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Illegal migrant from Lebanon caught at border admitted he's a Hezbollah terrorist hoping 'to make a bomb' — and was headed for NY

By Jennie Taer

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A Lebanese migrant who was caught sneaking over the border admitted he's a member of Hezbollah, he hoped to make a bomb, and his destination was New York, The Post can reveal.

Basel Bassel Ebbadi, 22, was caught by border patrol on March 9 near El Paso, Texas. While in custody he asked what he was doing in the US, to which he replied: "I'm going to try to make a bomb," according to a Border Patrol document exclusively obtained by The Post.

In a subsequent sworn interview, Ebbadi said he had trained with Hezbollah for seven years and served as an active member guarding weapons locations for another four years, according to internal ICE documents.

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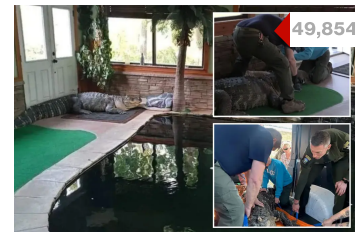
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U.S. Border Patrol
Significant Arrest / Lebanese Claimed Membership to Foreign Terrorist
El Paso Sector / March 12, 2024

ISSUE / BRIEFING TOPIC:

El Paso Sector Intelligence Agents assigned to the Tactical Terrorism Response Team (TTRT) interviewed Basel Bassel EBBADI from Lebanon after he made terroristic threats to personnel at the EP Sector Hardened Facility. Post Miranda, Basel Bassel EBBADI claimed membership to a foreign terrorist organization.

CURRENT STATE:

Subject is held at the El Paso Sector Hardened Facility (EPT-EHF) and is being interviewed by TTRT and by Joint Terrorist Task Force (JTTF).

BACKGROUND:

On 03/09/2024, Basel Bassel EBBADI was apprehended by El Paso Border Patrol Agents near Zone 24 of the El Paso Border Patrol Station's area of operation. He was transported to the El Paso Hardened Facility (EHF) for further processing and investigation.

On 03/11/2024, at the EHF, Basel Bassel EBBADI was checked by medical staff, and was asked what he was doing here in the U.S. EBBADI replied, 'I'm going to try to make a bomb. He was placed in isolation and was referred to TTRT agents for interview.

On 03/12/2024, Post Miranda, Basel Bassel EBBADI claimed membership to a foreign terrorist organization.

Subject Information:
Name: EBBADI, Basel Bassel
DOB:
POB: Bori El Braineh, Lebanon

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LOCATION:



Border Patrol memo exclusively obtained by The Post.
Customs and Border Protection

Ebbadi's training focused on "jihad" and killing people "that was not Muslim," he said.

Border agents continue to see a surge in migrants whose names appear on the terror watchlist entering the US illegally as crossings continue at record levels.

Hezbollah, an Iran-backed terror group, has launched missiles into northern Israel following Hamas' attack on Oct. 7 that have killed about a dozen IDF soldiers and seven civilians.

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Ebbadi said he was fleeing Lebanon because he "didn't want to kill people," adding "once you're in, you can never get out."

Ebbadi didn't have documents when he entered the US, claiming they were robbed "with a knife" while he was in Costa Rica, according to the ICE documents. He also admitted to using a fake birthday and name in Sweden, in Ecuador — where he claimed his father resides — and Panama this year.

He said he had originally hoped to go to New York and then move around the country.

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Migrants cross the border illegally into El Paso, Texas.

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Ebbadi was immediately placed into isolation and was referred for an interview with the Tactical Terrorism Response Team (TTRT) for making “terroristic threats to personnel.”

Internal documents show he was marked for deportation from the US, although it was not clear which country he would be returned to.

Border agents recorded 98 encounters of terror watchlisted individuals at both the northern and southern borders in fiscal year 2022, an almost twice as many, 172, in the 2023 fiscal year which ends September 20. So far in the first four months of 2024, 59 people have been apprehended, according to federal data.

The total number of terror watchlisted encounters between fiscal years 2017 and 2021 amounted to just 30 people, but after that time the criteria for being on the list, which has never been disclosed, was expanded.



In an aerial view, immigrants pass through coils of razor wire while crossing the U.S.-Mexico border on March 13, 2024 in El Paso, Texas.

Getty Images

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Asylum seekers cross the Rio Grande in El Paso, Texas on in hopes of turning themselves in to Border Patrol for processing on March 6, 2024.

Omar Ornelas / El Paso Times / USA TODAY NETWORK

Just days before former President Donald Trump's recent visit to Eagle Pass, Texas, a terror-watchlisted migrant crossed into the area illegally, according to an internal agency memo The Post obtained.

Colombian national Carlos Obed Yepez-Bedoya, 40, was first apprehended by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), which handed him into the custody of Border Patrol. Border agents made the determination about Yepez-Bedoya's alleged terror ties.



Migrants turn themselves in after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border at Jacumba Hot Springs

James Keivom

403 What do you think? [Post a comment.](#)

"This underscores the need for border security measures as potential threats to both public safety and national security are evident and exploit security vulnerabilities," Texas DPS Lt. Chris Olivarez told The Post at the time.

