

Laith Marouf: Hezbollah Strikes HARD: Israel Plans Buffer Zone

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Hi, everybody. Today is Wednesday, April 1st, 2026, and our dear friend, our brother, Laith Marouf from Beirut, is here with us. Welcome back, Laith.

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Great to be with you, Nima.

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I think it's good to start with what's going on in the southern part of Lebanon. We know that Israel, even after the war, is talking about wanting a security zone—a buffer zone—in the south. What's the situation on the battlefield between Lebanon and Israel?

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Well, of course, the supremacy, ego, and crazy imagination of the Zionists make them believe in things that don't exist—like flying cows or pink elephants, right? They think they can do anything. The reality on the ground is that, just in the last 24 hours, according to the Zionists themselves, they have 48 officers and soldiers gravely injured. They're not telling us how many are dead. We saw, in the early hours of the morning, Hezbollah attacking Zionist columns around the Naqoura area—that's the coastal area—and around Shama, where the grave of Saint Peter is. On camera, we can see multiple tanks burning there. The situation in the central region, around the Bint Jbeil axis, involved a huge ambush against advancing Zionist forces.

They were targeted as they advanced between the triangle of Ainat and Ain Ibel, and they were destroyed there. Again, they've lost once more. Over the morning, there were huge clashes in Khiam. These are all frontline locations, just meters away from the actual border. This shows how desperate the situation is for the Zionists. They're not able to advance anywhere. They can blow up villages from the air, but they cannot advance on the ground. Now we're on day 30 of the engagement in the south of Lebanon, and their situation on the ground is worse than even during the 66-day war in 2024. We're looking at huge losses—at least 160 tanks destroyed in the last 30 days—on top of all the other armored vehicles, excavators, and those huge D9 tractors that have been taken out. And last night, we saw another drone destroyed in the south of Lebanon.

Their situation is so bad that they're even bringing in Al-Qaeda remnants from the Al-Julani regime to fight their battles at the far eastern edge of Shabaa, in the foothills of Mount Hermon. The Zionists brought in, you know, the HTS commandos—the Red Bandanas—through the occupied Golan Heights and set them yesterday against the resistance. And Shabaa Farms, by the way, and the Shabaa area, is a Sunni village. Hezbollah isn't the one resisting there. The Jama'at Islamiyah, or the Islamic Group, which is a Sunni resistance group in Lebanon, is the one fighting, and they've been defeating the HTS. There was another location where the Zionists went through Syria with the help of the HTS and the Al-Julani regime to try to enter the southernmost part of the Beqaa Valley, on the northern side of Mount Hermon.

So you can imagine, it's very close to where they attacked the Zionists—very close to Damascus—and again, they were repelled. This is an area that's mainly Druze and Christian, and again we see resistance there fighting the Zionists back. So there's no advancement on the ground for the Zionists, and therefore their situation is really bad. You know, when we're talking about 160 tanks destroyed—they have around a thousand left, as the Israeli army admitted after the battles in Gaza and South Lebanon last year—they only had a thousand left, according to them. So these are huge losses in just 30 days.

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Most of these tanks were destroyed by drones. What was the main tool used against them? As we know, it seems that most of the fighting is happening on the ground rather than being carried out by drones. How do you see the role of drones and the fighter jets the Israelis have?

#Laith

Yeah, so yesterday the Israeli military also admitted that because of the huge engagement it has in Iran, and because of the losses it's suffering there, Iran has shot down hundreds of advanced drones—specifically Hermes 900 and Qatari, the higher-grade ones that are closer to the MQ-9 the Americans have. Those are needed to gather information on the ground and direct the fighter drones, the Hermes 450 and others that carry the missiles. So once you lose that ability to gather information constantly in Lebanon, as we see today—I don't hear any drones over Beirut. During the 66-day war, there were drones hovering over all of Lebanon all the time. So this shortage of drones they're facing because of their, you know, genocidal war in Iran means they're unable to monitor the ground.

