

Gallant warns Hezbollah against escalation: 'We'll return Lebanon to the Stone Age'

Threatening terror chief Nasrallah, defense minister says Israel 'will not hesitate to use all our power,' following recent provocations by Iran-backed group on border

Visiting the tense Mount Dov region on the border with Lebanon on Tuesday, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant threatened the Hezbollah terror group, which has been carrying out provocations along the frontier in recent months.

In a video statement, Gallant warned the chief of the Iran-backed Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, "not to make a mistake."

"You have made mistakes in the past, you have paid very heavy prices. If... an escalation or conflict develops here, we will return Lebanon to the Stone Age. We will not hesitate to use all our power, and erode every inch of Hezbollah and Lebanon if we have to," said Gallant after touring the area with senior Israel Defense Force officers.

"Don't mistake us, we don't want war, but we are ready to protect our citizens, our soldiers, and our sovereignty," he added.

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