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## **ID-Sustainment, UAH ink innovative RIGSA to pipeline students from classrooms to conference rooms**



By Staci-Jill Burnley, ID-Sustainment Public Affairs Chief, January 13, 2025

Leaders from U.S. Army Installation Management Command's ID-Sustainment and the University of Alabama-Huntsville formalized an innovative Regional Intergovernmental Service Agreement December 19 that will see UAH students working alongside Soldiers and civilians as Army contractors, supporting the base operations mission at 32 installations around the U.S.

Mr. Davis D. Tindoll, Jr., ID-S Director, and Dr. Gary Maddux, Director of the UAH Systems Management and Production (SMAP) Center, signed the agreement in the presence of their respective staff who helped craft the initiative, officially celebrating months of effort leading up to the event.

To read the full article, use the link below:

[https://www.army.mil/article/282492/id\\_sustainment\\_uah\\_ink\\_innovative\\_rigsa\\_to\\_pipeline\\_students\\_from\\_classrooms\\_to\\_conference\\_rooms](https://www.army.mil/article/282492/id_sustainment_uah_ink_innovative_rigsa_to_pipeline_students_from_classrooms_to_conference_rooms)

## Former Israeli Spies Describe Attack Using Exploding Electronic Devices Against Hezbollah

By Darlene Superville

Two recently retired senior Israeli intelligence agents shared new details about a deadly clandestine operation years in the making that targeted Hezbollah militants in Lebanon and Syria using exploding pagers and walkie talkies three months ago.

Hezbollah began striking Israel almost immediately after Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack that sparked the Israel-Hamas war.

The agents spoke with CBS "60 Minutes" in a segment aired Sunday night. They wore masks and spoke with altered voices to hide their identities.

One agent said the operation started 10 years ago using walkie-talkies laden with hidden explosives, which Hezbollah didn't realize it was buying from Israel, its enemy. The walkie-talkies were not detonated until September, a day after booby-trapped pagers were set off.

"We created a pretend world," said the officer, who went by the name "Michael."

Phase two of the plan, using the booby-trapped pagers, kicked in in 2022 after Israel's Mossad intelligence agency learned Hezbollah had been buying pagers from a Taiwan-based company, the second officer said.

The pagers had to be made slightly larger to accommodate the explosives hidden inside. They were tested on dummies multiple times to find the right amount of explosive that would hurt only the Hezbollah fighter and not anyone else in close proximity.

To read the full article, use the link below: <https://apnews.com/article/lebanon-israel-devices-exploding-mossad-cbs-hezbollah-b008d92e6c9f0747f23def9bf3a5e3df>



## **Romanian Convicted of Spying for Russia Gets Five-Year Prison Term: Pișcan Was First Arrested and Placed in Custody in May**

By Catalina Mihai

The Bucharest Court of Appeal sentenced a Romanian man, Alexandru Pișcan, for sharing military intelligence with the Russian embassy in Bucharest.

The country's Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism (DIICOT) accused Pișcan of monitoring Romanian and NATO military sites near the city of Tulcea since 2022. The agency said he would gather military-related information and photograph combat equipment and troop movements near the Ukrainian border, which he would then send to the Russian embassy.

To read the full article, use the link below:

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/romanian-convicted-of-spying-for-russia-gets-five-year-prison-term/>



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