"The federal government has failed to enact border security measures, and the state of Texas, through Governor Abbott's Operation Lone Star, will continue to take unprecedented action to help secure the border," Olivarez said.

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1 hour ago

The insanity of open borders is designed to create chaos in the US. The Democrats are striving for both social & economic chaos. And history tells us that governments use chaos as an excuse and means to take away people's liberties, property, freedom, and the wealth of the country.

That is where we are headed; and the Dems have no desire to stop it.

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Les Wages

18 minutes ago

Pretty much. They'd be totally cool with hundreds more Laken Riley's if it meant one party rule forever. That's the reason they're ok with Hezbollah bombers crossing the border. To them, collateral damage is acceptable, if they achieve their goals. They have zero interest in securing that border.

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Listening

20 minutes ago

No worries. The many American patriots quietly watching will hold these politicians accountable.

No one can save them!

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Frank Lucas

9 minutes ago

Amen and pass the ammo. . .

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Nancy Lee

3 minutes ago

Cloward Piven Strategy

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Floyd Baran

8 minutes ago

"Fundamentally changing America...!"

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Lee Reed

12 minutes ago

A bigrant terriost.

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Kim Mary

11 minutes ago

As long as he heads off to a blue sanctuary city or state.

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Libby Clauwnz

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14 minutes ago

i'm surprised Mayorkas so special needs intelligent, that he just gives out national security intel to the press that make him look bad. thank goodness we have those invisible national guards to protect us.

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W.C. Fields

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1 hour ago

"Border agents continue to see a surge in migrants ***whose names appear on the terror watchlist*** entering the US illegally as crossings continue at record levels."

But what about the hundreds of thousands whose names don't appear on the terror watchlist but are terrorists nonetheless. They just stroll right across and disappear.

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JNC

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1 hour ago

And those on the terror watch almost surely are wearing Biden America Last t-shirts. Thanks Joe Biden for nothing

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Joel Hudlow

...

59 minutes ago

Bidens a clear and present danger to the security of the American people and our country forewarned should be for armed but with Biden the terrorist could offer him their plans and he'd forget

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Hooksie

...

46 minutes ago

Biden couldn't give a STAR AERR DEN!

Unscramble.

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Benwa73

...

22 minutes ago

But his innocence is Purveyed through the imposition that," he's just an old man and not capable of standing trial "

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Bubba J. Rumraisin

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29 minutes ago

Only if they give him 10%

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Chilli Palmer

...

49 minutes ago

Nearly all of them are instructed to contact their handler.....on Martha's Vinyard. And they all have our VP's cell phone number in case they need bail money...

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Marlin Williams

...

44 minutes ago

AOC will pay for attorneys.

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Edward Auchincloss

...

1 hour ago

In the face of such reports, even his detractors have to admit Trump was right on the border from the beginning. It's therefore no surprise, he's sweeping the key election metrics for 2024. Especially with those not afflicted with TDS.

(Edited)

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Charles Darwin

...

34 minutes ago

But but but threat to democracy! But but but abortion!

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Dzbigfish

...

1 hour ago

AND Joe Biden keeps on given to the American people. They will probably free him into the US..

He's just misunderstood.

The stuff ends in November.

More precisely, January..

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Vinnie Bonderman

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1 hour ago

We can't vote our way out of this. GOP = feckless.

It's too late. Too many are in, as planned.

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Lexie

...

1 hour ago

Basel is now arrested, good to know.

aiming to kill White people, ergo, as those who "not" Muslim.

Good this young man was arrested. "

However,

Border patrol wanted the bill presented

non-partisan by a Real Republican Lankford &

"the entire nation know it."

Weak House Republicans foolishly

let indicted old Orange 🍊 kill it.."

All their fault. Deep down, they know it." (Edited)

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LS **Laurie Schneider**

...

1 hour ago

poor lex so misguided.

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Citizen Jayne

...

1 hour ago

Well, ONE caught. How many "gotaways", thanks to current POTUS? And spare me, "but the Republicans wouldn't pass the recent proposed immigration laws" when EXISTING laws are not being followed and they let him reverse major effective policies the day after his inauguration.

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A Patriot is never Censored.

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1 hour ago

Clown, it's called , " Executive order". That's the only way , "The Big Guy" can get to be enacted.

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Terrible Twos ...
1 hour ago
Thank you Jayne.
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W.C. Fields ...
1 hour ago
For every one they catch think of how many thousands get through undetected.
Reply · 👍 94 · Share

Omen55 ...
1 hour ago
It will be a deadly line right to Joey & dem.
Reply · 👍 28 · Share

Lexie ...
1 hour ago
In your old man soon to be convicted orange 🍊 dreams 😊
Reply · 👍 · Share

MS ...
1 hour ago
People with stripper names shouldn't go name calling!
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Reg Cliff ...
1 hour ago
Look at the thousands of terrorist strikes in America that have happened by these terrorist allegedly getting in undetected. It's like 9/11 times 1000!
We're doomed. DOOMED! "AHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!"
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james bailey ...
1 minute ago
Allegedly getting in? They are in killing Americans and you make a joke of it. Pathetic!
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KJM ...
10 minutes ago
Spot on
Reply · 👍 · Share


Flamingo ...
1 hour ago
Thanks Joey, another fine “newcomer” looking to destroy us. You’ve done a “bang” up job.
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Lucia BC ...
1 hour ago
I thought they were all doctors & engineers
Reply · 👍 16 · Share


Heat Seeker ...
1 hour ago
For every one of them admitting that, how many aren't but have the same intentions and are coming in.
Reply · 👍 18 · Share


LyinDems ...


