

## **The Bir el 'Abed Massacre**

The 8th of March, 1985 marks the day the massacre of Bir el 'Abed in the southern suburb of Beirut was carried out by American intelligence agencies and their tools, in a failed assassination attempt of Ayatollah Sayyed Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah (r).



It was after the Friday noon prayers in Bir el 'Abed where Sayyed Fadlallah (r) carried out the Friday sermons and prayers for both men and women in the Imam Reda (AS) mosque. He was on his way out of the mosque when an honorable woman stopped him to ask about a religious matter.

The Sayyed narrates that the woman was very persistent on asking despite him asking her to postpone the matter for another day, but she insisted more and so he stayed to listen—a "coincidence" that will end up miraculously saving his life from a horrendous death that awaits.



An explosive car was parked at a corner near Sayyed's house, and the plan was that the explosion would go off at the time the Sayyed reaches his house and that he is affected by the explosion from any side he enters from. The woman who stopped him delayed his arrive and his life was saved.



Sayyed Fadlallah was one of the most prominent faces of the Resistance, which was at its rise in Lebanon at the time. He played a major role in strengthening the Resistance against "israel" in several aspects and was thus at the top of the list of American targets.

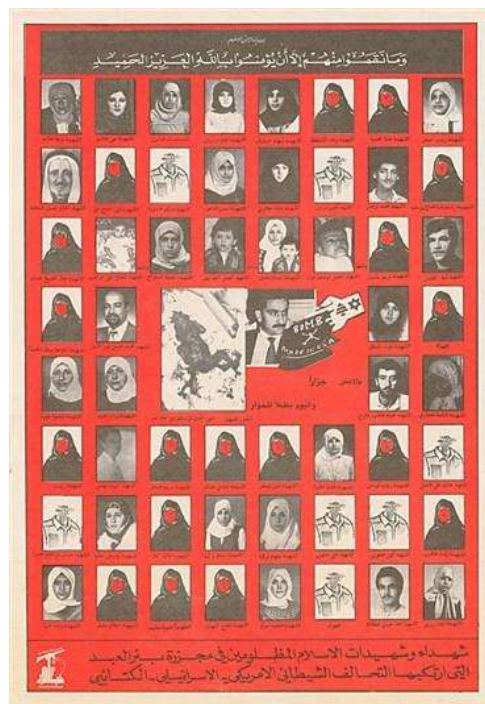


*left to right: Sayyed Fadlallah & Sayyed Abbas al-Mousawi; Sayyed Fadlallah (second one to the right) behind Imam Musa Sadr; Sayyed Fadlallah, Sayyed Abbas al-Mousawi, & Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah*

The Americans considered him to be a burden on American politics and goals in the region because of his activism in promoting the Lebanese and Palestinian Resistance. Bandar Bin Sultan, Saudi Ambassador to the United States at the time, offered \$3M for this operation.

The massacre of Bir el 'Abed was planned and carried out by American and British intelligence agencies who hired agents in Lebanon to plan for the operation for a whole year.

80 martyrs fell due to this crime, the majority of whom were women who were returning home from the mosque, in addition to 260 injured.



pictures from the crime scene:



“All the calamities of the Muslims come from America. -Imam Khomeini”







