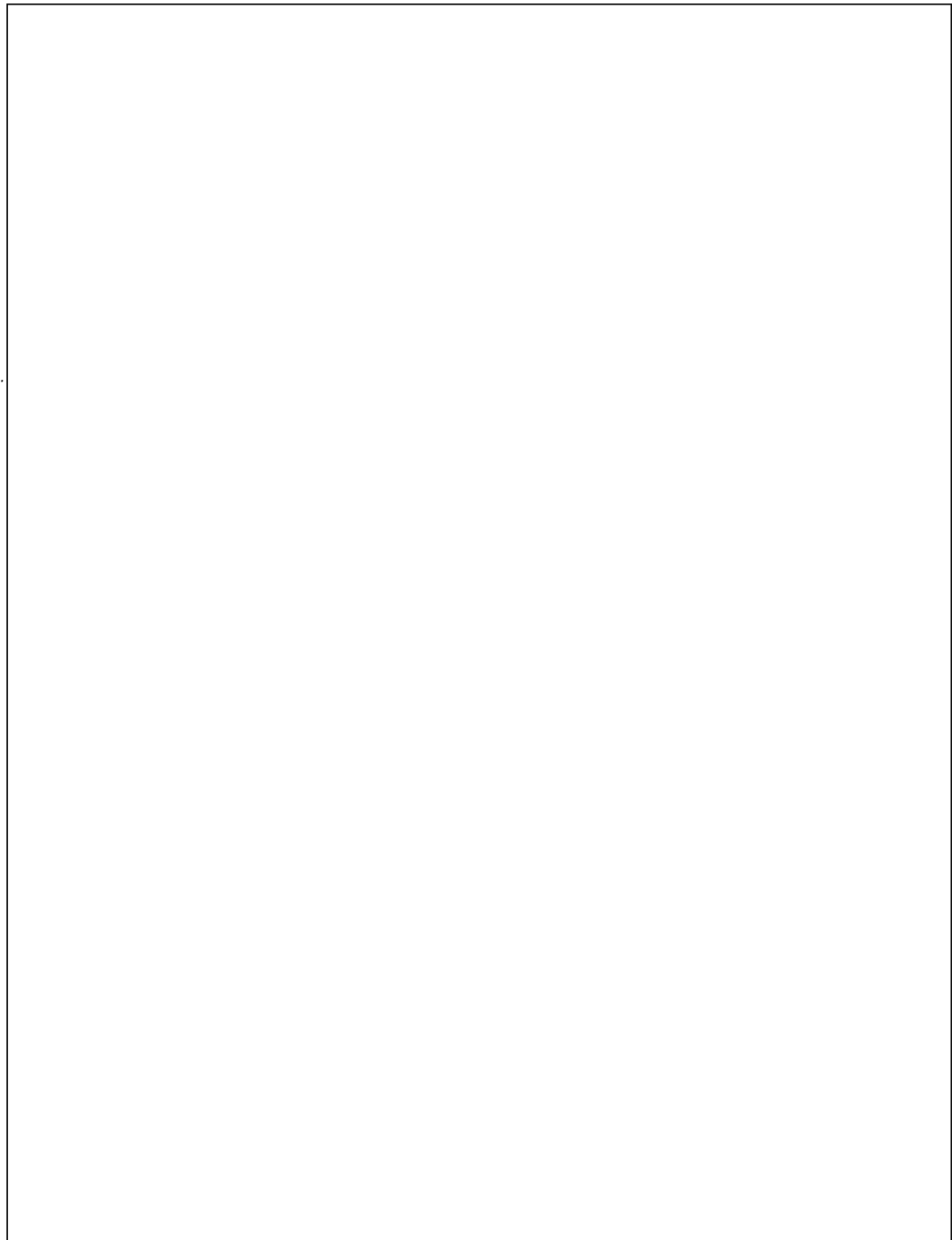
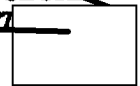
[Redacted] Hizballah's political and military leadership in Lebanon, consumed with Lebanese political dynamics, probably is disinclined to approve a major anti-Western attack that would provoke a Syrian and Iranian backlash. [Redacted]

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