

Hezbollah deputy Naim Qassem elected as chief after Israeli strike killed Nasrallah

Oct. 29 (UPI) — Hezbollah on Tuesday announced that its deputy secretary general, Nasim Qassem, will serve as its new leader.

Qassem was elected to replace long-time Hezbollah leader Seyyed Hassan Nasrallah, ending an ongoing succession crisis to lead the Iran-backed terror group.

Nasrallah was killed last month in Beirut in airstrikes Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had described as “necessary.”

The Iranian-supported Hezbollah said Qassem was elected to take up the position due to his “adherence to the principles and goals of Hezbollah,” according to a statement reported by Al Jazeera.

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