

# **Nima R. Alkhorshid: BREAKING: Hezbollah Just Resumed Military Operations Against Israel**

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Hi everybody, right now it's Wednesday night at 10 p.m. Eastern Time, April 8th, 2026. So far, with the war in the Middle East, what we learned last night—or actually, the night before—was about the ceasefire. Both sides, the United States and Iran, had some sort of negotiation through the Pakistani government. Then they came out and announced it. Donald Trump announced there would be a ceasefire, and the Iranian parties said the same thing. Both of them mentioned these 10-point proposals—the 10-point proposal on the part of the Iranians. We discussed this last night, what those 10 points were, and today we've learned something different from the Vice President of the United States.

And I want to get to what's going on with the case of Hezbollah, because Hezbollah just announced that they're going to attack Israel. They're going to respond to what Israel did today—this sort of, you know, that they destroyed many buildings in Lebanon. But before getting there, I just want to mention how we got here, what's happening with this ceasefire. In my opinion, it's a fake ceasefire. It's not going to last long, and sooner or later we're going to see the end of this posture on the part of Donald Trump. What happened today was amazing to me—J.D. Vance talking this way about the 10-point plan that was accepted. Donald Trump mentioned that, retweeting or reposting what the Iranian foreign minister posted on X. Then he just accepted it. He said, "That's the plan. It's a workable plan." He said that in that tweet. And here's what we heard today from J.D. Vance.

## **#Vance**

I've been involved in this. There are at least three different 10-point proposals that I've seen floating around. The first one was something that was submitted—and we think, frankly, it was probably written by ChatGPT—that was sent to Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner. That immediately went in the garbage and was rejected. The second 10-point proposal was much more reasonable, based on some back-and-forth between us and the Pakistanis. That's the 10-point proposal the president was referencing in his post yesterday.

And then, frankly, I've seen a third 10-point proposal that's even more maximalist than the first one, floating around various social media channels. Now, here's what's interesting about all this: I've seen

various outlets—the New York Times, CNN, others—pick up and run with the original 10-point proposal based on little more than a random guy in Iran submitting it to public access television there, and then people saying that somehow represents the negotiating position of the government.

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Yeah. What was the 10-point proposal? I think... he's just making things up. He's lying to us, to all of us. I don't know why he's doing this. What's the main objective on his part? Because that's not going to help him if he wants to negotiate with the Iranians. They already have experience with Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner. I don't know if he's trying to be the new Jared Kushner or Steve Witkoff, because the way he's talking about the 10-point plan—since this war started, since the Israeli-American attack on Iran happened—we've seen the same sort of objectives from Iran, and they've never changed their points. It's always been the same, you know, since day one, when the whole operation collapsed after four days, two days, three days.

Then the Iranians—they started, you know, after the collapse of the coup, the so-called regime change—they started to negotiate with Iran. After four days, it's not something new, these sorts of messages going through the government in Pakistan, or by the government in Turkey, or by the Omani government, and all of them. It's not something new. It's been happening since, you know, just four days into this war. They started sending messages to Iran: "Let's have some sort of discussion. Let's have some sort of solution. Let's talk. Let's negotiate." But Iran said no. They said from day one that if this war is going to end, it has to end on all fronts. It's not going to be just about Iran; it's going to be with Lebanon, it's going to be with Gaza.

You cannot ignore or remove Gaza from the calculation on the part of the Iranians. You cannot remove Lebanon either. I don't know why he's manipulating things—it doesn't make sense to me. This guy is not serious. It shows there's no negotiation; that's not going to happen. I think, at best, we're going to see something like the Minsk II agreement. In 2015, there was an agreement between ethnic Russians in the eastern part of Ukraine and the government in Kyiv. The guarantors of that agreement were Germany and France, and the Russian government signed it as well. But later on, it turned out to be a sham, because they were rebuilding Ukraine's military to confront Russia—to trap Russia in Ukraine.