Their lower-grade drones are being shot down almost every couple of days—another one was shot down in Lebanon, even one that was fired at from Beirut. A fighter jet a few days ago was basically targeted by air defenses from the Beirut region, which was a huge surprise for them. So we can see how this is affecting their ability to gather information and direct activities. Therefore, they're depending more and more on their ground troops to advance and collect information for their operations, and that's setting them up for easier ambushes and traps that Hezbollah—the Islamic

Resistance—is carrying out very effectively. We also see Hezbollah itself using drones and ATGMs, as well as roadside bombs set up in combinations with very smart maneuverability, because Hezbollah knows the territory and knows what it's doing.

And once you advance with mechanized vehicles, as the Israelis do, there are limited places where you can move a tank. You're not going to take it up the side of a mountain—you have to go either through the valley or along the top of a ridge, on higher ground. And all of those areas are already monitored by Hezbollah with advanced surveillance, with drones flying over the advancing columns. It's a death trap for the Zionists. And this is a lesson, by the way, for everybody watching us who's wondering what's going to happen to the American troops once they decide to, you know, invade Iran. You think Iran isn't even more ready for something like that? If the Zionists lose 160 tanks in 30 days, imagine what the Americans would lose.

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I think part of this operation—if they go—it seems that on Friday night, or sometime around Friday, they're going to do it. They're going to go on the ground to fight, to invade Iran. But on the part of the Iranians, they've never fought the Israelis on the ground. On the other hand, we know that in Lebanon, Hezbollah knows how to fight Israelis on the ground. From what we've seen so far in Gaza and in Lebanon, it was the supremacy of Israeli fighter jets—going in, bombing people, then getting out of Lebanon or Gaza, just bombing and pulling back. The whole concept was bombing from above; it wasn't on the ground. Right now, from what has happened so far, what is the quality of these Israeli soldiers? Because what we've seen so far, what we've learned, says Israel is a powerful army—but what is the quality? What do we know about the quality of Israeli soldiers on the ground?

#Laith

They are some of the worst soldiers in the world. And look, the Western imperialist military strategy is an inverted one. Usually, you know, militaries have their ground forces as the biggest branch, and they spend the most on them—then the navy, and finally the air force, which is the most expensive. The West has inverted that triangle, that pyramid, and spent all their money on the air force. This is what we see. And the minute you're unable to use that air force, the resistance can fight you. And as we're seeing right now, with Iran taking on the brunt of the empire's aerial power, Hezbollah can move more easily.

Now, having said that—by the way—the Iranian Quds Forces and the IRGC all trained with Hezbollah and with Hamas, and they were on the ground throughout, since 1982 and onwards in Lebanon, as part of building and bringing together the components of the axis of resistance. The Iranian military had to face the brunt of imperialist power during the war imposed on it by Iraq, with the GCC and NATO behind them. So the tactics of what the West can do have already been learned. Iran has

watched what the U.S. did in Afghanistan and what it did in Iraq. There's nothing hidden about what the West can do once they move into a land invasion situation. I think the losses of the United States will be immense if it actually commits to a land invasion.

And it seems like it has no choice. But the bulk of the forces that will come won't be American. I think they'll be Saudi, Jordanian, trying to go through Kuwait, and there will be those Kurdish militias trying to go through the mountains of western Iran. This is going to be a failed attempt. In fact, the minute the Western allied forces—Jordanians, Saudis—cross the World War I borders that were imposed on the region by the imperial powers, the axis of resistance members—the Iraqi resistance, the Lebanese resistance, the Yemeni resistance—have already promised that they will also breach those World War I borders and seek to change them forever.

