

Video: Avichay Adraee IDF's Arabic-language spokesperson

"Those people who use the name of God are not content with exploiting mosques, but also enter and desecrate churches. The IDF can today reveal evidence that Hezbollah turned a church in southern Lebanon into an active combat area.

Forces from our 91st Division uncovered the entrance to a strategic tunnel under the church as well as arms caches and operational maps hidden behind the walls.

This is the ideology of Iranian terrorism represented by Hezbollah, the followers of the Revolutionary Guard in Iran: exploiting Christian villages and holy places as human shields and gambling with the lives of Lebanese to serve Tehran's agenda; turning places of worship into military barracks in flagrant violation of international law and abusing all religions and values and in particular abusing the Lebanese people.

We are here to uncover this deception and to cleanse the land so as to defend our own citizens from those who have no respect for the sanctity of religion and any holy places. The terrorism of Hezbollah will result in its own destruction."