

## NOW: Hezbollah, Beqaa residents take part in funeral of 'jihadist'



(Photo via Facebook)

Hezbollah and the inhabitants of the Beqaa village of Bouday and its surroundings took part in “the funeral of martyred leader Ali Hussein Nassif (aka Abu Abbas) who died while on Jihad duty” according to Hezbollah website [www.moqawama.org](http://www.moqawama.org).



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However, a source from the Bouday area told NOW that Abu Abbas, a Hezbollah leader tasked with a reconnaissance mission, died along with two other operatives in Syria. Six others were wounded. One of those killed, according to the source, is “*Muhajid* (Jihad fighter) Zein al-Aabedin Mustapha, known as Ammar.”

Nassif and Mustapha were buried in public funeral ceremonies in Baalbeck with the participation of the Chairman of Hezbollah’s Religious Authority Sheikh Mohammad Yazbeck, Political Council Chairman Ibrahim Amin as-Sayyed, MPs Hussein Moussawi and Kamel al-Rifai, and Hezbollah’s man in charge in the Beqaa Mohammad Yaghi.



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According to the same Beqaa source, two of the wounded Hezbollah operatives, who are natives of the region, sustained heavy injuries. One of them is from the Samaha family. The rest of the wounded, the source said, are not Beqaa natives.



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NOW called the Resistance’s website, which is the source of this news, and other Hezbollah figures, but was told: “We do not know anything about the matter.” NOW Lebanon also called the head of the Bouday municipality, who denied any knowledge of details about the incident, saying that he did not take part in the funeral because he was



out of the country.



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Sources from Baalbek told *Reuters* that Abu Abbas, Ammar and a third Hezbollah victim fell near the Lebanese-Syrian border, an area that is witnessing clashes between Syrian rebels and troops loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad. The same sources explained that the three men died when a rocket hit the room they were stationed in near the border town of Qusayr.



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