So we'll see—if there's an invasion of Iran from the south, from Kuwait—the Iraqi resistance entering Jordan, entering Kuwait, and liberating them. We'll see an invasion of Syria if HTS, al-Julani, tries to invade Lebanon. There will be an invasion by the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Units and the Iraqi military. Similarly, if the Saudis don't stay out of any land invasion and join a land force to invade Iran from the south, the Yemeni resistance—Ansarullah—and the government of Sana'a and its military will liberate Al-Hijaz, Mecca, and Medina from the Saudis. Once the Americans open the possibility for land forces to be used and for borders to be changed, the axis of resistance will also follow suit.

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Laith, one of the countries that's really hawkish right now is the UAE. What do they have—what do they have militarily, on the ground, in terms of soldiers? What do we know about their capabilities?

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I mean, I was just reading about two young people from the United Kingdom—those vloggers, those influencers who moved to the UAE—who've been tortured almost to death over the last two days by UAE security forces because they filmed some of the attacks on Dubai and other places and shared them on social media. And those torturers were not Emirati. There's no such thing as an "Emirati," first off—the word just means "principality." The thugs hired by the UAE are mainly Pakistani, Jordanian, and Saudi police forces. So this shows you how fragile that country is. It doesn't really have a military; it has mercenaries from other countries who are given nationalities, or something like that, to man the toys the Americans sell them at ten times the price, often the worst equipment in stock that needs to be moved.

This is literally what the Emiratis do—or their police force, which is made up entirely of non-nationals. When people talk about the Emirates, for instance, being involved in the genocide in Sudan or the war in Libya, it's not Emiratis who are fighting. It's just mercenaries. And it's the money of the Emirates being moved around by their masters in Tel Aviv and Washington. They don't

even control their own money. Yes, their flag is put on these death squads that were involved in Yemen, Sudan, or Libya, but they're not Emirati. They don't control them—Tel Aviv controls them. So, as we see, the West has attempted over the last hundred years to manufacture a “new Jew,” okay, by creating the Zionist colony and perverting Judaism to serve the aims of imperialism and colonialism.

And the same experiment—a failed experiment—that goes against nature, against the course of history, and against geography, is creating these fake glass principalities in the middle of the desert to compete with the Arab cultural and natural capitals of civilization like Baghdad, Damascus, Cairo, and Algiers. It's an attempt to fabricate a new Arab and a new Muslim who serve imperialism. And because this goes against the course of geography, nature, and history, it's a failed experiment. What we're witnessing these days is the shattering of those glass-tower colonies the West has built. And inshallah, the fabricated power behind these fossils will end with them, and we'll see a return to the natural order in the region.

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Netanyahu wants to build a counterforce against the acts of resistance. He's talking about coming together with the UAE, Saudi Arabia, all these countries. Laith, when it comes to that—because the whole concept of the acts of resistance is based on the people—and those people who support the mindset of resistance, what resistance is trying to achieve, the goals are so obvious for them, for those who are fighting for resistance. But who's going to fight for Netanyahu? Even in Saudi Arabia, in the UAE—what's the public opinion in these Arab states, in Kuwait?

#Laith

Of course, public opinion is almost 100% anti-Zionist and in favor of the liberation of Palestine. Even in countries like the Saudi hell kingdom, the latest surveys just a few months ago showed something like 98% of the population against the existence of the Zionist colony and for the liberation of Palestine. The Arab peoples have all, unfortunately, been crushed. You know, you have these dictatorships that are so ruthless. The Saud family—what they did to the Arabian people is what ISIS did in Iraq and Syria. We're talking about mass rape of the population to get them to submit to the will of the Saudi ruling family.

Since the 1930s—what they did in Iraq, in the Hejaz when they invaded it in 1930, what they did in Mecca and Medina—the destruction of the tombs of the Prophet's family and wives, and, you know, all the markers in Mecca and Medina. That was exactly what ISIS did in Iraq, or in Afghanistan, or other places. So this is not natural. And again, when we talk about an alliance between the Zionists and these vassals—well, it's been in existence since the 1920s. All of these vassals have been aligned with the Zionist colony against every liberationist movement in the region, starting with fighting the Syrian nationalists who led the Palestinian uprising in 1936, and then against the Arab unificationists with Jamal Abdel Nasser.