They're doing the same. Donald Trump was elected, and since day one he said he wanted to put an end to the conflict in Ukraine. What has he done so far? Nothing. He's just providing more intelligence, more weapons. He was doing this even before the war started. The war against Iran has somehow influenced the conflict in Ukraine, because the United States has been sending everything to Israel—to help Israel. You remember what they did with the air defense system in South Korea? And then they even asked Poland to send their Patriot missiles, the Patriot systems, to Israel to help Israel. This is the reality of what's going on. I think they're just buying time.

I don't know how that's going to help them in the short run. It's not going to help, because if they want to produce more interceptors, they're not really capable of producing enough to influence the battlefield. And Iran knows that. Iran does the same thing—they're going to repair, they're going to get prepared. And right now, today we've learned that Israel—right after Israel—the ceasefire. Everybody's talking about a ceasefire. Today we had the White House press secretary, Caroline Levitt; she was talking about the ceasefire. How is that going? What's the plan on the part of the United States? They're going to... because... And first, we've heard that it's going to be a team led by J.D. Vance, together with Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner.

Then they said, no, J.D. Vance is not going to be part of the negotiations because he's concerned about security if he goes to Islamabad, Pakistan. Later today, we learned from Caroline Levitt that, no, J.D. Vance is going to be part of the negotiations. He's going to participate as the head negotiator of the team. I don't see J.D. Vance bringing any kind of fresh air to the whole situation of negotiating with the Iranians. What happened today is that Israel attacked Lebanon. They killed many people—civilians. If you follow the news, you see most of those killed were kids and other civilians. It's unbelievable. Why are they doing this? What is this hatred that seems to have no end on their part?

Who's going to stop them from what they're doing? J.D. Vance said they're not going to do anything of that sort—to avoid, to put some sort of barriers for Israel, to not go that far, not to attack Lebanon. But after all, they're doing this. Just one of these families that was killed—this is the picture. Just look at it. These are civilians. This is the future of Lebanon. How can someone see this, see what Israel is doing in Lebanon—destroying the whole building, the whole area, the whole neighborhood with all the people? What's that? Who's going to? Nobody has any sort of... I don't even believe that Donald Trump has any kind of leverage over Benjamin Netanyahu. He's simply running everything in the United States and outside of the United States.

You don't see the backbone in Europeans to go against him. They're just talking. Today, BBC reported that the main targets of this Israeli operation in Lebanon were supposedly military buildings and some sites related to Hezbollah—commanders, forces, and all that. That's nonsense. They're killing people, killing civilians. They did that in Gaza; they leveled the whole area. They want to do the same in Lebanon. This is the plan. They agreed to this ceasefire to stop Iran from firing at Israel, to level Lebanon, because they know they can't beat Lebanon on the ground. If Lebanon had even a minuscule percentage of what Israel has, they'd be able to defeat Israel in two days—24 hours.

With all those powerful weapons, all those devastating weapons the United States is providing to Israel, they're still not capable of fighting underground. That's why they have to use their air force—to go in, bomb people, and kill civilians. They did that. They did that in this war against Iran. They destroyed an entire neighborhood—500 people—to kill the head of Iran's National Security Council,

Ali Larijani. He wasn't hiding in some bunker like we've seen with Netanyahu; he was in an apartment building. And they killed him. The whole neighborhood. They destroyed the whole neighborhood just to kill him.

These people have no understanding of what they're doing. They're full of hatred, and they want to burn everybody in that region with it. Israel doesn't want peace in the Middle East. Israel doesn't consider anybody's concerns; they only care about their own agenda—the idea of a greater Israel. They want to go to the Litani River in the southern part of Lebanon. They want to destroy everything. And when they reach the Litani River, they'll go beyond that—a new buffer zone. These buffer zones aren't going to end; it's going to be forever.

They're going to make buffer zones—buffer zones after buffer zones—to capture and, you know, invade all these countries. The same thing has happened in the southern part of Syria. I don't know if anybody in the Iranian government right now is really paying attention to what Israel is saying. I think Iran's agenda at this point is to figure out how to talk with the United States, to make them understand Israel's agenda. But nobody's there to listen. The problem is, the Trump administration has completely changed. You know, look at Donald Trump today—he's like Netanyahu to me.

