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## IRAN-BACKED MILITIA CRITICISES IRAQ PRIME MINISTER'S ORDER

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One of the largest Iran-backed militias in Iraq is criticising an order by the prime minister to incorporate the militias into the military and place them under the army's command.

A statement issued by the Hezbollah Brigades, or Kataeb Hezbollah, did not address whether the group would abide by Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdis orders issued this week.

It suggested, however, that criminalising the mujahedeen and harming them directly or indirectly may hurt those elements supporting the security effort.

The group, which has close ties to Iran, said the government's foremost responsibility is to remove what it described as US occupation forces and their business affiliates, which constitute a major threat to Iraqi security.

The US maintains military bases and more than 5,000 troops in Iraq.

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