And then against the communist resistance of the PFLP, and then against the, uh, liberal resistance of the PLO. And now against the Islamic resistance in the region. So these vassals have given all their money, all their propaganda power, and all their ability to buy mercenaries to destroy any movement in the region for almost a hundred years. So, uh, Netanyahu bragging about some alliance—he's just telling us what's already there. It doesn't change any facts on the ground; it just adds more propaganda for what he sees as a win for himself, and in reality, it's a liability for these vassals who've been in his servitude for a hundred years—in the servitude of the Zionists—being outed over and over by the Zionists as vassal servants.

I mean, what Trump said—talking about MBS having to kiss his behind—I mean, we know, actually, MBS and the Saud family, the Thunayan family, and the Hashemite family in Jordan, they've been kissing the behinds of every American, British, and French colonizer since time immemorial, since their names became names, these families. And we know that the Saud family and the Emirati ruling family are involved in the Epstein pedophilia and so-forth rings. This is natural. We've known it for a hundred years. It's not a surprise for us here in the region when we saw the names of these royal families in the Epstein files.

Because when we were children—by the way, I lived in Saudi for 12 years, between 1980 and 1992—the first thing you do when you move to Saudi Arabia is tell your son, before you tell your daughter, to watch their behind, because you might get kidnapped and turned into a sexual toy. Okay, so this is not a surprise to us. We know this is what the West built—filth to rule these countries, to subjugate our whole societies, to rape our children into submission. This is what they've done over the last hundred years in these Gulf countries. So they won't be able to mobilize anything. They can keep throwing their money, as their master tells them, on these failed projects that are against nature, against history, against geography—and they will fail.

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I think finally they're going to join, and they're part of it. You know, even the United States—CENTCOM—released some footage showing that they were refueling fighter jets above Saudi Arabia. That was on March 26th, if I'm not mistaken. But when you look at Saudi Arabia and the UAE, do you see any sort of future with this mindset they have? Because before this war started—let's go back before all this madness in the Persian Gulf—it was MBS talking about wanting a prosperous region, something like Europe. Let's assume he said that. And now they've started a war on Iran, with the United States and Israel, and they're siding with those countries that launched this attack.

And how? Because on one side, you want a region that's prosperous. On the other hand, you're helping those countries that are destroying the region—not only destroying it, but trying to do even more damage. By the way, I've said it before: they don't care about Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, or Kuwait. They're using them as some sort of shield for Israel. They don't care what happens. That's why Iran is destroying all these bases—they don't care about that. They're more concerned about

those radars than about the people living in these countries. But when reality hits the leadership, do you see any sort of hope, or the people rising up and doing something in these countries?

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The biggest possibility for change in the Arabian Peninsula is if these vassals take the stupid step of joining any land attack on Iran. What would happen is that within minutes, Iranian special forces would land in these FASL locations in the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, and elsewhere—and they would cease to exist. That's the biggest chance for change, followed by someone from the military forces of those countries picking up a gun and staging a coup, you know, taking out the royal families. There's no hope for change otherwise. You know, everybody knows how the house slaves in the South of the United States were given better treatment than the field slaves by the white slave owners.

When the uprising of the field slaves happens and they come to burn down the master's home, the house slave or the kitchen slave usually stays with the master, tries to defend the house, and burns down with it while the master runs away through the back door. And so these vassal regimes in the Arabian Peninsula will go down with the master's house rather than join the field slaves in an uprising against the slave owner. The slave owner—the United States—will just walk out of the region as they collapse and burn in front of their eyes. I think people need to understand this, because everything the Saudis were trying to do before—whether it was talking to China or trying to have a reconciliation with Iran—was all a ruse, not only against Iran but also against China, to drag China into putting investments in the Gulf in order to make it lose if the Gulf was attacked, if the Arabian Peninsula was attacked. So this is where the truth of the matter lies.

