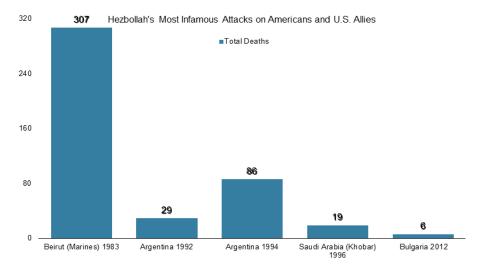
## Iran: Largest State Funder of Terrorism

In addition to abusing its people's human rights and trying to obtain the world's deadliest weapon, Iran sponsors more terrorist activities than any other country in the world.

- The U.S. State Department has classified Iran as the "most active state sponsor of terrorism."
- Iran sponsors and supervises Hezbollah, which has executed terrorist attacks against America and its allies for decades.
  - Until 9/11, Hezbollah killed more Americans than any other Islamic terrorist organization.
  - Hezbollah executed the Beirut Marine Barracks bombing that murdered 241 U.S. Marines in 1983.<sup>ii</sup>
  - Bulgaria blamed both Iran and Hezbollah for the 2012 suicide bombing in Burgas that killed five Israelis and one Bulgarian citizen on EU soil.
  - Hezbollah and Iran perpetrated the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 people. The Ayatollah (supreme leader of Iran) gave the order for this bombing two years prior.
  - Iranian leadership authorized the 1994 Hezbollah bombing of the Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, which killed 86 people. Iran also oversaw the 1992 bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, which killed 29 people.
    - Argentina indicted current Iranian President Rouhani for overseeing the 1992 attack.



- Iran also gives weapons, funding, and training to other US-designated terrorist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad.
  - With Iranian funding and weapons, Hamas has committed more than 19,000 war crimes by launching more than 19,000 rockets at Israeli civilians since the early 2000s.
  - Israel has repeatedly caught Gaza-bound Iranian ships stocked with rockets and various other weapons. These weapons have often been earmarked for use for terrorism.
  - Iran has given hundreds of millions of dollars in aid per year to Hamas on numerous occasions in the past decade.<sup>vi</sup>





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