Hezbollah’s influence in Lebanon’s army remains under scrutiny

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Brig. Gen. (res.) Yossi Kuperwasser: Hezbollah’s ability to manipulate the LAF has weakened considerably over the past year due to the damage it absorbed in the war against Israel. However, Hezbollah retains influence and ties within Lebanon, including Lebanon’s government structures and military.

A thorough analysis should be conducted, and the Americans should be approached to replace compromised personnel [in the LAF] with individuals who can be trusted. Overall, while the LAF is moving slower and less effectively than Israel would like, its deployment is nevertheless “moving forward, slowly.

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