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Donald Trump says he wants to sell F-35s to Saudi Arabia. And we know they've already bought a lot of fighter jets and equipment—air defense systems and so on. So what's the logic of buying new fighter jets when you can't use them, when you're not allowed to use them to defend yourself against Israel? It seems they're going to pay for these jets, keep them in Saudi Arabia, and whenever they're needed, someone else will use them while they just sit parked there. What is that? What's the logic behind buying new fighter jets, for example, for Saudi Arabia?

#Laith

You know, it takes a long time to train any pilot to fly such a sophisticated fighter jet, even if they have experience flying other jets, because the positioning of the buttons and everything is different on every plane. It's tens of buttons and systems you have to deal with. I was training, when I was much younger, to be a commercial pilot, and I had the pleasure of sitting in some of these fighter jets. I can tell you, even with commercial pilot training, it would take at least a year to learn to fly something that isn't even the latest technology. So if we're hearing Trump talk about the Saudis

buying F-35s, basically they're just paying the Americans for a lemon—the failed project that nobody wants to buy—especially now, when Iran has shown it can detect an F-35 and an F-22, and shoot at them, even shoot them down.

So he's basically saying that the Saud family, after he said that MBS could kiss his behind, came back and kissed it even more, saying, "Here, master, some more money for your failed project." Maybe, as you're saying, Nima, the American pilots can fly these jets and pretend they're Saudis. There's no way the Saudis, if they actually buy these, could have pilots ready and ground crews trained to fix these machines in less than two years. So that's what it's really about—it's another shakedown of the Saud family, or the Saud family justifying more money being dumped into America while their own people go hungry.

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It seems that, after all, they have to pay for this war against Iran. All these Arab states—Saudi Arabia, the UAE—they want, or rather, the United States wants them to pay for this war. And it was said by Caroline Leavitt; she literally said that Donald Trump is in the process of making them, of forcing them, to pay for it. The war has been devastating. Just look at what's happened today in Qatar, in Saudi Arabia, in Kuwait. Because of the attacks on Iranian infrastructure—oil and gas facilities, even water facilities—they hit back at some resources, some oil and gas sites in Qatar and Saudi Arabia. So they've been suffering during this war, and they have to pay for what the United States tried to do: to go against Iran and push for a so-called regime change for Israel. And they want to be Israel's best friend in the region. It's just amazing. Look at the logic of this whole concept of a new friendship, a new partnership with Israel. I think many people in the region are wondering, what is happening to us?

#Laith

Yeah, I mean, look, for almost a hundred years—since the 1940s, let's say about eighty years since the discovery of oil in these countries—the deal was that the Western oil companies would take the vast majority of the profit, and these vassals in small countries, cut out of the larger Arab body and with very small populations, would take a ten-percent cut. They could spend it on their prostitutes, drugs, and parties, and pretend they lived on a different planet.

And so, the profit from oil in the Arabian Peninsula has been the backbone of Western economies since its discovery, artificially inflating them ever since. Lately, as we see the United States getting hungrier and hungrier, they even want to go after that ten percent that these vassals get as their cut of their own oil being looted, right? And with the stoppage of exports, what Trump is doing right now is not only going after that ten percent they've been allowed to keep for the last eighty years, but also after their savings. Right now, these countries aren't selling oil and gas, and they're having to pay for this whole war from what?

From the savings. So it's a shakedown—a looting of the last remaining money in the banks of these vassals that have been protected for eighty years. If Iran continues to blockade Hormuz, and if Yemen enters this battle and directly attacks the remaining export points on the Red Sea or Saudi oil, then these regimes will go bankrupt very fast—because of the emperor's shakedown and because they're not able to gain any money, even from that ten percent they're allowed to keep. They're at the last edge, and I think they may, after being shaken down and as Trump realizes he's losing this war, be left with no money to even bribe anybody in the region.