He's no different from Benjamin Netanyahu. He's doing the same thing. Look at the language he's using—he wants to destroy a whole civilization. He wants to destroy, to put an end to Iran as a country, as a nation. Who talks this way? Is this the dignity of the United States? I don't think so. These people are not representing the United States. That's why we have, you know, an American general talking about the way Pete Hegseth is talking about fighting a war. He said that. We had General Randy Maynard saying that the way Pete Hegseth wants to fight a war is not the way Americans fight wars. Here's what General Randy Maynard said: "Stupid rules of engagement."

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Those are the words of a potential war criminal—right there. And that is not the advice, counsel, or direction that any Secretary of Defense should be giving to our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines. It actually puts them in greater danger. The Secretary of Defense is a disgraced major who was kicked out of the D.C. National Guard. He has no qualifications whatsoever to be Secretary of Defense, other than his extreme loyalty to the President. Again, those are the words of a potential war criminal.

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Where did he learn that? We know where he learned it—from Israel, from the IDF—because they were doing this in Gaza. They destroyed everything there. Nothing is going to come out of this ceasefire, in my opinion. They're not serious about negotiations. They don't want to do anything. And J.D. Vance said that today. They said Lebanon is not part of the deal. Who's part of the deal? The United States, Israel, and the GCC countries. So how come you can bring your allies into the ceasefire, but Lebanon cannot be part of it? Iraq cannot be part of it? This is their logic. Here's what J.D. Vance said today about the case of Lebanon.

## **#Vance**

He's lying again.

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Because the prime minister of Pakistan said that. He mentioned it in his tweet. He said it included everyone, including Lebanon. How can you deny that? The guy was just copying and pasting the same text you sent him. He didn't even, you know, remove the draft. The Pakistani prime minister just copied and pasted what you sent to him. And you mentioned in that text that it includes Lebanon and others, which means Gaza. And they're denying everything. They think they can manipulate. I think the most important thing is, you can fight the United States and Israel, but you cannot negotiate with them. I think the Iranians are getting to that point. That's why Russia is fighting the United States—fighting the whole NATO—in Ukraine instead of negotiating, because nothing is coming out of negotiations.

These people are not negotiating to reach an agreement. They're negotiating for the sake of negotiation, hoping that as time goes by, they'll weaken these countries—I mean Russia and Iran—and break them down, somehow trap them in a continuous war. Because they're not... In Ukraine, they weren't fighting Russia directly; they were using Ukraine as a proxy to fight and destroy Russia, to trap Russia in Ukraine. But what's happening right now in the Middle East is a new front. They never thought Iran would be strong enough to fire back. They thought they could bring Iran to its knees. Regime change has failed—so now it's, "Let's go after military operations, let's go after military targets."

That showed—the whole operation showed—that they have no intelligence from Iran. They don't know where to hit. They don't know how to destroy Iran's capabilities in producing missiles and drones. This is the main problem. That's why the president of the United States is talking about destroying a civilization. He's talking about the buildings, the history of Iran, the people of Iran, the culture of Iran. He's not talking about a military operation. He's saying everything was destroyed—the air defense isn't there, the air force isn't there, the naval forces aren't there. "We've destroyed 90% of their missiles and air defense systems." But Iran is sitting back. They want to remove Iran from the equation because they want to destroy it.

They want to do the same. The Israeli government wants to do the same in Lebanon. And there are people—some, I don't even know what to call them—who think that Lebanon without Hezbollah, if they remove Hezbollah from Lebanon, that's going to solve Lebanon's problem. But the problem isn't Lebanon. The problem isn't Hezbollah. The problem is the occupation of Lebanon—the occupation, the killing, the destruction happening there. And Lebanon doesn't have an army. The government doesn't have an army capable of fighting Israel and the IDF. The whole concept of Hezbollah is based on defending and resisting the invasion of Lebanon.

It's not based on attacking Israel; it's about resisting and defending their land. This is what's happening. Iran is not going to make any sort of agreement with the United States without Lebanon being considered, without Gaza being considered. I think everybody should understand that. And that's not going to happen. It doesn't matter how hard J.D. Vance tries to manipulate the whole situation with ten plans. Three times they changed the plan, the points—and that's nonsense. They didn't do that. I was reporting on those points from day one. They changed slightly, but most of them were the same.