1 hour ago
right if this guy didn't admit they would have paid for his travel to ny.
Reply ·  7 · Share


Trulylatino ...
1 hour ago
Re-electing Trump is no longer a political choice, it is a survival choice.
Trump 2024! 🇺🇸👊
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Post Toasties ...
1 hour ago
What a great government it is that allows folks to enter our country that want to hurt us.
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JRS3 ...
1 hour ago
The 1.8 million known gottaways didn't want to be questioned, because they had something to hide. If just 1% of them are terrorists, that's 18,000 terrorists in the country. Of the 7 million illegal aliens processed and released, the vast majority are not vetted, and cannot be vetted, and a miniscule number will volunteer that they are terrorists. If 1% of the 7 million are terrorists, that's 70,000 terrorists. If it's just .1%, that's still 7 thousand terrorists. It only took 19 on September 11.
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Charles Darwin ...
37 minutes ago
Venezuela has emptied its prisons and sent the criminals here. Biden has unleashed a crime wave in this country, which is why we can't afford to lose our Second Amendment rights. I feel sorry for people living in blue areas with draconian gun laws which only prevent honest citizens from weapons.
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Isabel ...
6 minutes ago
Joe Biden's open borders America. Only the elites - with their armed security guards and gated estates - are safe. Joe considers everyone else potential collateral damage. Enough is enough. People have had it with the Dems two tiered system of safety. This is why Trump wins in a fair election.
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Just The Dude ...
1 hour ago
And then he continued, "it doesn't matter that I got caught because seventy five of my friends are on the planes that were secretly flown into airports in the middle of the night."
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Marlin Williams ...
41 minutes ago
Flown in on AF1, which Joe lent out for the cause.
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Lola T-E-Real-Female ...
25 minutes ago
I can't believe anybody believes this stuff. It reads like bad dialogue from a worse novel.
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Nickyvv ...
1 hour ago

Ihlan Omar already has accommodations set up for him and 20 of his closest friends.

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Charles Darwin

35 minutes ago

Her husband/brother will accommodate them.

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TruthB.Told

1 hour ago

Someone needs to make sure this story is on Biden's and Mayorkas' desk, not sure that would make a difference to these 2 though. Truth is, if you left the door to your own home wide open, do you think only nice people who you would want for neighbors would come in? Stop pretending this is nothing till it is too late.

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Charles Darwin

36 minutes ago

Mayorkas will be overjoyed. His plan is working.

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Harvey Keck

1 hour ago

And after the next "9/11" attack, the usual suspects in the press will be saying, "Dang, why didn't someone connect the dots?" The problem is that Biden is doing this on purpose, for some warped reason. He is a menace to our country.

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drewinmass

1 hour ago

Welcome to Joebama's America. Can we get you a "free" phone?

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LyinDems

1 hour ago

they can use it as the detonator

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Marlin Williams

42 minutes ago

Will, Minnesota is passing out Guaranteed Basic Income to all illegals beginning next month.

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1 hour ago

Has he been offered professorship yet at one of the major universities?

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Marat III

1 hour ago

How many more just walked on by?

Or were released after a cursory look?

Disgraceful how this vegetable has left the country open to terror and crime.

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B R

1 hour ago

And Republicans are the threat to Democracy? Hey Schumer, when are you bringing HR-2 to a vote in the Senate. The House passed it 3 years ago.

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Janet

1 hour ago

They should have wrote it to say you can't cross Ukraine's border. Then it would have passed. Schumer is anti American.

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EffJayBeewithaSidewaysShinkansen

1 hour ago

It will take a terrorist attack on this country before enough people wake up. Even then, I'm not so sure. Look at the crime wave; people so quickly get used to it, shrug, and move on. Most don't recall that we never had these problems 3 years ago.

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A Patriot is never Censored.

1 hour ago

There is a hotel, 10k in cash, food stamps and probably season tickets to the Yankees soon ,all free if you make it to NYC.

Reply · 8 · Share

d mnt

1 hour ago

Why is this news? What about the Chinese Military age Men? Convicted prisoners from South and Central America, Iranian Saboteurs??

Meanwhile the Cubans have "so many Classified Documents they don't have time to review them all"

train derailments, industrial fires, airplanes falling apart

No one in DC being held accountable

when do we start the treason trials vs the elites????

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Indigo18

1 hour ago

Seriously? Who would admit to authorities that they were planning to build a bomb?

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Grey goose

1 hour ago

A distraction to get others in

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Quinton McHale

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He should have gotten 2 in the hat.

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DJ1718

1 hour ago

We are being invaded by people who want to destroy us.

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