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Yesterday and the day before, the tone in Saudi Arabia and the UAE was that Iran is forcing Yemen to enter the fight. You followed the news there—it was all about that. And then today we've learned again, they're saying the Yemenis are not part of the fight, that they haven't started it, that they were forced to fire missiles at Israel. And today we've seen more missiles going toward Israel. They don't understand who the Yemenis are, you know. These people—Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the United States—they've been fighting Yemen for years, and they still don't understand who the people really are. It's amazing to me to see this kind of ignorance in these Arab states, in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

#Laith

You know, the commander of the Iranian armed forces, I think maybe two days ago, said that if you want to know what happened to the Gerald Ford, look no further than the great high mountains of Yemen for your answer. So that was a hint from the Iranian military that it was actually Yemen—before it even declared it was entering the battle—that almost sank the Gerald Ford, the most advanced aircraft carrier in the imperial forces, which is now limping back to the United States. This shows how significant the Yemeni involvement is. They've been concentrating their firepower over the last three days, since they announced their participation, on the southern parts of occupied Palestine, which is freeing up Iran to focus on the north and the center.

Their achievements are great. And I think if any military forces come from NATO through the Red Sea, thinking they can join an invasion of Iran or a project to open the Strait of Hormuz, they'll be faced by Yemen—and they'll be sunk. There's another aircraft carrier coming right now. I think it's the Reagan that's on its way. The George W. Bush—right, the George W. Bush—another one of those war criminals, presidents of the United States, with the worst war machines named after them. And it will be targeted by Yemen if it gets close to the Arabian Sea and is far from, let's say, Iran's missiles. So Yemen will take care of that one too, if it arrives.

And as I said before, if the stupid Saud family goes ahead and gets involved in the war against Iran openly—of course, they're involved right now—or tries to use any ground forces they have to invade Iran through Kuwait, then the Yemeni armed forces will work to liberate the three Yemeni provinces currently occupied by Saudi Arabia: Asir, Najran, and Abha. They'll also try to liberate Mecca and

Medina from the Wahhabi filth. So Yemen will be decisive in any future battle as it unfolds. And I think we will get to that point. I think there's no way around the removal of the World War I borders and the regimes that collaborated with the imperials over the last 80 years, so we can have a future that's secure for us in the region.

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This is a new experience, Laith, for the Axis of Resistance to work in harmony—all these parts of the Axis of Resistance. For many years, people were talking about the Axis of Resistance from Yemen to Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon, all connected. We had the fall of Bashar al-Assad in Syria, which they said would be a huge loss. But looking at what's going on now, considering the use of missiles and drones, you can see how capable they are. They're fighting strategically. They're not fighting because—well, the other day one of these military analysts said, "These are not Arabs; these are Aryans fighting." But they don't understand the Axis of Resistance, how it works. It's a harmony. The people are joining each other.

These countries are coming together and working in harmony. It's not about a single Iranian fighting; it's about the whole Axis of Resistance. You know, in Lebanon, you can see how in the southern part, Hezbollah is fighting. The Lebanese army, the government—they're basically leaving the south. I don't know what we really know about the army leaving the southern part of Lebanon and leaving everything in Hezbollah's hands, because they don't want to fight. It's Hezbollah that's defending Lebanon. It's Yemen that's defending Gaza, defending the Axis of Resistance. You're seeing something new happening, especially with Hezbollah in Iraq—it's amazing how strategically they're fighting.

#Laith

Yeah, so, of course, you know, some of us, after October 7th, just—I want to say this because I think it helps people understand the idea of coordination more deeply. Most people outside the battlefield or political circles aren't seeing what's happening behind the scenes. It may have looked to a lot of us on October 7th like, hey, why didn't the whole Axis of Resistance jump into this war immediately, at full force? But as we see now, it's clear there was no way to do that. If the United States and the West had all come together on October 7th to defend the Zionist colony—which they did—at full force, with their full air capabilities, supply routes, air defense systems, and all their bombs stocked up and ready, there would have been a slaughterhouse across the entire region.