They were talking about putting an end to the war on all fronts. They were talking about the sanctions—the main ones being the primary and secondary sanctions. Those are going to remain on Iran. Right now, we've learned that they're going to do it together with the government in Oman. That shows the whole region, the GCC countries, that if you want to participate, if you want to have a greater security architecture for the region, if you want a prosperous region, you have to understand Iran's position. That's why Iran—well, Oman didn't do anything in terms of the Strait of Hormuz.

But Iran considers Oman a partner because they're not there to rob anybody or destroy anything. They want partnership. Whoever is willing to make some sort of partnership with Iran in the region, Iran is going to welcome that. That's why Oman is part of what's going on with the Strait of Hormuz. They did nothing militarily or politically in the case of the Strait of Hormuz, but Iran considered them a partner for it. This is the mindset on the part of the Iranians. I think these Arab GCC states should understand that. We've seen how the UAE was used just hours after the ceasefire happened—they were attacking Iran.

One of these islands—Siri Island—they call it Siri Island. They attacked the refinery on Siri Island. You know, how capable are they? Do they really want to continue that? Do they want to be closer to Israel? This is the problem Iran is facing in the Middle East. I think there has to be some sort of understanding among the countries in the region. I would say the United States can change its behavior and be part of that whole agreement in the Middle East. The United States can be part of this. Russia can be part of this. China can be part of this. And everybody is going to benefit from a new agreement—a new security architecture for the region.

But Donald Trump doesn't want that. It doesn't seem like he's going to change his attitude toward the Middle East, toward West Asia. I don't see anything happening with the negotiations in

Islamabad, as long as they don't consider Lebanon part of the ceasefire. Just to go back—Lebanon had a ceasefire with Israel, and Israel kept violating that ceasefire over and over, destroying everything in the southern part of Lebanon. Israel doesn't care about ceasefires. Lebanon didn't start this war just because they decided to; they were attacked by Israel many times since the ceasefire was agreed on.

It was long before the war between Iran and the United States. They joined the war because they wanted to fight, to show Israel how capable they are. And they've shown, basically, that they're much more capable than the Israeli army on the battlefield, on the ground. They don't have fighter jets, they don't have tanks—but let's see what would happen. I don't see Iran leaving Lebanon or leaving Gaza. These are the core, the main problems in the war against Iran. And I think the Iranian government, whatever decision it makes, is basically going to be based on the security of Lebanon.

It's going to be based on this—defending or putting an end to the conflict on all fronts. That's not going to change. And let's see what happens on Saturday. The negotiation was planned for Friday, then they said Saturday—they're going to meet on Saturday. Let's see if J.D. Vance is going to go there with Jared Kushner and Steve Wehkopf, or if it's going to be different. Because in my opinion, maybe J.D. Vance can bring some sort of difference. But from what we've heard so far, I really believe that—I still want to believe there's a little chance of some kind of difference in the negotiations, in the atmosphere of the talks.

## **#Vance**

Let's assume that.

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If J.D. Vance is not part of the negotiating team, then nothing's going to happen. You're going to see the same thing, because those two Israeli agents—they're not going to do anything. They're basically Mark Levin-type negotiators. They're working for Israel, not for the United States. They want everything for Israel first, then for the United States. That's why I don't see the negotiations leading anywhere with those two guys. But J.D. Vance—he has the understanding. He has the connection with Tucker Carlson. He knows, and I think he wants a better future for the United States. Let's put it that way.

And on the other hand, if Ali Larijani, the head of parliament, goes with the negotiators—with the Iranian team—that could make a difference as well. That could be important too. Let's see what happens. But I don't see Iran leaving Lebanon. Lebanon is going to fight back; they're going to hit Israel. But if there's a ceasefire, it has to be a ceasefire on all fronts. It's not going to be just between Iran and the United States. They're not going to buy time for Israel to destroy Lebanon.

That's not going to happen. That's my understanding, but let's see what happens. Thank you so much. And it's late here—it's 11:30 p.m., almost midnight in half an hour. But a great pleasure, as always.