

Policy Challenges in the Israel-Hizbollah Conflict: Iranian Influence Unveiled

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Note from the Lead Author Samantha Ramay

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About the Author

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Executive Summary

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Risk Assessment Indicators

Extremely High Risk

High Risk

Medium Risk

Low Risk

History of Armed Conflict

Level: Extremely High-Risk Trend: Declining

Destabilizing Factors

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Assessment

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Governance and Political Instability

Level: High Risk

Trend: Declining

Destabilizing Factors

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Assessment

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Demographic Stress Level:Medium Risk Trend:Stable

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Assessment

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Endnotes

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