What happened was that the Axis of Resistance members understood this needed to play out on a long scale—draining the most vicious, most well-armed, and richest empire humanity has ever known over two and a half years, with huge sacrifices. They had to take some losses in this battle to reach where we are today, where the United States and Israel have shortages in their bombs and anti-air defenses, where many of their bases are destroyed, and they're having to bomb all the way from the UK with long-range bombers and so forth. Now we have a real possibility of winning.

So that wouldn't have happened without coordination between the resistance in Gaza, Lebanon, Iraq, Yemen, and Iran. If people had just reacted emotionally—of course, none of us wanted to see all this death, none of us wanted to see this genocide—but it was inevitable. It was inevitable because the whole world has now witnessed the most documented genocide in history. I'm not talking about the Holocaust or anti-Semitism, but about what has made the whole world hate Israel and hate the empire. The world had to see the fall of Bashar al-Assad and the fall of Damascus, to see the massacres of Christians, Druze, and Alawis in the streets, and the mass rapes.

And for Al-Julani to be walking in the streets of Berlin, Paris, London, and New York as the hero of Western civilization—the whole world had to see that. I cry for Syria, but it was inevitable. It almost needed to happen for the whole Sunni Muslim world to see that there is no one not aligned with the Axis of Resistance who is actually resisting. That all this talk about Al-Qaeda, ISIS, and the so-called Islamic State in the name of Islam has been imperialist, colonialist, collaborationist vassals. And therefore, as we saw yesterday, there were huge riots in Daraa, in the south of Syria, on the border of the Golan. Daraa is where the demonstrations started against the Assad government in 2012. It's supposed to be a hotbed of Jordanian, CIA, and British intelligence control.

People were rioting yesterday, trying to reach the borders of the Golan and getting shot at by Israeli soldiers because they wanted the Syrian government to stand against the execution of Palestinian prisoners that had just been approved in the Zionist colony. Uh, so this wouldn't have happened if Bashar al-Assad were there, if this theatrics of Sunni Wahhabi "resistance," quote-unquote, hadn't been exposed as agents of the CIA and so forth. So the coordination is huge. And of course, in Iraq right now, the Iraqi resistance is doing a great job in their destruction of Kurdish positions on the border with Iran, and in confronting the presence of CIA, Mossad, and Italian, French, and German special forces in Kurdistan. They're also attacking U.S. positions inside Jordan and Kuwait. This is very, very important to the battle, and of course, again, these are all clear examples of long, strategic collaboration between all the components of the Axis of Resistance.

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When it comes to Lebanon—what is happening? Because with the Israeli occupation, Israelis are attacking in southern Lebanon, but the government isn't doing anything. What is the government doing right now?

#Laith

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. You know, you mentioned that in your last question. I'm sorry I missed answering it. But, you know, there's a triangle of three Christian villages in the south of Lebanon, in the Bint Jbeil region. One of them is Ibel. They were some of the few villages in the south that still had a Lebanese military presence around and inside them. And yesterday, under orders from the Prime Minister, the troops were withdrawn, and the villages were freaking out. The priests even

made videos saying they would die on their land and, if attacked, they would not leave. So there's a crisis right now, even within the Christian political circles in the country, because these are very important villages with archaeological sites and historical significance.

And in one of those three villages, yesterday Israeli soldiers entered the church and used it as a hideout. So we're seeing Lebanon as a whole—the Lebanese government—losing its legitimacy very quickly. It started with the foreign minister, who belongs to the Christian supremacist party, the Phalange, ordering the Iranian ambassador to leave Beirut. That led the Speaker of the House, Nabih Berri, who leads the Amal Movement, to issue a public statement saying the ambassador should not leave, will not leave, and that nobody would be able to force him out. So the ambassador is still here. And then, yesterday, that same foreign minister sent a letter to the UN Security Council calling for Hezbollah to be designated a terrorist organization.

So we see that there's an acceleration in the attempts by this Vichy regime in Lebanon—this collaborationist regime of President Aoun and Prime Minister Salam—to appease the Zionists, even though the Zionists are losing. This is the same suicidal tendency as the Gulf monarchs, who are gonna go down and burn with the master's house. There have been multiple demos over the last four days, including two around the government offices in downtown Beirut. And until now, no major parties have called for demonstrations against the illegitimate government. I think the government here is living in a kind of la-la land. They have no control—neither over the areas Israel is hungry to occupy, like in the south, nor over the country as a whole. They have nothing. They're not in control.

I think Hezbollah, the resistance as a whole, and all the nationalist, patriotic people in Lebanon—they're not going and occupying government offices or dragging these collaborators into the streets because they're irrelevant. At this moment, let them bark. They're like chihuahuas right now. To go to the Security Council with a letter declaring Hezbollah a terrorist organization is a stupid, suicidal move, but it means nothing. Neither the masters in the White House nor the masters in Tel Aviv can come to the aid of this Phalange collaborationist regime, and this regime can't impose its will on the ground in Lebanon or try to confront Hezbollah. So right now, the only thing saving this collaborationist government from total collapse is that Hezbollah doesn't think it's worth it.

#Nima

We had reports, you know, two days ago that in the West Bank, so far what we've seen is that most of the people killed were Palestinians, killed by settlers, right? Now the IDF is actively involved in that mission and killing. What's happening in the West Bank? What do we know about what's going on?

#Laith

Yeah, the situation in the West Bank is horrible. Every day there are these pogroms by Jewish supremacist hilltop colonists coming down to the villages, burning them, attacking people, killing

innocent civilians. Much of the time, it's under the protection of the Zionist military. In fact, we saw that attack on the CNN journalists by soldiers involved in these pogroms. It's undeniable—there's no real difference between these fanatic colonists and the soldiers there. They're part of the same team. Those same colonists put on their fatigues, go serve in Gaza or South Lebanon, then come back, take off their uniforms, and act as if they're just civilians.

There are no civilians in Gaza. In the Zionist colony, everybody is a military colonist and a genocider. The situation is very bad because nobody's looking. Many of the former prisoners who were released in the exchanges during the Gaza genocide have been rearrested—many of them over the last few weeks. And now, with these executions of Palestinian prisoners, those released prisoners may also end up on this list of executions. The situation in the West Bank is going to explode. We saw demonstrations in Ramallah—not against the Zionists, by the way, but against Mahmoud Abbas. And Mahmoud Abbas, who is another Vichy, I think Nawaf Salam in Lebanon is copying every move that Mahmoud Abbas has made over the last 20 years.

And Mahmoud Abbas led the Israeli military into Ramallah to beat up the demonstrators and shoot at them. So it's a very volatile situation. I think in the next week, if there is a land war—and we'll see, of course—there's the possibility of the collapse of the Jordanian regime. That may bring hope to people in the West Bank, because then the longest border of Palestine with any country would be freed. Jordan is the number one defensive line of the Zionist colony, and it's about time this Hashemite regime is removed so the Jordanian people and the Palestinian people can join together in their resistance against the existence of the Zionist colony.

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Yeah. Thank you so much, Laith, for being with us today. It's a great pleasure. And before wrapping up, please go to Free Palestine—right below Laith's name here on the picture—freepalestine.video, and support what Laith is trying to do. He's preparing a lot of documentaries about what's going on in southern Lebanon and the reality of that region. Thank you so much, Laith. Great pleasure, as always.

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Thank you. Have a nice day.

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Thank you. You.